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Riverworld: celebrating the world's waterways

Mark Angelo shares photos and anecdotes of some of the most beautiful and remote places on earth

Renowned river conservationist, paddler, teacher, and writer, Mark Angelo, has travelled hundreds of waterways on six different continents for the past four decades. He has descended many of the world's longest rivers such as the Nile, Yangtze, Amazon and Mekong by kayak and raft, and has paddled many of the biggest rapids on earth. Mark's travels have taken him from New Zealand to Mongolia, and he has extensively travelled Canada's north.

To commemorate 2003 as the International Year of Fresh Water, Mark, who is head of BCIT's Fish, Wildlife, Recreation program and chair of the Institute's new Fish, Wildlife, Recreation Centre of Excellence, has created a visually stunning presentation based on his trips. Called Riverworld, the 90-minute slide show presents the wonders of river travel, the threats confronting our great rivers and the plight of many indigenous peoples and cultures around the world.



Mark Angelo

Riverworld, which is sponsored by the Fish, Wildlife, Recreation Centre of Excellence, premiered September 25 in Vancouver and Mark is also taking it to a number of other North American cities.

"I've been thrilled about the response and every presentation to date has sold out," says Mark. "Consequently, we've added one more date in the Lower Mainland which will take place

January 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts in Burnaby."

Viewed by many as one of North America's pre-eminent river conservationists, Mark is rivers chair of the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC and

founder of Rivers Day. Among his other honours are the Order of Canada, Order of British Columbia, the National Recreational Fisheries Award, and Canada's National River Conservation Award.

An interview with Mark, photos, and information about Riverworld were recently featured on the National Geographic Web site (<http://news.nationalgeographic.com>).

In the article, Mark notes that in much of the world, day-to-day life still revolves around nearby waterways. Travelling by river is a great way to see people as they really are, he says, and it is exciting because you never know what the next day will hold. "River travel is also a great way to refresh and rejuvenate one's spirit."

Mark also outlines some of the threats to rivers including pollution, urbanization, dam construction, excessive water diversion, channelling of waterways, and poorly implemented resource extraction activities.

Rivers have played an important role in his life, Mark says in the article. He grew up close to the Los Angeles River, which has been largely imprisoned in a concrete culvert. "While I spent many wonderful days as a child playing along that river, I wasn't very old before I realized the artificial nature of this stream was not the way it was meant to be."

The flooding of an incredibly beautiful canyon, when the Glen Canyon dam in Arizona was completed, also had a strong impact on Mark, as did his first trip to the Fraser River Canyon in British Columbia.

Mark started rafting in the late 1960s, soon becoming an avid paddler and taking as many river trips as possible domestically and then internationally.

"In a cumulative sense, all of these events had an impact and would influence me from both a professional and recreational perspective. They also helped nurture what has become a lifelong interest in river conservation and travel," says Mark.

For more information, visit www.riverworld.bcit.ca.

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.

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President's message

It is with great pleasure that I take on the exciting role of president of the BCIT Alumni Association from my fellow alumnus, Scott Gray. In his hands,

and with strong support from BCIT president Tony Knowles and Alumni Association executive director, Laurie Clarke, the BCIT Alumni Association has established a solid foundation from which we can continue to realize and expand our vision and goals.

Since I took the reins at the Annual General Meeting in May, several initiatives have been launched. Our board has strongly supported this year's ramped up alumni appeal. Bob Rennie, of Rennie Marketing Systems, made a significant Challenge Champion gift of \$20,000 which is working now to match, dollar for dollar, donations by alumni in the Commit to Excellence campaign, for student scholarships and bursaries, the Library and program areas at BCIT.

Our inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards Program in September was a sold-out success. It underlined for me how all of our alumni are proud graduates of BCIT and that it is our role, in part, to showcase alumni achievements to the community so that we stand out in the marketplace. In recognizing such august alumni as Wynne Powell, Andrew Hazlewood, Nancy McInstry, Basil Peters, Elaine Woo and David Bran, we have taken a great leap forward in highlighting the quality of a BCIT education to the community (see pages 6 and 7 for a full account).

Our plans for the upcoming year are ambitious and challenge-filled as we sustain and build on this momentum. We plan to extend our Alumni Profile Campaign, and to introduce new travel options and affinity program benefits for alumni.

BCIT is also in the midst of some significant initiatives, as you'll hear more about in this newsletter and in the media. With all that's going on, I look forward to the coming year. It is my strong belief that the more successful BCIT and the Alumni Association are, the more successful you will be.

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Shantal Cashman,
Marketing Management '00

PRESIDENT
BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Giving back to BCIT – coming full circle

Over the years, alumni have done a great job in supporting student scholarships, bursaries and awards, the Library, and BCIT programs across the campus.

Thanks to alumni generosity, our current students receive much-needed financial support and recognition for their achievements. Many, in turn, feel the desire to give back in whatever way they can in the future.

This year, we are launching a Commit to Excellence Alumni Appeal with a unique opportunity to double the power of your support.

The BCIT Alumni Association is very pleased to announce that Bob Rennie has pledged a generous Challenge Champion gift of \$20,000 that will match, dollar for dollar, contributions received from alumni during our appeal up to a total of \$20,000.

"The Challenge gift demonstrates leadership and is a powerful motivator for giving," says Gordon Farrell (Financial Management '66), Alumni Appeal chair and member of the Alumni Association board of directors.

"Bob Rennie has served on the Program Advisory Committee for BCIT's Real Estate program since its inception and his company, Rennie Marketing Systems, is an employer of our grads," adds Farrell.



Alumni Appeal Challenge Champion Bob Rennie (standing) with BCIT grads who hold key positions at Rennie Marketing Systems: Kevin Wong, Hospitality Management Diploma '89 and Human Resources Management Certificate '00; Cory Raven, Marketing Management Diploma '99; and Vincent Tang, Marketing Management Diploma '96.

Doubling your support

Simply put, your gift of \$50 could double to \$100; and a donation of \$250 could yield \$500 to support students, Library resources, or the program of your choice at BCIT.

Your gift makes a real impact on real lives. Scholarships and awards give students recognition for their accomplishments and motivate them to succeed. Bursaries help more BCIT students with the costs of living and tuition. Your support also helps to provide specific program areas with the latest training and equipment essential to a polytechnic learning environment.

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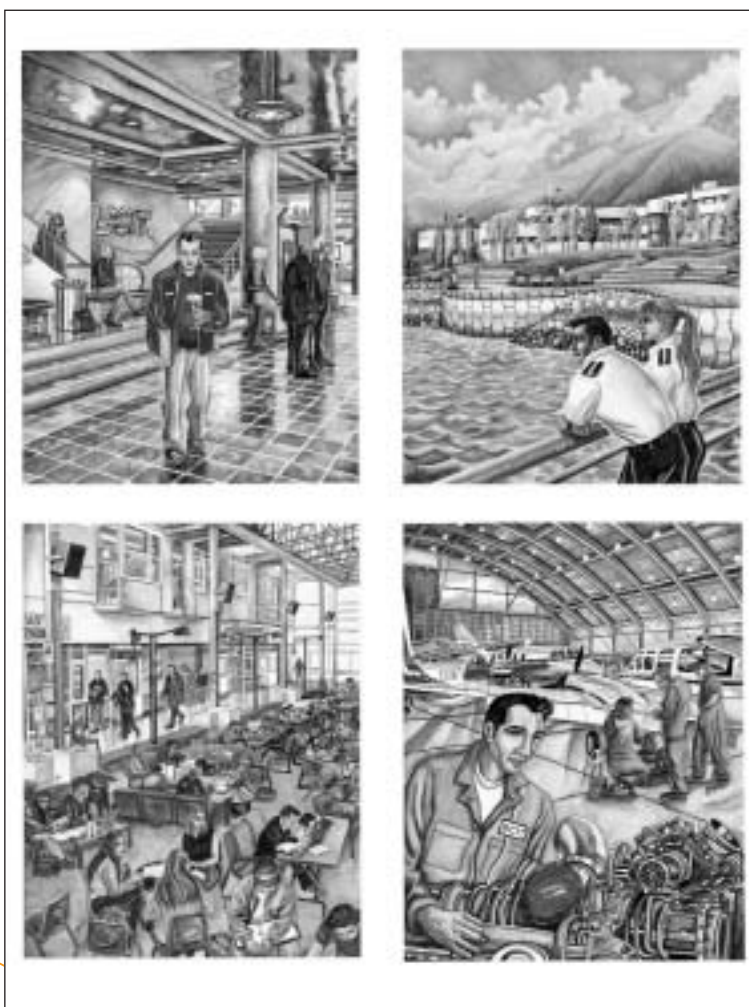
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To support the Commit to Excellence Alumni Appeal, please make your cheque payable to the BCIT Foundation and choose:

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BCIT limited edition lithograph, personally signed by artist Dietrich Madsen.

Promoting pathways to the future

If you've noticed new BCIT ads or heard the phrase: "The path you choose can make all the difference" – do not adjust your set. Instead, expect to see and hear more of the same as BCIT launches its new branding campaign.

Brand is a collection of perceptions in the minds of customers. The BCIT brand is how our stakeholders think and feel about BCIT, and how we're distinguished from the competition.

BCIT has a strong reputation and brand awareness in the area of "job-readiness." The Institute would like to elevate the BCIT brand to a new level that enhances student recruitment and recognizes changes in the marketplace.

Toward the end of 2002, Marketing and Public Affairs initiated the

brand extension process by conducting extensive external and internal research, and engaging an advertising agency for creative services. After months of strategic and creative work, a new brand platform for customer communications was established.

The new brand tagline, "The path you choose can make all the difference" captures the essence of the desired BCIT brand – a unique education model providing quality pathways for career success.

Targeting primarily the prospective group of 18-to-24-year-olds, various creative executions show how a BCIT education can make a difference in one's life.

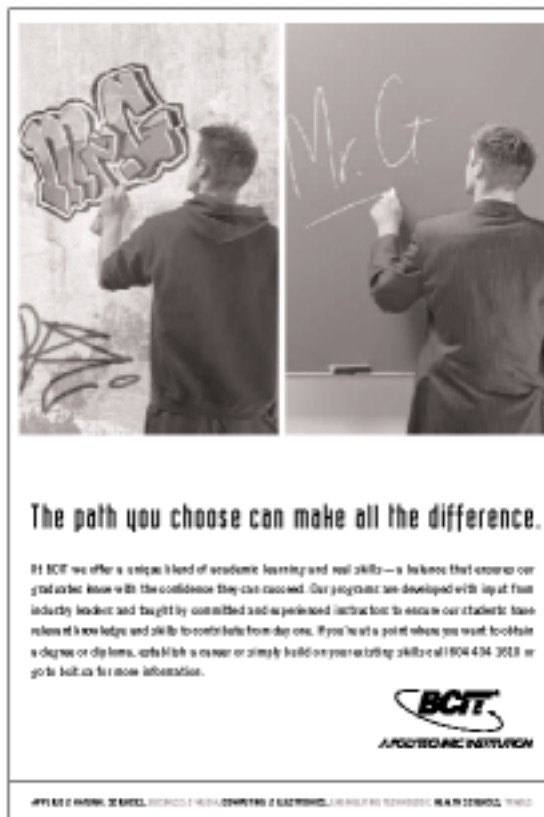
An advertising campaign, initiated in October, will continue through

the year via print, electronic and interactive media, as well as outdoor display channels.

Planned brand communications go beyond advertising. A consistent representation of the brand will eventually be featured at all points at which students connect with BCIT: publications, events, Web site, instructors and staff, and more.

Meanwhile, the BCIT Board of Governors approved a new mission statement for the Institute: To build pathways for career success in the global marketplace through teaching excellence and applied education and research.

The BCIT mission statement was refined to better reflect the growth and range of BCIT's services and is aligned



with the new branding strategy. The new mission reflects a commitment to career preparation and development for a global marketplace, an emphasis on teaching excellence, and the important role of

applied research.

The new mission statement also complements BCIT's vision to be Canada's premier polytechnic institution.

Unique collaboration for a new campus

BCIT is joining forces with Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, Simon Fraser University, and the University of British Columbia to develop the Great Northern Way (GNW) campus. Each institution offers a distinct range of curricula and by joining forces, they are set to forge new paths in education, research and entrepreneurship.

GNW will develop specialized programs that bridge artistic, cultural, social, scientific and technical areas eventually creating distinctive inter-disciplinary courses, curriculum and research. The campus is expected to play a significant role in the continued development of BC's high tech sector, while the shared space will encourage students and faculty to cross traditional disciplinary lines.

Planning for the new campus is in its earliest stages with representatives from each institute meeting to discuss strategic directions and the academic plan. A general meeting for faculty and staff was held at Emily Carr with participants suggesting collaborative ideas for the GNW program, research and entrepreneurial opportunities. More such meetings are planned.

Meanwhile, BCIT and the other institutions are using some of the existing facilities to support current programming.

The project, which will be developed on six city blocks of land donated by Finning International Inc., will combine residential, retail and green space, along with educational and research facilities, pure and applied research and technology transfer activities.

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"Our employees come to us from some of the finest educational institutions around the world but it is BCIT to which we owe the greatest number of employees (16 per cent of the staff) and the bulk of our engineering workforce. They help make OMNEX the exciting and innovative leader it is," says vice-president Len Dueckman, who is also a BCIT graduate — Electrical and Electronic Technology in 1972.

Len, who helped co-found OMNEX, credits BCIT with giving him a foundation. After graduating, he worked for a few years in high tech before discovering that the industrial wireless control market was not being served. He did some sub-contracting and testing the waters before ultimately launching OMNEX with president Ake Severinson.

OMNEX has been a solid performer based on reliability of their products and their unique ability

to provide both remote control and industrial wireless input/output products. The company has realized a profit almost every year and is growing at a rapid pace. "We expect 30 to 35 per cent growth this year and at least that much next year," says Len.

For Brian Cunningham, Applications Support and Training, who graduated from BCIT's Electronics Technology program in 1991, working at OMNEX has given him an opportunity to learn new skills. He started as a distribution manager and now manages application support and training for OMNEX's new partner, Phoenix Contact.

Industrial products development manager Kevin Towers graduated from Electrical/Electronic and Instrumentation Technologies in 1979 and has a Certificate of Technology in Administrative Management. He joined OMNEX in 1996 to support R&D for the company's, then new, telemetry line. Kevin was attracted to OMNEX by the possibility of

working for a smaller company where he'd have more opportunity to do a variety of things.

Chris Vandermeer is an Application Specialist at OMNEX. He graduated from Electronics Engineering Technology at BCIT in 2001 and landed his first job at OMNEX. Chris, who primarily writes software for OMNEX, says the fast pace at BCIT helped prepare him to manage multiple projects.



BCIT grads working at OMNEX include (clockwise from left): industrial products development manager Kevin Towers, application specialist Chris Vandermeer, Brian Cunningham – Applications Support and Training, and vice-president Len Dueckman.



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Currently, BCIT and the University of British Columbia are the only institutes with programs that are CIMBS-certified. Those who have not completed a recognized program may qualify for certification based on a combination of work experience in the related fields and education.

For more Information on CIMBS:
<http://www.iimaonline.org/cimbs.html>

A study in dedication



When Tim Tse earned the first Bachelor of Technology in Manufacturing in June 2003, his accomplishment was based on more than just his academic ability.

Tim also proved he is extraordinarily dedicated. He graduated with a Robotics and Automation diploma in 1991 and started working on his degree in 1993. As the program was under development, Tim could only take courses as they were introduced. Nevertheless, he was determined to complete his degree.

He persisted even when the program ceased to be directly related to his current job. Tim began working in R&D at Creo in 1991. He thought the degree would help him advance in that position. Now he is a core team leader for a product line and though the degree is not directly relevant to this position, the skill sets it provides continue to be useful, says Tim.

"It was a long journey but I feel I have accomplished something," says Tim.

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More than 100,000 BCIT alumni are in demand and delivering results in your community. Look around at the people in your organization – how many are BCIT graduates? How many have attended part-time courses at BCIT's five main campuses?

Six individuals were chosen to receive awards this year and were celebrated at an inaugural event on Sept. 18, 2003, at The Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver.

At the event, 340 guests (a sold-out crowd) were treated to a very special evening, capped by video presentations of each award recipient. These videos can be viewed on the Alumni Association's Web site at www.alumni.bcit.ca/awards.shtml.

Honorary chair of the event, Dal Richards, a graduate of BCIT's Hospitality Administration program in 1968, set the tone for the evening when he played his saxophone and related his personal BCIT experience, for which he received a standing ovation.

The award winners, profiled on the next page, weren't the only ones taking home a prize that evening. Lucky raffle winners Jean Mitchell, Call Centre manager at BCIT, and Jackie Ross, of JRoss Retail Recruiters, each won a cruise for two aboard BCIT's 40th Anniversary Cruise to Alaska, courtesy of CruiseShipCenters. A portion of the \$3,280 raised from raffle ticket sales will go towards next year's Outstanding Student Leadership Award, which includes a \$2,000 scholarship.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards event launched an Alumni Profile Campaign which takes shape this fall, with more alumni profiles to appear in local media. The Profile Campaign is designed to highlight, through alumni testimonials, the quality of a BCIT education.



BC entertainment icon "Dr. Swing" Dal Richards.



From left: Dr. Tony Knowles, BCIT president, award recipients Nancy McKinstry, J. Basil Peters, G. Wynne Powell, David J. Bran, Elaine Woo, and Andrew Hazlewood, and BCIT Alumni Association president, Shantal Cashman.



Master of ceremonies, Shantal Cashman, president of the BCIT Alumni Association.



Award recipient Andy Hazlewood (second from left) flanked by Elisabeth Riley, BCIT dean of Health Sciences, Honourable Colin Hansen, BC Minister of Health Services, and Ron Zapp, provincial director, BC Centre for Disease Control.



Enjoying the evening, award recipient Basil Peters (seated, second from right) is surrounded by his family and friends.

Award Recipients

These six individuals, who not only typify BCIT alumni, but have also excelled in their careers and community endeavours, were recipients of the 2003 inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards. They either got their start at BCIT and went on to further education, or came to BCIT a little later in life to change direction or to hone particular skills. Some have come back to BCIT in recent years as lecturers and instructors, to share their knowledge and industry experience with current students.

BCIT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

G. Wynne Powell, FCGA, DipIT, Administrative Management '68

President and COO, London Drugs Limited, London Air Services, and TLD Computers Inc.

President, London Enterprises Ltd. doing business as Sonora Resorts.



Wynne Powell

Dr. G. Wynne Powell was named Distinguished Canadian Retailer of the Year in 2003 by the Retail Council of Canada and also received the Queen's Jubilee Medal for service to the community and business leadership. In 2001 he was appointed chair of the Provincial Health Services Agency

of BC. Dr. Powell has served BCIT for many years through advisory committees, as a director and chair of the board of governors and most recently as chair of the BCIT Foundation. In 1996, he received an Honorary Doctor of Technology degree at BCIT.

BCIT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Andrew Hazlewood, DipIT, Environmental/Public Health '72

Provincial director general, Population Health and Wellness, Government of British Columbia



Andrew Hazlewood

Andrew Hazlewood has taken a leadership role in making BC world renowned in establishing smoking reduction strategies, and for legislation and standards for safe drinking water, food safety and ensuring the safety of persons in care. Among his numerous accomplishments,

Hazlewood led the evolution of the Provincial Public Health Laboratory, and other communicable disease initiatives, into Canada's only integrated Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). Hazlewood is also an adjunct professor in UBC's Faculty of Health Care and Epidemiology.

BCIT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Nancy McKinstry, DipIT, Marketing Management '70

Vice-president, Odlum Brown Ltd.



Nancy McKinstry

Nancy McKinstry was the first woman to be appointed a director at Odlum Brown and is now vice-president. She developed the Young Investors Club, which has grown to more than 2,000 members, to educate children on basic concepts of investing and money management. She is a founding member and chair of the Minerva Foundation for BC Women, which creates opportunities for women throughout British Columbia to realize their economic and leadership potential. McKinstry received the Queen's Jubilee medal this year for her commitment to her industry and the community.

BCIT DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL INNOVATION

J. Basil Peters, DipIT, Electrical and Electronics '73

Founder and CEO, BC Advantage Funds (VCC)



J. Basil Peters

Dr. Basil Peters launched and is CEO of BC Advantage Funds (VCC), which funds and mentors early-stage technology companies in the province. The company encourages entrepreneurial collaboration with BCIT students and faculty. While still a graduate student at UBC, Peters co-founded Nexus Engineering, the second largest manufacturer of satellite and cable TV head-end equipment in the world. Peters subsequently built a group of seven successful companies. He was chair of Infowave Wireless, Voyus and Global e-biz, and was co-founder and a director of Uniglobe Travel Online.

BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Elaine Woo, DipIT, Chemical and Metallurgical Sciences '78

BCIT instructor, Chemical Sciences Technology



Elaine Woo

Elaine Woo is honoured for exceptional dedication to teaching and for significant contributions to her trade and industry. Beyond creatively utilizing new technology in the classroom, Woo, a BC licensed assayer (1979), developed the Assayers Program, which involves CD-ROM methodology. The program has improved the quality of mineral assaying around the world by training assayers working in remote areas to a high industry standard. Woo promotes a love of learning science and technology as director of the BCIT Mini-Technology Summer Camps for children.

BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

David J. Bran, DipIT, Marketing Management '03



David J. Bran

David J. Bran's leadership as student president of the BCIT Marketing Association (BCITMA), a collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association, resulted in the chapter winning this year's Top Regional Chapter Award, Western Region. Bran placed first overall in the individual Sales Competition at the annual conference in New Orleans, representing the only participating school from Canada. David J. Bran returns to BCIT this fall to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from BCIT. Assisting him in pursuing his studies this year will be a \$2,000 scholarship provided by the Alumni Association in honour of this award.

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Nominate someone you know for 2004

Nominations are invited for the 2004 BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards. The submission deadline is midnight, March 31, 2004.

Award criteria and nomination forms can be found at www.alumni.bcit.ca/awards.shtml.

Kudos!

Congratulations from the BCIT Alumni Association to the following individuals for their recent honours and appointments:

BOB WILDS, former president and CEO of the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA), was elected chair of the BCIT board of governors in July. Wilds headed BCMEA for 16 years. **JIM GREY**, president and CEO of Radiant Communications, was elected first vice-chair, and **KURT KRAMPL**, managing partner of Airstream Heating and Air Conditioning Inc. is second vice-chair. Wilds and Grey have served on the BCIT board of governors since 2000; Krampl was appointed to the board by the provincial government last year.

ELISABETH RILEY, appointed dean, School of Health Sciences. Prior to joining BCIT, Elisabeth was the president and CEO of Children's and Women's Health Centre of BC. She holds a BSc PT (physiotherapy) from McGill University and an MSc in Health Administration from Université de Montréal.



DR. GERRY MOSS, former BCIT vice-president, Student, International, Research and Information Services, has taken on the challenging role of executive director, Great Northern Way Campus. GNW is a consortium venture that includes BCIT, UBC, SFU and Emily Carr Institute

(see story on page 3). He will be developing the education and research agendas for the new campus.

DR. JIM REICHERT, new vice-president of Research and International at BCIT. Jim comes to BCIT from the Innovation and Science Council of BC, where he served as president and CEO. Jim has spent more than 15 years engaged in research with both the university sector and the Department of Defence. He is a member of several science, engineering and economic development boards and committees in BC and is a member of BCIT's Tech Centre Advisory Committee (and past chair). He holds a PhD and MSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Manitoba, and has taught in their Faculty of Engineering.



DR. VERNA MAGEE-SHEPHERD, appointed new vice-president, Student Services, commencing December 1, 2003. Verna has served as dean, Student and Education Support Services at Langara College since 2000. Prior to that, she was an associate dean at BCIT in the School of Health Sciences from 1991 to 1998 and then spent two years representing the Office of the Vice-President, Education on various cross-campus initiatives. Verna has an EdD in Leadership and Policy and BSc in Human Nutrition from UBC, and MSc in Medical Science from the University of Calgary.

THE BCIT MARKETING ASSOCIATION (student collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association) won the Top Regional Chapter Award, Western Region, at the AMA Annual Collegiate Conference in New Orleans in April. President **DAVID J. BRAN** placed first in the sales competition and **LEAH BICKFORD** placed fifth. BCIT was the only Canadian school in attendance at the conference, which saw more than 1,000 students from 140 institutions compete.

ACE-BCIT (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship) brought home top honours from the 14th annual Edge of Opportunity National Exposition in Toronto in May. A team of 10 BCIT students received the Magna International Fair Enterprise National Champion award, acknowledging ACE-BCIT as the best-run chapter in a field of more than 30 active groups across Canada.

BCIT trades students picked up five medals from the 2003 Canadian Skills Competition held in Waterloo, Ontario in June. **ERIK TOORENBURGH** won a gold in refrigeration. **JOHN ROSSE** took home a gold in plumbing. Silvers were handed out to **ANDREW WATT** (electrical wiring) and **BRIAN SEMPLE** (aircraft maintenance). **BOOKER HADLEY**, a third-year joinery apprentice, earned a bronze for cabinet making.

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BCIT's 100,000th grad receives recognition

The almost 1,700 grads who crossed the stage at Convocation this year brought BCIT's total number of graduates to more than 100,000.

Along with his degree in Computer Systems Technology, the 100,000th grad, Kelly West, was presented with a certificate of recognition, a basket of goodies, vouchers good for continuing education courses at BCIT and a lunch with president Tony Knowles and Board of Governors chair Julia Blockberger.

"We're proud to have been able to provide the kind of education to allow 100,000 people to have wonderful careers and to contribute to the infrastructure of this province," Tony told the crowd at the Willingdon Conference Centre.



Kelly West (centre) was recognized as BCIT's 100,000th grad.

Introducing two new Alumni Association Board members (elected May 22, 2003, at the Annual General Meeting):

Emil Bosnjak,
Marketing Management '88

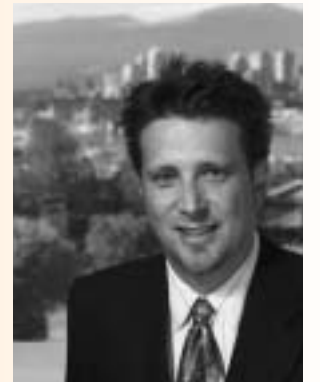
President and chief executive officer, BWireless® Group of Companies



Upon graduation from BCIT, Emil was recruited by Rogers ATT Wireless to sell its new wireless subscription service, cellular telephones. Emil focused his efforts on building relationships with corporate clients and maintained "top salesman" status for two years. In 1990, he founded Vancell Communications (rebranded BWireless® in 2000) and partnered with BC Tel Mobility to drive wireless adoption into Vancouver's corporate segment. Initially, Emil sold cell phones out of the trunk of his car. Between 1993 and 2003, Emil and his BCIT grad executive team opened seven wireless corporate stores and one Telus digital neighbourhood in Vancouver, Kamloops, Toronto and Ottawa. Emil was recently chosen as one of *Business in Vancouver's* Top 40 entrepreneurs under the age of 40.

Tim Joynt, Multimedia Software Development '01

User Training and Support, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority



After 20 years as a professional musician, Tim found it increasingly difficult to maintain a reasonable standard of living. With an interest in computers and an awareness of booming technology careers, he enrolled in BCIT's Computer Systems Technology program. Tim successfully earned one of the 256 available seats, out of 1,700 applicants, for the fall 1999 semester. Graduating in 2001, with a Diploma of Technology, he made his way into various IT-related roles at Vancouver Coastal Health, including user training and Web master. Tim is now able to realize one of his graduation goals to continue pursuing music, incorporating his new computer training in the building of his music studio.

Get involved!

Are you interested in becoming involved as a Board member, or as a committee or event volunteer for the BCIT Alumni Association? Contact Sherri Magson, director of Alumni Relations, at 604-453-4090 or alumni@bcit.ca.

Mark your calendar

Here are some special events to note. Please come out and enjoy.

BCIT Winter Convocation
Willingdon Conference Centre, Burnaby
Feb. 26, 2004, 7 p.m.

BCIT Open House
April 2-3, 2004
Burnaby campus

E-mail Michelle_Traynor@bcit.ca to volunteer for convocation or open house.

Alumni Association Annual General Meeting
May 26, 2004
Coast Plaza Suite Hotel at Stanley Park

BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards
September 30, 2004
Pan Pacific Hotel Vancouver

E-mail alumni@bcit.ca to receive formal invitations to the AGM and Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala events next year.

Class of 1972 Computer Systems Technology Reunion

A reunion of the BCIT Computer Systems Technology class of 1972 was held Sept. 13, 2003, at the Arbutus Club in Vancouver. This enjoyable occasion, attended by 16 alumni, sparked many fond memories of the years at BCIT and rekindled old friendships. Many thanks to Reg Cawston for taking the time and making the effort to organize the event.

Previous reunions the class arranged, a Vancouver harbour cruise in 1992 and dinner at the Richmond Inn in 1982, were well attended and enjoyed by all.



Back (l-r): Jim Morgan, Stewart Symmers, Frank Wegener, Rudi Epp, Garry Gramm, Gary Lake, Reg Cawston
Front (l-r): Georgina Spilos, Liza Leung, Gale Pirie, Janice Lake, Rhonda Hamilton, Jeanne Coleman, Diane Nauthe, Barbara MacGillivray, Steve Tedder

Visit www.alumni.bcit.ca for additional photos.

Upcoming Reunions

1966 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT grads are planning a reunion. Provide contact information to Ken Flannagan (Admin./Finance) at 250-758-3112 or kflann@shaw.ca

1979 MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY has a reunion set for May 2004. For more information, contact Judith Holt at jholt@bcit.ca or 604-224-0197.

1993 MARKETING MANAGEMENT grads are celebrating a 10 year milestone. For updates, check <http://hometown.aol.com/marketing93bcit>.



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At Open House 2004, BCIT celebrates 40 years of making a difference. Join us for displays, tour the campus, and reunite with old friends. If you're interested in hosting a reunion for your class, contact 604-432-8847 or visit www.alumni.bcit.ca. See you there!



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2002

LAKE, KATHRIN – Human Resource Management

After graduation and certification in HR, Kathrin was hired by People First Solutions as a senior human resources consultant. She now enjoys helping numerous small businesses (20-300) and their employees improve their communication and people management. Kathrin can be reached at kathrin@peoplefirstsolutions.com.

2001

SOO, WINSTON – Auto Mech ELTT – Toyota Educational Program
Winston and Nancy are being kept very busy since having Marcus William, 7lbs., 13oz. in October 2002.

2000

HUSTING, JONATHAN – Management Systems

April 26, 2003 at Immaculate Conception Church in Delta, BC, Jonathan married Sarah Chambers. They started dating while Jonathan was in his first term at BCIT. He credits his success to Sarah's motivation.



1999

SURGESON, PAUL – Building Science

Paul and Gabriela were married Aug. 2, 2002. Since graduation, he has been working with CSA doing restorations and new construction (residential).

1998

SIDHU, TAJINDER – Broadcast Journalism

Teejay hosts the Breakfast Show on 93.5 RED FM, one of Mumbai's leading radio stations in India. It's part of the India Today Group, which owns India Today, Business Today news magazines and also AAJTAK, India's top news channel. She is also editor-in-chief of RAVE, India's first music/arts magazine which she launched last year with a friend. Check out www.Raveindia.com.

1997

REYES-GILES, PAOLA – Broadcast Journalism

This July, Paola and Travis welcomed their son Alex into the world. After being nominated for two Emmys for the Telemundo/NBC morning show and walking away with the 2003 Best NYC Reporter award at the ACE ceremony, Paola is enjoying motherhood at her new home in South Beach, Fla.

1996

LUNSTEA, NICOLE (MANDRYK) – Environmental Health

Nicole and husband Len reside in Dauphin, Man., where Nicole works for MB Conservation as a public health inspector/environment officer. In June 2002 they welcomed a new arrival, Allison Lunstea, who is a handful and a joy. If any classmates would like to keep in touch, e-mail Nicole at lunstea@mb.sympatico.ca.

1994

FUNK, BRENDA – General Nursing

Brenda moved to Fort McMurray, Alta., with Richard, and works for Syncrude Health Services. Richard, a graduate of Instrumentation Tech 1992, is a manager for the Olefins Facility for Williams Energy Services.

QUADROS, PAMELA – Marketing Management-Tech Sales/Prof Sales

Pamela has been with Obie Media for five years and recently opened a western Washington sales office in Vancouver, Wash., after finishing two-and-a-half years as a Sales Manager in Portland, Ore. She has bought a house south of the border, but looks forward to when her career takes her home to Canada.

1991

SAVAGE, COLLEEN (BRENNAN) – Marketing Management-Tech Sales/Prof Sales

Colleen launched Write on Target Communications in June 2002, which specializes in corporate communications, market planning and copywriting services for new and emerging businesses (writeontarget@telus.net). She and husband Shayne welcomed the arrival of their third son in May 2003.

1990

RUEST, DARIS (KLEMMER) – General Nursing

Hello all! Just a quick "hi" to all 1990 (June) grads. Hello to Kyle in BC. Daris has two girls aged eight and five, and has been married since August 1990. Hope all is well. Is anyone interested in a 15-year reunion? Contact the alumni office and we'll get it organized.

YIOLDASSIS, GEORGE – Mechanical Systems

After graduation and working in the industry, George had the good fortune to return to BCIT as an assistant instructor, where things turned full circle. It was an incredible experience for which he is very thankful. He finds it interesting how life's road brings you back to where you never imagine.

1989

SCHWUCHOW, MARTIN – Chemical Sciences

Martin specializes in stack/air pollution testing and in 1999, he started his own environmental emission testing company which is called Source Test Ltd. He lives in Surrey and has been happily married to Cheri for eight years. They have a two-year-old baby girl named Veryna.

1988

RODRIGUES, CRAIG – Mechanical Systems

Craig married Charlene June 2, 2001. In addition, he has run a computer network company, Nautilus, for the last six years.

WRIGHT, GORDON – Broadcast & Media Communications

Gordon is newly employed in sales at Hemlock Printers of Burnaby, and is working out of their Victoria facility. He has been married for 11 years to Jeannie and they have a four-year-old son, Montana. In addition, he enjoys running (10ks and half-marathons) and plays squash in the winter. Gordon would love to hear from classmates or his residence roommates at gord.wright@shaw.ca.

1986

FRY, BRIAN – Marketing Management

Since graduating from BCIT, Brian has built a career in the Information Technology industry. Brian has held senior executive sales and marketing positions in companies located in BC and California. Today Brian lives in Rossland, a small ski town in the BC interior, where he is the vice-president and manager of sales and marketing for RackForce Hosting Inc. (www.rackforce.com).

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1985

HOU, FRANK – Operations Management

Frank would like to get in touch with graduates who live in Asia, either Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, or China. He's an assistant general manager of material in China for a Singapore-listed company. Frank is proud to be a BCIT grad and hopes all of you are successful in what you're doing.

RAY, DUNCAN – Geomatics

Ray is living in Nice, France where he was recently married. He is studying to become an English professor in France. He is planning to apply for French nationality, which will allow him to work anywhere in the countries comprising the European Community.

1980

MACNEILL, RICHARD – Computer Systems

After an 18-year career with Telus, Richard left earlier this year to accept a new challenge as director of finance and administration for Teldon International Inc., a rapidly growing full-service print media company headquartered in Richmond, BC. He lives in North Delta with his wife Julia and their two beautiful boys Daniel, 3, and Christopher, 2. They would like to hear from other classmates at rj_macneill@telus.net.

1979

BORUGIAN, MARILYN (BERSON) – Computer Systems

After a 20-plus-year career in computer programming and system design, Marilyn returned to graduate school, and recently completed a PhD in epidemiology, looking at modifiables affecting breast cancer survival. She has won a post-doctoral fellowship to continue her research at the British Columbia Cancer Agency.

1978

ALDERLIESTEN, JOLINKA (DRESSSELHUIS) – General Nursing

After graduating, Jolinka worked in Holland, Asia and at Burnaby General. Following marriage to John Alderliesten (BCIT-Agricultural Technology 1977), they worked in East Africa and moved to Connecticut where they lived until 1995. Since then, they've settled in Vanderhoof and are living on a small family farm with two sons, two daughters, horses, cows, goats, chickens, and dogs! Guests are always welcome! Jolinka is doing her nursing refresher.

1972

WISNIOWSKI, WALTER – Marketing Management

After 30 years of residence in Ontario, Walter and wife Donna are returning to BC. He would enjoy hearing from classmates and past members of the Student Executive 71/72. He can be reached at waltdon@shaw.ca.

LUMBY, RICHARD – Administration Management

After obtaining his CMA in 1978, Richard worked in the corporate world until 1992, when he bought the Terminal Pub in New Westminster. All BCIT grads welcome for a libation!

1970

SCOTT, DALE ROBERT – Hospitality Administration



Dale's career combines three decades of executive experience in large property general management, multi-unit chain management and new-lodging product development. His diversified management background includes senior executive positions at various hotels, nine years as president of Glacier Park Inc. and hotel concessionaire in Glacier National Park. He holds dual US/Canadian citizenship and resides with his wife Mary-Jane, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

1969

POVEY, RONALD – Forest Resources

Ronald went through corporate restructuring at the end of January 2003. He started early retirement, and is travelling in their trailer.

1968

WILKINSON, MAVIS – Forest Products/Wood Option

Mavis continues to use her forest industry methods and principles in her home-based manufacturing and marketing art business.

1966

LEROUX, WAYNE – Computer Systems

After six years of retirement, Wayne decided to return to work with Paymentech, which is the largest electronic transaction processor in the US. He tells us that BCIT provided a wonderful foundation for his career, for which he is always grateful.

IN MEMORIAM
THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REMEMBERS



MEYER, PAUL

Former faculty in BCIT's Financial Management program, passed away suddenly on September 16. Students and faculty were always impressed with Mr. Meyer's tireless dedication to teaching and learning. At the age of 50, he seized the opportunity to finish his high school education, followed by a BA in economics at the University of British Columbia, and post-graduate work in adult education. This led to his becoming an instructor at BCIT. He completed his masters in education six months before his retirement in 1980.

In 1998, Mr. Meyer demonstrated his continuing commitment to education, by creating the Paul Meyer Bursary Endowment Fund. As an instructor in financial management, Mr. Meyer appreciated the value of endowments and continued to give to this fund throughout his life. The BCIT Foundation has also been honoured to learn that Mr. Meyer remembered the students of BCIT by leaving a bequest in his will.

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PRICE, JOEY

Broadcast Television 1978
Sadly, Joey had been ill with cancer for many years and passed away in September 2003.

HYDE, BRIAN

Broadcast Journalism 1984
Brian passed away suddenly on Sept. 25, 2003. He was with CH TV in Victoria.

WEBBER, LAVELY

Computer Systems Technology 1972
Lavey passed away last June while residing in Costa Rica, where she had hosted many friends and family who visited. She is survived by her son Justin and brother Chris.

IAGALLO, MICHAEL

Michael, a much respected and major first-year instructor in BCIT's Medical Laboratory Technology since 1999, died Sept. 24, 2003, following a tragic car accident.

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