# A newsletter of information and opinion published by the Information Services Department for the BCIT community

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## Nominations open for Ed. Council

BCIT is gearing up for its first election of members to the newly established Educational Council.

Nominations are now open for representatives from the following groups: department heads, faculty and technical staff; divisional representatives, faculty and technical staff members at large and advisory committee chairpersons. Student nominations open Oct. 9. Nomination papers are available from the returning officer, Board of Governors Secretary, Pat Maertz.

The Educational Council, which will be made up of more than 50 members elected and appointed, representing all the diverse elements of the campus community was drawn up by the BOG Technical Education Committee and approved by the board.

Elected members include one department head from each division: Business. Health. Engineering, Core, CEIS; plus one department head from each group: Human Resources, Administration, Bursar and one member of faculty and technical staff from each: Engineering, Health, Business, Core, CEIS, Library, Human Resources. Administration, Bursar.

A number of faculty/technical staff will be elected at large to increase the faculty/technical members to a number equal to the department head and faculty and technical staff divisional representatives.

One person, not an employee, elected by the Alumni Association from the graduates of each division and one full-time student elected from each division will be among the continued on page 2



More than 500 BCIT students will be covering the Greater Vancouver region Sept. 26 in a one-day blitz to shine shoes and raise money for research into the crippling disease of cystic fibrosis. Organizers of Shinerama '79 are hoping to raise more than \$15,000 for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. To encourage student participation in the money-raising event, all lectures will be cancelled. (Don Wright photo.)

## **CEIS** gets downtown office

Only one year after opening its first downtown operation BCIT's Division of Continuing Education and Industry Services now has a downtown office.

"This is another milestone in the successful development of a downtown campus," says Stu McGill, department head, Business Continuing Education. "We are confident that this development will further enhance the understanding and appreciation of BCIT in the business community."

The office, which opened Sept. 5, will provide registration, program consultation, class supervision, textbook sales and market development throughout the year.

The new office is located in the

Scotia Tower at 650 West Georgia. Office hours are 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

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#### Thom overseas

A British Council grant is giving Principal Gordon Thom a first-hand look at the polytechnic system in Great Britain.

Thom, who left in late August, is combining three weeks of study in the U.K. with a two-week visit to Nigeria. The Nigerian trip honors a long-standing invitation from Dr. J.O. Amode, Principal of Kwara State College of Technology which was passed on by Dr. Abdul

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## Workshop to discuss student rights

Student rights and responsibilities will be examined in a one-day workshop headed by a panel of distinguished educators and jurists on Sept. 26.

Designed for faculty and staff, the workshop is being held in Room 197 and 198 starting at 9 a.m. Sept. 26 is Shinerama Day and no classes are being held, thereby allowing all faculty

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members. Finally, one person, not an employee or full-time student will be elected by the chairpersons of each advisory committee: Business, Health,

Engineering, CEIS.

"The purpose of the council is to involve all groups representing the institute, in the development of recommendations to educational planning, policies and programs," says Maertz. "It is also hoped the council will provide a forum of free and open discussion of all education issues at BCIT."

All recommendations will be presented to the BOG via the principal.

Terms of office will be two years, except for students whose term will be one year. All employees elected must be full-time employees when they assume office. If an employee resigns or takes a leave of absence of more than three months, his or her seat will automatically become vacant.

Voting will take place later this month. Voters lists for the campus-wide election are posted throughout the institute. Persons should check the list and report any omissions or errors

directly to Maertz.

The procedures for electing members to the council and a schedule of election events are outlined in a booklet on election procedures. The booklet also contains the BOG bylaw establishing the council, the terms of reference of the council, rules for its composition and rules of procedure. Anyone wishing a copy should contact Maertz in the BOG office.

The remaining positions on the council will be made up of non-elected officials. The non-elected members are vice-principals and deans; the president/chairperson or his or her designate, of the Staff Society; Student Association; Alumni Association; BCGEU, local 59; Student Committee of CEIS; up to three persons selected by the board to represent the B.C. Interior and Vancouver Island and other persons as the board may determine.

The first meeting will be held Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. and is open to all staff, faculty and students.

to learn more about the field of student consumerism.

The morning panel is comprised of the following members:

Lyman Robinson, Associate Dean of Law, University of Victoria, who is considered an expert in Canada on student rights and appeals, marks appeal, student dismissal and discipline.

Mark Thompson, Associate Professor, Faculty of Commerce, University of British Columbia, and is Chairman of Collective Bargaining Committee for CAUT. He will approach the matter of appeals and rights from the point of view of faculty rights.

Raymond Goldstone, Associate Dean of Students, UCLA, who has written on the subject of student appeals and has appeared at various conferences and workshops speaking on the subject of student rights. Goldstone was a practicing criminal lawyer and his roll on the UCLA campus is to advise students of their rights and to advise the academic community in totality of their rights.

Kitty Heller, a practicing lawyer with the Russell and Du Moulin firm, who has been advisory to BCIT in matters

pertaining to student appeals.

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started with 17 courses and 330 students, now has more than 1,000 students enrolled in 51 courses.

"The majority of people attending these downtown classes are new students who have not been able to participate in career development previously," says McGill. "We've opened the door for them and the enthusiasm is tremendous."

The downtown campus consists of six classroom locations. Two companies, Crown Zellerbach Canada Ltd. and H.A. Simons Ltd. have donated premises, while BCIT's other classroom space is rented.

#### **CJOR** donates to fund

CJOR has donated \$600 to the Broadcast Communications Technology.

The money, a thank you to the technology and the Institute for assisting with CJOR's provincial and federal election coverage, will be deposited in the Broadcast Communications Emergency Loan Fund to assist students.

In a letter to Lundy Sanderson, department head, Broadcast Communications, Mauri Hesketh, of CJOR, payed tribute to Barry McMaster, Peter Munoz and Brian O'Neill, of the Broadcast Communications Technology and Dick Melville, Director, Information Services

for their assistance. In addition, Hesketh expressed "support for the broadcast communications program and its importance to the industry."

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Ali, Director of the School of Technology when he visited BCIT 18 months ago.

The Nigerian trip has resulted from the close relationship developing between the two countries. BCIT now has almost 50 Nigerian students on campus and a faculty exchange program is being considered.

The visit to Great Britain resulted from the suggestion of Ministry of Education Associate Deputy Minister Andy Soles, who made a similar visit to the U.K. last year. He suggested Thom have a look at the polytechnics of Britain since BCIT was at the present time studying post-diploma education.

Thom, who will return in early October, said the British Council grant was a tremendous assist in helping him to make personal observations of the U.K. system.

Drug Svetic is acting principal in Thom's absence and Brian Gillespie is filling in as vice-principal, education for the same period.

The next issue of Developments will be published Wednesday, Sept. 26. All copy should be submitted to Editor, Developments by noon Friday, Sept. 21.

## Campus Rec offers fun

Staff and faculty are invited to participate in instructional and recreational activities available through Campus Recreation.

Organized activities intramural team play, courses and clubs. Free gym time is available for personnel fitness programs and fitness incentives for jogging 100, 1000 or 5000 miles are available.

Photography, scuba diving, disco and ballroom dancing, skydiving, and karate are among the courses offered by Campus Recreation.

Clubs range from a group of motorcycle enthusiasts to a club for athletic trainers. Current team sports include basketball, flag football, curling, no-hit hockey, super hockey, volleyball and slo-pitch softball.

Beginning Oct. 3 an instructor will be available in the activities room to discuss individual training programs demonstrate weightlifting techniques.

Registration will take place during the last week of September from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. If you are interested in participating in any of the Campus Recreation programs visit the display in the SAC.

For further information, contact Wally Rowan, Campus Recreation Coordinator.

### New staff for Info Services

Penny Freno-Link, former Information Officer with the University of Victoria, has joined the Information Services staff of BCiT.

As Publications Officer, Freno-Link will be responsible for all publications, including the calendar and annual report. She will also be the editor of Developments.

The new Publications Officer is a graduate of Carleton University in Ottawa and has a public relations diploma from Mount Royal College.

Freno-Link is a native of Nelson, B.C. Also joining the staff of Information Services is Dave Jones who will work as Special Events Coordinator. Jones will also develop an on-campus tour program to encourage visitations by secondary school students as part of a new direction in recruitment. Both can be reached at local 738.

With this issue, Developments begins its fourth year of publication. For those who are not familiar with Developments, it is the BCIT newsletter, the policy of which is to provide information and opinion pertaining to all matters affecting the Institute and its personnel as determined by the publisher. Comments on our coverage or suggestions for stories are welcome. Letters will be published if signed and not libellous, but may edited to meet space requirements. Developments is published by Information Services on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Deadline for material is noon Friday of the week prior to publication. The next issue comes out Sept. 26. Forward all material to Penny Freno-Link,

#### **EPELC** deadlines near

The deadline for staff society educational or professional experience leaves for January to June 1980 is Oct. 1, 1979. The deadline for July to December 1980 leaves is Feb. 1, 1980.

Staff society members should refer to the new BCIT/Staff Society Collective Agreement for details and should state whether they are applying for a study leave, an experience leave or a short-term educational leave.

Applications should be submitted to Lorette Carriere, of the Provincial Counselling Office, on campus or Ron Sterne, Chairman, Educational and Professional Leaves Committee (EPELC). For further information. telephone local 698.

## **Fun Day** today

Campus Recreation is joining forces with the Student Association in sponsoring the fourth annual Fun Day.

The 2-hour event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 12 beginning at noon and is open to students and staff.

Activities include a horseshoe tournament, volleyball, a wrist wrestling tournament, a frisbee skill throw and a fitness trail run. T-shirts will be awarded as prizes to competitors. The tennis courts will be converted into a beer garden, there will be a corn boil in the gazebo on the lake with 300 free corn, and a band concert outside the SAC.

## **Donations** accepted

Donations are still being accepted for the E.W.H. Brown Memorial Fund.

All funds will be used to establish an award for students.

Brown, 66, died in June.

In his 12-year career at BCIT, as Director, Business Management Division and Executive Director, Technological Education, Brown helped to shape BCIT's business division.

Contributions payable to BCIT E.W.H. Brown Memorial Fund may be made in person or mailed to the Business Management Division General Office, Room 215, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. (V5G 3H2). A payroll deduction may be arranged. Contributions are tax deductible.

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#### CAMPUS BRIEFS

Randy Vandermark, Marketing Management Technology, was recently elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the newly formed Canadian Division of the International Council for Small Business. Vandermark heads the B.C.-Yukon region. The Executive Committee. which consists of seven members from across Canada, will promote the advancement of small business. Vandermark is developing a pool of talent of small business experts who will help develop, give courses, counsel and consult in the area of small business. For further information contact Vandermark.

The "Age of Eligibility" for medical coverage with the Medical Services Plan for dependent children has been changed. Only those dependent children meeting the following requirements will be eligible for medical coverage as dependents. 1. Mainly supported by the subscriber; and 2. unmarried; and 3. 18 years of age or younger; or 4. 24 years of age or younger and in full-time attendance at a school or university.

It may be called a number of names, including "Atco City" and "Smyth's Trailer and R.V. Park," but the new portables located at the rear of the Mechanica! Building are now home for a number of administrators, faculty members and students. "permanent-temporary" buildings take the pinch off the cramped quarters many areas have experienced over the past years while the institute awaits new ''permanent-permanent' buildings. Among the residents are the staffers of Student Financial Aid Services, Information Services and Marketing faculty. They are located in Portable 2V. Once all moves are complete a new directory will be published.

Once again BCIT medical laboratory students have achieved record high results on the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists general certificate examination. No failures were recorded and the majority of BCIT students received final marks in the 70 to 89 per cent category. For more than 11 years BCIT students have recorded outstanding results on the exam. Seventy-one BCIT students wrote the exam along with 812 other students from Victoria to Newfoundland. Examinations were written in five subjects—clinical chemistry, clinical



The BCIT Student Association has set, as an objective, the establishment of a Campus Centre, which would be the focal point for student activities as well as provide extra service areas for the total campus. It is expected the centre would provide banking facilities, theatre and bookstore. The above conceptual sketch was done by Michael Kluckner. At the present time funding and approvals are being sought. It could be located between the gym and the teacher training centre.

microbiology, haematology, histology, immunohaematology.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, B.C.-Yukon Division, is now offering braille transcription services to educational organizations. The new service will produce quality braille on order in two sizes of paper and two levels of brailling quality. Further information is available by contacting the CNIB at 350 East 36th Ave. Vancouver, telephone 321-2311.

# New head named

BCIT's new Computer Systems Technology department head is Michael Scriabin.

Scriabin, who joined BCIT in 1968 as an instructor in the Computer Programming and Systems Technology brings many years of experience in industry, including several years as a senior consultant with V.W. Ruskin and Associates, to the position.

Scriabin is currently working on a thesis dealing with application of computers to plant layout.

Scriabin has taken over the position from Frank Senior (Computer Systems), who served as acting department head for the past two years.

## BCIT to show wares

BCIT will participate in the Ministry of Education's official launching of Discovery Park Foundation when the organization is unveiled at Robson Square, Friday, Sept. 28.

The Institute, together with UBC, SFU, UVIC and large industrial corporations, will put its high-technology wares on display for the event. Education Minister Dr. Pat McGeer will reveal foundation plans at a press conference on that date. BCIT faculty members will receive an invitation from the ministry to attend the event, which will be followed by "hands-on" demonstrations for the public.

#### CORRECTION

In the July 5 edition of Developments, there was an error in the story on Convocation '79. The Lieutenant-Governor's Award was NOT presented jointly to Al Willcox and Geoff Sale. Graduating student Sale was presented with the award by Willcox, department head, Engineering Continuing Education and Industry Services. Developments apologizes for any embarrassment this may have caused Willcox or Sale.