

# THE LINK



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## BEARDS - - - -

A rift began to develop last week between the administration and certain members of the student body over the right of students to wear beards.

In an interview with Mr. Roper, Principal of the Institute, the following points were brought out:

-No edict has been or will be brought down. No disciplinary action will be taken against any student who chooses to wear a beard.

-Several bearded students were approached by members of the administration and it was recommended that they shave off their beards.

-It was pointed out to these students at the time that the Institute is trying to create a favourable image of itself and it's students in the eyes of industry.

Generally, Industry has indicated it is not interested in hiring bearded students.

Mr. Roper indicated that the Institute is continually on show to prospective employers, and stressed the role the administration is playing in attempting to help place the graduates in permanent position and to get the first year students Summer employment.

He pointed out that such efforts could be seriously impaired by an unchecked outgrowth of foliage, and for this reason the students in question were asked to shave.

Mr. Roper said that the administration remains flexible on the issue, but that industry has made it's stand clear. He said anyone who wishes to wear a beard will not be forced to remove it, but would impede the administration in student placement and would probably have difficulty in finding a job.

## OR NO BEARDS?

It has come to the attention of the student newspaper that the topic of beards has come up in meetings of the administration. The meetings were prompted by the appearance of new foliage on several faces around the institute.

An immature beard is admittedly a rather ratty looking component, and it is conceivable I suppose, that our appearance-conscious administration is concerned that this could be the "thin edge of the wedge" leading to the dreaded sweatshirt and jeans disease which currently blights UBC. There is, however, another facet to this enigma.

Is the growing of a beard a privilege, to be extended or curtailed, at the whims of the administration? Or is it a native right, and as such, up to the individual himself?

The students here have been instructed as to where and when they may or may not smoke, and how they are to dress. If a new edict is allowed to pass unopposed, what is next on the agenda?

Think on it, students,--clean-shaven or landscaped--perhaps, to mix a pair of metaphors, the thin edge of the wedge is a "double-edged blade".

## STUDENT VOTE ISSUE

An issue of significant importance to the students all over Canada is the registration system being used for the coming election.

The students who have not been residing in their present ridings before September 8 will not be allowed to register in their ridings.

This means that about 30,000 students will either go home to vote or not vote at all.

So serious is this matter that Prime Minister Pearson has already paid much attention to it and has promised a decision soon.

At present student bodies all over the country are planning demonstration marches.

Next week this paper will publish a full account of this problem.

## FREE FILM

On Tuesday October 12th. "Fight The Dragon Theatre" will premier, this year, with the Charlie Chaplain comedy "The Banck" a silent movie of the "Twenties."

The showing will be at 12:35 pm. in room 126, the small lecture theatre. All students are welcome at this free show. Make this year's "Fight The Dragon Theatre" the success it was last year.

## CONTEST EXTENDED

Good news for the poor. Apparently many students did not realize that this paper is published weekly, and have not yet submitted their entries to the 'name the paper' contest. For this reason the deadline has been extended to 4:30 P.M. Friday.

Drop your entry at the desk in the main foyer. You could win five dollars.

## EDITORIAL

In the world of abbreviations many images come to one's mind. If I should mention the A.A. one would assume that I am presently being reformed from the joyous habit of drink. When one sees the abbreviations U.B.C. one can imagine a student decked out in seriousness and proud determination attending one of Canada's highest levels of learning. Then one hears the abbreviations B.C.I.T. What is that? A name of the latest vocational school in Vancouver.

Presently there is no image associated with B.C.I.T. It has been my own experience that when I announced that I was attending B.C.I.T., a person or persons usually asked if I was being paid to attend school or whether I was learning to be a plumber.

Many people of British Columbia fail to realize what the abbreviation B.C.I.T. stands for. They have no image connected with the school.

We, the students, are that image. Are we going to allow ourselves to be unheard? Are we going to let ourselves be classed as a vocational school?

I should think certainly not! Then what can we do about our image? Should we start a mass rally or have a sit-down strike to demonstrate that we the students of B.C.I.T. do exist. No, let's be more subtle. Let's show the people that our standards and our goals are worthwhile. Let's show society that they have to make room for us. Once we, the students, particularly the graduates, become recognized, the school itself will become recognized.

Are we going to rest on our haunches and complain bitterly that we are mere nothings?

Let's use our energy and spirit to create an image. Each one of you must contribute. If ever asked about B.C.I.T. be patient but firm. Assure them that we are a school completely separate from the vocational school. Remind them of our standards and goals.

If we all grew beards or dyed our hair green we would create an immediate image. But this image would not last. Let's make a lasting image of ourselves, our school, and our ideals.

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### CORRECTION

Medical Lab. and X-Ray Technologies each have 1 vote on Council. Each other Technology has two votes, and the total is 32 rather than 34 as previously reported.

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## COUNCIL REPORT

The council was called to order at 7:30 P.M., by Ken MacLean, the president.

Comments were made on the dance and everybody had seemed to enjoy it.

B.C.I.T. jackets will be going on sale in a short while.

Comments were made on the Red Feather Drive which is forthcoming....so watch for the Flying Red Feather!

Two discussions followed the preceding comments. In the first it was proposed that a challenge trophy be instituted between the technologys. This was agreed to by all and you will be hearing more on this in due course.

The second discussion was a heated debate between X-Ray and Meds and the rest of the council. The Girls put up a gallant fight for the right to have two votes per technology even though they are only here for six months and a year respectively. They were voted down by a vote of 28-5.

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## FOR THE TRAVELLER

by Martin Donawa

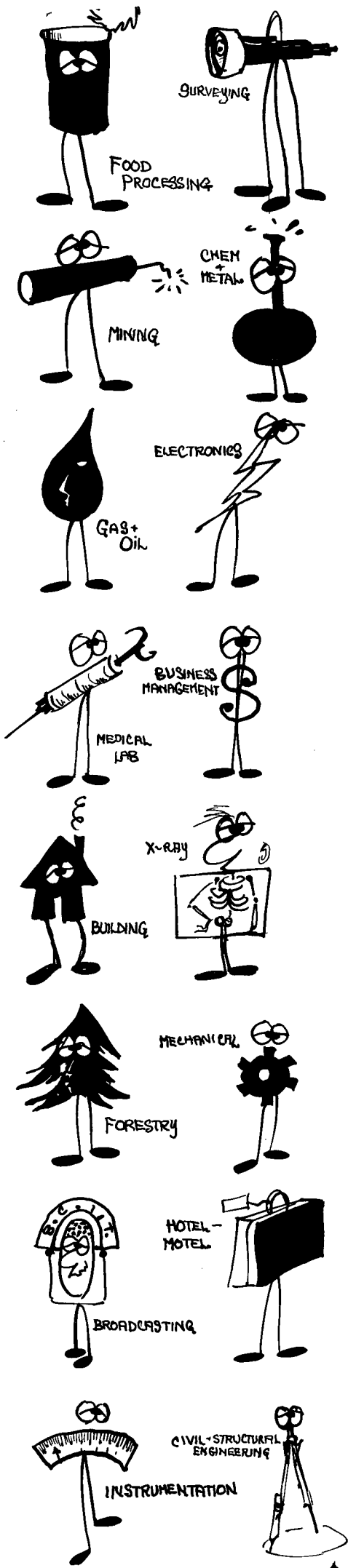
Barbados is a singular island! Most Canadians think the it is one a group, but this little bit of tropical paradise, the most easterly of the Caribbean islands, stands out on its own, surrounded only by talcum powder beaches and crystal clear water, indeed a gem of quality.

Located 13 degrees 10 minutes north of the equator and 59 degrees 35 minutes west of Greenwich, the island is 21 miles long, and at its maximum, 14 miles wide, approximately the size of the Isle of Wright, 166 square miles, but with a population of 250,000 happy souls.

Barbados is of pure coral formation and the average yearly temperature is 79 degrees with no more than a 5 degree fluctuation and an average humidity of 76%; this gives the island an ideal climate.

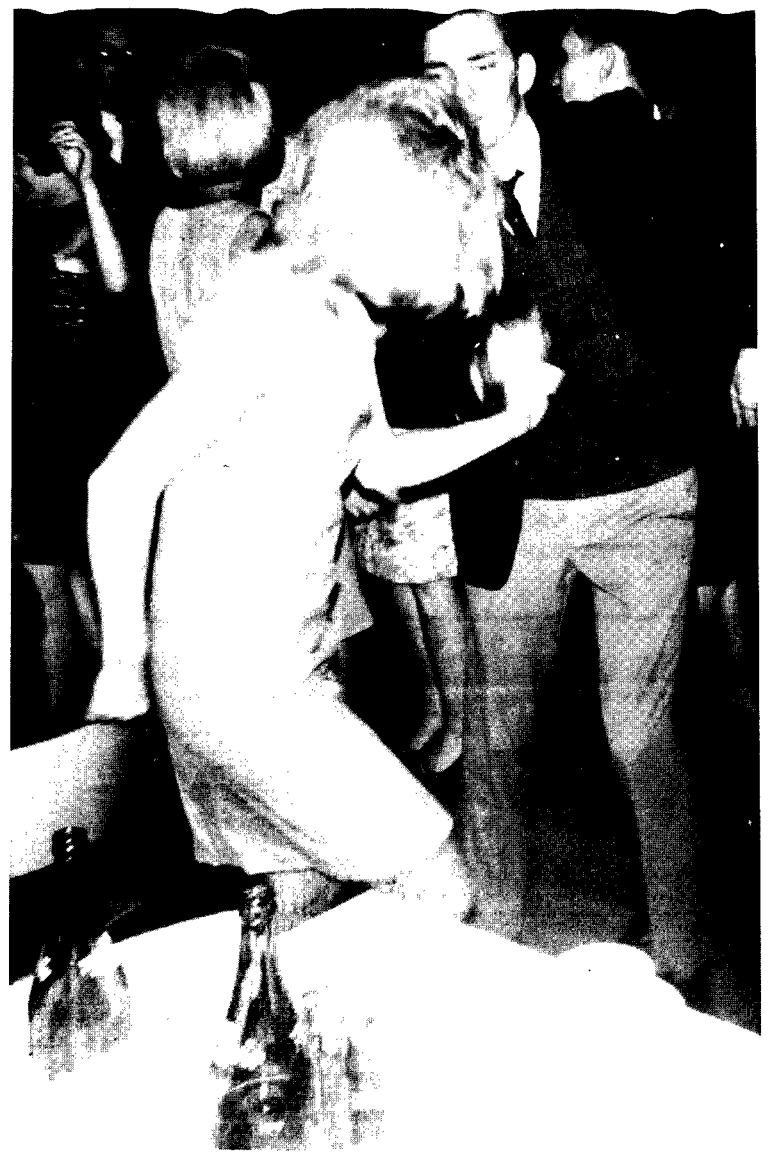
The main product of the island is sugar cane with tourism a close and growing second source of income.

Bajams, as Barbadians are called locally, are blessed with instant hospitality and would happily welcome a visit from any Vancouverites heading south seeking the sun and freedom from the cold, rain and tightly scheduled routines.....come on down, have some fun in the sun, with a rum!.....See you in Barbados.



GREETIE'S !!! ... WATCH FOR US IN

**PLAYTECHS**



## FROSH SLOSH

The Frosh Slosh?? It was a gas!! The Flame Supper Club was as crowded Saturday night as it will ever be.

The combination of 400 B.C.I.T. students and their friends, a good band, a big dance floor, and a really friendly spirit made for the best dance B.C.I.T. has had yet.

"The Link" would like to congratulate Gary Hanney and his Social Committee for their successful efforts on the dance. They're planning another dance for the end of October. Better get your tickets early and don't miss this one.



By Steve Ringwood

Our B.C.I.T. Rugby team had a taste of rough and bloody combat last Saturday at Clinton Park. The Black and Gold came up against the Ex - Gladstone team for two 30 min. periods. In the first five minutes of play, B.C.I.T. scrum Half Dennis Brown was taken to hospital with a broken nose. Since there can be no substitution until half-time, B.C.I.T. played one man short. The Referee penalized Ex - Gladstone for high tackling and warned both teams against playing too rough a game.

At half-time, after a hard battle, there was no score. In the second half, Doug Franks injured his ankle but continued to play.

Ex - Gladstone pushed through for a try and a convert giving them 5 points. The Ex - Gladstones played First Division last year and they have played together for several years.

Close to the end of the game, Doug Franks helped to even the score by kicking a field goal for 3 points after and Ex - Gladstone penalty.

On several plays, Forwards Kandy Johnson, Doug Franks and Dennis Alecarden and Back Drian Mahon looked good but there were far too many cases of a one man team trying to score by himself instead of passing.

Next game vs. U.B.C. Totems at Wolfson Field Saturday, Oct. 9 at 2:00 p.m.



B.C.I.T. Rugby team in a practice session.



Med. Lab and X-Ray touch football teams show knowledge of game?  
Last comment heard from sidelines was "Oh, No! The only way they could lose - and they did it!"