

What they want for Christmas

DEAR SANTA,

I have been sitting around here compiling a list of the deep and secret Christmas wishes of the gang and, as usual, everyone wants something they can't have. The women want men, and the men want expensive toys. Christmas is such a wonderful time at here at BCIT. Why just look around and imagine how far one small piece of mistletoe would go. It's a thrilling thought!

> Our prez, JDS, already has his present for the year, and he'll probably continue getting it regularly, I'm sure. He hopes that nobody gets any "Christmas cards" from BCIT.

Ian Robertson wants a new car, a white Camaro with a "moon roof." What is a moon roof? At BCIT, that could have some kinky connotations. Ian hopes that everyone has a swell Christmas, and that you all come back rested and ready to volunteer for Telethon.

Jean Bengough wants a six-foot male in her stocking. Sorry, boys, I couldn't locate her phone number at press time. Warren Allan wishes for one night with the September Playboy bunny, but that's definitely more than he could handle.

Brent Simpson told me he wanted a trip for two to Hawaii. However, I think he needs a new pair of ballet slippers so he can continue his performances in the SAC lobby.

I myself was seriously considering a month's holiday in a convent, but I had second thoughts when I realized that it wouldn't be much of a change from going to school at BCIT.

Wonderful Janice Eden needs earplugs and an extra set of hands; Michael Kluckner needs a live-in hairdresser and a chest X-ray, Graham Fane would do well with a deluxe Maxwell Smart telephone-in-a-shoe and Derek Swain could perhaps benefit with a copy of ''When I Say No, I Feel Guilty.''

Yes, the list is endless. The best thing to remember is that you can't always get what you want, but if you try, you really do end up with what you need. Ah yes, shades of Karma, the golden rule and all that.

Christmas is a good time to think about what you are doing, reflect upon the year, and speculate about the future. So spread a little love around this place, enjoy the holidays, watch out for roadblocks and be sure to never believe everything you read. Merry Christmas from everyone to everyone.

Fiona Fraser

The LINK's Christmas list

As another service to our many faithful readers, the LINK staff has decided to provide you with a handy list of Christmas presents for all your favourite people.

Gordon Thom has told reliable sources that his idea of the perfect gift would be a Walter Hardwick voodoo doll.

For Dale Michaels we have a scale model of the SAC building for her to use at her discretion.

Jerry Lloyd wants Santa to bring him a Basketball Management Technology with two options: dribbling science and foul line [or language] administration. Derek Swain wants to be given

first chance at the position of Department Head of the aforementioned Basketball Tech.

Graham Fane would like nothing better than a stocking full of she can't get the six feet, FF says she'll take the six inches.

Something pub manager Rob Slavik needs desperately is an oil can for his chain saw so he can carve some more sculptures.

For the commissionaires—a Tonka towtruck.

LINK staff—someone who knows something (anything) about a newspaper.

Kluckner—an all expense paid trip to Denmark, smut capital of the world. If the trip doesn't fit into your budget two leather suits with appropriate air holes and a trampoline over the bed would be suitable.

Mike Brownrigg: his nickel! Shawn Witton: Shawn Witton,

Maria I. IP.



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Santa won't be able to get to Val Karpinsky unless they put a big chimney in the penthouse suite of the new residence. Wally Rowan would like noth-

Wally Rowan would like nothing more than to be idolized by huge crowds wearing Wally Rowan Intramural Tech T-shirts.

For Engineering rep Brent Simpson, a complete library of Red Skelton albums.

Santa should get VP External lan Robertson some Mickey Mouse ears that fit and a lifetime membership with the Mouseketeers (lan still thinks that Annette Funicello is just starting to bud).

President John Scott would be one happy guppie if someone would give the LINK a new picture of him for future issues.

A year's subscription to Playgirl would give Activities Coordinator Warren Allan something to compare himself with.

Five foot ten inch Health rep Fiona Fraser's lifelong desire is a six foot six inch man. However, if

Next deadlines

and old apologies

All material for the January 4, 1978 issue of the LINK should be turned in by mid-December. If nobody's in the office, shove it under the door. Office hours during December are likely to be very erratic due to the Manager's disappearance to Mexico, staff exams and other comings and goings.

The January 4 issue will be a quickie of very few pages, but we'll be back to our normal publication habits on January 11.

On a final note, our sincere apologies to Health Services for:

1) Wrongly informing our readership in the November 16 issue that the Health Fair scheduled for that day had been rescheduled (it turned out to be a good success, which proves nobody reads/believes us anyway), and

 forgetting to apologize to them for our good last issue.

Says SA treasurer **BCIT bookstore to be** non-profit next year

By TERRY STONE

SA Treasurer Allan Walker announced last week that he had learned that BCIT's bookstore will be run on a break-even basis in 1977-78. In order to meet this objective Walker claims the bookstore plans to reduce the markup on both the books and supplies offered by the store. The result of this reduction should mean a saving in the tens of thousands of dollars to the student body.

The decision to eliminate the profitability of the bookstore can be attributed largely to the persistence of Walker in his fight to have this year's bookstore profit of over \$50,000 put into the Building Fund. Walker told the LINK earlier in the year that his negotiations with Duncan Macpherson, the Executive Director of Administration and Bursar, had turned up the fact that the profits made by the bookstore this year had already been allocated. Walker received assurances from Macpherson that students would receive benefits next year in the form of reduced prices for the bookstore's merchandise.

Although the objective of the bookstore will be to break even next year Walker has also managed to get a commitment from Macpherson to recommend to the Principal's Executive Committee that any profits generated by the bookstore's operations be placed into a student activity fund.



SA treasurer Allan Walker

Marks to be distributed

Christmas marks will be distributed in class beginning January 4 to those students who have successfully completed first or third term.

Notices of failure will be sent by telegram on the afternoon of December 22 to home addresses. Students who wish to have telegrams sent to an address other than the home address already on file must submit a change of address form to the Admissions (Change of address Centre. forms are available at the reception desk in the Admissions Centre.) Transcripts will be sent to failing students by mail on January 6.

Provisional pass letters and transcripts will be distributed in class on January 6.

Another food service study started

The Department of Education has appointed a Mr. Goodwin to initiate "a study of the existing food services facilities at BCIT and PVI with particular emphasis on the feeding capacity of these facilities, and an estimate of how long it will be before major renovations or replacements are required.'

This study is to include all facilities such as vending, food kiosks and student-operated facilities and began in early November.

Mr. Goodwin discussed this study with the Food Services Committee and they were quick to point out the inadequacies of facilities that were designed for a population of 1,000 and are now serving over 4,000. It was also pointed out that recent studies have shown that 60 per cent of the students on campus bring their own lunch. Suggested reasons for this trend included the high prices of food supplied and the long waiting periods required to purchase them. With the Student Residence coming in next year the demand on the existing facilities can only increase.

Mr. Goodwin plans to wrap up the report in late February and in the meantime will be on campus observing the existing facilities. He will be meeting with representatives of the student body and administration so that each group will be able to point out the inade-quacies of the campus food facil-

ities. To quote an oldie but goodie "Where there is light there is hope" and all members of the Food Services Committee hope that this report will not be filed away in file #13, the round one in the corner, following the previous

Radio's great giveaway today

It's happening today! BCIT Radio proudly (?) presents the Great Giveaway. At 11:45 we'll present the first episode in the BCIT Radio Little Theatre of the Air Contest, a contest to end all contests. This is a contest that will never be better (take our word for it).

We'll play a dramatized version of a popular T.V. show, then what, you do is write down the title of the show you think it's from, along with your name and technology. Drop it in the box in the Student Association office. The first correct answer drawn from these entries will win the spectacular prize of the week. Something you'll never forget, no matter how hard you try!

five studies that have been made.

Remember, BCIT Radio's Little Theatre of the Air contest starts today. Listen for it at 11:45. Don't miss your chance to win, win, win!

Res. winner announced

Housing Coordinator Val Karpinsky has announced that final selection of a name for the new BCIT Residence will be made on Tuesday, November 29. Over 240 names have been submitted during the course of the contest, many displaying unusual imaginter of BCIT.



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EDITORIAL

Vandalism an epidemic

Vandalism at BCIT has reached epidemic proportions.

Last Wednesday (the night of the big snowfall), there was a large gathering of stranded students in the SAC who weren't able to get home. The result was a good time for all the people there except for the people running the games room. Apparently things got a little out of hand and a couple of pinball machines were smashed.

Other incidents of vandalism that have occured over recent months are towels being ripped out of dispensers in the men's room in the SAC, the doors of the bogs of the men's room in the SAC being torn down, and various drunken brawls occuring at the pub nights.

These incidents make life difficult for the people who are trying to make student life here bearable, not to mention the people who try to get involved in the student activities here.

It's the LINK's opinion that there are various people at this institution who are seriously hampering the efforts of the organizations designed to provide a good time for all the students at BCIT, and not just the drunken rowdies that get some kind of kick out of destroying stuff.

We suggest that the students committing these acts of vandalism clean up their acts, before we all have to suffer the consequences.

FRANKLY SPEAKING by dave sherwood

The Laws of Life and a brand new anthem

The Laws of Life, reprinted despite a conspicuous lack of requests, from the New Yorker and other august sources.

*Feldstein's Law: Never play leapfrog with a unicorn!

Schmidt's Law: Never eat prunes when you're hungry.

*Reverend Mahaffy's Observation: There's no such thing as a large whiskey.

The Golden Rule: Whoever has the gold makes the rules. The Law of Probable Disper-

sal: Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed (also known as: The How Come It Landed on Me? Law).

*Martha's Maxim: If God had meant for us to travel tourist class, He would have made us narrower *The Point Of No Return Law: The light at the end of the tunnel could turn out to be the headlight' of an oncoming train.

•Freleigh's Observation: For years I worked my fingers to the bone. And What did it get me?

Bony fingers. *Smith's Law (second version): Some students use school like a drunk uses a lamppost. More for support than for illumination.

. . . .

Considering all the problems Canada is having right now, would it be out of line to suggest that the national anthem be changed from "Oh, Canada!" to "Oh, Shit!"?

Letters to the LINK **Heath letter** a forgery

It has come to our attention that the letter which appeared on this page last week entitled "Foresters not slack-assed," allegedly writted by Forest Resource Technology Department Head Victor Heath, was a forgery.

The writer, who obviously knew which trays the dead copy lies in the office, spirited the original away, so we have no idea who the culprit was.

Victor Heath sent us a memo stating the following:

"I would appreciate your indicating to your readers that I was not the author of the letter re our program which appeared in the November 23rd issue.

"However, I do appreciate the supportive nature of the letter and congratulate the author on his correct impressions of this department's students and operation. While the writing style is familiar, it lacks the flair that I prefer to add to letters of that nature.'

Food Services

doesn't pay bill

CORRECTION: Re the Food Services article in last week's LINK...the Food Services Dept. does not pay the Bookstore's electrical bill as was previously reported.

Season's **Greetings and** best wishes from the SA Executive



Ian Robertson, VP Externa

"You probably think I'm just sitting here cooling my hoofies ...wrongo!!!!'' -Undeer, 1976.

Well, here it is November not even over and we're thinking about Christmas. In about ten days those ugly Christmas exams. come down on you, and that's about when you think the roof just caved in. But don't despair, you have seventeen days to recover. Some of us might work, others may just relax, but whatever you do it's a holiday. We the SA Executive have endeavoured to provide you with the activities to keep you sane. We have fought to keep rights that we feel are important to us as students. In a nutshell, we've tried to give you an exciting year. 1978 is just around the corner and from the looks of things it will be a promising year. On behalf of the SA Executive I wish everybody well on their exams and above anything else, relax and have a good holiday. You deserve it. Have a great time....Cheers!



Scribbled on the grouting in between the tiles in the washroom of the Devonshire Hotel pub was a little note from some anonymous wit saying simply that "Death is nature's way of telling you to slow down." I may be able to avoid that by disappearing tomorrow morning for a month in Baja California.

You can tell when your life is getting ridiculous by friends and acquaintances expressing concern constantly over what a zombie you've become. Most of the people who have in the past wandered into the office to chat or BS have given up on me over the past few weeks, being unable to compete with my glazed eyes and the incessant hammering of the press in the background. "You're unapproachable now," said Warren Allan last week. "All you ever do is watch that press."

To everyone who has made the effort to talk to me over the past few weeks I apologize for my distance, coldness and aloofness. I'll be more than willing to discuss my suntan and snakebites in a month. The "better late than never" telephone directory is in at the bindery

now and will be distributed all over campus in a week or two. It's free, so watch for the piles in the SAC, North Foyer and everywhere else you're used to picking up our junky offerings.

The idea of producing a yearbook this spring may be dead by the time you read this. The lack of budget, the lack of my time (we've been going crazy since school started without having had any large projects to do) and probably the lack of two thousand students willing to pay three or four dollars a copy for a yearbook will probably give it the coup de grace.

If you disagree with that and feel it's worth having a go at, contact VP Internal Rob Seines in the SA offices. He is coordinating a group of people within the Business Division who feel that a yearbook is not only possible but necessary. Act fast, like NOW—don't leave it until January because undoubtedly the decision will have been made by then.

This is the thirteenth and final issue of the paper this term. I think that the paper has been tremendously lively and readable this year compared with any year in the past (except possibly the issues back in '73 leading to the abolition of the Dress Code. The picture of then-student Jack Smuggler with nothing on but a tie, which was tied around his waist and hung in front of his dong to protest the rule that BCIT students had to wear ties, is an all-time classic).

The LINK staff should be congratulated for busting their proverbials week after week. Ditto for you readers who cared enough to write in with brickbats and bouquets for every issue. For those of you who figure it's horrible, "Tuum Est" -- it's up to you do something about it.

Merry Christmas, everyone, and good luck with exams. Get a good rest from this place over the holidays and we'll all arrive back in January with new ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

'A newspaper's duty is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.' —Henry Frick [?]

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We are in the home stretch now and I think I'll tell you first year students what no one bothered to tell me this time last year. Finals will neither be as hard as some folks tell you they are nor as easy as others do. They will count for a larger portion of your course mark than any one test yet, so here is your chance to raise your grade point average, or if you are close to the 49 per cent abyss to meet your match

The best thing you could do is to start tying up loose ends of projects and assignments now so that by next week you can devote most of your time for review. There are few things that are worse than running around during finals week trying to cram a term's work into your brain the morning of the test. Prpare beforehand and you won't have the wrinkles in your shorts that others do.

The Christmas break will seem like you died and went to heaven so don't spoil it worrying about marks. Others have made it and after this the hard part will be behind you. Good Luck.

Rob Seines, **VP Internal**

LINK staff claims Whistler

By BARNEY SHARP AND DON WRIGHT

Once again we join the LINK Staff in this, the second and final chapter in the soon-to-be-discontinued epic "War and Whistler." As you may or may not remember, last week's chapter dealt with the circumstances surrounding our hasty departure, the journey to the elusive BCIT lodge and the subsequent findings on arrival

Just before the paper went to the press last week, Allan Walker and a couple of the Lodge supporters came in and demanded to be allowed to read over what had been written before it was printed. Being nice people, we said yes. He was not impressed, to say the least. We told him that next week's article would include the actual information about the Lodge-membership costs, availability, etc. He ignored us and left the Publications office in silence.

We left off last week at the morning just after a gourmet breakfast. We had bundled up and headed for the famous Whistler Mountain. An expedition not unlike that of the Scott Journey to the Antarctic or the climbing of Everest, or the crossing of Willingdon Avenue at 4:30 Friday afternoons. Anger, peril and the sudden realization that there was nowhere to plug in our electrically heated mountain climbing boots kept us alert. By the time we got to the gondola, we found that the parking lot was almost full, there being only a few spots left in the lower level lot.

We piled out of the Pinto and tramped through the mud up to the gondola area in the hopes of renting some cross-country ski equipment, but were told there wasn't sufficient snow on the mountain to cross country ski on (with)

Determined to take some spectacular shots from the top of Whistler, we bought three-foot



passenger tickets for the top of the mountain at \$3 each, and embarked on our daring journey.

The first leg of the trip was in a four-section gondola that takes you halfway up the mountain, at which point you board a chairlift that carries you up to the top. It gets bloody cold in that lift if you're not properly bundled up.

Being the accomplished mountaineers we are, we immediately headed for the Roundhouse (the warm-up shack) to recover from the chairlift ride, and devoured Don's supply of peanut butter and honey, peanut butter and jelly, and peanut butter and cheez whiz sandwiches. God, they were awful! After thawing out we charted our expedition, agreeing to assault the highest peak we could see. We put our jackets and boots back on, and once again set off.

We hiked through snow so deep you sank in it up to your waist, moving at a pace roughly equal to a slug heading uphill on a sheet of ice. Above the tree line,



Reacting to the crisis

Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Working in the library. "Hey, it's really coming down.... "Yup, sure is."

"Boy, guess I should have put my snow tires on."

3:30 p.m. Halfway through a two-hour lab.

'Look at those crazy people out on Willingdon'

- "Traffic is already backed up to Canada Way."
- "I think we had better cancel the rest of the lab so we can all get

home... won't have any problem in my Honda, you know, front wheel drive and at the mercy of the elements, the wind was ferociously whipping snow in our frozen faces. About halfway up, Gabe, our third man, lost one of his gloves, which the wind immediately caught and carried down the mountain side, lost forever in the vast expanse of Mount Whistler.

This left us with three gloves between the three of us, not a good ratio with the wind chill factor around fifteen below (I swear

Defying death we climbed over ice laden crevices, we could see our goal in sight, an abandoned lookout post at the top of the mountain. After an eternity of wading through snow and scaling icy rock faces, Don scrambled up on top of a boulder proclaiming Mount Whistler for democracy, Queen Victoria and Patti Mc-Guire. Feeling a good sense of accomplishment (but not much else), we broke open the pack sack and depleted the contents. Concluding that we were, indeed, insane, we promptly took off down the side of the mountain at a pace Walter Payton would have been proud of.

Oblivious as to where we were, due to the snow and fog, visions of huddling under a rocky cliff for the night crept into our minds. So with darkness setting in, and the snow beginning to cover up our tracks, we accelerated our pace, until finally, the fog lifted for a brief moment and far in the distance we could see the Roundhouse.

Dragging ourselves over to the chairlift, exhausted, we stood in line for about fifteen minutes before getting a seat on the lift. Soaked through to the skin, with the snow pelting down something fierce and the wind gusting up every couple of minutes, the long ride was anything but a pleasant experience.

After disembarking at mid station we stood in line for an hour, freezing to death, before boarding a gondola and heading back to civilization.



Organ donors, etcetera

I've often thought of death as the final, the absolute, the irrefutable end, at least to a person's physical body. That's not the case according to a pamphlet put out by the Kidney Foundation of Canada. You, or rather, parts of you, can live on after death. "In the hope that I may help others, I hereby make this anatomical gift, if medically acceptable, to take effect upon my death." A quote from the information on an Organ Donor Card...something prospective donors carry with them at all times. Ironic, isn't it. Your death may be the necessary ingredient for another's life. Something to think about.

Have you noticed the new interior design on the west wall of the SAC cafeteria? I took a private poll and discovered the usual...some like its looks and some don't but it's not just for show. In fact the panels are designed and positioned with acoustics in mind. According to a recent study they'll help stop the bounce back and big room boom of the cafeteria when musicians and bands come to play. That's not all. A number of spotlights have been positioned strategically around the room which, with the flick of a switch, can produce the desired effect. There are curtains on the window too and even plans for some kind of painted mural on the south wall of the cafeteria. All this to produce a nice atmosphere for you when you partake of festivities in that area. Thank you all of you who put in the many hours of planning and work necessary to make this happen. It's a step in the right direction!

To the six people who phoned BCTV a number of weeks ago and asked for Mary...fooled you. It was all a hoax to find out if anyone actually, read my weekly offerings. To others than those six let me explain. A while back I suggested that if anyone wanted free tickets to tapings of the Al Hamel Show at BCTV he should phone -----– and ask for Mary. A friend on the switchboard there was keeping a rough count of who asked for the mysterious lady. Yes, I agree it was underhanded, sneaky and totally dishonest...but effective. I now know at least 6 people did at one time read my collection of this and that and nothing.

Honesty is alive and well and living on the BCIT campus. The other day I was playing badminton with John Scott (he wiped the court up with me). Somehow, during the changing room visit before the match I dropped my wallet. Well, 2:25 rolled round and I took off at a gallop, sweaty and depressed, to get to my 2:30 class (John is a disgustingly polite winner). As I approached Room 224 (sounds like a TV show) a fellow stepped into view and asked if my name was Shawn. I replied yes and for that he presented me with my wallet...before I even realized it was lost! This fellow had gone to the trouble of checking timetabling to see where I would be so he could return my \$40 and ID to me. Once again, thank you...PS. If you have a shred of decency you'll leave your name and phone number at the Link office care of Shawn ... unless you're afraid of the consequences!

Lolly pop lovers rejoice and give thanks to one George Smith. What for? George was the inventor of your reason for rejoicing. Seems he came up with the idea in the early 1900's while working in a Connecticut candy manufacturing firm. The name came from George's passion...horseracing and in particular from one of the most famous mounts of the day, Lolly Pop.

A special Xmas tip ... "Man whose leg has been cut off does not value a present of shoes!"

To any and all who have made it this far...congratulations! See you in the new year.

'PS: There really is a "hardluck jar" on campus.

Back at the Lodge we cooked up the rest of our rations, and stretched out in front of the fireplace to contemplate the day's adventure. The atmosphere had changed, with soft music on the stereo rather than Carol Burnette on the tube and everyone there resembled your typical student, just unwinding from a very gross school week. If we didn't have those commitments back home

we would have staved up there a couple more nights, but our schedules just wouldn't permit it. Too bad, at \$4 per night, \$2 for members, the BCIT lodge is a bargain, and a delightful alternative to the headaches of school.

We highly recommend you check it out, and create your own adventure or just vegetate for a weekend, escaping the grasp of this god-forsaken institute.

BCIT Whistler Lodge

and all."

"You might be able to go through the snow, but can your Honda jump over the other cars?'

4:15 p.m. in the SAC preparing to forge out into the whiteness and the bobsled run that only hours earlier had been Willingdon Avenue.

Did you hear the radio?...Second Narrows Bridge is closed, so is Patullo and Dease Tunnel.... "Where have you been?"

"I just spent half an hour getting from the parking lot to Canada Way. I had to abandon ship in the Shell station.

'I just heard that a semi-trailer just jack-knifed on Willingdon.''

4:45. The Health Division exams taking place in the SAC Cafeteria have just caused the lobby to become the world's largest stand-up bar as people try to wait out the traffic snarls.

'Let's go up to the fourth floor in the 1976 building and turn it into a dormitory for the night...

Only if we can talk the fox in the stupid turtleneck into going with us!'

"Hey, but you're married."

5:30 pm. People are starting to crack under the pressure of being confined against their will. John Scott is seen pinching an unidentified LINK staffer's tush. Graham Fane (who?) is jealous and attempts to have the LINK staffer removed from the office. Jerry Lloyd is seen attempting to organize basketball games on the tennis courts. Christmas carols are heard coming from the SA offices. LINK editor Terry Stone heads for Willingdon Avenue on foot to go bumper sliding. "Send a post-card if you make it, Terry.'' 6:00 p.m. ''It's turning to rain....

'Who cares, get me another beer.''

Unclassifieds

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Make your reservations in the SA office. Lodge memberships also on sale (\$10 membership reduces nightly fee from \$4 to \$2)

THE ROCKPILE

by Don Wright

New albums for Xmas

Lots of new albums are arriving just in time for Christmas (what a coincidence!)

First, there is the Jean-Michel Jarre album, entitled Oxygene. It is an incredible album. On it, Jarre uses a vast number of synthesizers, organs & computers to obtain an extremely easy to listen to, multilayered stream of sounds. Slightly like the synthesizer work on "Shine on You Crazy Diamond" by Pink Floyd, but without the piercing guitars and vocals. As far as European "electronic music" goes, it puts shit like Kraftwerk and the like in their place. Jean-Michel Jarre has succeeded in meshing the electronic counds into smooth-flowing compositions. This album is ideal background music, very relaxing, and very good. I've never heard of Jarre before, but he is definitely an artist to watch for. I understand Oxygene is the number one album in Vancouver right now, and rightly so.

Another excellent album, which actually hasn't arrived in the stores yet (at press time), but which has been expected for some time now is the live double alvum from Genesis. They played some tracks on FM99 the other night and it definitely sounds good. A must for anyone who's even heard of Genesis.

Rod Stewart's latest album, Footloose and Fancy Free, is rather disappointing. It does have one excellent cut, "You're in my Heart," and a couple of good rockers, but it just doesn't have the impact of, A Night on the Town. He's slipping, most of the songs on this album seem to be directly related to his marital problems. I guess the problem is that I liked him most when he did songs like "Maggie May" and "Stay With Me.

Eric Clapton is another old rocker, and his latest effort Slow Hand just doesn't measure up. After Layla everything seems to have gone downhill. The best cut, and the one getting the most FM airplay, is called "Cocaine.

Queen also has a new album out, though it hasn't arrived in Vancouver yet. Stuck up in the north west corner of North America as we are, we're thelast to get any new albums. Anyway, I haven't heard the whole album but Queen's News of the World sounds fine so far. They haven't, as Freddie Mercury (lead singer and ballerina) had proposed, cut out Brian May's heavy guitar work. May's guitar works because Queen is basically a "hard rock formula" group, and in this genre they are excellent.

Hard Rock Town is Murray McLaughlin's latest, and from what I've heard of it, it's his best yet. He has changed his style slightly from what he was doing on "Farmer's Song" to a harder rock sound and it works for him.

Some albums I've seen, but not heard, that have come out very recently include two "best of" collection. One, entitled **Decade** is an anthology of Neil Young's works, from his pre-CSN&Y days to his recent solo albums. It promises to be an excellent two-record set. The other is the Best of the Grateful Dead.

Paul McCartney will be releasing a new album, but it won't be out till after Christmas.

Billy Joel's new album The Stranger is another very good album that has just been released. For those of you who don't know his music he sounds somewhat like a cross between AI Stewart and Elton John, with

Try the Swap Meet for gifts

'How much is it? Really? I'll take it! Thanks.

Being the Cheapo that I am, and being close to broke as usual, I hitch-hiked a ride down to the Swap Meet at the Lougheed Drive-in last Sunday. The fellow at the gate was collecting twobits from everybody going in to buy. I walked in between two people who were much bigger than me, and saved my quarter.

Before me were dozens of cars and trucks lined up in rows with people selling off the ground or from tables set up around their vehicles. Goods of every description were being sold, everything from marbles to marble statues, furniture, car parts, porno mags, clothing, christmas decorations and fresh fruits and vegetables from around the Lower Mainland.

Much of the stuff offered for sale is junk people have carted over in the hopes of making a few dollars. Since most of the items are no longer useful to the owner, they have very little value to him or her. Therefore, if the price of the record you want to buy is \$3.00, offer the seller \$1.50.

The seller will do one of three things: a) he or she will tell you to go to

hell

b) he or she will accept the offer c)he or she might bring the price down a bit.

"No, I can't take less than \$2.50 for it, it cost me \$6.00, you know." Take the record out of the jacket and look at it very care-fully. Say something like: "I don't know, it looks fairly beat up, ther there's probably some skips or scratches on it that can't be seen." Then put the record into the jacket and pause for a moment, to see if the seller lowers his price any further. If he doesn't, and you still want the record, make an improved offer of \$2.00. Stress the questionable condition of the record. After all, you're meeting him halfway.

Nine out of ten times this strategy will work. Of course,



Chicago's superstar guitarist Terry Kath. Don Wright photo.

lyrics that are far superior to those of either artist. From the title cut to the end, every song on the album is good. If you appreciate soft music, you'll like this album, which is free of any "heavy" guitar work.

Chicago has another album out, Chicago XI (what else?). It includes their latest in a long stream of hits, "Baby, What a Big Surprise' Hopefully I'll have something on their Sunday concert in time for publication. If not, I'll mention it in January, if I pass this quarter. Merry Christmas

CONCERTS: Trooper and Prism on December 2; The Beach Boys on December 11; and Heart (a benefit) on December 29.

sellers are just buyers on the other side of the table, so they expect that people will offer less than they want to accept. This means that in most cases, the price on the item is more than the seller ever expects to pay, unless some sucker happens along.

Even if you don't have any money, it is sometimes interesting to see what long lost treasures people have hauled out of their attics and basements. One fellow had a pinball game that was mad in 1920. Ten balls for a nickel was written on the front. Now that's old.

Then there are the regulars. One guy who is there every week has a whole truckload of old and new Coca-Cola advertising and display material. There is this old fellow who wears a black bowler hat and sits on a crate smoking a pipe and drinking out of a brown paper bag. Spread out in front of him are about two or three dozen antique bottles. During the winter, he has some sort of little oil heater to keep him warm. A real dedicated seller. Other regulars include a number of people specializing in selling things like jeans, coins, paintings or antiques.

The Swap Meets occur every Sunday, and start at seven or eight a.m. (depending on who you ask) and go until about 4:30 p.m., though sellers usually start leaving around 2:30 or 3:30.

The best thing to do is to get there early, but not too early, say around 9 o'clock. By this time most of the sellers have arrived and have set up their stands. Another advantage of arriving about this time is that you might get a parking space within a block or two of the drive-in. Arriving in the afternoon means parking at Brentwood. Whatever you do, don't park on the Lougheed Highway. Every Sunday the RC-MP come by and award tickets to about ten or fifteen lucky individuals parked along the highway. There are other who have their cars towed away when they park in the driveways of local businesses, even though it is Sunday and they are all closed. Oh well, don't let this stop you from goingthere's lots of good stuff going at good prices.

-Don Wright



Trip to our famous salad shack Squire's bone-in New York Steak (for 2) Caraff of House beverage **\$10**^{.95} per couple (unbelievable)

FREE PARKING FOR 1000 CARS

More sports notes

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Mon. evenings, 7-11 pm. We can get some leagues in the fore noons also if some groups have enough players. This is the last edition til Jan. 78 so get your teams ready for vollyball, basketball, soccer, or whatever, for a season of FUN!!

FEMALE BADMINTON PLAY-ERS: We need a few players to complete our rep team. You don't have to be a world or provincial champ. If you have played more badminton and want a chance to play in the Totem Conference against other regional colleges, contact Coach Val Karpinsky in the Housing Office.

BOUQUETS FOR THE FALL PROGRAM:

To Linda Smerechynski of Finance, who was Sports Rep of the best organized tech. Thanks for the help and I'll always spell your name right!

To Norm Nalleweg of Survey, "Ricochet Rabbit," wherever I looked for info or support, you were there. A school or Residence needs guys like you!

To All Referees (good, bad, or indifferent). You were as good as the leagues and you volunteered when we needed you. Thanks, Gentlemen.

To Gail Tagami of Chem and Met, quiet and efficient. Plays, officiates, organizes and always a good word for all.

To All Sports Reps who tried their best.

To all the rest "How's about a new year's resolution to improve our Funtime activities?" INTRAMURALS:

Volleyball: Due to mass confusion of exams last week, there were a great many defaults. Results will be posted on the gym doors Tuesday Dec. 6 concerning final standings and playoffs. All games from Nov. 23-30 must be played no. later than 10:00 pm Dec. 5. All rescheduled games must be confirmed by the two teams involved and thru Wally Rowan who will try to arrange a referee. Wednesday, Nov. 30 is still a regular playing day. SCHEDULE FOR NOV. 30

11:40: B6-B11 on A, B7-B10 on B, B6-B9 on C;

12:20: B5-B12 on A, B4-B2 on B, B1-B3 on C; 1:00: A6-A11 on A, A7-A10 on B,

A6-A9 on C; 1:40: A5-A12 on A, A4-A2 on B,

A1-A3 on C.

Hockey: very tight action last week resulting in two ties. 5-5 Survey/BioScience Chem & Met/For. I 3-3

HotMot/E & E Def. (exams) Schedule for November 30: Green: 7-6; Gold: 1-2; Red: D-A.,

Football: to say I was im-. pressed would be an understatement but I will say it anyway: I WAS IMPRESSED

Thanks a lot guys. It was nice to see that Intramurals can look like the real thing. There were four teams with corresponding team shirts and four officials--and the SNOW--just like in the big leagues. The action was great in both games:

Forestry B/Forestry A 21-7 C & S/Ops Management 15-0

11:45 Consolation final, Forestry A vs Ops Management 1:00 Championship, Forestry B vs

C & S These games will be played

regardless of weather conditions. Basketball: By now, the semifinals will have been played, with the results being posted on the gym doors. Finals are on Dec. 4, 1977.

Staff Teams: our hockey team is holding up well in the Coed league but we could use some more girls. Interested?

AGAIN, please note REGIS-TRATION for the coming winter programs in Clubs and Intramurals will be held on Thursday, Friday, Jan. 5,6 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. Get all those New Year's resolutions of getting fit into action! Play volleyball, basketball, jog, ski, hike or Get your teams towhatever. gether and get ready for funtime! Teams can composed of staff and students. There is no restriction on Techs or Departments. The aim is exercise and enjoyment! Get away from it all for an hour or so a week!

This is the last issue before Christmas, so Compliments of the Season and see you all in 1978! from the Campus Recreation Council (students and staff).



Work in New Zealand this summer

The New Zealand Work Exchange Programme is offered by the Association of Student Councils (Canada) in conjunction with the New Zealand Universities' Student Association. 50 students may obtain work permits through this programme for the three month period of May 15 through August 20, 1978.

The cost from Vancouver is \$904; flights depart May 15 and return August 20, 1978. The cost includes return air transportation from Vancouver to Auckland, work permits, orientation pro-

gramme in Canada and New Zealand, information on job opportunities in New Zealand and two nights accomodation or arrival in Auckland.

The programme is open to BCIT students. The flight is not a charter-all travel is on a regularly scheduled service and no stopovers are allowed. A minimum group of 15 passengers must be booked before the programme can operate and bookings must be received at least 30 days prior to departure.

There is a non-refundable dep-

Basketbash for charity this weekend

'Basketbash'' is a new word to Vancouver. Our refined dictionary defines it as "the old game of Basketball, as invented by James I. Naismith, revised to include one team of individuals who know how to play the game, and one team who plays around it."

May we introduce the athletes. the BC Lions and the Vancouver Whitecaps basketball team as the Secret Weapon, and the Media-Motor Mouths (your favorite and unfavorite columnists, sportscasters and D.J.s) as the "bash" part of basketball.

This whole exercise is a totally unserious attémpt at raising money for some very serious people. The Seagull Centre, involved with retarded people, autistics, epileptics and stroke victims, is in great need of funding to continue their marvellous work.

Basketbash is our way of saving, "there but by the grace of God," and "thanks." If our contribution can help one person it was worth more than we know how to give.

So saying, Basketbash will be happening this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in our very own BCIT Gym.

Tickets are \$3.00, with children under 12 being admitted for \$1.50. Autographed team T-shirts and balls to be auctioned. There will be a "meet the teams" beer and wine reception afterwards wil with all proceeds to the Seagull Centre.

Coach Annis Stukus of the Media Motor Mouths has promised "guile and deception." The Lions and the Whitecaps immediately called for a conference call to Howard Cosell to ask "who are those guys we're playing?"

- Derek Swain

osit of \$100 required at the time of booking and the balance is due six weeks prior to departure. Any cancellations received within 35 days of departure are subject to a fee of 25 per cent of the fare. Cancellations received after the date of departure will receive no refund. All cancellations must be in writing:

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Inquire at the Student Association offices in the SAC building for further information.

Tourney coming up

The BCIT Athletic Department is pleased to announce the first annual Cougar Classic Basketball Tournament, the largest Athletic event ever held in the small colleges of BC. January 5, 6, and 7 of 1978 will see a total of sixteen collegiate teams, eight men's and eight women's, competing in this major tourney. Teams will be from the Junior Varsity Squads of the University of BC, the University of Victoria, and Western Washington State College, and the Varsity Squads of Douglas. Caribou, Malaspina and New Caledonia colleges and BCIT.

Come and cheer the Cougars on the first weekend of the new year. Five cases of beer will be awarded each night to the identifiable group which cheers the loudest for BCIT.



FINALS will be played Nov. 30.

Rhythmic fitness set

Ladies, are you bored with running and calisthenics and want to get into shape? Come out and try rhythmics, which develop coordination, flexibility and grace and at the same time it's fun. It's great for getting fit. Give your name to Karen in the Student Services trailer beside the SAC. Rhythmic gymnastics is scheduled to start in January, so sign up now.

The Trainers' Club will start meeting again in the second week in January, so anyone interested in learning about the care and prevention of athletic injuries please leave your name with Sherri in the Athletics Department in the SAC. Any guy or gal interested in working specifically with the men's basketball team as a trainer, contact Sherri at Local 612. Immediately!

• december 7th • 5:30—11:00 p.m. • theatre 129 • admission \$.50

Cougar soccer players to get silver medals

On Saturday, November 19 the BCIT Cougars soccer team travelled to Caribou College in Kamloops for their last two games of the season. The weather was incredible, to say the least, with a temperature of ten below zero and a wind-chill factor well below that.

The Cougars played a solid game on Saturday but couldn't put the ball into the net. The score ended up 2-0 for Caribou and it was the first time the

Cougars had been shut out in fourteen starts.

The game the following day was a completely different matter. BCIT dominated most of the game and led 3-0 before Caribou scored their only goal with less than five minutes to play.

Cougar coach Jim Mitchell commented after the game that he still felt that the Cougars were the best all-round team in the conference, and that he was ex-

people in attendance to explain

Some first year students who

have adapted to sell to BCIT's

rigorous education now find time

available to participate in a few

extra curricular events. Come on

their activities.

tremely proud of each member of the team as they all gave 110 per cent throughout the season.

Each of the following team members will soon 'receive a silver medal for their part in making the team as successful as it was: Goal, Kerry Davies, Broadcast; Goal Terry Willis, Forestry; Defence, Gennaro Magistrale, T & T; Defence Lyle Romer, E & E; Defence Bob Lewis, Broadcast; Defence John Mansini, Building; Defence Paul Dressher, Finance; Midfield Colin Fletcher, Instrumentation; Mid Field Dennis Contanas, Computer; Midfield Mike Wallace, Survey; Midfield Serge Nizzar, Forest Products; Midfield Lyle Richter, E & E; Forward Brian Hughes, BioSciences; Forward Mike Pinder E & E; Forward Rod Lamphard Marketing; Forward Mike Berryman, Forestry. Also special thanks to Team Manager Stan Markowski.

Sloppy play cited Basketballers drop eighth straight

The Cougar's Men's Basketball Team has extended their losing streak to eight games now, dropping a very sloppily-played game to Trinity Western College 72-54 on Friday night. The turnover statistics explain it all.

Trinity only turned over the ball 16 times while the Cougars threw it away 32 times. Don May did a good job rebounding, picking off three offensive rebounds and nine, defensive rebounds. John De-Goode played another good game pulling down eight rebounds and scoring 22 points.

Rounding out the Cougars scoring was Don May with eight, Brian Chobotar with eleven, Glen Kinney with four, Cy Lord with four, Gerry Wildman with three and Mike Thomson with two. Trinity had its own cheering section which easily outyelled BCIT's total attendance of one.

The Cougar's Men travelled to Blaine, Washington on Monday, December 5 to play Western Washington State and the women's basketball team plays the UBC Jayvees on the weekend.

Attention from Athletics

DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTY OF WHEN THE SAC BUILDING SHOWERS WILL BE REPAIRED THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IS:

Sat. Dec. 10th 10-6 pm

Sun Dec. 11th 10-10 pm

GYMNASIUM WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 12TH DUE TO FLOOR REFINISHING.

Change & Shower rooms Activity Room Track and Field

OPEN

Dec. 12-16 8:30-4:30 Dec. 19-23 8:30-4:30

SAC Building closed December 24-31



By WALLY ROWAN CLUBS

Sports notes

Wrestling: Our team participated in an invitational tournament at Royal Roads Military College. Of eight entries, five received awards in different weight classes. The coach, Mike (Manuchehr) Rabie was eligible to compete and placed second in the Heavyweight division. His younger brother Mahrab won the 126 lb. division. He attends a local school and assists in our program. He is 16 years old and hopes to attend BCIT in the near future. Nassrola Amfady, a strong novice in our team placed fourth in the 165 lb. class. Pierre-Ducharme placed fourth in the 177 lb. class. Another brother of the coach, Sohrab Rabie, placed third in the 124 lb. division. Some of our team were disqualified as they lost their directions and were late for registration. Mike said our team did quite well considering the short training and instruction periods. BCIT will hold an invitational tournament next year and our team should be improved and much stronger for this event.,

Exams are slowing all group activities down in the last few weeks before Christmas. Some Outdoor groups are still doing things.

Registration for clubs in 1978 will be held in the SAC Jan. 5 & 6, 11:30-1:30 pm. Existing clubs (outdoors, scuba, skydiving, wrestling, kung-fu, karate, weightlifting) will have

over and have a look at Funtime programs. Joggers--staff 100 milers M. Heinekey M. Adie T. Nowak R. Starr A. Payne J. Mitchell 76 miles S. Clarke V. Karpinsky 75 miles 72 miles G. Parker

Joggers--students 83 miles J. Young 89 miles D. Wong 100 miles R. Grantham

G. Magistrale Joggers--500 milers Paula Pick 375 miles M. Heinekey 252 miles M. Adie 233 miles Joggers--1000 milers

T. Barren 670 miles M. Bonner 480 miles ''NO APATHY HERE!!!''

INTRAMURAL HOCKEY SCHE-DULE CHANGE:

Nov. 30, 8 vs 5 (Bio Sc vs Forestry II) Dec. 7 1 vs 2 (Chem & Met vs

Building) INTRAMURAL GOAL EQUIP-MENT: Would the person who borrowed a set of gear please returned immediately afterwards. Return all equipment in the bag as you received it. If any items are broken, inform the stockman so we can replace it and avoid injuries to all our "Kenny Drydens". Goal sticks are available for the remainder of the season. This equipment will be available during the Christmas holiday period for fun games. See the Equipment Room for details.

This equipment is available for

one game and is supposed to be

PROSPECTIVE COUGAR PLAYERS

If you have signed out equipment and decided not to play of flunk out please return all equipment to Athletic Dept. We can track it down if you leave school and it can cause embarassment to all concerned. To provide equipment for teams is one of the costliest items on our budget. Please return all equipment when you are finished in any activity. INTRAMURAL REGISTRATION:

A new series of activities will be scheduled to commence on Wed. Jan. 11. Registration for these teams will be held Thurs., Fri. January 5,6, 11:30 to 1:30 in the SAC lobby. Leagues will be decided at the **Campus Rec Council Meeting** to be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, 5 pm in the Student Services trailer. Be sure your representatives are fully aware of the leagues you want for next term. Available times for Intramurals are Wed. breaks and **continued on page 7**