

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.

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.

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.

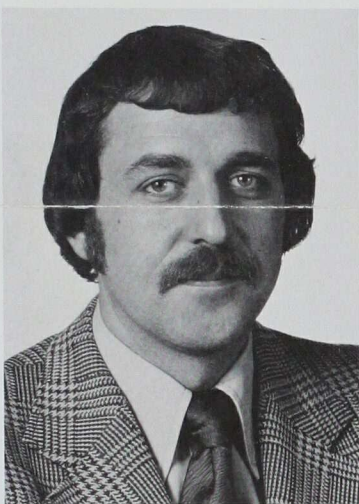
Ron is a Director and Manager of Cameron Surveying and Engineering. A 1968 graduate in Civil and Structural at BCIT, he has since become an extension instructor and student in Business Administration at the Institute. He was certified as an Engineering Technologist (Civil) in 1970 and is a member of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

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

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.



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.

Psych Students Are Best!

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

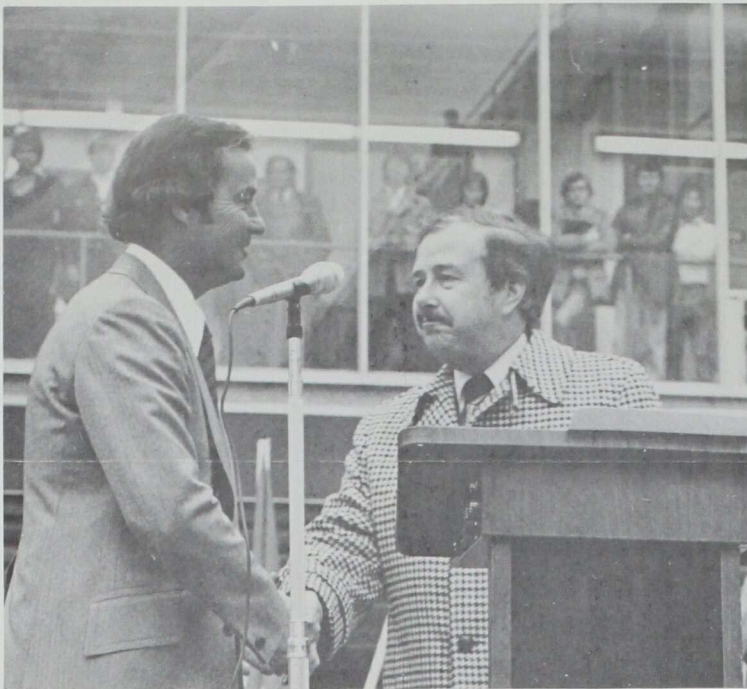
Dear Mr. Thom,

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



Premier Bill Bennet shakes Gordon Thom's hand after he had performed the opening ceremony for the 1976 building.
Photo: Rob Owen

PREMIER OPENS 76 BUILDING

The 1976 building on campus was officially opened in a short but significant ceremony last December by Premier William Bennett.

Not only was an important occasion because the premier and 14 members of his cabinet spent most of the day on campus, but the cabinet gained a new perspective on the Institute. Further, the need for student residence on campus came through loud and clear to the ministers. Their response was gratifying.

In introducing the Premier, prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, Gordon Thom, Principal, told of the many visits to campus of former Premier, W.A.C. Bennett. On each visit he recognized the future needs of BCIT and initiated action to build new classroom buildings, and a library. "Mr. Premier, if you will carry on tradition and announce a student residence on campus we will all be eternally grateful", said Gordon Thom to Premier Bennett. (see story below).

Following the campus cabinet meeting the ministers attended a wine and cheese gathering in the staff lounge.

CAMPUS GETS RESIDENCE COMMITMENT

Years of efforts by both student association and administration to obtain funding for student residences on campus took a giant step forward recently with an official commitment of funds from federal Urban Affairs Minister, Andrew Ouellet.

While the dollar figure was not revealed, the minister has made an open-ended promise of funds for student housing in BC.

During 1976 representations to both federal and provincial governments were stepped up with a barrage of letters to MPs and MLAs, personal visits to Ottawa,

Victoria and visits to campus by Premier Bill Bennet and his cabinet.

To pinpoint credit for the most recent development would be difficult but student president, Sharon McElroy must be considered a front runner along with federal MP Marke Raines, MLA Elwood Veitch and administration's Dale Michaels. Ms. McElroy has been as tireless in her quest for housing funds as Graham Fane was when, in his year as President, he camped on the doorstep of the Education Minister in Victoria to obtain the use of Willingdon Detention Centre for student residences.

In a telegram to Ms McElroy and a letter to Principal Gordon Thom, Mr. Ouellet recognized the need for student residences in BC and is believed to have committed about \$20 million for that purpose. BCIT will be sharing this amount with U.Vic and SFU.

Meanwhile, a committee chaired by Dale Michaels is considering architects and plans and meetings have been set up with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to determine needs, style, financing and standards.

PROFILE OF AN ALUMNUS

Chris Covernton was the very first applicant interviewed for the Pulp and Paper Option when the program became available in 1974. Chris had worked four summers at the Port Mellon mill and was familiar with the Pulp and Paper industry. his father attended an Open House to view the brand new facilities at BCIT and brought back word of the unique program being offered. After three years of more general post-secondary education, this was just the type of career program Chris was looking for.

Following his graduation in 1966, Chris participated in the start-up of the new Skeena kraft mill at Prince Rupert. He worked his way up rapidly, but left after three and a half years to accept greater responsibilities at Weyerhaeuser's Kamloops mill. He was appointed mill shift superintendent in 1970 and is now relief day operating Superintendent.

Chris has had several opportunities for better jobs over the years including a recent offer as pulp mill superintendent in Ontario. However, Chris and his family are well established in Kamloops and prefer to stay in BC.

If you know of any BCIT graduate (or are one yourself) who has made a successful, unusual, interesting, or varied career since graduation, please let us know. We would like to hear what is happening to our grads and will write the story if you send us the facts, name and address, tel. no., (photos would be welcome too).

Mailing List Status

From Dick Melville

The Alumni Association mailing list now has over 5,200 entries on file. Following the mailing list of the first newsletter, the list was updated and new names added. Several requests for information from the list have been filled with the proviso that we receive the names and addresses of grads not presently on our list.

Information from the mailing list file can be retrieved alphabetically by surname, by technology or by year.

Traffic & Transportation

The Traffic and Transportation grads have recently formed an T.N.T. Alumni Association and Incorporated under the Societies Act. Their objectives are to make industry aware of the Traffic and Transportation Option and to better themselves professionally. They are working towards acting as advisors to BCIT on course content and to form a job placement service for TNT graduates.

There are only 90 graduates from the option but support is good and the turnout to meetings has been excellent so far.

CHANGING ADDRESS? TURNING IN A GRAD? PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THE ALUMNI MAILING LIST UP-TO-DATE.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS? ☐

NEW GRAD ADDRESS?? ☐

NAME: _____

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TECHNOLOGY _____ GRADUATED? _____

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