

# ALUMNI Ambassador



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## Rising from the rubble



On schedule and on budget, construction of the new Downtown campus will be complete by September 1996. "The site at the corner of Dunsmuir and Seymour Streets is fairly impressive," says Marsh Heinekey, Special Projects coordinator "and you can already see the glazing going into the lower floors." The topping off, or completion of the top floor construction, is slated for the end of March. The new building replaces BCIT's facilities on Howe Street.

Once complete, the building will house retail outlets on the ground floor, BCIT's Downtown Campus on three and a half floors, and opportunities for organizations to lease office or training space on the upper floors. Four and a half

levels of underground parking are also included in the business plan. Among the BCIT facilities that have much to offer to business, industry and individuals will be the Performance Improvement Centre; the Small Business Centre; the Student Projects Centre; the Living Laboratory in conjunction with SFU; the Library/Resource Centre; Microcomputer Learning Facilities and the BCIT Seminar Centre.

The focus of BCIT's new Downtown campus will be driven and enriched by the training needs of downtown Vancouver businesses. As one of the top 50 "smart" buildings in the world, the building will offer telecommunications and information technology that will take us to the 21st century.

*from Sheila Rees*

### Dates to note:

#### **BCIT Alumni Association**

Annual General Meeting Elections and silent auction  
Thursday, May 30, 1996. Call 432-8847 for details.

#### **Bio-Sciences Class of '71**

25 year reunion on May 24, 1996. If interested (and we hope you are)  
Please call soon: Rhonda Hunter Pummell  
at 438-4074 or Harjite Deol Grewal at 594-4245

#### **1971 BCIT Nursing Grads and Instructors**

25th reunion - Friday, June 7, 1996. Contact: Jackie Hohn (604)521-6480  
or Shirley Taylor (604)299-5453



*The new Downtown campus at the beginning of March 1996*



# Alumni Association News

## President's Message — from Guy Steeves (Marketing '89)



My final message to all BCIT graduates as I leave my post as President of the Alumni Association is to encourage your support.

Support the institution that provided you with your practical education that probably was instrumental in your career path and where you are today. Return the favour! Give back to BCIT in a way that helps keep the institution strong. Be a part of the feedback and support infrastructure that BCIT needs to be an on-going first class educational institute.

Give your financial support; program/curriculum advice; volunteer time; reunion coordination time; alumni association participation or whatever form is within your means. We need you!

I plan to continue on with BCIT as an active past president with a focus on bringing the Alumni closer to BCIT and to help support it's goals. Initially, I plan to facilitate this goal by promoting the Alumni Internet access for graduates in our newest membership services option. Specifically I would like to make available at least a couple of computers that could be used by grads to access the Internet and email. These computers will be located in the new BCIT Downtown Campus building opening this fall and will be paid for by contributions from our Association's fundraising efforts (primarily the last two capital campaigns) and other funds raised this year. If you would like to support this project in any way or be a sponsor, call me via the alumni office (432-8847) or call me directly at 664-7573.

Keep in touch with your program or fellow set members and try to organize a reunion. The Marketing program recently held a reunion in the Great Hall in the new campus centre. It was a raving success. Glenna Urbshadt did a splendid job of organizing the event and all those who attended had a great time! What we have found is that graduates have stronger allegiances towards their sets and specific programs and like to try to reunite with the people they battled through BCIT with. If you would like help to organize a reunion please call Jackie in the Alumni office.

I would like to thank the Institute for their support to our Association over the past three years and a special thanks to Jackie Azar, the Alumni Coordinator. Good luck to the new board that will be formed on May 30th at our Annual General Meeting. We appreciate all the contributions that have come in up to this point for our Alumni Annual Campaign. If you would like to support this campaign, call us and we will send out a pledge card.

## Coming soon

Introducing the BCIT Alumni Ambassador Club

Great benefits for you!

- ❖ Internet access
- ❖ Discount on Part-time courses
- ❖ BCIT Library card
- ❖ Discount on recreational services
- ❖ Discount of Maximizer Contact Management Software & Training
- ❖ Discount on alarm systems & monitoring
- ❖ Discount on floral arrangements and gifts
- ❖ Discount on Interiors by Jollean, blinds, fabric, furniture, art
- ❖ Discount at Explorers Restaurant
- ❖ More to come

For your application form or more information call the Alumni Office at 432-8847.

## Are you planning on coming back to school?

An endowment established by the BCIT Alumni Association provides entrance awards for students who are coming to BCIT after taking one or more years since high school for activities such as work or attending another post-secondary institution.

Up to seven awards equivalent to one-year's tuition will be available for Technology students, and up to five awards for students entering Trades programs. Applicants should have good standing in secondary school and any post-secondary taken, and be involved in school/community activities.

Application forms and information can be obtained from the BCIT Alumni office at 432-8847. Application deadline is August 1st.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the BCIT Alumni Association is to build and maintain relationships between graduates and the BCIT community, and to support the Institute in fulfilling its mission.



## An Update on the BCIT Bachelor of Technology

Just as our new downtown campus has been in development, so has another exciting BCIT milestone: our Bachelor of Technology degree.

Job-ready training has always been a BCIT hallmark, whether for our certificates, diplomas or even the new degree. Combine that with the flexibility of part-time or full-time equivalent degree courses — offered initially at the Burnaby Campus — and earning a Bachelor of Technology degree is within reach for those looking to improve

career prospects in today's increasingly competitive job market.

As of March 1996, BCIT anticipates offering the following new degrees in September: Computer Systems Technology, Nursing Specialties, Environmental Engineering Technology and Medical Imaging. In the near future: Accounting, Manufacturing, Environmental Health, Management, Geomatics/Geographic Information Systems, Construction Management, Electronics and Bio Technology.

For further information on the Bachelor of Technology degree, contact BCIT Program Advising at (604) 434-3304 or outside the Lower Mainland, toll free Monday to Thursday, 1 to 4 pm 1-800-667-0676.

### KEEP US UP TO DATE!

Use the form on page 12 for change of address and your news.

## Career Tracks

**Dave Doroghy** (Broadcast '79) is Director of Business Development for **Orca Bay Sports and Entertainment**. He lives in Vancouver.

Prior to joining Orca Bay, Dave was responsible for the acquisition of sponsors for the XV Commonwealth Games in Victoria. In the past, he served a similar function for both MUSIC '91 and the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour. In 1986 and 1987 he traveled from coast to coast across Canada with the Rick Hansen Tour.

His marketing background also includes seven years in the advertising agency business as an Account Director with Palmer Jarvis and J. Walter Thompson Advertising. Dave began his career in 1978 working as a radio announcer for four years at CJOR in Vancouver.

**Jim Salvador** (Marketing/Professional Sales '91) has e-mailed from Mexico. Jim and Sandra were living in Toronto, both working at Future Shop. After getting hands-on experience with a market leader

they returned to Monterrey, Mexico where Sandra's father owns a furniture store chain similar to "The Brick". They used their ideas to lift the family business. The stores have been doing quite successfully with consistent same store sales increases of between 30 and 160% despite the terrible economic crisis they're living in. The emphasis of the current year will be to remodel and strengthen existing stores along with aggressive and clever advertising strategies to increase market shares. Jim tells us the one nagging shortfall they experience there is a lack of good retail specific software, there is definitely a lot of market that is just waiting to be conquered.

Jim's BCIT experience was a good one, very down to earth, challenging and gave specific knowledge. He says the instructors are all knowledgeable with high level management experience. He had a BA in Economics from Concordia going into the Marketing program and only had to complete the

second year. His classes have been extremely useful in what has become his career. His advice to all students and alumni -- keep yourself always focused on your goals, take a few risks and be persistent and patient.

The most important upcoming event, Sandra and Jim expect their first child in mid June!

**Marc Schneider** (Prosthetics & Orthotics '88), as a Certified Orthotist, Marc fabricates braces to help physically disabled pediatric patients with Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Scoliosis and Muscular Dystrophy to lead more normal and productive lives. Marc and Nancy (Smith) Schneider, who graduated from the University of Alberta in 1984 with a Bachelor of Commerce, have combined their talents to launch Braceworks - Custom Orthotics Inc., a private practice serving pediatric and adult patients, which will open in Calgary on June 3, 1996. Marc and Nancy were married in 1989 and have a two year old daughter, Claire.



# BCIT News

## In memorium



**Terence James (Terry) Garner**, longtime radio and television host, program director and BCIT instructor, died on January 6 of cancer at Eagle Ridge Hospital in Port Moody, BC.

Garner was born in Armstrong and was educated at Victoria College (now the University of Victoria) and UBC. During the Second World War he served with the RCAF. He then began a career in broadcasting and over the next twenty years worked as an announcer and program director

with stations in Vancouver, Victoria, Hamilton, Ontario; and Montreal. In recent years he wrote for the Knowledge Network and directed a number of video productions. He was best known as the host of the CBC-TV program "Reach for the Top," from 1961 to 1982.

From 1974 to 1991 he was a senior member of BCIT's Broadcast Communications faculty, where he was admired by students and colleagues alike. From Brian Antonson, Associate Dean of Broadcast Communications, "We've had a lot of calls from former students who learned a great deal from Terry while they were studying here. He challenged them and then expected the students to live up to the challenges. Those that did earned his respect. Some maintained their friendship with Terry long after leaving BCIT, and he'll be missed by them as well."

## What's Happening at BCIT

Let the kids dictate the show...

BCIT Physics instructor **Amar Kshatriya** became a volunteer two years ago for Scientists and Innovators in the Schools, a provincial program that brings science into the classrooms of children in Grades 4 to 7.

"Children are very curious and full of ideas," says Kshatriya. "I would not have otherwise guessed that they would become so excited about science." The program is a joint venture between the provincial government and Science World, and endeavours to stimulate interest in the sciences in a fun and exciting way. And exciting it is! Kshatriya's ability to transform topics like energy and various forms of matter into exciting, engaging demonstrations for young people has been enjoyed by more than 1500 children throughout B.C.

Kshatriya is assisted by his wife, Savita, and together they travel all over B.C. in a car that is filled to the brim with all kinds of equipment to give students a scientific thrill. They also come equipped with posters, pens and T-shirts by sponsors MacDonald Dettwiler, BC Hydro and BCIT. A day of presentations at one school often lasts the



entire day, as the pair speak to groups of 25 for an hour at a time. The scientist introduces concepts like light, electricity, magnetism, muscle energy and magnetism, and even touches on the idea of atmospheric pressure.

"I take it upon myself as an instructor at BCIT to promote an interest in science and technology in children today, because they must have some literacy in those topics to survive in the 21st century," he says. "I never have an agenda, it depends on the questions they ask. It's better to let the kids dictate the show."

*from Sheila Rees*

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# DEVELOPMENTS

Dear Alumni,

With your generous support to the 1995 Alumni Annual Fund, BCIT graduates have established a tradition of giving that will ensure continuing financial support to BCIT and its students.

1995 was a very exciting year with the opening of the Student Association Campus Centre. Even with government cutbacks and downsizing, we anticipate 1996 to be equally exciting for BCIT with the scheduled completion of our new Downtown Campus. Your ongoing support and generosity is vital to meeting the special funding needs of these new projects.

Your continued support will provide assistance to programs and students, enhance our Downtown Campus library acquisitions, equip our labs and attract, assist and keep quality students. With your thoughtfulness in sharing we can continue the BCIT tradition of excellence in preparing job ready graduates for British Columbia.

Your help is needed now and your tax-creditable gift may be made payable to "BCIT Alumni Annual Fund". Thank you for helping the future graduates of BCIT.

Sincerely,

Guy Steeves  
President, BCIT Alumni Association

Brian Gillespie  
President, BCIT

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For further info contact Cathy Daminato (604)432-8792

**Thank you for investing in BCIT**



# Alumni Association News

## Donations made recently by the Alumni Association:

- ❖ \$750 to the BCIT Computer Systems Technology Career Day on April 23, 1996.
- ❖ \$2,500 to the BCIT Student Association Student Assistance Fund for needy students which doubled to \$5,000 when matched by ministry matching funds.
- ❖ \$500 to The BCIT Rugby Club towards expenses.
- ❖ \$5,000 in additional bursaries to be distributed by Financial Aid & Awards.
- ❖ Three additional BCIT Alumni entrance awards (valued at a year's tuition) added to the 7 entrance awards for Technology students and 4 for Trades students already funded for 1996.

## Advertise in the BCIT Alumni Ambassador!

### Display Advertising:

Full page: \$800 Half page: \$450

Quarter page: \$175

10% discount for consecutive placements

### Employment Opportunities:

Free listings to Alumni who would like to advertise themselves. Maximum 30 words. Company classified style, \$20, maximum 30 words, or regular display rates.

For more information or to book space contact the Alumni Office (604) 432-8847 or fax (604) 431-8911

## A LEGACY OF LEARNING

BCIT's Planned Giving Program is a plan that provides benefits to you or your estate through tax advantages while maintaining the financial security of you and your family.

Please send: ☐ BCIT Planned Giving Brochure

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I am interested in ☐ making a gift to BCIT ☐ attending an Estate Planning Seminar ☐ Please contact me.

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Thank you for completing and returning this card to Jennifer Higgins-Ingham, Planned Giving Coordinator, BCIT Development Office, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby BC V5G 3H2. (604)432-8803 or E-mail giving@bcit.bc.ca



# Grad Gossip

1966

**Paterson, James Eric** (Petroleum) and Lynne live in Peniticon. James is a Fuels Products Technical Specialist with Imperial Oil Ltd.

1969

**Ansell, John** (Broadcast) is Program Head, Radio and has just passed twenty years at BCIT. John is organizing a reunion of all students who got their start at BCIT whether or not they graduated. Laurie Irvine, the first department head of Broadcast is organizing the return of the first grad class to tie in with the April 26, 1996 celebrations. Call John at 432-8414 for details.

**Buckland, Robert S.** (Building) and Eileen live in Surrey. Robert retired May 30, 1995 after 26 years with the City of New Westminster as Supervisor of Inspections Building and Plumbing.

1970

**Barnes, Roger** (Marketing) and **Laura (Fisher)** (Medical Radiography '70) live in White Rock. Laura is employed at Peach Arch Hospital, Roger is Vice President, Marketing and Merchandising with General Paint and son **Spencer Barnes** (Marketing '95) is employed at Home Depot.

**Merchant, Peter** (Electronics) has been in England since 1978 after graduating from UBC in 1976 with an Engineering degree. He first worked for Plessey and for the last 8 years with Telxon, an American company based in Ohio. For all of Peter's career so far, he's been involved with data communications in one form or another.

**Salazar, Kathryn (Kate)** (Mackay-Dunn) (Nursing) lives with her family, husband Guillermo and four children, 10 years to 21 years in Calgary. They've been there since 1978 and enjoy it very much. Kate is a realtor with Royal LePage.

1971

**Thomson, Jack** (Mining) and Ann live in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. Jack is General Manager at Tamrock Pty.

1973

**Campbell, Brenda (Burch)** (Hotel/Motel Management) is President of Campbell and Company Retail Recruitment Ltd. Brenda and Bill Dumont live in North Vancouver.

1974

In memorium **John Anthony Calli** (Mining) who died of cancer in July 1993. John is survived by his wife Barbara and three children, Kristina 12, Mikaela 9 and Suzanne 5. Barbara wrote to say that in the last ten years of John's life he owned and operated Redbridge Pottery & Fruitstand in Keremeos. He was very involved politically with Similkameen Okanagan Organic Producers Association in setting provincial and federal standards for organic growing. "His spirit lives within us."

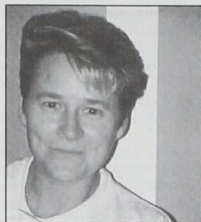
**Cromwell-Gibbs, Merril (McQuilkin)** (Hotel/Motel & Food Service) lives in Brooklyn, New York. She is Executive Housekeeper at the Doral Inn. She has remarried and has four children and one granddaughter. Merril would like to locate Debbie Sweeney and Feroze Nanavaty, 1994 grads of Hotel/Motel.

1975

**Holmes, Stewart V.** (Financial Management) and **Penny (Sanderson)** (Biological Sciences '75) relocated from Newfoundland to St. Albert, Alberta. Stewart is Director of Finance with Canadian Helicopters Western.

**Smith, Alianora (Nonie) (Wilson)** (Hotel/Motel Food Service) wrote us from Queensland, Australia where she lives with son Matthew, age 8. (see photo) Nonie is a Teacher Aide at Pine Rivers Special School in Lawnton,

Queensland. A fellow grad - Lorraine Hyder, Regency Catering, still keeps in touch from B.C.



1976

**Jones-Lamont, Diann** (Building) and husband Lloyd (Health & Safety '88) live in Langley. Diann's business is Jones-Lamont Consulting Ltd. Anyone interested in attending or organizing a 20th year reunion contact Diann.

**Pasiuk, Don** (Administrative Management) is President of Peterbilt Trucks Pacific Inc. Don and Orilyn have been married 17 years, have four children, Angela 16, Andrea 14, Jonathan 12 and Matthew 8. They are presently building their new home in Abbotsford.

**Tracy, Leigh V.** (Administrative Management) is President/Proprietor of A+A Master Marketing Inc. and A+A Business Services. He moved to Regina in 1979 and is a member of the Regina Eastview Rotary Club, past Director, past Treasurer and Director again; also Treasurer in Saskatchewan Home Based Business Association; Treasurer in Salesmasters Association; Loans Committee member of Regina Entrepreneurial Foundation Corporation - he knew that his accounting class would come in handy! Leigh is single again, would like to hear from 10D1 and 10C2 and other Admin. friends (he knows you're out there!). Leigh's address is 670 Cameron Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4T 2R8, phone 543-5000.

1977

**DeKleyn, Ronald K.J.** (Marketing Management) and Patty live in Calgary. Ronald is Prairies District Sales Manager for Lever/Chesebrough-Pond's.

**McEwan, Allen** (Forestry & Fish, Wildlife, Recreation) and Tonette have three children. They live in Pemberton. An abrupt career change led Allen to take over the family farm in the early '80s. He is still competing in logger sports which he was introduced to at BCIT. Fond memories...!

1978

**Folinsbee, John A.** (Mining) and **Susan (Babington)** (Psychiatric Nursing '81) both wrote in. They live in Balmertown, Ontario. John is Mill Superintendent at the Campbell Mine of Placer Dome Canada, transferred from the Dome Mine in South Porcupine to Campbell in August 1995. Campbell is Placer Dome's biggest gold producer in Canada. John and Susan adopted a son, Jamie (born in October '94) in 1995, John is thrilled to be a parent, Susan enjoys her new job as mom. She was surprised to meet a classmate Anna (Cheung) Sagman who also married a "miner" and who lives two houses away with her husband and two children. Anna is nursing at the local hospital.

**Johnston, Jo-Ann (Usselman)** (Financial Management) and her family live in Coquitlam. She completed her MBA at SFU in December 1995 and is happy to be back at work teaching at BCIT. Jo-Ann has just been re-elected for another three year term on the board of the CGA Association. She was a member of the Alumni Board of Directors two years ago.

**King, Kathleen Elizabeth** (Mackie) (Biosciences '78/ Operations Management '92) lives in Burnaby with her husband Michael. She is Office Manager at the Vancouver-Richmond Association for Mentally Handicapped People.

**Ritchie, Dawn Joy** (Marketing Management) lives in Victoria and is self employed as a consultant.

1979

**Hansen, Andrew** (Administrative Management) and Liane live in North Vancouver. Andrew is President of A & L Hansen Contracting Ltd. His quote "general contracting is the game - new homes and renovations bring fame - four daughters are fun - let me hear from anyone - Texas Zipper."

**Ryan, Chris** (Computer Programming/Systems Analysis) and Marg have moved to Victoria. Chris is a Business Analyst with the Ministry of Women's Equality, a new job he started this past February.

1981

**Dohan, Patricia (Trish Coughlan)** (Financial Management) is Manager, Finance & Admin. with B.C. Environment. Trish and **Tom Dohan** (Administrative Management '78) live in Victoria, have a new baby Robbie, born December 3, 1995 - which makes three - a brother for Laura 5 and Trevor 2.

1982

**Beck, Steve** (Financial Management) and Tern moved to Powell River. Steve is Controller with City Transfer (1945) Ltd.

**Hlasny, Bradley S.** (Survey) is Supervisor/Engineer with the B.C. Government Surveys & Resource Mapping Branch. Bradley and Susan live in Victoria.

**Mikkelsen, Kim** (Electronics) and his family relocated from Surrey to the "sunny Okanagan" in August '95. Kim is still employed with the Federal Government in Industry Canada, formerly called the Department of Communications.

**Murray, Anna (Kociuk)** (Computer Systems) remarried in August 1995 to Ted Murray, a UBC grad she met at work. Anna is a Senior Systems Analyst with ISM-BC, she started there in 1994 after BCIT Mid-Range Operations moved over. They live in Burnaby.

1983

**Grypsstra, Irving** (Operations Management) and Brenda live in Terrace with their children, Mitchell 2-1/2, and Cassandra 1 month. Irving is with Repap British Columbia as Pulp Fibre Supply Manager. He would like to hear from other Opman grads passing through Terrace.

**Wittig, Dean** (Administrative Management) is an Investment Advisor and has been with Great Pacific Management Co. Ltd. in downtown Vancouver for the past 11-1/2 years. Dean and Colleen were married in 1990 and expect their first child in September. Colleen graduated from the University of Washington and is Catering Sales Manager at the Sutton Place Hotel. Dean says hello to all the friends and graduates of Admin. Management '83.

1984

**Barlow, Geoff** (Marketing/Technical Sales) and Ellen have a new daughter, Heather, born in July '95. They live in Delta. Geoff is Transportation Manager-Lumber with Repap British Columbia.

**McDonald, Andrea (Schwarz)** (Food Processing) lives in Keremeos. Hugh and Andrea opened their own Farm Winery in their home town of Cawston. The winery is called Crownest Vineyards - named after the highway. They have two sons, Riley 4 and Nicholas 2.



# Grad Gossip

**McNeil, Ron** (Building) lives in Victoria and is self employed as owner of McNeil Building Designs Limited. He's glad to see we finally have an email address and Ron can be contacted at <http://www.islandnet.com/~dzynt/>. He's waiting to hear from other Building grads online.

**Sangara, Tajinder (Tai Birring)** (Marketing/Industrial Sales) was employed in marketing and sales positions at Radio Shack, Future Shop (computer sales) and managed at Toys & Wheels after graduation from BCIT. Tai was married to Jerry in 1985, has three children, Aman 7, Michael 5-1/2 and Sean 1-1/2. She would like to return to the work force as a marketing consultant working from home.

## 1985

**Fancy, James Duncan** (aka "Jamie") (Systems Programming) and Laurie (Young) an '84 PVI Accounting grad live in Whitby. They have 2 beautiful kids, Rachel 8 and Adam 5 and are settling in well with their new surroundings in Ontario, though they look forward to the day when they can return to beautiful B.C. Jamie is a Senior Systems Specialist with A.T. & T. Capital Canada Inc. **Harvey Tam** ('85 Systems) says hi! from Ontario.

**Reis, John** (Aircraft Mechanics) and Christina were married last July and live in Delta.

**Sieben, Anthony** (Computer Systems) lives in Burnaby and is employed with IBM Canada in Customer Support.

**Swetnam, Janelle R. (Harris)** (Legal/Clerk Typist) and Steven live in Surrey. Janelle is head secretary at UBC Pharmacology and Therapy.

## 1987

**Beck, G. Todd A.** (Forestry) lives in Vernon with his wife Diana and their three children, Teenina 8, Ashley 7 and Travis 4. Todd is a Forest Technician and has been employed with Riverside Forest Products, Armstrong Woodlands Division for a year and a half.

**McGarry, Milo** (Marketing) and **Michelle (Wills)** (Marketing '87) are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Marisa Nicole. They are both working hard selling homes at Sutton Group-Sterling Realty on North Road in Burnaby and look forward to hearing from fellow alumni.

**Pollock, Harry** (Financial Management) is a CMA and Controller with Paradise Bay Seafarms and lives in Campbell River. Harry was married April '95 to Deirdre in New Zealand.

**Winger, Wesley Alan** (Operations Management) and Kathy live in Hope. Wesley is employed with Britco Structures.

## 1988

**Chan, Anita M.** (Operations Management '88/Financial Management '89) has teamed up with her sisters Shirley and Ellen Chan at Re/Max Crest Realty after obtaining her C.A. designation. Give her a call at 988-CHAN if you are looking for 3X's the service when buying or selling real estate!

**DiGiustini, Torvald (Thor)** (Heavy Duty Mechanics) and Carolyn (Smith) live in Langley and have two children. Thor is Shop Foreman and has been with Danco Equipment for seven years. He has taken Welding and Hydraulics related courses and in 1993 received his Hydraulics Technician ticket.

**Dolman, Lawrence C.** (Broadcast/Television) lives in Burnaby and is a Videotape Operator with CKVU-TV (UTV) in Vancouver.

**Jones, Lorlei (Pleacas)** (Medical Laboratory) and Stephen have bought a new home in Cloverdale. She is employed at BC Children's Hospital where she says due to new directions in health care, one position has already been deleted. Because of this, Lorlei is undertaking to refrain in the Public Safety Communications field as a 911 operator/dispatcher just in case.

**Kwok, Henry** (Marketing) lives in Richmond. Henry is Manager-Corporate Development with Stentor Resources Centre Inc.

**Moore, James S. (Jim)** (Administrative Management) and **Margie (Sanderson)** (Tourism '89) live in Vernon with their three children Meighan 4-1/2, Kelsie 3 and Colin 12 weeks. Jim has moved from MacMillan Bloedel to Human Resources Supervisor, Armstrong Mill, Riverside Forest Products in Vernon.

**Roemer, Diana N.** (Tourism) lives in New Westminster and is a Junior Assistant Purser with Princess Cruises Inc. Liberia.

## 1989

**Brown, Carol A.** (Schwartzenhauer) (Chemical Sciences) and husband Jonathon live in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. Immediately after school, Carol started at Cominco in Trail as an Assayer Trainee. She received her certification in November 1990. In 1993, she transferred to Research at Cominco where she stayed until September 1995. Carol and Jonathon moved and live in a suburb of Denver where he is a Senior Metallurgical Engineering for a consulting company and Carol is a student again, working towards her MBA. No children but they have the same cat she had in school and have added an adorable mutt named Tas. Laura, Helen, Joyce, where are you? What's happening?

**Da Silva, John** (Computer Systems) is now living in Ottawa, working for a consulting company. He is engaged to be married. John would really enjoy hearing from any of the "Systems" grads. His email address is [jdasilva@sprynet.com](mailto:jdasilva@sprynet.com).

In memorium **Tyler P. Ewert** (Electronics) drowned in a river near Mission last July.

**Frymire, Ange** (Broadcast/Radio) lives in Vancouver and is President of Vocal Point Promotions, Publicity and Public Relations. Her company is growing by leaps and bounds and just moved to their new suite in The Dominion Building. More room to breathe, be creative and attack their campaigns with diligence and zest!! All thanks to BCIT's gruelling and excellent program.

**Ravenstein, Garnet** (Financial Management) and Laury live in Burnaby with their two daughters, 4 and 4 months. Garnet has a new position as Controller with McAllister Industries after 6-1/2 years with Horwath Tierney and White.

**Saunders, Clarissa M.R.K.** (Tourism) lives in Abbotsford and is Owner/Manager of Bakerview Videos Rentals and Sales in Abbotsford.

**Seaborn, Steven L.** (E.L.T. Joinery) is owner, secretary and janitor of "The Little Contractor". Steven lives in Richmond.

**Zewar, Yasmine** (Tourism) is a Sales Rep in the BC Lottery Corporation Sales & Marketing Office in Richmond. Yasmine and **James McArthur** ('89 Gas & Petroleum) finally got married (after 8 years) in November 1995. They live in Port Coquitlam.

## 1990

**Baggio, Julie D.** (Tourism) has returned from Toronto to live in Langley. She and Laurie welcomed their first child,

a son born February 25th, Caius Anthony. Laurie is successfully running his own company, Helikon Technologies, an internet service provider. Julie is account manager with Polaroid Canada.

**Johnston, Diane** (Marketing Management) is a Business Analyst in the Frequent Flyer Program with Canadian Airlines International. She lives in Calgary. Diane got engaged Christmas '95 and is planning a wedding in February '97. Her fiancé works primarily out of Vancouver, so while they have really enjoyed home ownership in Calgary, are planning to move back to Vancouver in two years.

**Macht, Owen C.** (Marketing/Technical Sales) and Tricia have just bought their first house in Cloverdale and have their first child, a 10 month old baby boy, Patrick. After 5 years with Argus Technologies Ltd. (his first job after BCIT) he's been promoted to Sales Manager for Western Canada. Argus is a manufacturer of telecom equipment for sales worldwide. Owen is currently completing the BCIT/OLU Admin. degree. Fond memories of frisbee and Taps with the gang from 20A1.

**Noot, Ranner** (Operations Management) and Karen live in Cloverdale with their two daughters, Kierra 3 and Jennica 2. After graduation, Ranner worked as a sales rep for a windows company in Langley. In 1993, he joined his family's Financial Planning business (D. C. Moody Financial Inc.) and would love to hear how his classmates are doing. Call, fax or email - [ranoot@uniserve.com](mailto:ranoot@uniserve.com).

**Thompson, Christine (Bennett)** (Marketing/Advertising & Sales) is Copywriter/Project Coordinator with BCAA. She and Robert were married in August 1995 and live in Delta. Robert is an '89 Aircraft Maintenance grad and is back at BCIT taking Mechanical Engineering/Design option. Christine is very happy and challenged in her job and is thankful to be working as a copywriter. "BCIT has done both of us very well."

**Woodfin, Ann Marie** (General Nursing) and John live in Port Alberni. Ann is an R.N. at Westcoast General Hospital.

## 1991

**Doyle, Trish** (Nursing) is getting married May 4th to Derek Paul. She lives in Richmond and has been an R.N. at BC Children's Hospital in the Cardiology Ward since August 1992.

**David, Cheryl C. (Loberg)** (Nursing) and Jeff were married in March 1993 and live in Bellevue, Washington. Cheryl works as a home-care nurse looking after two muscular-dystrophy twins. Jeff is a Trinity Western grad and works with Uniglobe Insurance.

**Howard, Vicki Lynne (Sullivan)** (Computer Systems) and Tony live in Port Coquitlam. Vicki is a Senior Programmer/Analyst with Dairyworld Foods. She started her Business Certificate in Computer Systems in the evenings in 1981, hired as a junior programmer at Dairyland in 1986 and continued her evening classes at BCIT until completion of her certificate in 1991. She is continuing to upgrade her skills. Happily married to Tony with two daughters, Selena 5 and Nicole 3. "BCIT was tough, but don't give up, it's worth it. Keep up the good work, BCIT."

**Jiang, Lai Yi (Tracy Wong)** (Financial Management) is Bookkeeper at Travelhome R.V. & Marine. Tracy and Edward (Fu Hong) live in Vancouver.

**Lang, Thomas R.** (Business Administration '91) and **Michael G. Inkster** (Marketing/Advertising '92) are co-owners of Explorers Restaurant in North Vancouver. They started something new and began Explorers in November 1995 offering a unique continental menu with exotic specials. Ostrich or shark, anyone?



# Grad Gossip

**Thomson, Douglas** (Forestry) lives in Duncan and is employed with M. Wall Forestry Services as Logging Engineer/Timber Cruiser/Waste & Residue Surveyor. He hopes to see more news of '91 Forestry grads here. The 1991 Forestry President, Don Tucker has moved from Port McNeil - Don, where are you. I'm sure '91 grads would like to know.

**Wayne, Kelly** (Mechanical Drafting) lives in New Westminster and is self-employed as Owner of True North Drafting Ltd.

## 1992

**Biagi, Carlo Aladino** (Biotechnology) and **Heidi** (Biotechnology '92) were married in January 1995 and live in Burnaby. Carlo is a Research Technician in the West Vancouver lab of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Heidi works in cancer research at QLT in Vancouver.

**O'Connell, Carole** (Chemical Sciences) and **Ron Kaarvik** (Chemical Sciences '92) after five years of dating are now engaged and hoping to set a wedding date sometime in the near future. Carole is a Microscope Technician with a geological company in North Vancouver.

**Psefteas, George** (Financial Management) and **Pety Totos Psefteas** (Operations Management) live in Vancouver. George is Accounting Assistant-InVENTORY Control with Chevron Canada Ltd and Pety is a Service Advisor with Brian Jessel Autosport.

**Ruston, Howard E.** (Operations Management for Trades) works with Lumberland Building in Yard Sales Materials. Howard and Karen live in Maple Ridge and have their first child, a boy, Chesley Ellis born November 30, 1995.

In memoriam **Rudy Stadig** (Architecture) whose address was Salmon Arm, is now deceased.

## 1993

**Bjorkes, Jim** (Marketing Management/Sales) is off to Tokyo, Japan to teach English. He finished his BBA at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario and worked at several different fruitless occupations before deciding he needed a change of scenery. "Sayonara!"

**Day, K. Barry** (Survey & Mapping) and **Sandi** live in Kamloops. Barry is Survey Technician/Office Manager with S.R. Leggett & Associates, B.C. Land Surveyors.

**Evans, Michael James** (Computer Systems) is an Intermediate Systems Analyst with BCIT's Computer Resources department. Mike lives in Port Coquitlam.

**France Lohn, Danielle (France)** (Nursing) and Billy were married in Las Vegas on September 9, 1995 and live in Rochelle, Texas. Danielle is House Supervisor/E.R. Nurse at Heart of Texas Memorial Hospital.

**Gibson, Janet (Barclay)** (Medical Radiography) was married a month after graduation to Christopher. They live in Dawson Creek and had twin girls in June '95, born two months prematurely. Janet was working full time at the Dawson Creek & District Hospital until then, is now working full time at home!

**Graham, E. Anne** (Building) and **Cameron** live in Calgary. Anne is Project Coordinator with PCL Construction Management Inc.

**Jiu, Vincent** (Marketing Communications) is working on his diploma program in Marketing Communications part-time. "Learning is a life-long process. Wisdom is the fruit". Vincent is in Customer Service with BC Tel Supply.

**Mepharm-Egli, Cynthia** (Human Resource Management) and **Cameron** live in Kelowna. Cynthia is a Court Clerk II

with the Attorney General, BC Government, Kelowna Law Courts.

**Murray, Coleen A.** (Computer Systems) lives in Ladner and is a Programmer Analyst 1 with the Corporation of Delta.

**Nicol, Audry (Oorebeek)** (Nursing) is an R.N. in Neurosciences at St. Paul's Hospital. Audry and Bill live in Port Coquitlam.

**Plut, Martin** (Robotics/Automation '93 & Electronics/Automation & Instrumentation '94) is employed with Hipp Engineering as a Junior Instrument Designer. Martin and Vicki (Marketing/Real Estate '92) live in Surrey, they have a new daughter, Kenya born October 17, 1995. Vicki is employed as a mortgage broker in Abbotsford.

**Ross, Iain C.** (Broadcast/Radio) has been working at CBC in Vancouver since August 1993. He is studio engineer for CBC Stereo's "Realtime" and has a weekly music column on the national CBC-TV show "Midday".

**Strachon, Debbie** (Computer Programming) lives in Vancouver and is Assistant System Administrator with Pacific Corporate Trust Company.

**Vance, Jason** (E.L.T.T. Heavy Duty Mechanics) is an Apprentice H.D. Mechanic with Pacific Blasting Demolition & Shoring Ltd. Jason lives in Langley.

**Winterburn, Pamela A.** (Building) is employed with the District of West Vancouver as Plan Checker/Building Inspector. After 3+ years with the City of Burnaby, she decided to put up her umbrella and brave the rains of the North Shore.

In memoriam **David Yerrel** (Broadcast/Radio). Iain Ross wrote to tell us that David passed away on November 5, 1994, he also worked at the CBC in the Radio Drama department for a few months after graduation.

**Yim, Alex** (Financial Management) and **Camony** live in North Vancouver. Alex is Staff Accountant with Noordin Madatali Inc.

## 1994

**Carr, Anita** (Civil & Structural) lives in Maple Ridge. Anita is in Sales with A-1 Trusses Ltd.

**daCosta, Ann-Marie** (Financial Management/Advanced Accounting) is a Staff Accountant Level 2, with KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne. Ann-Marie is presently enrolled in the CGA program taking a fifth level course.

**Hewat, Tracy** (Nursing) lives in Mission with her husband Ryan, they were married on November 4, 1995. Tracy is an R.N., staff nurse at Ridge Meadows Hospital.

**Holmes, Julie** (Interior Design) and **Bruce** live in North Vancouver. Julie is self employed as an Interior Designer. Her comment: "Loved to program!!"

**Hurt, Keith Howard** (Cardiology) works at Metro McNair Laboratory as an Hoelter Scanner. Keith and Anke (Hauser, a UBC grad) married in November 1994 and are now living in Lynn Valley, North Vancouver where they've bought a house.

**Leung, (Joyce) Won-Yee** (Management Systems) and **Eddie** live in Vancouver. Joyce is Receptionist/Secretary with the GSL Group.

**Marquette, Tanis Jane (Wedley)** (Occupational Health & Safety) since graduating and marrying Christopher in June 1994, Tanis has been successfully consulting with municipalities and hospitals throughout Southern BC and Vancouver Island. Tanis and Chris are expecting their

first child in May. After the arrival of their new baby, Tanis will be continuing her consulting business.

**Medeiros, Jesse** (Heavy Duty Mechanics) lives in New Westminster and is employed with Peter Kiewit Sons Ltd. as a Heavy Duty Mechanic Journeyman.

**Pickell, Kristine** (Electronics/Industrial Instrumentation) lives in New Westminster and is employed with Cantelec Controls.

**Pidhorney, Curtis** (Environmental Health) is currently employed as an Environmental Health Officer with the Nisga'a Valley Health Board, located in New Aiyansh, on the northern coast of B.C.

**Prenc, Terry-Lynn** (General Nursing) worked at the Burnaby General Hospital for two years as an R.N. on an Acute medical ward. Terry-Lynn has moved to Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, to work as R.N. on a surgical ward at the King Fahad National Guard Hospital as of January '96.

**Renning, Michael** (Industrial Instrumentation Service Technical) and **Susan** live in Vancouver. Michael's employed with BC Gas Utility, his job title is Material Handler (IBEW). The job involves shipping, receiving, purchasing, some maintenance. Since graduation, he worked for Canfor Specialty Products for about a month, until a good offer from BC Gas came along - then their baby girl was born about a month after that. Although Michael's job is very challenging, his instrumentation knowledge hasn't come into play - yet. There are plenty of IBEW positions in the interior requiring such skills.

**Sahota, Baljinder Singh** (Millwright E.L.T.T.) and **Kuldeep** live in Surrey. Baljinder is a Millwright Apprentice with Interwrap Industries Ltd. in Port Coquitlam.

**Schneider, Sid** (Computer Systems) is an Account Manager with Globelle Corporation, and lives in Richmond.

**Suggitt, David** (Cad/Cam) is a CAD Technologist with David Greig & Associates Inc. designing world class hot-dog stands at major sports facilities across North America. He is starting up two companies: one to tap the software development needs of the food service industry and the other to ride the Internet gold rush. David and Pam (Gribbs) live in Vancouver.

**Tran, Simon** (Micro-Finance) is an Accounting Clerk with Custom Cheques of Canada and lives in Vancouver.

**Westen, Melinda** (Operations Management) lives in Vancouver and is a Purchaser with ComNav Marine Limited.

**Wong, Will** (Marketing Management) is in Display Advertising with the Business in Vancouver Newspaper.

## 1995

**Begovic, Srdjan** (CNC Machinist/Programmer) is employed as a CNC Machinist at EBCO Aerospace. Srdjan and Snjezana live in Burnaby.

**Chavez, Elizabeth** (Cytogenetics) is employed as a Cytogenetics Technologist at Terry Fox. She lives in Vancouver.

**Duchesne, Carlos** (Financial Management) lives in Coquitlam. Carlos is an Account Manager and Financial Adviser with Lapaco Paper and Duchesne & Associates.

**El-Hage, Toni** (Marketing Management) lives in Vancouver. He is presently attending Kwantlen College hoping to transfer to SFU.



# Grad Gossip

**Gerace, Ryan** (Marketing Communications) has moved from Kelowna to Vancouver. He is Media Assistant with BBDO in Vancouver.

**Gillespie, Mark James** (Financial Management/Advanced Accounting) began the CGA program in Level 4 in March. He is an Assistant Accountant with Globe Foundation of Canada. Mark and Linda live in Richmond.

**Jolley, Shannon** (Operations Management) is in Technical Sales Support with Syspro Impact Software Inc. Shannon and Ken Ounsted recently got engaged, wedding date is September 14, 1996. Together they've just bought their first home - a townhouse in Surrey. Shannon says she is very happy with her life and job.

**Leech, Norm** (Computer Systems) is self-employed and lives in Sechelt. He sits on the First Nations Advisory Council and would like to organize First Nations alumni. Norm can be contacted at norm\_leech@sunshine.net.

**Luk, Linda (Yam)** (Management Systems) and John live in Vancouver. John and Linda got married on July 11, 1995. She hopes her classmates in Management Systems and, of course, her instructors, can share their happiness and joy!

In memorium **Trevor MacDonald** (Electrical/Control) who was killed in the tragic chair lift accident at Whistler Mountain on December 23, 1995.

**Moorhead, Denis** (Robotics & Automation) lives in Calgary. He's a Maintenance Technologist with Northern Telecom.

**Parker, Liz** (Broadcast Communications) lives in Burnaby. Liz is a Producer with AM 1040 Radio. She says BCIT's Broadcast program helped her get in the door! She loves her radio job and looking to get into media relations. She just loves to communicate!

**Radloff, Rosalie Brenda (Kamp)** (Management Systems) is Council Manager with the Pacific Council of Senior Federal Officials. She's now separated from Gary.

**Recksiedler, Dean** (Broadcast/Journalism) lives in Osoyoos. He's employed with CJOR - Okanagan Radio Ltd. doing news and sports. Dean spent the summer working in Penticton (CKOR/CJMG) and was hired in Osoyoos in September. He loves the Okanagan, it may be a small market however you've got to start somewhere.

**Reina, Norma Sandra (Aqucena)** (Geographic Information Systems) is a Computer Programmer GIS with BC Tel. Norma and Roberto live in Vancouver.

**Roberts, Andrea Gwen** (Building/Architecture) is a Technical Assistant with International Submarine Engineering Research Ltd. Andrea lives in Maple Ridge.

**Shuen, Kim** (Building) is a Designer/Drafter with True-Craft Log Structures. He lives in Maple Ridge and has a new daughter born November 15, 1995, Rebecca Lynn.

**Tompolski, David** (Electronic Engineering) lives in Kitchener, Ontario where he moved in June 1995. He's an Engineering technician now working with Agile Systems Inc. doing R & D design and prototyping. David is also Lan administrator in Agile Systems. He previously worked with Motorola, Intel, Microchip Microcontrollers.

**Tompolski, Philip** (Electronic Engineering) also lives in Kitchener and is employed as an Engineering Technician with Raytheon Canada Ltd. He designs cable interconnect for air traffic control radar as a part of Raytheon's Digital Design Department, ATC Engineering.

**Wright, Jeffrey William** (Building) lives in Vancouver. He's a Project Coordinator with TASK Construction Management Inc. in Burnaby.

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