

# BCIT MESSENGER

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A Newsletter for the BCIT Community

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by Trisha Mason

BCIT and the professional world outside have always maintained strong links, to the obvious mutual advantage of both. Through advisory committees we turn out grads who are trained to meet the needs of today's highly technological and highly competitive marketplace, through professional development seminars and courses we can help business keep up to date and our students benefit through industry donated and arranged scholarships, awards, bursaries, practicums, projects and summer jobs.

The exchange of ideas, information and resources has now been facilitated with the recent addition of Discovery Park opposite the campus and lately a number of other things have been developing behind the scenes that highlight our developing relationships.

The new CAD/CAM/Robotics/-Microelectronic facility being built at BCIT will feature \$250,000 worth of software donated by Cadam Inc., a subsidiary of Lockheed International, making BCIT the first users in Western Canada, and confirming us as the leaders in technological education in B.C.

Now, IBM, which markets CADAM in Canada, is staging a week-long "Computer Aided Design Show/Conference" at BCIT, giving us the opportunity to explain how we will apply the CADAM software in a teaching situation and giving industry an idea of what to expect from newly trained grads further down the line. In turn, IBM will demonstrate the software to other potential users in industry.

Ron Sproule of Computer Resources is coordinating the show with IBM and Tony Adamo (Mechanical), John Lancaster (Building) and Peter Hobbins (Math) will greet guests and explain what is going on.

An engineering "office of the future," comprised of CAEDS,

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## BCIT Forging Links



A backhoe digs trenches for sewer and electrical lines during groundbreaking for the new three-technology building to be located at the west end of the 1A '67 building.

## Construction on new building forges ahead

Project manager in charge of the building currently being constructed to house the three new technologies is '79 Building graduate, Ron Karras, a somewhat rewarding sidelight for Institute architect, Dave Hickman, who is overseeing the project for BCIT. He was department head of Building during Karras' two years here.

Construction of the new building, which is located at the west end of the 1A-'67 building, began August 15 by Beta Construction of Burnaby.

\$1,385,000 of the Skills Growth Fund money given to BCIT earlier this year is going towards the building, with the balance going to buy teaching equipment and develop the three programs.

The CAD/CAM technology will be administered by Mechanical department head, Sid Todd and instructor, Tony Adamo, is responsible for finalizing the teaching programs and

specifications for the teaching equipment.

A detailed report on CAD/CAM, its availability, uses and potential for BCIT, has already been submitted by CE&IS Engineering department head Paddy O'Reilly, who carried out an extensive survey of the technology.

Microelectronics and Robotics will be administered through the Electrical technology by department head Ed Warkentin. Instructor Ted Scratchley has been put in charge of finalizing all details in the same way as Tony Adamo.

All three programs will be run on a modularized basis, organized along the Hitrac model.

The new two storey building will be completed and ready for occupancy next March. Student intake into the programs will commence in September.

# Quiltmaking book "a labour of love" for Suzanne

**Texas Quilts and Quiltmaking** — an unusual subject for a book but one that was chosen by Suzanne Yabsley of Computer Resources as her contribution to the 1986 celebration of the State of Texas' 150th birthday.

"It was a labour of love," says Suzanne of the approximately

100-page publication. It took her about two and a half years to write, working part-time.

"It's not a 'how to' book, she explains, "but rather a look at quiltmaking from the early 1800's to the present, how it affected women's



lives and, through intricate design, how it depicts the history of the State."

A fifth generation quiltmaker, Suzanne travelled around Texas interviewing quilters representing various ethnic groups. Average age of the women she talked to was 73, although quiltmaking now appeals to both young and old alike.

She quickly dispels the misconception of quiltmaking being just for, "little old ladies."

"Of the 250 strong group I was in, about half were under 40." Men are also getting interested in quiltmaking, especially artists.

The results of her findings will be published by Texas A&M University Press in September 1984, in time for the Christmas trade and in time for the beginning of the Texas celebrations.

Friendly, soft-spoken Suzanne is

obviously impassioned by her craft. She proudly displays a quilt presented to her when she left her native Texas to marry a Canadian lawyer and live in Vancouver. It was made by members of the Austin area Quilt Guild, on which Suzanne served as vice president. Called a medley quilt, it features Texas symbols with a longhorn as the central figure.

Educated at the University of Texas, Suzanne, 34, joined BCIT in March 1982 as a technical writer in the Computer Resources department. Her writing skills are put to good use composing newsletters and reports that are readable to non-computing people. Having been away from her native Texas two years she admits to being homesick and hopes eventually to return to Texas to live. Meanwhile she is enjoying the Vancouver lifestyle saying, "I love Vancouver, it's a beautiful place."

## Hitrac and Co-op explained

Counselling Services held a special careers information seminar on June 29 for individuals entering the Electrical technology through its new Hitrac program.

The program, which is BCIT's first venture into Hitrac and funded by the provincial government, will operate on a 12 month basis, with seven terms instead of four and student intake in September, January and May.

The newly structured program will also incorporate the Co-operative method of education where students spend part of their time in school and the rest working in industry.

The Counselling seminar effectively addressed these topics through a question/answer session with panel members including Joe Casimer, program head of Electrical's Telecommunications option and Dick Forbes-Roberts, former manager of Manpower.

Biological sciences student, Wendy Matlock, working on a YEP grant, produced an effective slide/tape presentation on careers in Electrical for the seminar.

Counselling's Stu Gibbs, who coordinated the seminar, says similar group presentations relating to BCIT career programs will be offered in the future.

## Anniversary name needed

BCIT needs a graphic for its 20th Anniversary Celebration next year. If you can come up with a suitable slogan or logo and submit it by September 29 you could win a gift voucher for \$75 for use in a restaurant anywhere in B.C. — quite useful with Thanksgiving and Christmas just over the horizon.

Send your ideas (they don't have to be in finished artwork form) to: Jerry Lloyd, Marketing Director, Development Group, Trailer 1B, BCIT.

The competition is open to all BCIT staff, students and alumni.

Deadline for submission — September 29.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
ISSUE OF THE MESSENGER  
IS SEPTEMBER 21.**



# Nash - no stranger to union work

With 15 years experience, the new chairperson of BCGEU Local 59 at BCIT, Ian Nash, is no stranger to union work.

He has served as shop steward for the Office and Technical Workers Union (OTEU) and for the Operating Engineers, was involved in the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) while still a student at King Edward High School, and, more recently was president of the Dawson College Employees Union in Montreal, a member of the powerful 300,000 strong Common Front.

Manager of the BCIT Bookstore since 1981, Nash defeated Diane Nelson for the chairperson position this spring.

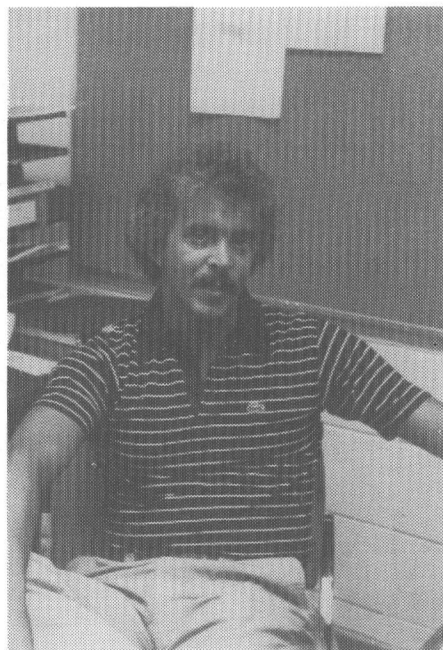
"I feel that the membership is ready for a change, says Nash.

"Many people felt a loss of contact with their representatives on the union after the dispute with management early this year."

Quietly outspoken, Nash holds little hope for a quick decision on the outstanding issues - wage settlement and length of contract - now before arbitrator Alan Hope.

At press time Hope had yet to reach a verdict.

Nash feels the most the membership can expect is a 3 per cent wage increase. However, when Hope's find-



By Louise Wright

dings are presented to compensation stabilization commissioner, Ed Peck, anywhere between minus 5 per cent and plus 5 per cent could be decided.

"This could take a very long time; we are probably looking at next year before the decision is made," says Nash.

Until an agreement is reached BCGEU members at the Institute are working under the old contract where wages and increments are concerned, and the new contract clauses that were agreed on in the last set of negotiations.

"There will be no new contract talks with management until the outstanding issues are resolved. We are not prepared to bargain at the moment," he explains.

Nash wishes to reassure staff members who attend the Operation Solidarity rally in early August, or who stayed home in observance of the day of protest, that no further disciplinary action other than the loss of a day's pay will be taken. "Letters will not appear in anyone's file," he says.

Local 59's new chairperson isn't your typical idea of a union leader — peaked cap, bomber jacket and union button — he's a natty dresser who has been described by one bookstore employee as a perfect "10." He attended high school in Vancouver and, while working as assistant bookstore manager at Dawson College in Montreal, attended night courses at Concordia University which led to his completion of a B.A. and M.A. He lives in Burnaby with his wife and two young children.

## FALL DIARY

### BUSINESS, ENGINEERING AND HEALTH DIVISIONS

**September 20:** Last day to withdraw from classes in order to receive a full refund minus \$75 commitment fee (term 1 & 3). Last day to withdraw from classes in the **Electrical Technology** in order to receive a full refund, minus \$75 commitment fee for first year students (level 1 & 3 term). Last day to withdraw from classes in **Diagnostic Medical Sonography** in order to receive a full refund minus \$75 commitment fee.

**October 1:** Shinerama.

**November 4:** Term fees due for General and Psychiatric Nursing classes starting January 4, 1984.

**November 9:** Last day to withdraw from General and Psychiatric Nursing programs in order to receive a "W" (withdrawal on transcript).

**November 14:** Last day to withdraw from program in order to receive a "W" (withdrawal) on transcript.

**December 2:** Term 3 fees due for General and Psychiatric Nursing classes starting January 4, 1984.

**December 9:** Term 5 fees due for General and Psychiatric Nursing classes starting January 9, 1984.

**December 12-16:** Term 1 & 3 exams. **Electrical Technology** examinations for level 1 & term 3. **General and Psychiatric Nursing** examinations for terms 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. **Diagnostic Medical Sonography** Term 1 exams.

**December 19 - January 3, 1984:** Student Christmas Break.

## Parking rates increase

Effective October 1, 1983 non-union personnel will pay \$9, \$8, and \$5 monthly for parking instead of the previous rates of \$4, \$3, and \$2. It is expected that both unions on campus will be asked for rate increases.

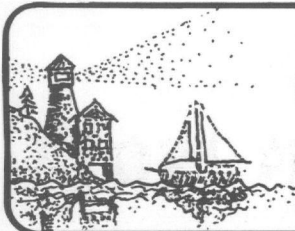
## Library hours

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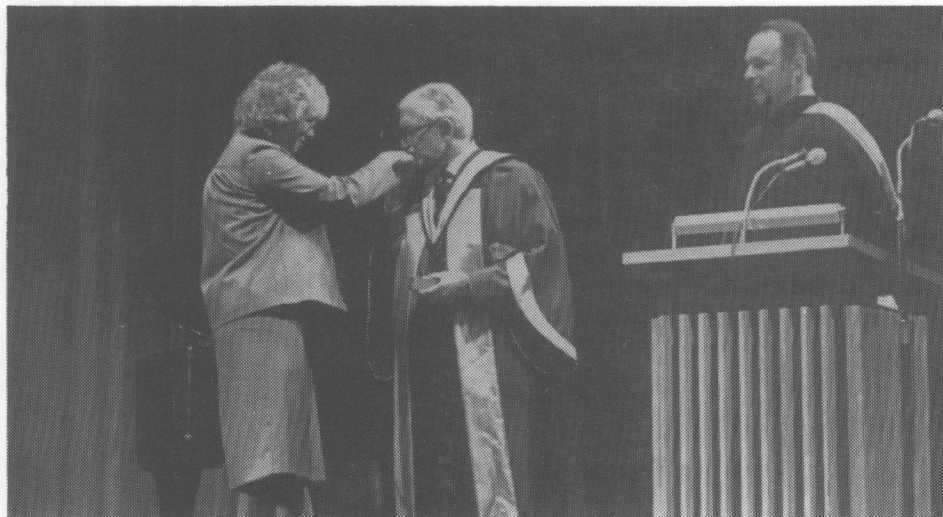
8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday.

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



# SUMMER



Lt. Governor Henry Bell-Irving shares an intimate moment with student award winner Solange Pinard at the BCIT Convocation ceremonies, June 16.

Pinard, a part-time student who completed her business certificate in personnel management, received the Lieutenant Governor's Award. Electrical technology student, William Townsend, received the **Governor General's Silver Medal**.

Others receiving special awards at the ceremony were Marketing student Cathy J. Orava (**President's Award**), Forest Resource students Glenn Erickson and Barbara Knecht (**Board of Governor's Citizenship Award**), Patrick Miller of Computer Systems, Maureen McLean of Psychiatric Nursing and William Townsend of Electrical (**Deans' Awards**).

Diplomas of Technology were awarded to 1,574 students during the ceremonies.



Forestry Resource instructor, Herb Kettner, is presented with the Brud Matheson trophy for winning the 1983 B.C. Coast Lumber Grading Championship in June. Presenting the trophy is Don Gray of Crown Zellerbach.

Kettner also won \$500 from the Council of Forest Industries for his top score of 87.25 per cent in the annual competition for lumber graders.

In a letter to Gordon Thom commending Kettner, M.S. Kerr, one of the examining committee members, said: "winning the lumber grading championship is considered to be the outstanding award the industry has to offer. Having such a person on your staff should add even more prestige to the programs he instructs."



The wedding bells pealed for a number of BCIT staff over the summer months.

**Louise Goff** of the Development Group became Louise Wright on July 3 when she and long time partner, David, decided to tie the knot. They had a quiet, family ceremony at the pioneer church in Burnaby's Heritage Village.

Registrar's secretary, **Cindy Boire**, married Derek Innes in a United Church ceremony June 25.

**Sue Murray** of Biological Sciences married Gerry Lamb in a ceremony on June 11.

**Lexi Seebach** of the Business Division became Lexi Leeson when she married her sweetheart Dave on May 14.



And, in the birthing department, congratulations to:

**Penny Wright** of the Engineering Division and husband John, who became the proud parents of a daughter on August 3. Alisha Christie, weighing in at 6 lbs., 12 ozs., is the first child for Penny and John.

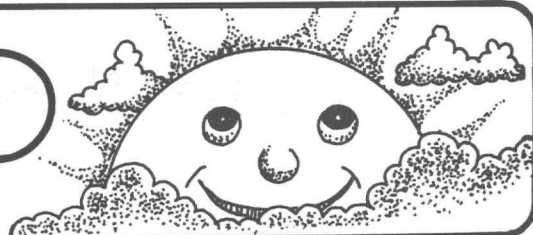
**Jacquie Jones**, CE&IS Business head and husband Bruce on the birth of Landon Casey, June 4 at Grace Hospital. Casey, who weighed in at 8 lbs., 7 ozs. is the fifth grandchild for Jacquie's dad, Student Association business manager Phil Henderson.

**Sandy Borghesi** and **Karin Urbina** of Library Services. Sandy and husband George welcomed 7 lb., 13 oz. Ryan Carlo on June 26 at Burnaby General Hospital while Karin and husband Allan welcomed 8 lb., 2 oz. Bryan Urbina on July 2 at Grace Hospital.

**Bob Jamieson**, manager of the Training and Development Centre, and wife Karen on the arrival of a son, Brodie, August 18. Brodie, who was born at Burnaby General Hospital and weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs., joins two sisters and brother.



# DOWN DUMP



**The First Annual Squash/Racquetball Tournament, held June 10 in the new Student Campus Centre attracted an assortment of die-hard players and some who had difficulty distinguishing one end of a racquet from the other!**

Anticipating this, Recreation Services staff divided players into an Open Division for those with some playing experience and knowledge and Novice Division for staff with no experience or very little experience. The result was some hot, fast paced games with players like Don Steele, Jim Mitchell and Ford Ramsay running away with top prizes and some slower games with novice players Jeri Fosvelt, Chuck Spong and Norah Andrew developing a taste for the game and receiving prizes for their efforts.

Official winners were:

## Open Division

Don Steele (Personnel) Open Squash Champion,  
Open Racquetball Champion.  
Jim Mitchell (Rec. Services) Open Squash Runner Up.  
Ted Parten (Computer Resources) Open Squash Consolation.

Ford Ramsay (Finance) Open Racquetball Runner up.  
Carmen Morelli (Hosp. & Tourism) Open Racquetball Consolation.

## Novice Division

Jeri Fosvelt (Admissions) Novice Women Racquetball Champion.  
Colleen Fosvelt (Personnel) Novice Women Racquetball Runner up.  
Bonda Bitzer (Personnel) Novice women Racquetball Consolation.  
Chuck Spong (Op. Management) Novice Men Racquetball Champion.  
Al Heiman (Physical Plant) Novice Men Racquetball Runner up.  
Frank Bordignon (Physical Plant) Novice Men Racquetball Consolation.

## Special Prizes

Neil McLagen (Computer Resources) Highest Extra Point Game Loser.  
Norah Andrew (Budget & Analyses) Best Novice Female.  
Chuck Chestnut (Forest Resource) Best Novice Male.  
Trisha Mason (Development group) and Dave Emmington (Physical Plant) Losers of Two Consecutive Games with Low Scores.

Bruce Walsh (Purchasing) and Fern Storey (Personnel) Good Sport Award.

Kathie Angelo (President's office) Life of the Party Award.

Don Jarvos (Surveying) Richard Smyth (Physical Plant) Margaret Moran (Physical Plant) Door Prizes.

Recreation Services laid on a snack buffet in the afternoon and a baron of beef supper in the evening for the 75 participants and observers. The event was declared a great success and, according to Wally Rowan, will be held again next year at about the same time. In the interim three other tournaments are scheduled:

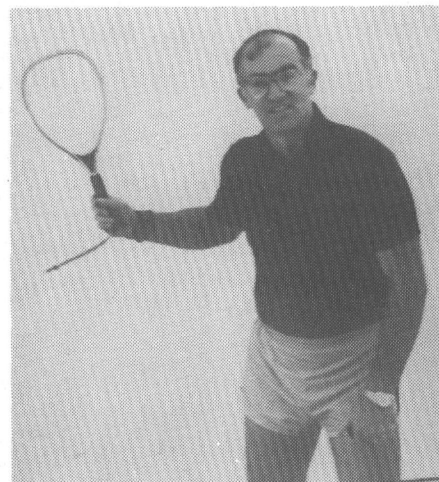
**September 24:** Technology Tournament for staff and students of BCIT technologies.

**November 5:** Novice Tournament for all staff and students.

**January** (date to be decided): Invitational Tournament. Other institutions like SFU and UBC will be invited to play against our best players.



An informal tournament of softball games during the summer resulted in the Finance Division being declared unofficial winners after a match with Personnel on August 31. The BCIT Softball Champions of 1983 are pictured from left to right: **standing:** Duncan Macpherson, Ford Ramsay, Debbie Holst, Shirley Smith, Gary Lake, Jim Lok, Cam MacKenzie, Tom Wingert and Lauraine Baillie **sitting:** Jean Jones, Jing Yap, Kim Chambers, Terri Mottershead, Deb Walton.



Veteran player Don Steele of Personnel won both the Squash and Racquetball championships in BCIT's first annual Squash and Racquetball Championship June 10. Steele, who has been playing for about 25 years, is a regular user of the new Campus Centre courts. His prize for winning the tournament? - a handsome flight bag for carrying his equipment.

# Council focuses on planning

The theme of the Educational Council workshop planned for September 29 is "educational planning," with the focus on BCIT's five year plan.

Dr. Grant Fisher, Associate Deputy Minister of Education and Sandy MacIver, Director of the Operations and Planning branch of the Ministry will participate in the workshop which will commence at 4 p.m.

After a keynote address by Dr. Fisher, Council will break into small groups to discuss major planning issues.

An orientation session for new members will be held prior to the

main workshop. Elected in May for two year terms, these members are:

**Representing divisional faculty and technical staff:** Padraig Cherry, Business Division, Beverley Miller, Health Division, Patrick Thomas, Core Division, Brian Yeowell, CE&IS (full time), Howard Peto, Institute Resources.

Re-elected members are Tom Neilson, Engineering Division, George Balfour, CE&IS (part time) and Bob Young, Library Services.

**Representing managers/directors:** Norah Andrew, Administration and Bursar group, Re-elected member is Al McLean representing the Institute

Resources group.

**Representing students:** Antoine von Dierendonck, Stewart Ballantyne, Andy Roper and Rod Trentini.

The Educational Council was established in June, 1979 by the Board of Governors to provide an Institute wide forum for the discussion of educational matters and to provide recommendations to the president and through the president to the Board on new and existing education policies, programs or priorities.

There's a whole new look to the administrative offices on the second floor of Building 1A.

Renovations made during the summer have resulted in walls being knocked down between the old offices and the boardroom, creating an open office plan that is light, airy and, most important, more cost efficient than the old arrangement.

"The minimum has been done in terms of renovations but the appearance is one of a major change," says Pat Maertz, secretary to the Board of Governors and Educational Council and overseer of the project.

"We are now seeing a consolidation of people involved in carrying out the functions of the Office of the President and the administration. By bringing everyone together in one central area we can now eliminate the duplication of duties and streamline the entire operation."

The renovations have resulted in the following changes:

## Administrative offices Streamlined for Efficiency

- **Gordon Thom's** inner office remains the same but is open to the new area.

- **Duncan Macpherson**, vice-president, Administration and bursar, and his secretary, **Lynne Lounsbury**, have moved from the finance office to Drug Svetic's old office.

- **Drug Svetic**, vice-president, Education and his administrative assistant, **Shirley Weldon**, have a new location close to the central area.

- **Pat Maertz** is now back in her original office.

- The central area houses **Susan Walters**, receptionist and secretary to **Kathie Angelo**, **Kathy Whitham**, administrative assistant to Thom, **Kathie Angelo**, Institute relations officer, **Darcy Hebert**, secretary to Maertz, **Pat Fingarson**, secretary to provincial consultant, **Dave Hume**, and **Sheila Prost**, assistant to Lounsbury and secretary to **Dave Hickman**.

- The Boardroom has moved to Room 224, opposite the Personnel Department. It is larger than the old one and will be able to accommodate larger groups, such as the Educational Council, more comfortably.

The Finance Office is now easily accessible through the new open area.

This new arrangement, budgeted for during the last PPBA process, is already reducing running costs. With the loss of three and one half clerical positions, the existing group has taken up the added work.

Installation of a Wang word processor will result in further savings.

Positive results are ensured. Less paperwork between the various offices, an amalgamated filing system, better communication and backup support to handle the workload.

"It allows up to make the best use of staff in the most economical way," says Maertz.







## CAMPUS ROUNDS



After nine years in the president's office **Kathie Angelo** is leaving the Institute at the end of September. She plans to spend some time at home over the next few years with daughter Kelly, 2½, and a new addition to the family, expected next March.

Dean of Engineering, **Bob Mason**, is back on campus following his secondment by the federal government to serve as chairman of the Skills Development Leave Task Force.

Mason will be undertaking special assignments for the president and vice president, Education until his retirement in October.

Ron Sterne will continue as acting dean of Engineering.

The Institute has established a Scholarship and Bursary fund in the name of the late **Ryan Schlyeher**.

Schlyeher, a long time travel industry employee who died suddenly this year, started a new career with BCIT when he joined the Hospitality and Tourism technology as an instructor in 1977.

Donations to the fund should be forwarded to: D. Macpherson, Bursar.

**Dick Berry**, an instructor in the Agricultural Management option of Biological Sciences, judged the 30th Annual North Okanagan Dairy Forage Competition this August in the Enderby area. This year's event was sponsored by the B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Dairyland/Noca.

Berry was on the original organizing committee for this event in 1952 when he was Vernon District Agriculturist.

**Al Murdoch** of Electrical, who suffered a mild heart attack in June, is now recovering at home. He will probably have to undergo bypass surgery late in October and will not return to the Institute for several months.

All the best to Al and to Earl McConechy, also of Electrical. Earl, who is suffering from cancer, went on sick leave at the end of August.

One of the speakers at a free noon hour information meeting at the Education Information Centre on August 24 was BCIT program consultant **Linda Krahn**. Together with Fern Reed of the Business Department at VVI, Linda discussed the automated business of the future.

The Education Information Centre, located at the Downtown Education Centre on Howe, is the only one of its kind providing unbiased educational information at one central location.

BCIT staff members, **Donna Blanchard**, **Kris Davidson**, **Jeri Fostvelt** and **Janet Robertson** attended the conference of the Western Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) in June.

Janet Robertson, one of the conference coordinators, reports that a \$500 donation made by the president's office, was an important factor in keeping registration costs low for the 150 people who attended the conference.

BCIT played co-host in July to **Access and Quality Concerns in Times of Fiscal Duress**, a four day seminar sponsored by the Post Secondary International Network of North America (PIN) with special guests from the Further Education Staff College (FESC) in the U.K.

Bob Mason coordinated the seminar as BCIT's representative and Gordon Thom played an active role in many of the sessions. Others attending from BCIT were: Dave Hume, Duncan Macpherson, Ron Sterne and Drug Svetic.

PIN, an alliance of post secondary institutions dedicated to the furtherance of international education, serves as a mechanism for sharing educational experiences and for exchanging ideas of mutual interest.

**Ernie Iannacone** was invited to Cranbrook in May to address the inaugural annual general meeting of the East Kootenay Chapter of the Society of Management Accountants of B.C. Iannacone is second vice president of the Society which is one of the three major professional accounting associations in Canada.

All the services that make up the new Development Group are now under one roof.

Advertising and Non-Academic Publications (Mary Bacon and Lynda Bennett), Academic Publications (Karen Ireland), Information Services (Trisha Mason, Louise Wright), Special Events (Dave Jones) and Alumni Affairs (Anne Boles) are now under the direction of marketing director Jerry Lloyd and his assistant, Joyce Payton, and dean of Development, Dave Brousson and his assistant, Judi Donald. The group works out of trailer 1B located close to the north foyer of building 1A.

An in-depth story on the group, its functions and personnel will appear in a later edition of the Messenger.

**Dave Brousson** has been appointed dean of the Development Group. The responsibility for Continuing Education, formerly held by Brousson, will be assumed by Atley Morrow as acting dean.

A BCIT student has received a \$3,000 scholarship, awarded for the first time in Canada under the Federal Management Excellence in Small business Program (MESB).

Layne Alvaer, a second year student in the International Business option of Marketing, received the award from Senator Jack Austin, representing the Minister of State for Small Business, in a special ceremony at BCIT on June 10.

Alvaer will use the grant to work on a 12 week export market development study of Pacific Rim countries for Crowder Communications in Burnaby.

**Gloria Smith**, publications assistant in the Development Group, left the Institute in August. She and her family have returned to their native Nova Scotia.

**Jean Smith**, secretary to the director of Computer Resources, has left the Institute to spend some time at home. Jean has been with the Institute since 1976.

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CADAM, P.C. Project Management and Office Management, which bridges the traditional communication gap between engineering/scientific and administrative systems, will be presented throughout the week.

Demonstrations of CADAM, registered trademark of CADAM Inc., utilizing the CAD/CAM concept, CAED (Computer aided engineering design system), FASTDRAFT (an easy to learn system that brings computer speed, efficiency, and versatility to drafting tasks), and the IBM PC (communication demonstration of the IBM Professional Office System) as well as a laboratory sampling system for engineering/scientific usage will also run concurrently during the show, which takes place September 26-30.

Entry to the show is by invitation only and Monday, September 26 has been set aside for BCIT students and staff. During the balance of the week the conference will be attended by the engineering community, the academic community and individuals from large industrial companies such as Cominco, B.C. Tel, B.C. Hydro, etc.

CAD/CAM refers to the integration of computers into the productive process to improve productivity. Just as business computers process numerical data, CAD/CAM systems store, retrieve, manipulate and display engineering design information with unsurpassed speed and accuracy.

The CAD/CAM technology is still in its infancy in Canada, but is critical to our development as a competitive technological nation. The United States, Japan and Europe are much further ahead, giving them a competitive edge in world markets.

The Canadian government have identified the technology, together with Microelectronics and Robotics, as being of "national importance" and through the Skills Growth Fund have allocated monies to Canadian institutes for the development of programs. BCIT received \$3M through the fund earlier this year and is now busy developing the programs and constructing a building to house them (see photo and story - page 1.)

**Due to a manpower shortage, the A/V Media Centre, located in the basement of the Library, is now open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday to Friday until October 11.**

**Judy Baumchen** (formerly Todd) has left her position as secretary to director of counselling, Al McLean. She plans to spend some time at home with her two children.

Staff members **Susanna Kwong** and **Marsha Bevan-Pritchard** transferred from Computer Resources to the Word Processing Centre during the summer.

**Beverley Danielson**, also of Word Processing, became **Beverley Trehern** in a marriage ceremony in August.

**Alex Young**, foreman of the General Trades at BCIT, took an early retirement in August.

Members of the Physical Plant staff held a special party to launch him on his new career - golfing and fishing!

**Lynne Rheault**, former secretary to **Craig Greenhill** director of Institutional Planning, has accepted the position of secretary to dean of Business, **John Kyle**. She replaces **Judi Donald** who is now secretary to **Dave Brousson**, Dean of Development.

The **Staff Social Club** is offering free memberships to the new Toy Warehouse outlet in Burnaby. These will enable staff to purchase good quality toys at significant discounts. Membership cards are available from **Mark Angelo** or **Miriam Quarin**.

Ten staff members are planning a raft trip down the **Zambizi River** in Africa next summer. They are looking for two or three other people to join the expedition and help reduce costs. If interested, contact **Mark Angelo** at local 711.

Back on campus after a six month maternity leave is **Loraleigh Smith**, formerly of the President's Office. **Loraleigh** is now working for **Roger Cradock**, department head of Administrative Management and Financial Management.

There are two new receptionists in Purchasing. **Karen Holtz**, formerly with the Word Processing department, started in April and **Barb Kozar** started in June.

**Willy Kurz** is the new director of Computer Resources. **Kurz**, an external candidate, started the job August 15.

Parking control officer, **Helen Cartmill**, wants to remind staff that all visitor parking spaces are governed by parking meters and most visitors to the campus pay to park for a specified time.

Staff arranging the visits of special guests or resource persons can obtain special parking permits by completing a Request for Visitor Parking Permit form and forwarding it to the Parking Office, Portable 2Q. Copies of these forms are available from **Rosanne**, local 719.

Doing this ensures that visitors are not inconvenienced and that the permit system for special visitors is not abused. It will also eliminate time presently being expended by Parking Control in attempting to determine who should receive permits and who should use the metered spaces.

Broadcast Communications head, **Lundy Sanderson**, has taken a three-month leave of absence. He will return to the Institute at the end of December. **Brian Antonson** will be acting head until that time.

**Grace Malm**, who retired from the Nursing Department in February, sent in this poem with the request that it be printed in the Messenger. We are pleased to oblige, **Grace**.

*And now the end is near  
And I face the final curtain  
I'm sad and glad and cheer  
BUT TEARS WILL FALL I'M CERTAIN  
I'll miss some real great folks  
Who have filled my life with laughter  
I now must go, My life must know  
ANOTHER CHAPTER*

*I know I'll never find  
Experiences of this kind  
In another work place where  
My fellow workers really care  
I made some real great friends  
And hope our friendship never ends  
AM I LOOKING FOR THE RAINBOW'S  
END  
BY DOING IT MY WAY?*

*When I first came in '71  
All I did at work was run  
RACEY GRACEY was my name  
I had no other claim to fame  
And when things got really tough  
All we did was sit and laugh  
To relieve the stress, and I guess  
TO DO IT OUR WAY*

*Yes there were times, I guess we knew  
When I bit off more than I could chew  
And through it all when I would doubt  
I would stubbornly sit and pout  
I MUST LEAVE NOW, AND HOPE THAT  
I CAN DO IT MY WAY!*