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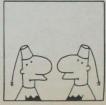
















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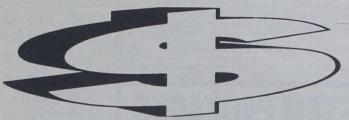
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# **BCIT** News



# Tuition increase of 9.75% approved

#### BCIT joins provincial trend, passes maximum allowable increase

In a move not altogether unexpected, BCIT's Board of Governors approved in their March 6 meeting a tuition fee increase of 9.75 percent; the maximum amount that tuition can be raised under provincial legislation. This is in line with the trend that seems to be sweeping most of BC's post-secondary institutions.

As of April 1, full-time technology students will pay \$184 more than the previous year. Trades in the fourweek program will pay \$10 more and part-time students will pay \$18 on top of the \$202 that they paid last year.

One reason for the large increase, according to Media Relations Manager Terry Jordon, is the institution is in a catch up situation due to the tuition freeze last year.

We had a meeting with the Board of Governors and they clarified their reasoning behind the increase," said Student Association President Lyle Boivin. " We feel the blame rests squarely on the shoulders of Mike Harcourt and his government.

#### by William Siu

During the freeze, the provincial government failed to make up for the loss in revenue that the tuition increase would have brought. Provincial funding last year increased by two percent to cover the loss of revenue suffered by the institutions.

With the removal of the cap on fees post-secondary institutions across the province have been increasing their tuition fees to the maximum to make up for the shortfall in revenue.

#### Who is to Blame?

Data compiled by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) show that the freeze in the cash portion of transfer payments between the Federal government and the provinces and territories during the past six years have cost post-secondary education across the country \$3.3 billion to-date and the estimated loss in post-secondary funding this year in B.C. alone will be \$116.6 million.

But CFS feels the provincial government must shoulder some of the blame

"I'm sure if people want to show some enterprise and roll up their sleeves there are a lot of jobs."

#### **Premier Mike Harcourt**

"The provincial government must take blame for the underfunding of the education system in B.C." said B.C. Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, Jacquie Best.

"In 1991 the provincial government spent the least amount on education by GDP (gross domestic product) than any other province in Canada and with B.C. being one of the richer provinces," she said, "the NDP government is reneging on its commitment to education in B.C."

Institutions are also partly to blame for failing to use every dollar efficently.

With enrollment increasing to record levels-three percent at universities and four percent at most colleges-institutions are also partly to blame for failing to use every dolar efficently.

Within a decade the number of full-time and parttime instructors hired in B.C. increased from 3,703 in 1979/80 to 5,073 in 1989/90-a 37 percent increase-falling behind an increase of 48 percent in enrollment-according to Ministry of Advanced Education statistics. During the same period the number of noninstructional administrators at BC's post-secondary institutions grew by 128 percent.

#### Student Finances and Aid

"I'm sure if people want to show some enterprise and roll up their sleeves there are a lot of jobs.

- Pemier Mike Harcourt

"We have always said, the best form of student assistance is a good summer job.

- CFS Researcher Karen Duncan

The loss in funding will also mean less government funded jobs created through the Federally-funded 'Challenge Program'. Figures from the Development Programs Branch of the Department of Employment and Immigration indicate funding for the Summer Employment/Experience Development program (SEED), the largest program under the Challenge program, totaled \$13.5 million in 1991 in B.C. This generated 6,646 jobs for 13 weeks at \$6.96/hr, 491 less jobs than the previous year. Funding for the program has continued to be slashed with 1992 funding at slightly more than half of what it was in 1988.

With government funding on the decline and tuition fees on the increase students will be under even more pressure to find a summer job. But with 16,000 students unemployed in B.C. alone last summer the prospects for a summer job is not good.

"One of the problems is that people still don't realize that we are here," said BCIT Employment Placement Services Manager Amanda Hill. "This year there seems to be more employers looking for people this summer

Unfortunately, for those of you who do manage to make it into the job placement office you will find that almost all of the jobs on the job boards are looking only for BCIT Alumni-the Engineering Technology job board alone is 90 percent Alumni only.

Unemployment during the summer coupled with tuition fee increases spell disaster for most students. Often the result is an increasing dependence by students on the student loan program.

Each year nearly 50 percent of Canada's full-time students, outside of Quebec (which has its own loan system), receive a Canada Student loan, according to the CFS. Over the last five years students have become more dependent on the loans with over 20 percent of final year students with Canada Student Loan having incurred debts of \$10,000 or more.

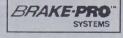
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#### Be thankful women have choices

The following is a letter in response to Gordon Thiessen's opinion "Just a Little Scar" in The Link, March 3:

Mr. Thiessen provides a graphic description of tearing limbs and a piece by peice extraction's of the abortion process. This description is a sadistic, vulgar, totally counter productive means of expressing one's opinion that can only be the thinking of a sick and insensitive mind.

Mr. Thiessen, do you not for one moment think that a woman does not understand the procedure and the resulting consequences. Do you thrive on these details? Perhaps you should educate yourself on the inner turmoil and disturbing thoughts that lead up to a woman's decision and you would have a much better understanding of what is really involved. It is certainly not a rosy picnic to look forward to.

Besides, Mr. Thiessen, a woman's responsibility does not end at giving birth. Everything will not be wnderful thereafter.

What kind of environment

is a fatherless, minimum wage, with little time for caring and loving? Too many children are brught up in a negletful, careless society. These attitudes deprive children of self-esteem and selfworth that in many cases lead to a lifetime of suffering resulting in substance abuse and various forms of crime.

Mr. Thiessen, be thankful a woman does have choices. Have you ever been faced with the predicament where you have only one choice. A choice that was dicated to you nonetheless. Let's face it, in the end all we have is our own bodies. Do not dicate on what to do with that either and do not rip apart waht little healing has taken place in a woman. Let's support and comfort her but please keep your nose out of her body's business.

Rob Jurca **BCIT Alumni** 

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#### **OPINION**

#### Amazing choice, how sweet the sound

Are the pro-life commercials that pervade American television really telling the truth?

by Michelle Paquette Reprinted form the Manitoban, University of Manitoba

There is a commercial on the tube which features a beautiful, blonde girl who quietly informs us that she was aborted – at seven months – and survived. Her message: Life is the greatest gift of all.

I'm sure she is sincere, and the people who made the ad are almost certainly so, but I have a few problems with this commercial.

First off, to be brutal, she was not "aborted "at seven months, she was "born "after "induced labour "or a "caesarean." For Canadians, "abortion "means terminating the pregnancy, ending the potential for live birth, not a live, almost full-term baby. By most standards, she emerged at seven months, not a fetus.

So she was born, let's say, prematurely. The circumstances of her eviction or rejection from her mother's womb remain an unknown quantity, so I am left to wonder at her role in this commercial. The beautiful abortee, telling us to listen. A 120 pound, guilt - giving fetus.

Let's believe her, that she was an aborted infant. Born at seven months, two pounds, and alive. How did the "abortion" come about?

Well, it's unlikely it was done as a simple, legal, therapeutic abortion, the termination of an unwanted pregnancy. Certainly noit in Canada, anyway. The medical profession is pretty clear on that sort of thing, and seven months is too late.

I guess her mother could have lied about the length of the pregnancy, or been in error. But the birth was in circumstances that permitted the infant's survival, so I assume the procedure, if it was at the behest of the mother, was done with trepidation, no ultrasound tests, or even the use of a stethoscope. Maybe her mother was so overweight as to disguise the state of her pregnancy. Possibly.

Perhaps it was a procedure, a therapeutic abortion, at the hands of someone who never did tests on the mother or a fetus. In which case, the girl is lucky to have survived, since this doesn't sound like a competent doctor. Amazing they kept the baby alive.

Actually, the more you think about it, the ways in which this girl's nativity could be described as an "abortion "almost all imply

incompetence, bad medical practice or phenomenally long odds and mischance.

Calling a seven-month term infant's birth an abortion leads me to two ideas. The first is that it is a misrepresentation of the facts, a stretching of the truth, let's say, the second is that, alternatively, she is the lucky survivor of a bad system.

A system in which medicine is a profit-driven business. In which many women cannot afford competent medical care. One in which legal bars prevent women from obtaining safe, caring medical treatment. One in which moralization and intolerance keep women in ignorance. A system in which is used to frighten and influence women with half-truths and miss-information. Like the American system.

As for TV, what's next? Silent scream sound bites? Thirty seconds of document footage the actual horrors of abortion – filmed in places which have made caring and understanding procedures illegal or unobtainable? Maybe a few commercially motivated operators would let their medical wastes be filmed.

The anti - choice campaign represented by this and other similar commercials does not touch on the issues at the heart of the abortion controversy: the right of a women to control her own body, the meaning of "personhood" and the definition of "life." These are the issues which must be confronted and resolved. The "Life" commercials do not confront, resolve or address them.

Instead, they confuse. They use "what-ifs "and "could-have-beens "to raise non-issues. The ad raises fears of unreal dangers, of guilt-to-be. This child is the/your/my survivor of the forces to make you abort.

Well, sorry, but in my years of life I have never encountered a single attempt to interfere with the choice to maintain pregnancy. Instead, I have to run into many attempts to remove any choice to end pregnancy. As do these ads, which distort the reality of women's existences, which try to influence women and girls with innuendo ad implied guilt, and which represent the controversial and difficult as simplistic and absolute.

These ads represent a movement which is trying to take away a right.

To paraphrase another ad in the same vein, "Choice. What a beautiful life"

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### On the recent tuition fee unrest

The cost of your education is on the rise.

Recently, post-secondary institutions across BC have been hit with nine to 12 percent tuition fee hikes and this has sparked off student demonstrations everywhere...but not here.

In a general show of apathy BCIT students and their Student Association has finally been able to capture the BCIT spirit or lack thereof. This is a chronic dilemma on campus.

Granted, BCIT is a unique institution in that students move in and out of here in two years or less—in an intense experience at best. The amount of time an SA executive has to effect change is relatively short as compared to their counterparts at other post-secondary institutions but they have often shown their indecision.

But then again, our student executives are the voice of the student population and if it just so happens that the students are deaf, dumb and blind to what goes on around them then hey, I guess we are well represented.

This institution's administration has probably the most freedom in the province to screw the students-not that they have-but if the Board of Governors can push through this tuition fee increase without opposition, or without hearing from the students what they think about the increase, positive or negative, then it sets an unhealthy precedent for future actions.

The student executive cannot have closed door meetings with the administration on every issue concerning students' rights. The student executive functions as a body that parallels the function of the opposition in politics when it comes to matters in which the administration is concerned. The administration and the student executives are charged with fundamentally opposing duties one to caretake the institution, the other the students.

But if this 9.75 percent tuition fee increase can't rattle the students out of their lethargy then perhaps there truely is no problem with leaving minimum wage at where it's at; and perhaps there is no real need to increase funding for Federal and Provincial student loans.

If those of you who applied for a student loan or those of you who complain about working for low paying jobs don't bother registering your feeling with the administration and your student executive over this tuition fee hike then you deserve to eat Kraft dinner every night.

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LINK SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT SECTION

# Road plans defy moratorium on cutting old growth valley

by Derek McNaughton

VICTORIA (CUP)—Logging giant Fletcher Challenge has plans to break a cutting moratorium in the Walbran valley, as the company prepares to build roads through one of the last untouched valleys on the west coast.

Two logging roads, each roughly half a kilometer long, would connect two cut-blocks currently without access because of a logging suspension in the south Walbran.

The New Zealand owned company wants to cut through the Cullite and Logan creek valleys—two completely undisturbed watersheds on the island—to reach the cut-blocks bordering the preserved area.

"The fact that the watershed is pristine doesn't matter much to logging companies," said a surveyor working in the area. "If they violate the deferment area, that shows they have no care whatsoever to the commitment of that place."

Forest ministry officials declined to comment on the plan, saying only that a decision will be reached sometime in April, after executives sift through two or more committee

The committees do not include members of environmental groups.

Committee members are advised "that [the Walbran] is within a protective agency," and should follow "intermanagement guidelines, which specify what kinds of activities can and cannot occur," said Max Nock, chair of the Vancouver Island Interangency Management Committee.

Yet the decision already seems to have its proponents.

"Whether [the area] is sensitive is debateable," said Murray Stech, a timber resource officer.

And Fletcher Challenge spokeperson Tom Williams said, "If it is a relatively short piece of road, my guess is it wouldn't have that great of an impact. I'm sure it's been carefully considered."

Williams said logging through the deferred area was better than "taking the longer route where logging has been approved."

The Walbran valley is a 10,000 hectare spread of old growth forest. It has been the site of heavy pro-preservation protests for the last three years. Environmentalists have been fined, suspended, arrested, and given jail time for blocking roads and denying access to loggers.

Last year Mike Harcourt's newly elected NDP government cautiously placed a moratorium on a small handful of the more contentious areas in dispute.

But "the deferral only deferred a couple of cutblocks," said Vicky Husband, chair of the Sierra Club. "That's not what a deferral means to me." Husband said FC's plan to put roads through the deferral area shows the plan has no validity. "I don't find it acceptable."

The issue is not about what parts of the province are sensitive and what parts can be logged, environmentalists say."The whole of Vancouver Island is sensitive!" said Sydney Haskell, chair of Friends of the Carmanah

"If they [the government] bullshit their way around this one, it just shows the government has no backbone or integrity when dealing with industry." The government is supposed to be looking after the interests of all the public, not just industry's interests, said Haskell.

Instead, he said, "We've got to be watching those bastards all the time - and we're not getting paid for it."



MICHAEL SHANDLEY PHOTO

ENVIRO-TIP

The next four times you shop, take your own bags to the supermarket. It's not enough to choose paper bags over plastic. In Canada 55 million plastic bags go home from grocery stores every week. A 20 percent reduction in Vancouver would save about 11.5 million bags each year.

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From everyone but you.

Kudos to everyone at Maquinna Residence for reducing the amount of contaminants in all the Blue Bags by 28% overall since January. Lets keep this great trend going. From Tom Moore.

Kudos to Anne at TNT #2 for introducing wooden stir sticks in all the TNT stores. Every little effort helps. Well Forster's, the ball is now in your court.

Kudos to Steve Mcrae of Mechanical Drafting for suggesting that plastic pencil lead holders be returned to Staedtler for refilling.

Kudos to all staff members who reduce paper usage by using electronic or voice mail. Nearly 50% of the waste created at BCIT is paper.

8 fluid ounces of compost to those staff members who continue to set a poor example for students by using styrofoam cups instead of reusable mugs. Not only are you wasting precious resources, but your spending up to 20 cents for the privilege of using styrofoam.

Kudos to Tom Moore of Housing for allowing the SA's Child Care Centre to participate in the Blue Bag Recycling Program at Maquinna. Planning ahead for future tenants.

A heap of compost to the student or students responsible for vandalizing some of the new pop can containers. The Recycling Program is a service provided for students, paid for in part with student money. Grow up!

Kudos to Jenny Cheng, Marlene Welch, Dan Murray, Jason Sorenson, Michael Whalley, Jim Loree, Neena Parmar and Charles Campbell for all their enthusiasm and assistance during the year on the Recycling Program.

A recycling bag full of compost to the students in the computer labs who have been throwing fruit and plastic wrap in the paper recycling containers.

Kudos to Dave Lengert, Environment Chair for the Student Council, for providing gift certificates to all participants in the SA's recent Zero Waste Day.

KUDOS AND COMPOST IS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE PRAISE TO ANYONE WHO IS DOING A LITTLE EXTRA FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, OR GIVE A GENTLE REMINDER TO SOMEONE WHO COULD BE DOING A LITTLE EXTRA. PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO THE RECYCLING DEPT. C/O STUDENT ASSOCIATION.

#### **BCIT** challenges UBC to recycling competition Staff, Students called upon to recycle all Waste Paper

Now's your chance to show that students and staff at BCIT take protecting the environment seriously.

The Recycling Department has challenged University of British Columbia to a recycling competition that will compare the amount of paper collected on each campus during the month of April to determine a winner.

Dubbed "Zero Waste War", the winner will be determined by dividing the total number tonnes collected by the number of people serviced by the program -at BCIT around 13, 000 have access to the paper recycling program.

BCIT has a good chance of winning the com-

petition because of the excellent participation in the program by staff and students. In a Recycling Survey conducted last spring, 99 percent of over 400 respondents felt that recycling was an important part of the campuses operation.

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# **Kids for Saving Earth**

Once again the kids are taking the lead to make sure the planet is kept green

by Tim Reeve **SA Recycling Coordinator** 

During the last month the children in the SA Child Care Centre have been learning about how they can help to keep the planet green. The program is called "Our World Around Us", and it looks at how little things we do everyday have an effect on the air, water and land.

The children are learning that they can make choices that will have a positive effect for our environment. Reducing packaging waste, worm composting and growing their own food are just some of the ideas catching on with the them.

A gentle approach to the topics of storytelling, interactive displays and fieldtrips seems to be working well.

According to Joan Gignac, one of the organizers of the project, green ideas are making their way home to mum and dad. Kids that used to come with paper bags and non-recyclable drink boxes for lunches, are now arriving with sturdy lunch buckets and reusable juice bottles.

This Thursday, Marcht 25, five groups of children will be led onto the campus to spearhead a campus clean day.

The kids know that throwing litter on the ground is a problem and they are prepared to help. Everyone can get involved by ensuring that the campus is free of litter and that bottles and cans are recycled in common areas and classrooms

After all, aren't we the ones who should be keeping the environment clean for the kids, not the other way around.

#### **Kyle Creek ducks get more** consideration than BCIT students

by Marlene Welch and Jenny Cheng

We were all concerned with providing a nurturing environment for the vulnerable ducks of Kyle Creek. Unfortunately, not enough people see the need for an environment conducive to their total well being. Upon walking into a classroom, how does a student feel and respond when he or she has to remove pop cans or clean up any spills of food and drink before sitting? Then, once a lecture has begun, what effect does the constant talking of classmates have? Almost every student has had a similar experience. Do these situations quietly add to our level of stress?

It is widely accepted that modern lifestyles places us under considerable stress. This concept acknowledges the tremendous effect that our environment has on our physical and mental health. In the school setting, the academic load takes the blame. It is accepted that students are expected to complete a large volume of work in a relatively short time frame which places them under a fair level of stress. But are we also, by virtue of our

behavior, unconsciously adding to it?

The stress we experience is basically in response to environmental stimuli. Several factors determine whether an environment meets our needs for physical, social and psychological well-being. Well established factors, such as provision of adequate ventilation, are always addressed. Those not so apparent are often ignored. At a post-secondary institution such as BCIT, how do you deal with the problem of an adult who sits behind you and talks throughout an entire lecture? You are forced to expend more energy as you seek to selectively block out this incessant chatter and focus on the lecturer's voice. And for many of us, a filthy classroom does not leave us with a feeling of comfort and well being.

Perhaps, we can begin to consider the wellbeing of our friends and fellow students. With minimal effort we can reduce stress levels by banishing some of these silent stresses from our daily

#### **BCIT's Environment Policy:** Why do adults find it so difficult to accept what comes naturally to children?

The SA'S Child Care Centre doesn't have an Environment Policy to protect the environment; they don't need one. The children accept the principles that waste materials should be reduced, reused and recycled; that pollution should be minimized, that lights should be turned off when you're not in the room. They know that littering is unacceptable. Conserving resources comes naturally to them. It makes one wonder why it's often such a struggle for adults to embrace and practice these ideas?

BCIT's Environment Committee has recently released a draft Environmental Policy that will set guidelines for the environmentally sustainable management of the campus. Developed over the fall, and submitted in January to the campus community for feedback, the policy aims, among other things, to minimize waste, conserve

energy, promote carpooling and encourage the purchase For some reason of green products. The poli- humans need to cy has become a necessity reach the prepice because we haven't demon-strated the will to make of disaster before absence

these things happen in its they even respond.

The guidelines aren't radical. In fact, many people will probably feel the policy doesn't go far enough in ensuring the internal environmental improvement. Some people will undoubtedly object to the economic scruinty that initiatives will undergo. Yet how many of us can confidently say that we are doing our best to ensure that kids will grow up on a clean and healthy planet.

For some strange reason, humans need to reach the precipice of disaster before they respond with an action plan. The new Environment Policy will be the beginning of that plan. However, we must remind ourselves that it represents only our first few tentative steps towards a model environmental program for BCIT. All of us must now prepare to energize the campus community into action. Assumptions will have to be challenged. Management will have to step forward and set an example for the rest of the campus. Faculty must instill these values in their students. For it is they who will be managers and innovators of tomorrow's technology, and it is they who have the opportunity to step out into the workplace and create the impetus for real change.

The BCIT community has a tremendous opportunity to effect positive environmental change. Tremendous progress has been made by many individuals all across the campus. If we all work together, and follow the example of the children who are desperately counting on us, our campus can be a model for environment management. Even if it does take a document printed on chlorine bleached to get us started

> Tim Reeve **SA Recycling Coordinator**



#### **Closing the Loop**

# The Life

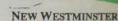
#### IN THE BEGINNING ...

The process begins with you. When your can is deposited in one of the 50 containers on the campus and is collected by the Recycling Department it is embarking on a journey that will take it across North America and back to the campus in the form of a new can in as little as 90 days.





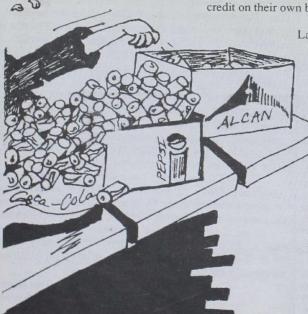
Alcan Recycling





#### THE STICKY REFUND

Each 3 weeks the cans are sorted into three categories: Coke, Pepsi and Alcan. Styrofoam cups and other contaminants must be removed from the cans. Coke and Pepsi brands have a 5 cent refund value. Juice and other non-deposit cans are picked up by Alcan for their scrap value - currently around 1/2 cent per can. Cans must be separated because Coke and Pepsi will only give a credit on their own brands.



Last year the Recycling Program collected approximately 69,000 cans generating just over \$3,200 in revenue. The money is invested back into the program for signage and other promotions. Unfortunately, only about half of the cans sold on the campus are returned for recycling, well below the B.C. average of 82%.

ENVIRO-TIP

Get in the habit of turning off lights when they are not in use. Light bulbs represent eight percent of electrical use in the home.

# cycle of a Pop Can

Text by Tim Reeve Illustrations by Gail Ouellette

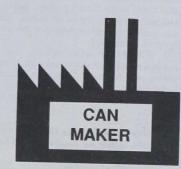
#### A EXTRA LOOP

Vien Coke and Pepsi are delivering pop to the campus, they b k haul empty cans to their distribution centres. The Recycling Doartment is credited with 5 cents per can.

Alcan collects the non-refundable cans about once every 4 months and takes them directly to their can collection facility in New Westminster. Ironically, Coke and Pepsi will also deliver cans to this baling centre once they have been counted for refund at their own plants. This is the facility for all cans collected from Wesern Canada.

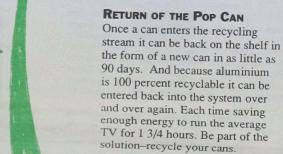
#### BLUE GRASS MELT DOWN

From New Westmister the cans are shipped by rail to a special can recycling facility in Berea, Kentucky. At the rate of 220 per second cans from all over North America are shredded, washed, melted and then cooled into 25 tonne aluminum ingots.



#### THE REBIRTH

The ingots are sent to can manufacturers to be rolled into sheet aluminum. Once the new cans are made and refilled with juice or other sodas they are redistributed to consumers all over North America.





# Preventing of Video Display Terminal health problems

by Jenny Cheng and Marlene Welch

Are you among the many students who simply hate having to complete assignments on computer? Do you find it tiresome or demanding more effort than you feel should be necessary? Perhaps your difficulties can be traced to effects of posture and vision. Knowing a little more about video displays and how computer use over extended periods can impact on overall health may provide you with simple solutions to your health problems.

Students often spend several hours in the same position while working on the computer. If the seat used does not provide adequate support, some strain can be placed on the spinal column. In addition, relative positioning of system components can also lead to shoulders and arms being kept in positions which quickly cause fatigue. These problems of posture along with visual effects caused by poorly positioned or adjusted displays combine to produce symptoms of musculoskeletal discomfort, pain, and eye strain.

It is recommended that you position your display so that viewing the screen does not place your neck under strain. For example, it does not require keeping your head tilted upward or constantly turned to the left or right. Glare from nearby windows should not affect visibility of the screen. Displays should be adjusted so they do not flicker and the characters are neither too small nor closely spaced. Last but not least, the work area should be well lighted.

It is suggested that taking short breaks from work during which you should focus your view on both near and distant objects may also be helpful. It is believed that allowing your eyes to focus on objects at varying distances provides the eye muscles with necessary exercise and allows them a rest from being in the fixated position that is assumed with prolonged viewing of the screen. These periodic breaks help prevent fatigue of the muscles and so eyes feel less tired.

It is also advisable to have your eyesight checked regularly if you spend a lot of time working on your computer. For more information on health effects of video display terminals and prolonged computer use, students can refer to the following:

Working with Video Display Terminals Information for Employers and Employees Province of British Columbia Ministry of Labour Occupational Environment Branch (BCIT library - PAM 503618)



# New program to recycle BCIT printer ribbons

by Neena Parmar

The BCIT Recycling Department has started collecting printer ribbons for recycling. Many of you will have seen ribbon recycling posters in the computer labs. So far about 40 ribbons have been collected from small collection boxes in the 15 busiest computer labs.

Lab proctors, students responsible for the maintenance of the computer labs, collect ribbons from each lab and take them to a central storage box at Computer Resources. The Recycling Department emptys this collection box monthly, taking the ribbons to the Central Stores. From there go to the Delta Ribbon Exchange where the casings will be opened and the ribbons will be removed for reinking or replacing, depending on the condition of the ribbon. Once a new or reinked ribbon has been inserted, the casing is closed up and the ribbon is ready to be used again.

Recycled ribbons are just as good as new ones and they are less expensive. Reinked ribbons are about 40 percent less expensive than regular ribbons, and the Recycling Department has recommended that BCIT consider using recycled ribbons in all appropriate labs. This is still in the planning stage and further information will be available soon.

According to Computer Resources many printer ribbons are stolen from computer labs. The Recycling Department asks anyone in possession of such ribbons to return it to a collection box for recycling after your ribbon is worn out, and also encourages all students and staff to bring their ribbons from home.

Currently rebuilt ribbons are not available on campus but information on where rebuilt ribbons can be purchased is available from the Delta Ribbon Exchange at 946-5086. It is possible TNT stores will soon carry recycled ribbons. For more information on printer ribbon recycling please call the Recycling Department at 432-8288.



# APARTMENT RECYCLING IS IN THE BAG

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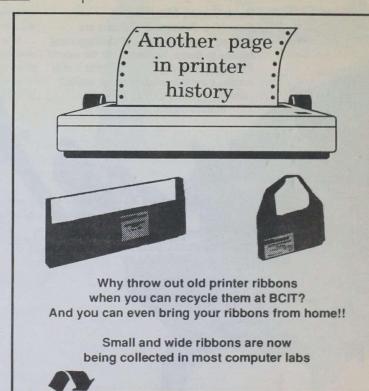
you should now be the proud owner of a durable blue "I Recycle" tote bag.

Use your tote bag for storing and carrying recyclable glass, cans, newspaper and mixed paper to the large blue recycling containers in your building. Check the information card, delivered inside your bag, for details on how to prepare your materials for recycling.

If you have questions, please call Burnaby's Recycling Information Line at 294-7972.



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# **CBC** yanks Greenpeace ad off the auto program slot

by Jonathan Desbarats

MONTREAL(CUP)—A Greenpeace television commercial produced by the Vancouverbased Media Foundation to start public debate on the issue of transportation was recently yanked from its slot on the CBC program "Driver's Seat'

Representatives at the CBC said the ad, titled "Autosaurus", could not be aired because of its controversial message. The ad depicts a dinosaur made out of wrecked cars and a voice saying, "It's coming... it's coming... the end of the automotive age

Curzon said that ads of this type are considered "advocacy" ads, and can't be run on news and current affairs programs such as "Driver's Seat"

'Whether we drive or don't drive is a subject where opinion falls on either side of the fence," said Tom Curzon, director of communications for the CBC in Toronto.

But he said car commercials that endorse driving are not advocacy ads, and can be

Kalle Lasn, executive producer of the "Autosaurus" spot, suggested the decision to pull the commercial went beyond the CBC's new policy on advocacy ads.

"For them to define 'Driver's Seat' as a news and current affairs program is absurd it's a consumer information show," said Lasn.

'My guess is that one of the car advertisers or someone at the CBC got pissed off when they saw the ad.

Members of the Media Foundation said pulling the ad was contrary to the CBC's promise to democratize public airwaves and deal with issues of social concern.

We have dealt with the CBC for the last four years and they have allowed us to air nothing. Twelve separate ads were rejected," said Lasn. "The North American automobile industry spends \$3 billion on advertising and we are trying to break that monopoly.

Curzon disagreed with these allegations, saying the CBC was still committed to a mandate of reporting on controversial issues.

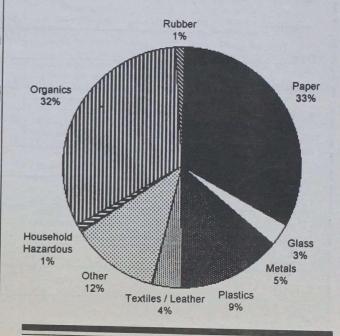
"The ad has been approved and can run but not during this particular program," he

In a press release the Media Foundation said the ad "calls attention to the environmental destructiveness of cars, and the need for fuel efficient transportation and alternate modes of transport."

Lasn said the only aspect which made the "Autosaurus" ad different from car product ads was that it wasn't attempting to sell any-

"The CBC doesn't want to admit that product ads have a strong advocacy component," said Lasn

#### **Household waste composition**



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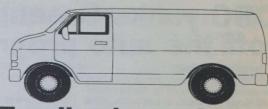
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# CARPOOLING SUGESTIONS Name: Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Sugestions: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Feedback needed on carpooling

As Environmental Chairperson for BCIT, I had the opportunity to get involved in many enviro-issues on campus. I found students to be quite responsive to environmental issues. Participation in programs such as:

•new recycling techniques •reduction in the use of styrofoam products

\*carpooling taken the are good examples of student transpires.

You

Organizing the carpooling for students made me aware of the increased demand for carpooling spaces. Not only does carpooling make sense environmentally and economically, safety is now a major factor. it is safer to travel in numbers, and the carpooling lot at BCIT is

Environmental intended to give carpoolers a safer locatioon which offers parking central to all campus buildings.

This year many eligable carpoolers were turned away due to a limited number of reserved spaces. I feel that it is essential that we expand the carpooling lot to accomodate this increased demand, and have taken the initiative to see that it transpires.

Your feedback on carpooling procedures and space availability are welcome. Please make your suggestions in the box provided and submit to the Student Association Office for my attention.

> Dave Lengert SA Environmental Chair

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## Helpful hints to save the earth and still have time to enjoy it

Recyclable, biodegradable, reusable, environmentally friendly, refillable. The list goes on and on these days. It all seems so overwhelming: where do we start?, and most of all, where do we find the time to be environmentally friendly in our hectic schedules?

Perhaps one of the most common things heard by environmentalists today is you have to make the time, because time is running out and there won't be anything left to save. This may be fine and dandy for the few who dedicate the larger part of their day to saving of our planet, but what about those of us who have anywhere between 30 and 40 hours a week of school (not to mention homework and the occasional need to inhale some sustenance)?

Well, we can't set out to change the world at once, because the job is too big to work a miracle overnight. But I'd like to assure you that we all can make a very definite difference. Every little thing that we contribute individually does add up, and, yes, with leftover food.

without us having to get up at the crack of dawn to milk the goat, water the organic vegetables, knit sweaters and socks for the whole family, etc.

The following is a condensed list of little things the average Joe/Jane can do to feel a part of things. The key is to pick out whatever feels right and fit it in with your routine, at home, school and around town.

- 1. Recycle newspaper, aluminum, glass, tin.
- 2. Recycle your motor oil.
- 3. Compost your food scraps.
- 4. Buy organic, pesticide-free foods.
- 5. Reuse egg cartons and paper bags.
- 6. Use white (as opposed to colored) toilet paper.
- 7. Avoid using styrofoam-it can\_t be recycled.
- 8. Use non-toxic, biodegradable soaps and detergents.
- 9. Mend and repair, rather than discard and replace.
- 10. Recycle unneeded items. 11. Use the back of discarded usable paper for scratch paper.
- 12. Be responsible and creative

- 13. Buy bulk and unpackaged, rather than packaged foods.
- 14. Eat food from low on the food chain, not meat.
- 15. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
- 16. Turn off lights when not in
- 17. Conserve gas by walking, bicycling, and carpooling.
- 18. Use rechargeable batteries. 19. Practise preventive health
- 20. Avoid highly processed
- foods. 21. Purchase goods in reusable
- or recyclable containers. 22. Support local shops and
- restaurants, not chains.

The list, of course goes on, but one can get quickly overwhelmed, so use it as something to start with. Remember, the mess our abused globe is in is a big task for one person to clean up, but if everyone pitches in, we can at least put a dent in it. After all, as someone once said, the thousand-mile journey begins with

#### ENVIRO-TIP

Use plug-in power or rechargable batteries. Vancouverites use three million disposable batteries every year which end up as toxic waste in landfills.

#### Paper cups no better than styrofoam

#### by Tim Reeve **SA Recycling Coordinator**

When the topic of the evil styrofoam cup comes up, I hear a lot of people ask why doesn't Forster's go back to using paper cups, or I'll hear a student say, "If the SA wants everyone to be environmentally conscious, than why don't the TnT and Duke's use styrofoam instead of paper cups.' After all, paper cups can be recycled and they're more environmentally friendly than those ozone damaging styrofoam cups.

Hold on a second. Are these claims really true? No. In fact, most paper cups can't be recycled because of their glue and wax coating. These are contaminants in the paper pulping process. The most environmentally friendly thing to do with a cup is to compost it in a large scale commercial operation, and even then you might have to worry about the leaching from inks with heavy metals.

Well then, perhaps styrofoam isn't so bad after all. In fact, I've seen the recycling loop on them, why don't we collect those for recycling.

Not so fast, that label is deliberately misleading, put there

to create the impression that the cup can easily be recycled. However, the closest facility that uses styrofoam for recycling is Denton Plastics in Oregon. Ask any Business student if they see a profit in sending trucks of styrofoam cups from Burnaby to

#### So what's a environmentally conscious person to do?

The answer is very easy. Carry your own mug with you around the campus, and off campus too. Ask any Mug Lugger and they'll tell you that its really not a hassle at all. Then they'll go on to tell you how much money they save on coffee and tea because of the reduced price, that they've heard about the link between styrene and cancer and that they feel good about conserving resources and reducing waste.

Wow! I can do all that and save up to \$100 bucks a year on cof-

Forster's and the TNT stores are having a special on mugs until the end of the month. Why not pick one up right now and get coupons for free coffee worth up to

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1. How paper?	many	trees	аге	saved	by	recycling	1	tonne	of
	2				7			31 🗆	

2. Average Number of Styrofoam Cups used by a student in one year?

390 □ 2480 □

3. The energy saved by one recycled aluminum can is enough to power an average TV for how many minutes? 12 🗆 36 🗆

4. Average amount of revenue generated from the sale of paper each month?

\$150

\$300

\$500

5. Do Clearly Canadian Bottles go in Clear Glass or Mixed?

Mixed |

6. Percentage of Mixed Glass collected at BCIT that is actually Clear?

43 🗆 60

7. Most plastics have a code for sorting. Styrofoam cups are a code\_\_\_plastic? 3 4 5 5

8. Mixed Paper collected at BCIT is used to make which of the following products?

Roofing Paper Boxboard [ Animal Bedding

9. When was the SA Recycling Program started? 1985 □ 1989 1992

### RECYCLING QUIZ

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE 3R'S AND BCIT'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

**\$\$** Prizes **\$\$** 

1st Cash Prize equal to 50% of revenue from sale of April's Recycled Paper

2nd 25% of revenue from April's Paper3rd Ceramic Mug from TNT Shop

Winners will be drawn from those entries that score 15 correct answers or better on Friday, April 18th.

Entries can be dropped off at the SA Office in the SAC building.

Most answers can be found within this edition of the Eco - Rag.

10. Approximate amount of money BCIT won't have to spend on garbage in 1992-93 because of the recycling program?

\$3,000

\$10,000 |

\$50,000

11. How much post-consumer recycled fibre is there in a sheet of photocopy paper used at BCIT?

80% □

12. Average number of tonnes of paper collected each month in the SA Recycling program?

179

13. How many pop cans were collected at BCIT in 91-

56,000 □

61,000 🗆

69,000 □

14. Percentage of paper collected in the Paper Recycling Program that has never been read or used? 70 0

15. Percentage of people surveyed in last year's recycling survey who indicated that it is very important for BCIT to be environmentally conscious?

35

16. Percentage of Household garbage that is paper ( by weight)?

33 🗆

17. Percentage Reduction in contamination in the Maquinna Blue Bags since January?

28 🗆

18. Recycling Aluminum saves \_\_\_ of the energy needed to produce new metal from bauxite, the primary ore of aluminum?

50% □

80%

95%

19. How long does it take an aluminum can deposited in a BCIT recycling container to reappear back on the campus as a new can?

30 days

90 days

180 days

20. How much waste going to landfill is packaging?

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## 27 receive Canada Scholarship In Technology Award

By Terry Jorden, **BCIT Media Relations** 

On March 3, 27 BCIT students were recipients of the 1992-93 Canada Scholarship In Technology Award presented at the Burnaby. campus of BCIT.

All receive a special Prime Ministerial certificate and pin from the Department of Industry,

Science and Technology Canada.

The Canada Scholarship In Technology Program provides \$4,500 paid in four installments over two years to qualifying students pursuing studies in engineering technology and related disciplines. To attract more women to pursue

studies in these fields, the terms of the Canada Scholarships provide that 50% of the scholarships are awarded to women.

The 27 are among over 3,400 Canadians, representing 87 universities, community colleges and institutes from across Canada, to receive a Canada Scholarship.

A total of 53 BCIT students received the Canada Technology Award this year. A ceremony in the fall recognized 26 other winners.



#### The Red Cross says, "Thanks"

The Canadian Red Cross society would like to thank all those who participated in the Blood Donor Clinic on February 10th and 11th. the Results were as

February 10th 142 People Attended 133 Units Collected 29 First Ttime Donors February 11

127 People Attended 115 Units Collected 21 First Time Donors

The Red Cross had projected for a collection of 140 units each day so this worked out to 82 percent of their goal. Thanks again everyone

Jan Poersch, RN Medical Services



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## C.O.C.'s blind provides vision

"Politics is the control of wealth and power. You tile one. They are just merely pissed off. are being conditioned to condemn politics as petty & boring thus granting all the more control to all the powers that be. You are either part of the problem or part of the solution. The choice is yours.

#### by Paul Vigano

Corrosion of Conformity is a San Francisco bay area band determined to make a difference in the world today. Not only are they supporters of Greenpeace, they also support Native Nations, Amnesty International, P.E.T.A. (People for the Ethical Treatments of Animals ), and N.A.R.A. ( National Abortion Rights Action League )

Corrosion of Conformity Blind Relativity Records

I chose to review their C.D. -Blind because it confronts issues dealing not only with the environment but with moral and ethical issues as well. I am a firm believer in that if we educate ourselves and settle issues among one another first, it is only natural that many of the world's problems that we as human beings have created will be rectified. Anyways, on with the review.

Those who will purchase this C.D. will probably slam me for supporting noise pollution. But as heavy and thrashy ( which is good ) as C.O.C's music is, the message they're sending isn't a hos-

If the music doesn't grab you by the throat, the lyrics will. Even if you hate the music, at least put on the head phones, turn the stereo down and just read the words. Tunes like Painted Smiling Face is a song about the world white men have created and their hypocrisy

" Blind eyes, Closed hearts - They do not remem-

Brutal past from the start - No justice now forever Humankind is but a part yet they find know answer Harmony is the art these men refuse to master"

Break the Circle is song that can be interpreted as " If you fuck the world, you fuck yourself "Terminal, Criminal sedition of man on the earth Born Again, Dead Again, Once Again Tyranny awaits rebirth.'

I think by now most of you are getting the picture. Corrosion of Conformity is a band painting a dismal picture of the world today. If one word is used to describe the music, temperamental is it. As the thrashy guitars generate a world of anger and confusion, bold time changes slow things down to create an aura of hope and promise.

I don't see this band racking up platinum sales but I do think they deserve credit for bringing a social consciousness to all who do nothing but sit around and complain

# HELP SAVE OUR

The Link supports Coast 1040's bid to obtain an PM license and hopes that the CRTC will reconsider its decision. We support Coast for the following reasons:

- Coast is the only station that bothers to support and encourage local musical talent-on a year round basis;
- · Coast plays music from around the world, when it is released-not when Americans tell us, "It's alright to play that now";
- ·Coast supports many local charities and is the ONLY station in town to recognize the existance of the AIDS crisis-and to do something about it;
- ·Coast is the only commercial source of interbnnational and domestic alternative music (it's kinda neat being a target audience for the first time in our lives)
- •Coast does not play records from closets that haven't been opened since 1974
- •Coast DJs are under 60
- •Coast cares about the music and Canadian Content-that doesn't mean Brian Adams
- •Coast doesn't pay someone to wear an animal costume and annoy people at special

We encourage students to listen to this innovative station, support local artists and musi,, and to sign the petitions posted around campus (at the SA Ofice or the Copy Centre). Write to the people who made these decisions people and let them know your opinion

Secretary General Alan Darling CRTC Ottawa, ONT K1A 0M2

Perrin Beatty Minister of Communications Ottawa, ONT K1A 0A6 (postage free)

If Coast goes so will our radios-we will mail them to parliament.



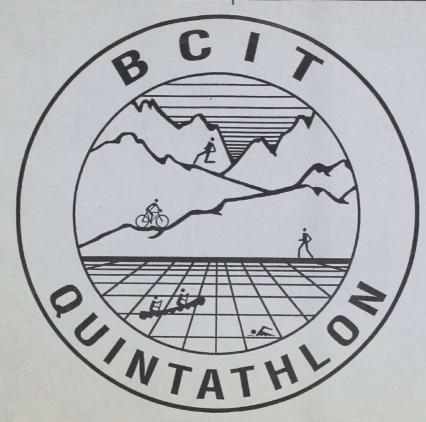
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beginning with the hipple/underground scene in the 1960s. He worked for CFUN during the height of Beatlemania in 1964 and was the first on the air at GE-FM (now CFOX) in the spring of 1968. He was a video radio ploneer with the cult classic Nile Dreems (1976–1981) and is currently involved in Roundhouse Productions Laser Shows. His support for the local music scene continues at Coast 1040 where he can be heard from port for the local n 10am to 2pm daily.





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Swim	1 Person	0.5 km
Long Run	1 Person	4.5 km
Mountain Bike	1 Person	5.0 km
TOTAL	7 People	

(two members of your team, not including the Team Captain, must be female)

REGISTRATION FEE:

EARLY BIRD (by April 16) \$75.00 / Team REGULAR (by April 30) \$90.00 / Team LATE (by May 5) \$105.00 / Team

FEE INCLUDES QUINTATHALON T-SHIRT FOR ALL TEAM MEMBERS!

TIME:

12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM

PRIZES:

1ST PRIZE:\$300

2ND PRIZE:\$150

3RD PRIZE: \$75.00

PLUS MANY MORE SPOT PRIZES!

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#### **BEGINNERS GOLF LESSONS**

Dates: Sat. Apr. 3 & Sat. Apr. 17 Time: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm Fee: \$32 for 8 hrs of lessons. Plus \$16 for balls & green fees

Equipt.: Some sets of golf clubs are available through Rec Services

Location: Langley Golf Course

Learn the proper method from

Jack Westover - Golf Pro

#### INTERMEDIATE GOLF CLINICS

Dates: Sat., Mar. 27 or Sat., Apr. 24
Time: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Fee: \$32 for 8 hrs of lessons.
Plus \$12 for balls & green fees
Equipt.: Some sets of golf clubs are
available through Rec. Services
Location: Langley Golf Course

Emphasis will be on stroke improvement



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