

# ambassador

## 25,000 attend Open House 2004

For two sunny days, April 2 and 3, BCIT was flooded with 25,000 visitors who came to discover what BCIT has to offer.

Open House 2004 celebrated BCIT's 40th anniversary and dozens of alumni came by to touch base and reminisce, some of whom attended BCIT in the 60s and hadn't returned until now.

More than 4,000 high school students toured the campus on Friday, and seven elementary school groups from Burnaby entered the mural competition, creating their own visions of the theme, "The path you choose can make all the difference."

Many visitors took in a short welcome session before gazing at stars in the planetarium, sitting through a simulated forest fire, wriggling into a safety suit, walking with a prosthesis, tasting freeze-dried ice cream, pedalling a bike to power a light bulb, and any of the hundreds of interactive things they could get their hands on.

Open House is a BCIT tradition that goes back to the 1960s, but this was the first Open House to be run by a collaborative team of select student leaders and BCIT staff. In the past, Open House was organized by a 17-20 member student committee. "We had amazing support from all the committee members and staff members at BCIT, and that's what made it successful," reports Farnaz Farrokh, Open House student leader for volunteers.

Open House 2004 was one of the most successful ones in terms of volunteer, student and faculty participation. Each display involved volunteers from its own program area, while more than 200 student volunteers helped with the overall event. Staff and faculty, too, contributed many hours of work to help make Open House 2004 a resounding success.

Steve Turnbull, program head for International Trade and Transport is one of the many committed faculty members. "This is an opportunity for students to show pride in their program. If they're proud of their learning, they'll want to tell the story," he says.



Open House 2004 had entertainment and hands-on activities for all ages.



Carly Handel, student leader for Open House corporate sponsorship, smooches with her llama, Courage. Carly raised a record sum of \$160,140 in corporate sponsorship for Open House (cash, in-kind, and prizes).



Young visitors take a swing in a home-care lifting device designed by the Technology Centre as part of their ongoing applied research and technology transfer activities.

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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Join us at the 25th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 26, 2004. Details on page 5.

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## President's message

We've got an exciting year ahead of us, and not only because it's BCIT's 40th anniversary. We've had a tremendous response to last year's Commit to

Excellence Alumni Annual Appeal. We met and surpassed Bob Rennie's \$20,000 Challenge Champion gift and the funds will go directly to supporting students through the Alumni Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund, the Library, and other areas. On a related note, Bob Rennie has only wonderful things to say about BCIT grads, some of which he's shared in an interview on page 3.

Many events are being planned to celebrate BCIT's 40th, some of which took place at this year's Open House on April 2 and 3. More than 20,000 people attended, highlighting the pride we all feel for this Institute.

The Alumni Association is also celebrating our 25th anniversary. An entertaining look back at the last 25 years will be featured in the next edition of this newsletter. And looking ahead, the Alumni Association is engaged in exploring and strengthening our value to you. Through focus groups, surveys, and other points of contact, we want to learn what makes us relevant to you. We'd love to hear from you: please call us or send us an e-mail.

Another way to get involved is to attend our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 26. I encourage you to come out and reconnect. Danny Catt, a BCIT grad and a professional biologist, photographer, educator and naturalist, will give a special presentation on the lessons he has learned in his many travels throughout the world. Look for details on page 5. At the AGM, we will also acknowledge the valued contributions of retiring Board members: Scott Gray, Rob Fisher, Lisa Hansen and Paul Kopinya.

And while September may seem like a long time away, the anticipation for our 2nd annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on Sept. 30 is already building.

The activities and events I've touched on are just a snapshot of all that's on the go. If you want to continue to get the most out of your BCIT education and experience, I encourage you to get involved – find out what the Alumni Association can do for you.

Shantal Cashman,  
Marketing Management '00  
PRESIDENT  
BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## Alumni Campaign 2003 Honor Roll of Donors

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# An interview with Bob Rennie



Bob Rennie

Bob Rennie, Vancouver's top realtor for the third year in a row, joins the BCIT Foundation board of directors in May. He serves on the Program Advisory Committee for BCIT's Real Estate program and his company, Rennie Marketing Systems, employs BCIT grads. Rennie's Challenge Matching Gift of \$20,000 to the Commit to Excellence Alumni Appeal inspired many alumni and friends to support the campaign.

Rennie Marketing Systems has quite a few BCIT alumni on staff. What qualities do they bring to your workplace?

BCIT grads have a practical approach, and they're not as delusional as most coming into the business. They are willing to work hard and invest the time it takes to get the results. Real estate is a profession, and BCIT grads are professional.

How does Rennie Marketing Systems provide practicum experiences for BCIT students?

We've mentored BCIT students for many years. An example would be February's grand opening of Yaletown Park. We hired students from the Real Estate Marketing program to work as hosts, facilitators and runners. In a situation like that, we sell more than 450 suites in one day. The students get a behind-the-scenes experience of high-impact marketing. They actually witness the turmoil behind the curtain in relation to the stage production.

What advice would you give to students graduating today?

I would give the same advice Joe Segal told a friend of mine over lunch a long time ago. He said, "Go

find something to do that you really enjoy, and then do it better than anyone else."

You cannot be everything to everyone. In fact, I advise every newcomer to keep telling me what they won't do. One of two things will happen: either they won't do anything, and they'll leave; or they'll do what they do best, so we can't live without them. This is what will make employees productive and happy.

What is most satisfying to you about your work?

My work is my hobby. Things are constantly evolving and changing every day, so I make sure I have the most talented team of professionals around me to stay on top of everything so I can do the parts I do best.

A BCIT education is a combination of academic learning and applied skills. Is there any change you'd like to see in the BCIT curriculum?

Psychology is really important. A part of your education should help you to learn how to better understand people and to understand yourself. And to learn how to be yourself. It is your own individuality that will get you ahead, not trying to be like everyone else. The sooner you learn the truth about who you are, the better.

What does it take to succeed in sales?

You need to have a very high threshold to pain! There are many learned skills in real estate sales, such as marketing, branding, understanding demographic trends, but selling is not a learned skill. It's a talent you're born with and one that you hone with experience. You have to enjoy people and be very flexible in responding to their individual needs.

How you treat people really matters. We try to create a safe environment at the office so that all staff can be open and honest with each other and devote their full energy to serving our clients. Of course, there are always deadlines, but work should be as stress free as possible. I have zero tolerance for office politics or any behaviour that doesn't respect others.

To succeed in life?

You really can't take yourself too seriously. You can't be auditing yourself every moment, judging how you're doing. You have to look at how you're doing over the long term, both in business and in your personal life.

What does your crystal ball tell you about the real estate market?

We're all trying to guess where the market will go. Record low interest rates are great for buyers, however, there is a lack of inventory throughout Greater Vancouver. I'm projecting an increase in demand for housing this year as real jobs are coming here to build the infrastructure for the Olympics, the RAV (Richmond-Airport-Vancouver) line, the Vancouver convention centre, the Delta Seaport and the Sea to Sky Highway.

Greater Vancouver is now on the world stage, and the world is looking at us. What people see is a beautiful, cosmopolitan, safe city – not only to live in, but to invest in. We had Expo '86 hand our business card to the world and everybody kept our card. Well, here we go again.

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# Reducing injuries on the waters



From left to right: Don Kennett, Terry Bergstrom, Greg Clarke and James Buchan

Just a few years ago, Vancouver Shipyards, part of Washington Marine Group, was a “worksafe focus firm.” The Workers’ Compensation Board of BC had its eyes on it because of its poor safety record. But all that has changed, thanks to a strong management commitment to safety across the company and the ongoing efforts of BCIT occupational health and safety graduates who have been brought on board.

BCIT graduate, Don Kennett, who is the WMG Health and Safety Training Coordinator, says that they have built a solid safety team that has been

highly effective in reducing the frequency of accidents, the duration of time losses, and WCB claims costs by assisting management and workers.

Washington Marine Group is a leading marine transportation and ship construction and repair corporation based out of North Vancouver. Says Kennett, “Our safety program mainly covers Vancouver Drydock, Vancouver Shipyards, Victoria Shipyards, and Seaspans Marine activities which include tugs, barges, and coastal intermodal ferries.”

“We are committed to excellence in health and safety and believe in the concept of zero workplace injuries,” says Bill Meechan, VP Health, Safety and Environment. The safety philosophy is broad ranging and includes everything from strong leadership to behaviour changing techniques. “Having competent safety professionals who are relentless in this approach is key to the success of our safety program.”

“Every day, you are dealing with something different,” says Shane Fuson, safety coordinator of the Vancouver Drydock, who graduated in 2001. He says that every job is unique. You may be working on tugs, ferries, gravel or fuel barges – and the safety responsibilities and issues run the gamut from A to Z.

The highly transient workforce adds to the challenge. Fuson says that the workforce can fluctuate from 40 to 300 at Vancouver Drydock, and you have to make sure that everybody understands and follows safe work procedures.

One of the most important things is that the safety culture at Washington Marine Group has turned around. Workers are much more receptive to the safety message. It’s BCIT graduates like Kennett, Fuson, and others such as Gagan Grewal, Terry Bergstrom, Rich Lane and Doug Shur, who can take a lot of the credit. The company is impressed enough that they are sending more employees through the OSH program.

## BCIT research moves technology out of the lab

When people think of research they usually envision primary research, where ideas are conceived and theories proven. While this type of research is vital to technological development, it represents only the first steps on the road to creating useful products and services. Further applied research is needed to move new technology out of the lab and into the real world.

BCIT is a world-class centre for applied research and home to some of Canada’s leading research experts and innovative research facilities. Our research teams work with industry clients ranging from the entrepreneur with a prototype idea, to companies and organizations developing products and services.

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Check it out at [www.tc.bcit.ca/news/newsletter](http://www.tc.bcit.ca/news/newsletter).

## Alumni and students connect

On Jan. 28, BCIT’s Student and Alumni Associations combined the past, present and future into one event. The past and present – seven BCIT alumni who had graduated in the last 25 years from programs such as Broadcast Journalism, Civil & Structural, Operations Management, Computers & Systems, Med Lab, Marketing, and Electrical & Electronics Power option. The future – thirty-five BCIT students eagerly looking forward to graduation.

The idea was to hear real life stories from BCIT alumni. They described how highly organized job searches, networking and chance encounters led to jobs. They said job-specific skills open doors, but it’s the BCIT work ethic and ability to learn quickly that are really the greatest value grads offer. Finally, they confirmed the value of giving back to the community.



Rob Fisher, Operations Management ‘83, right, chats with students.

“It was all about being part of BCIT,” said co-organizer Rob Fisher, a director on the BCIT Alumni Association Board of Directors. “Judging from the animated conversations and smiles as everyone left, that’s a pretty exciting world!”

If you would like to participate as an alumni presenter/mentor at next year’s event, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 604-432-8847 or [alumni@bcit.ca](mailto:alumni@bcit.ca).



## Alumni Association celebrates silver anniversary



"My two years spent studying at BCIT were among the most valuable, enjoyable and influential of my career. BCIT is far more than a series of campuses, or a maze of labs and lecture halls. It's a post-secondary institution that gives you real-life practical training – a place where I got my hands dirty and my feet wet. The lessons I learned as a student at BCIT have gone far beyond my field of study. They kick-started me into an exciting career that has taken me around the globe and back again." – Danny Catt

Join us on Wednesday, May 26, 2004 for a special Annual General Meeting as we celebrate the Association's 25th Anniversary and the Institute's 40th. Learn more about what's happening at BCIT and your Alumni Association. Meet and mingle with other alumni.

Danny Catt, MSc, RPBio, DiplT '83, a professional biologist, photographer, naturalist and instructor with BCIT's Fish, Wildlife & Recreation program, will regale us with "Lessons I Have Learned..." from his world adventure travels.

### Wednesday, May 26, 2004

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Nelson Room, Conference Level  
Coast Plaza Suite Hotel at Stanley Park  
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## Kudos!

Congratulations to the following individuals and organizations for their recent honours and appointments:

**Chris Golding**, promoted to Dean, BCIT Learning Resources Unit.

**Andy Basi**, CHE, MBA, newly appointed Associate Dean for Laboratory Sciences and Health Protection, BCIT School of Health Sciences.

First graduating class of the **Airline and Flight Operations** (Commercial Pilot) program, Dec. 18, 2003.

**Gary Lake**, BCIT Leadership Chair and his committee, who won the 2003 Leadership Campaign Team of the Year Award. BCIT's participation in the United Way last year raised a record \$90,403.

2003 Millennium Excellence Award scholarships went to eight BCIT students: **Shanna Bowker** and **Katrina Klumper** (Marketing Management), **Shane Brooks** (Petroleum and Natural Gas), **Vanessa Harrison** (Bachelor of Technology Nursing), **Christopher Kimberley** and **Jordan Lapp** (Computer Systems), **Erin Smith** (Electroneurophysiology), and **Courtney Zimmerman** (Bachelor of Technology Environmental Health).

Four School of Business students took first place in the Royal Roads University International Undergraduate Case Competition held in March. The students were **Surita Baines**, **Annie Ni**, **Noel Philippot**, and **Farouk Zaba**.

If we've missed someone who should be honoured, let us know. We'll do what we can to include it in the next Alumni Ambassador.

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## 2002

### FONG, CINDY – *Plastics Engineering Technology*

Since graduation, Cindy has been working at Custom Plastics Group Ltd. She is working towards her Bachelor of Technology in Manufacturing at BCIT. She just had new members added to the family: plattys, mollies, sharks, cichlids, tetras and an algae feeding fish, The Plecostomus!

### RUMSBY, MICHAEL – *Marketing Management: Communication/ General*

Mike completed his BCIT internship at Hangar 18 Creative Group Inc., a Vancouver branding and advertising firm co-founded by Nigel Yonge, also a BCIT Marketing Communications graduate (1991). He was hired upon completion of his internship as an Account Executive and has recently been promoted to Account Manager.



## 2001

### VRBASKI, BRANISLAV – *Building: Architectural Option*

Check out his Web gallery at [Artvrbaski.com](http://Artvrbaski.com) which promotes Canadian and world artists, architecture, and places.

## 2000

### DESAULNIERS, JASON – *Financial Management*

Jason is married to Tanya, and they have three daughters. He is a Financial Planner with RBC Royal Bank in Edmonton. Their interests include ATV-ing and skiing.

**GRANT, KELLY** – *Broadcast & Media Communications: Radio*  
Will the radio broadcast grads have a five year reunion? It would be a blast! Kelly is currently working at Z95.3 in Vancouver and was recently promoted to middays and assistant music director. BCIT definitely gave him the tools he needed.

### HULYD, ROBYN – *General Nursing*

Robyn has been working at VGH on a surgical unit. She is currently on a one-year leave and is travelling in Australia with her boyfriend, Chad. She has also had the opportunity to work in some of the hospitals in Sydney.

### ROLFSON, MELISSA (PREECE) – *General Nursing*

Melissa is presently employed on a Nevro-Trauma floor in a downtown Toronto hospital. She and her husband are expecting their second child in January of 2004. Rob will be finishing a master program at University of Toronto before the new year. They are excited to move to a new stage in life. Hope life is going well for all the other nursing grads, she writes.

## 1999

### BURTON, DOUG – *Software Systems Developer*

Doug is working parttime on his Bachelor of Technology in Software Development at BCIT. He's worked the past two years with a private software firm, and recently accepted a position with the provincial government.

## 1998

### PASIC, NADIA – *Management Systems*

Nadia is self-employed in Event Planning, Marketing and Project Development. Over the past two years, she has been involved with the development and planning of the Amazing Race fundraiser for Shinerama at BCIT. She has worked closely with the Student Association and BCIT Recreation Services and is proud to be a part of this successful event. She also does program development and promotion for the BCIT International Students through Recreation Services and hopes to continue her involvement with the BCIT community.

## 1995

### LUMMERDING, PAUL – *Biotechnology*

Paul is with the same company as when he moved back to Saskatchewan in 1999. They had a their second child, Aliya Ann, in September 2002.

## 1994

### BRAND, NICOLE – *Renew Res-Fish Wildlife & Rec*

Nicole has been living in Kamloops and working in the field of ecology for the past nine years. She has had her own consulting company (Aspen Ecological Services) for the past

six years and has been contracting mostly for the Ministry of Forests. She has also been involved with the British Columbia Grasslands Conservation Council. In addition to ecology she is very involved in the arts and has been drawing as well as becoming a potter.

### DECOFFE, WAYNE – *Broadcast & Media Communications: Television*

Wayne has been working full time for five years and is currently working at Global/BCTV News as an ENG Camera. He married Jill Rabin (Television Production 1995) in July 2001. They purchased a home in Cloverdale in November 2000. Jill has been at BCTV for six years as a teleprompter operator.

### JHINKU, HAROLD – *Management Systems*

Harold is married to a fellow BCIT nursing grad named Roselin. They have three kids aged 4-10 and live in the Richmond area. After BCIT he worked with the Royal Bank then after two years, moved to VanCity Credit Union where he spent the next seven years as an account manager. Currently he is at TD Canada Trust as Residential Mortgage Manager.

## 1993

### BAJIC, STEVE – *Financial Management*

Steve has been raising venture capital for the last six years and has taken four Capital Pool Companies public. Most recently, he listed Tulane Capital Corporation on the TSX Venture Exchange which amalgamated with Burnaby's Fibre-Crown Manufacturing Inc. ([www.fibrecrown.com](http://www.fibrecrown.com)) in May 2003. He lives in Vancouver but also has a place on Lake Okanagan in Vernon, BC where he and his girlfriend Ti try to escape to as much as possible.

### WOOTTON, RONALD – *Electronic Power*

Ronald's current professional endeavors include the responsibilities of electrical supervisor on a crane maintenance staff for P and O Ports Canada. He is juggling a major renovation of a heritage home in the West Point Grey area along with raising a family.

## 1992

### CAIRNS, GREG – *Chemical Sciences: Environmental Option*

Greg Cairns has been working in the environmental field collecting marine invertebrates since graduating. He is very happy to now be back at BCIT as Environmental Education Co-ordinator, and hopes to hear from his old classmates of '92. His e-mail is [enviro@bcit.ca](mailto:enviro@bcit.ca).



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1991



**YONGE, NIGEL** – *Marketing Management: Advertisement and Sales Promotion*  
Nigel is a partner at Hangar 18 Creative Group Inc., a branding and advertising firm he co-founded in 1995. The firm now has ten employees and has been recognized in numerous

national and international award shows. One of the company's recent hires was fellow BCIT graduate and one time intern, Mike Rumsby (2001). They can be reached at [www.hangar18creative.com](http://www.hangar18creative.com).

1990

**MADSEN, MICHAEL** – *Financial Management*  
After graduation, Michael joined BDO Dunwoody, obtained his CA designation and became a partner specializing in public companies. He lives in Port Moody, is happily married, and has two kids.

1989

**BIFFERT, ARNOLD** – *Computer Systems*  
Arnold retired from the CCRA (Revenue Canada) IT section in Surrey in May 2001. After two years of searching he bought a place in Enderby and an older motorhome. He and his wife are enjoying retirement to the fullest.

**KOBES, DIANA (PEETOOM)** – *Medical Laboratory Science*  
Diana was married three months after graduating and has been working in MSA Hospital since then. She and her husband have four children aged 4-12 and have built a house in Abbotsford.

1985

**MCCANDLESS, KENNETH** – *Mechanical Systems*  
After graduation, Ken moved to Ontario and has been there ever since. He married Dianne in 1991 and they have boys, aged nine and six, and one dog. They live in Kitchener where he is working in Sales and Project Management for automotive metal stampings and assemblies producer, PWO Canada Inc.

1975

**HULYD, ELLY (THUR)** – *Nursing*  
Elly is working at BC Women's Hospital in the Delivery Suite. Recently Morris and Elly downsized and are enjoying condo living in Vancouver after 25 years in Delta. Their time is now split between city living and a leisurely life at their second home on Shuswap Lake in the sunny Okanagan.

**SCHULTE, WANDA (MCKEE)** – *Psychiatric Nursing*  
Wanda and Bernie have been married for 26 years. They have a 23 year old son. Wanda is a Community Mental Health Nurse and Bernie in a Medical Imaging Technician.

1974

**HULYD, MORRIS** – *Wood Products Manufacturing*  
Morris is currently working at Crown Packaging in Richmond and has been there for almost 30 years. Son Mark is at UVic in Commerce and youngest daughter Jillian is at UBC.

**SPALDING, JAMES** – *Administrative Management*  
James is a single father raising his lovely eleven year old daughter Harmonie in Port Alberni where he has been a BC Government Agent for the past year. In addition he co-manages the Ucluelet Government Agents Office (where he previously lived for 14 years). He plays bass guitar in a weekend rock band, and looks forward to retiring in four years, when he can write short stories/novels and visit Mexico regularly. His BCIT diploma has assisted in his career advancement and given him fond memories of the people that he met.

1969

**LANYON, KASHA (DZIEDZIUCH)** – *Medical Radiography*  
Retired after 25 years of working in North Vancouver and Vancouver.

1968

**WILKINSON, LYLE** – *Operations Management*  
Lyle left Canada and worked for more than 30 years in Hawaii agribusiness. He lives with wife Charlotte in Hawaii. The kids are grown, with son and family on Maui and daughter in Chicago. He just published DIY Portfolio Management. His goal is to help other investors benefit from his extensive stock market education. Lyle can be reached through "about the author" at: [www.diyportfoliomangement.com](http://www.diyportfoliomangement.com).

IN MEMORIAM

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REMEMBERS

**BRIAN COMIS**  
Brian passed away suddenly on Friday, Jan. 23, 2004. BCIT valued Brian's contributions and his ability to pass on to his students his extensive knowledge of aviation and in particular reciprocating engines. He will be missed by his family, colleagues, and students.



**DAVE MITCHELL**  
*Aviation 1964*  
Dave, the associate dean of Aviation, passed away peacefully on Jan. 29, 2004. A memorial fund is being established in Dave's honour to provide bursaries for aviation students in financial need. Please call the BCIT Foundation at 604-432-8868 for more information on contributing.

**GEORGE RICHARD THOMSON**  
*Civil and Structural Engineering 1976*  
George passed away suddenly on Nov. 18, 2003. He will be sadly missed by his loving family: (wife) Milena, (sons) David and Brian, (step-sons) Dan (Tarni) and Rob (Heidi).

REUNIONS



Nurses celebrate 25 years

Back row, left to right: Jennie (Andretta) Frizzo, Suellen Mar, Jim Curtin, Ann Edwards, Linda (Konkin) Marlow, Madeline Rigg, Jerry Nelson, Mary MacLennan  
Middle row: Mike Cook, Debbie (Wilson) Sperandeo, Laurel (Heyes) Shears, Kathie (Simpson) Anselmo, Sandra (Walker) Curtin  
Front row: Teresa (Markin) Akins, Denise Clarke, Shannon O'Brien, Carol (Boyko) Lere

Missing: Christine Pearson  
Nursing, General and Psychiatric Class of 1978 celebrated their 25 year reunion on Sept. 27, 2003. They wrote, "We spent several hours visiting with each other and looking through scrapbooks which triggered a lot of great memories. It was fun to learn about the variety of career paths we've all taken."

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