

# INVITATION TO OPEN HOUSE

Once again BCIT's students are gearing up for another Open House and the weekend of March 18-20th has been set aside for this biennial exposure to the public and industry.

This year's theme revolves around BCIT Past, Present and Future! As you, the Alumni, are a large part of BCIT's past (and possibly its future), we extend a special invitation to you.

On Friday, March 18th, there will be a VIP Day with industry members and schools touring the institute from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday BCIT opens its doors to everyone from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (9:00 p.m. Sunday).

Displays are being organized, students are looking to industry for resources material and instructors are acting as supportive resource persons. A highly organized security, parking and tour system is being devised to prevent any untimely events. Tour guides will be

stationed in the North and South Foyers where Hotel, Motel & Food Services Administration students will have a 'hotel lobby' area set up where information can be obtained.

Student Publications is putting out a Campus Guide with maps and directions to everywhere you might want to go. It will also feature a section on BCIT's past with photographs and historical items. You might find yourself in it!

So, why not make a weekend of it, call your old classmates and take a nostalgia trip with them around the campus? If you are out of town, get together with your friends and make a party of it.

If you need help contacting your classmates, we might be able to help. Let us know their names, addresses, technology and year graduated, and we will send you the information if we have them on file. If you have forgotten some of them your old yearbook might jog your memory.

## A.A. PRESIDENT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

The President of the Alumni Association Ronald Neal (Ron) Isaak was elected the Chairman of the Board of Governors of BCIT at the October 1976 meeting of the board.

Ron is a Director and Manager of Cameron Surveying and Engineering. A 1968 graduate in Civil and Structural at BCIT, he has since become an extension instructor and student in Business Administration at the Institute. He was certified as an Engineering Technologist (Civil) in 1970 and is a member of the Society of Engineering Technologists of B.C.

He has been a provincial council member education committee chairman and a

## Hotel/Motel Plan Reunion

Hotel, Motel and Food Services Admin. Alumni are having a reunion in the long weekend of November 11th. A committee, headed up by the organizer Linda Bell, is searching for Graduates from every year to let them know about the November get-together.

To spark interest and let everyone know what's been planned for November, a mini-reunion is being organized during the Open House weekend, March 18-20th.

The Homotel grads are invited to come to the Beer Garden on Saturday afternoon, March 19th, to meet their fellow-classmates over a beer. The Beer Garden will be run by Homotel students in the SAC Cafeteria. Hosts will be there to greet you, hopefully one from each year and you will be able to learn from them what has been planned for November.

If you need any information about this Open House bash call Linda Bell at 294-5687.

member of the curriculum study committee (74-75) and an accreditation board member (75-76) of SET.

While an extension student at BCIT, he served on the Extension Division Student Advisory Committee (charter member 1972-74); chairman 1973-74, and as a member of the Extension Coordinating Committee.

He became a charter member of the Board of Governors as alumni nominee in 1974, was reappointed in 1975 and that same year, was elected as the first Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors. He has served as a member of several sub-committees of the Board: personnel, rules and regulations and student services.

## Psych Students Are Best!

The following is a letter received from Sunny Park, a school for retarded and educationally handicapped students in Coquitlam.

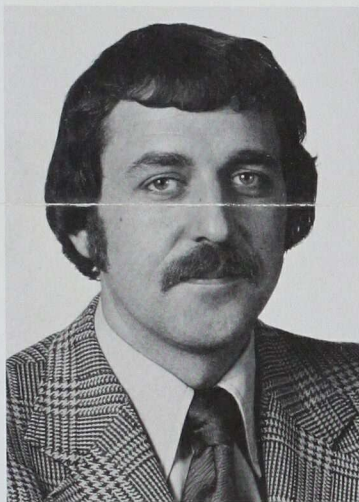
Dear Mr. Thom,

This is the third time we have had Psychiatric Nursing students doing a practicum in our school and I feel I should let you know what our staff thinks about your students and your programme.

We have also had students from UBC, Douglas College and SFU and therefore we are able to make comparisons.

Our staff is unanimous that the students we have received so far from your programme for Psychiatric Nursing, are generally superior to other students that have been in our school. Their interest in the field of retardation, their understanding of the needs of our students, and their enthusiasm is a pleasure to our staff and a benefit to our youngsters. No doubt most of the credit is not only due to the students but also to Sharon Erickson, the Chief Instructor who is the person in charge of this programme and particularly to Mrs. Wilda Haydamack, the Clinical Instructor, who continually assists the students here at our school. Would you also please convey this appreciation to those concerned?

Signed: Emil Gobes, Principal



## AA TO RAISE FUNDS?

At a recent meeting of the Alumni Association Executive, it was proposed that a fund raising drive be started. Monies raised could be channelled into:

- scholarships and bursaries
- a "seminar room" in the new campus residence (equipment and furniture)
- an Institute Centre Building to be constructed on campus (to house Alumni, S.A. and Staff Society offices)

What do you think? Which fund raising project do you feel would be most acceptable? Would you be prepared to help raise funds? The Alumni Executive would like to know, write

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## V.P. Resigns

The Alumni Executive recently accepted, with regret, the resignation of Stan Tonowski as Vice-President. Mr. Tonowski resigned on December 1st, 1976 due to his unforeseen job and personal commitments.

## Changing Campus Image?

Yes!! By Graham Fane

Most BCIT alumnus, as in any other institution, express concern over the effect that a change in "campus image" will have on the value of their diploma.

A justifiable concern, for it is the Alumni responsibility to monitor the educational activity of their school, with a view to ensuring that the standard of education we received, has been continued for the current graduating class.

Clearly, a change in institute standards will have a direct effect on the value of our diploma, and we should be vitally concerned about the maintenance of these standards.

I'm concerned, I'm a Director of the Alumni Association, I work at BCIT, I'm in touch with BCIT standards and, I'm impressed.

The good old days at BCIT certainly were good, as I remember, but you might be interested to note that the current days are better.

Of course BCIT has a changing campus image. It should have. Our faculty and administration have exerted a conscious effort to facilitate change, to upgrade curriculum, to produce better graduates and to be the forerunner in technological education.

