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Inside:

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Alex Robinson elected SA Pres

On 5 November, Alex Robinson was elected Student Association President for the balance of the 91-92 school year.

Alex has been working with the Student Association since last May as a member of the Student Council executive in his position as Health Society Chairperson.

Alex brings many new ideas to the Student Association that will both strengthen and raise the level of consciousness social responsibility within the BCIT community.

Alex can be reached at local 8603.

The Link will feature an interview with Alex in the next issue.



SA NEWS

Drum roll please.....

Introducing your new Student President, Alex Robinson.

Alex was elected as the Health Chairperson but was re-elected as President when Jason Veitch choose to step down in order to concentrate more fully on his schooling. Good Luck to you both.

A welcome to Jeff Siningar. A late, but great addition to the SA family as the Trades Chairperson. Anyone wanting to get in touch with Jeff can call 432-8600.

\$1,500 was given to the CNS Concrete Toboggan Team to help offset costs of joining the concrete toboggan contest. Last year they did quite well and in a case of victory this year they will be bringing the party to BCIT next year.

A special thanks to Forester's for providing two new microwaves for student use, one in the JW Inglis cafeteria and one in the Town Centre Cafe. The SA plans to match his donation and add two more micro's in the near future.

BCIT is getting "greener". Management and the Student Council became educated on environmental issues when the Sage Foundation gave an Eco-motion presentation. This week we're all trying to turn off the lights before we leave in the morning. Next week? Public Transit.

\$50 was donated to the World Wildlife campaign, \$50 donation to Sage Foundation and \$100 donation to the BC Coalition of the Disabled.

They call us "Canucks". They think we live in igloos. And, to top it all off, they think we say "eh" all the time. Well the SA had a chance to show them up when Alex and Steven attended a conference in Montana. The Americans were blown away when they heard what we "Canucks" do on campus without the help of Administration. Run our own business? Offer child-care? Recycling? Rent space? Make decisions? Not bad, eh?

LETTERS

Art?

Or Reverse Sexism

What about consistency? How come (sic) the TNT stores still carry male "beefcake" posters while the female posters have been removed? What's the difference?

A student concerned with hypocrisy

We are surprised that we only received one letter concerning this issue. And thank you to the student who submitted the above letter for expressing his opinion!

Once again, we are confronted by definitions and decisions. Personally, I applaud the TNT for not "running scared" and removing all the calendars. It would appear that they have differentiated between the "Kal" calendar which is still for sale (at \$12.95) and calendars such as Obsession (for both men and women). "Kal" would seem to fall within the boundaries of art in that it portrays men as real people and does not objectify body parts. But what do the rest of you think? Ed

The Link welcomes your letters.

We will endeavor to print every letter we receive, except those containing discriminatory or degrading material.

The Link reserves the right to edit for brevity and clarity. Opinions expressed are those of the author.

Letters must include name and phone number for verification (or they will not be printed).

The Link
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Jason Veitch resigns

An interview with the past President of the Student Association

Link: I guess the question that is on many people's mind, though probably not everyone's mind, is: why did you resign?

Veitch: It was a difficult decision resigning. It involved a lot of soul-searching. It was a selfish decision, but it was a decision I had to make and it was for myself. I want to succeed at school and receive my diploma in June and the reason for resigning was to fulfil those commitments.

L: So you were finding it difficult to balance your studies and your Student Association duties?

V: I like taking on things one hundred percent. The Student Association responsibilities combined with my classes created a lot of conflict. I didn't think I would graduate if I didn't resign.

L: So it was a case of what was best for you?

V: Well of course, and that's what it's all about; that's what we are here for ultimately. I had to dig deep, and resigning was what was best for me.

L: Any regrets?

V: No. I did what I had to do, and I made a decision that was well thought out. I will miss the people that I was working for and working with.

L: What were some of the things that you feel particularly proud of in your last five months working with the Student Association?

V: The biggest one that comes to mind is the Campus Centre, getting a million dollars from Elwood Veitch. I think that was a fantastic occasion for the Student Association not only for us but for the people who have worked hard for the past six years. And getting student representation on the Board of Governors was a step which will hopefully lead to voting representation. A lot of people might ask, "What does representation on the Board mean?" Well to me it means our voice is heard by the people who make the decisions. No longer are decisions made behind closed doors with little or no input from students. Now we can tell them exactly what we want, what we feel is best for the students. And

finally, getting our Campus Centre built to better serve students...

L: Is there any truth to the rumor that the new Student Association Campus Centre is going to be called the Veitch Centre?

V: (laughs) No.

L: Elwood?...

V: Yeah, the Elwood Centre.

L: On a more serious note... I should preface this by explaining that the Student Association received one letter, anonymously, regarding your status. As well, *The Link* received another anonymous letter which included a copy of the original letter that was sent to the Student Association. And while *The Link* has a policy of not publishing letters that are sent to us anonymously that we cannot verify, we do feel that we have a responsibility to respond to some of the accusations contained in the letters. It's a difficult situation for us because on the one hand, the letters probably contain innuendo and inaccuracies which don't deserve a response. But, and not to belabour the point, I think you should comment on them. The initial letter refers to the constitution and to the fact that because of your grades you were ineligible to be student president and that you should be impeached. Can you tell us what the Student Association's response was to that letter?

V: My initial reaction was one of shock. The Student Executive called a meeting immediately and took appropriate action. We sought legal opinion and that opinion categorically affirmed my position as SA President. The legal opinion confirmed that I was eligible to be both elected and maintain the presidency of the Student Association.

L: So number one, you were eligible at the time of the election—

V: Yes.

L: —and number two, you are still eligible to be President.

V: That's correct.

L: People are going to say: "Jason, Jason, Jason, this is too much of a

coincidence. You resigned shortly after receipt of these letters. There's a conspiracy here, a cover-up. You were indeed ineligible, and *that's* why you've left.

V: No, that is totally wrong. I resigned because I felt it was in my best interests to concentrate on school.

L: It must have been difficult to make that decision, knowing that people were going to say the letter forced you to do it.

V: It's unfortunate. But in a way the letter opened my eyes and I finally realized that I have to concentrate on school and that's what I've done.

L: Have you learned a political lesson from this?

V: I've learned a political lesson as well as a moral lesson. When somebody wants to get you—for whatever reason—they will dig and dig and dig to find anything on you. The only thing I can add is that the Student Association's integrity has been put into question and I can only reaffirm to everybody that it's a responsible organization that acts in the best interests of the students.

L: But going back to last year... If you were having so many problems with school, why the hell did you run? Why did you seek office? Where were your priorities last year?

V: My priorities have always been—and will continue to be—helping people. That is the reason why I ran for the position; because I thought I could help students. But unfortunately I devoted seventy-five to eighty percent of my time to the Student Association and my schoolwork obviously came second.

L: A lot of students don't understand the Student Association. They either have no opinion or a cynical opinion of the SA executives. And probably some administration are cynical as well: "these executives come in for one year, they've got their little offices, they've got their titles, they run around spending students' money, and who the hell do they think they are anyway?" Having been a student and then an executive and now a student once

again: what is your perspective on the Student Association? What would you say to people who say: "Jason, you didn't do this because you care about people, you did it for the resumé."

V: Well, to begin with, I think the student apathy during elections shows that most students don't care. When people decide to run for the Student Association they want to give and that's why they run. For people to feel that the Student Association executives are on a little power trip is unfortunate. However, if people want to see a change they could come out and get involved; they shouldn't just sit on the sidelines and criticize.

L: Tell me about the positive aspects of the Student Association. Explain it to someone who's a cynic.

V: Well, to begin with, the SA meets every second Tuesday, and they talk about issues that are facing students as well as establishing priorities and planning for the year.

L: Students can attend any of those meetings?

V: We encourage students to attend our council meetings. We seek input from everybody. We have many services that serve students such as alumni mentoring, childcare, recycling, *the Link*, tutoring, TNT, Desktop publishing, the copy centre... Students use these services but perhaps don't know whose responsible. It's a well-run organization.

L: So—away from school, away from the Student Association, away from the suit and tie, who are you?

V: I'm basically a person who likes to do things for family and friends.

L: What kind of person would your friends say that you are?

V: That I'm there for them. If they want a hand, if they want me to lend them five or ten bucks, whatever they need...

L: Can I borrow twenty?

V: (laughs) That's over ten.

Friendship is a two-way street. You've got to give and you've got to take. That's what it's about.

L: So you're a good friend... friends and family are important to you away from school?

V: Of course. That's what gets us all through school. Relationships.

L: You're married?

V: Yes, I'm married to Karen.

L: Your better half?

V: Definitely my better half; my thought-provoking half. And that's what it's all about—people—you, me, everyone. I try to help people and I thought that when I ran for the position that's what I did.

L: Do you think you succeeded?

V: I thought I was halfway there.

L: So what does the future hold for Jason Veitch?

V: Well, there's many short-term and long-term goals. Obviously the short-term goal is to graduate from BCIT. In the long term to be successful by leading a balanced life—a driven businessman, a good friend, and, most importantly, a loving husband.

L: I guess you've learned the valuable lesson of knowing who your friends are and who they aren't.

V: Yeah—you quickly find out who your friends are. Very quickly.

L: Any advice to your successor, or to the student executives as a group?

V: My advice to Alex is: always think about what you're doing and how it affects other people. Consult people. Alex has been an instrumental voice in the SA so far this year—he was the advocate for the SA's sexual harassment policy. He's a very level-headed individual. For the other SA members: work as a team, help each other out, and support each other. Seek advice. And most importantly, maintain a sense of humor. ♦



THEY CAME, THEY SAW, THEY CONQUERED... or The Link goes to Winnipeg

They came in, a little bit unaware. We thought they were dead; they kind of just appeared out of nowhere, a bit out of it... They're ... coming on strong. they're going places, they're moving ahead—they're going all the way man!... and they drink like fish.

Matthew 'Tigger' Johnson

Regional Coordinator

Western Region Canadian University Press (WRCUP)

27 October 1991

University of Winnipeg

Photos & Text By Des Reid

24 October 1991—4:10 am

While Des writes his Journalism midterm in the Broadcast Centre, his Instructor, Randy Taylor, becomes a father—congrats from all the Radio gang!!!

7:05 am—Flying en route to Winnipeg via Calgary. Les' sphincter goes numb as we take off (it's the first time he's flown). Unfortunately he hasn't taken out any travel insurance.

10:37 am—Back in the air and onto Winnipeg. Les is having *Poseidon Adventure* nightmares and is singing "there's going to be a morning after..." in his sleep. He is more confident when he wakes up: "if Shelley Winters can escape through the porthole, so can I."

Kari Fredheim, who is sitting beside me, declares that she has stayed "strictly monogamous" throughout the flight and threatens to sing drinking songs if we go to any downtown bars. Could be interesting!

I am rather disturbed by some of the passengers on this flight, not realizing that they are fellow CUP delegates going to 'Peg.

2:30 pm (local time)—Winnipeg. The last traces of snow have nearly gone but it's still a bit nippy. We arrive with a bang—literally!!! Bart, our designated driver, loads us in his '71 Dodge station wagon—the Bartmobile—and backs up into a cement divider. Les' version differs slightly: "through the divider, Des, not into it." Nevertheless, Bart is a man with a mission and proceeds to the University of Winnipeg, dismissing the scraping sound emanating from under the car as "the damn tailpipe." At a red light, a car full of students gestures wildly to Bart. "Yeah, I know—my muffler's gone." They continue pointing and shouting, so Bart investigates. Not only is his muffler gone, but his gas tank is ruptured as well. "Don't cause any sparks!" Bart drives for another



And this was before the drinking...

block and a half—scraaaaaaaape ... "OH SHIT!!—before pulling over.

Finally we stop, surrounded by the pungent smell of 98 proof unleaded, gushing out all over some residential street. We leave Bart just as the fire engine arrives and continue on to the University of Winnipeg in a Duffy's taxi. Bart later informs us that they have impounded his car and that it will be written off.

3:00 pm—

Arrive at the University of Winnipeg and receive our conference packages which contains no pens or paper but 7 condoms. *No sex, please—I'm British...* What is apparently a weekend's supply for Winnipeggonians is a year's supply for Les.

4:00 pm (2:00 pm Vancouver)—*When in Rome...*

At Kennedy's, a downtown bar, a bottle of Labatt's Dry is just \$2.00 a bottle. Lisa, a writer with Langara's *Gleaner*, informs me

that you do not have to raise your arm in a bar: "you may speak freely now, there are no instructors around." Thanks, Lisa!

We engage in the usual 'getting to know you' conversation. Lisa complains that in Winnipeg "they don't have screaming orgasms—because it is the Bible belt—they have pillow-biting orgasms." Les replies that "on a quiet Wednesday night at home pillow-biting is fine."

10:00 pm—Just finished a tedious plenary lasting 3 and a half hours. Actually, we are unsure what a plenary is exactly. I didn't help matters by questioning the eligibility requirements for participation in the Racial Equality caucus. One and a half redundant hours later I find that it is a 'closed session' for those who feel discriminated against that was passed at the last Regional. (We weren't informed of this because the person who took the minutes at the last regional conference took them all the way to Australia and hasn't been heard from since!!!)

After the plenary a men's caucus is formed at a seedy bar with Les and Kevin in attendance.

10:45 pm—Life as a Ligger: part II

Kevin notices that the *Grapes of Wrath* are playing at the Walker Theatre as we pass it. Ironically they are coming to the end of there gig—with hordes of screaming 15 year old's and Les joining them. I attempt to see Chris (Hooper) afterwards but, like most wiseguys thinking they can get backstage to see "the band," I didn't hold much hope of getting in. Fortunately I spoke with 1991's "Doorman of the Year" and he gets me backstage 30 minutes later.

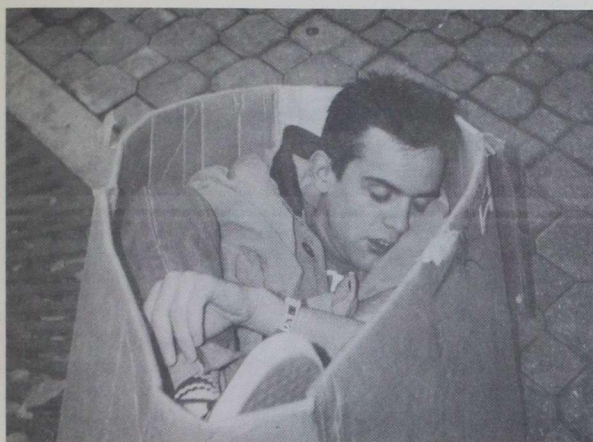
11:15 pm—

Enter Chris and the boys... Two young boys approach me and ask if I am famous. "You did play the drums didn't you?" I convince them that I am neither famous (yet) nor the drummer. Chris signs their poster.

Before Chris leaves to chat to an ex-BTO member he introduces



The Bartmobile abandoned at the side of the road.



Our sleeping accommodations weren't the greatest but the price was right!

me to Tom who asks if I'm a Canucks fan. I attempt to start a conversation by supposing that you have to be now that they're winning before he is swept away by a young fan.

As I leave I arrange to interview the band in November—to be continued...

27 October 1991

Out of the kitchen, into the fire...

As usual we get up late, miss the formal breakfast and the first workshops of the day.

10:00 am

Les attends the first workshop on Autonomy given by Imtiaz of the *Other Press*. The Workshop is subtitled "Just say no to student government." While believing in the freedom of the press, Les wonders why so many student association's pay so much for so little.

11:20ish am

"Layout"—Paul Dayson of the *Ubysey* provides an interesting hour looking at layout and design. Les, Kevin and me look forward to implementing some of the things we have picked up.

1:30ish pm—Homophobia Workshop

Intense, interesting dialogue which attempts to understand the gay community on the one hand while questioning our own attitudes.

I brought up the point that maybe we should see more articles emphasizing the emotional aspect of gay relationships. Heterosexuals and Gays are different but they are the same as well. We differ in terms of physical attraction but we are the same and share the same emotions. My point, perhaps naive, was to try and rid offensive stereotypes that mainstream society holds towards the gay community and create a dialogue of understanding. The responses ranged from "we are different, with different needs" to sarcastic comments along the lines of "you can't impose your ideas of love on others."

It was argued that being gay is not primarily about educating the general public. "Why should I have to justify my lifestyle to become acceptable to the straight majority." Great! But how can you say "Hey, I'm fucking fed up with homophobia" and not be part of

the solution?

This workshop was interesting and constructive purely because the atmosphere was empathetic and allowed people 'to agree to disagree' but the dialogue must continue...

4:30ish pm—News Writing and Objectivity

Was looking forward to this session but left after 20 minutes due to too much waffling and too little direction.

8:30pm

Les confesses that he is ashamed to be a white heterosexual male.

Enter the Amazonian—Christine from the *Bricklayer*. "All married people should wear wedding rings so you know they're unavailable!" She wears so many you don't know where she stands.

10:35pm

Enter Dave "The Fact Man" Platt from the University of Manitoba. Dave is unable to recall any facts under stress but promises to get back to us.

Off to the Spectrum. The *Toasters*, a good ska band from New York are playing. Do some serious gyrating with Nicole of the *Phoenix* and overindulge in shooters.

2:00am—"I am women hear me roar!"

Catherine, a local Winnipegian, tries to pick me up within 2 minutes of meeting her. Les says it is only because of my accent. She gives me her telephone number. Did we ring her up?

2:10am—

Walking out of the Spectrum Melanie is on the phone. Hearing we are from the gateway to the east she wants our telephone number as well. I realize that Winnipegians have warm hearts but this is ridiculous.



The Peak's Rachel Burnett proudly displaying a photo of her daughter, Katja.

2:30am—Blue Note Café

Les makes an announcement to the patrons of this establishment: "Excuse me... excuse me. We're from Vancouver and we have nowhere to stay tonight. Could somebody put us up?" Our ZZ Top-lookalike waiter informs Les that they have a personality code and he's not making it. Les is quiet for the remainder of the evening and unfortunately we are forced to sleep outside—in cardboard boxes.

Seriously, we are put up by for 3 nights by Alayne, the Managing Editor of the *Manitoban*, who is both gracious and tolerant.

27th October 1991—Englishmen on Lifts...

4:10pm—The Amazonian is leaving us. "The time I have spent here has been very memorable. I don't think I'll ever forget it. Especially my time with the *Link* people. ... Well, I accomplished quite a bit of what I set out to do—but not quite everything, Des!"

11:20pm

Plenary finishes after 6 hours of stormy activity. The *Link* and The *Peak* put forward a motion that CUP place more emphasis on technical skills and less on political issues. While not intending to trivialize the political, a great debate ensues. After rewording the motion to be slightly more palatable, it is passed unanimously.

12:25pm—"Less talk and more Les" The Manitoban

With our newfound friends we have our last supper together. Tigger announces a pub crawl back in Vancouver after the success of today's plenary.

28 October 1991

11:53 am

The radio informs us that a storm warning is in effect—temperatures are to fall to -7°C with 20 cm of snow expected by tomorrow. Time to go home!

2:20pm—We visit The *Manitoban*, the University of Manitoba's student newspaper. It is a huge university with 25,000 students. They not only make their own milk but have a cow with a window in its stomach. The Fact Man's office is as large as the *Links*—space, space, and more space.

2:30pm—Head back to Winnipeg. Kari has a "slight" difference with Colin, our taxidriver, who complains about women drivers.

5:20pm (BC time)

Flying back to Vancouver... What a rich experience it was.

Special thanks to the following:

Alayne, our billet (are you sure you didn't get the short straw); Les 'No personality rating' Merson; Kevin 'The Banker' Lawrence; Kari 'Very Monogamous' Fredheim; Rachel and Laura of the *Peak*; Sam and Nicole of the *Phoenix*; Shelly Anne, Jennifer O'Connor (Sinead's sister); and Moe, the advertising Rep from Cap College; all the staff at the Martlet; The Fact Man; Duffy's taxi; Paul Dayson of the *Ubysey*; and of course, Tigger! ♦



The Phoenix's Sam and Nicole embrace the Link's Kari, and our intrepid reporter, Des.

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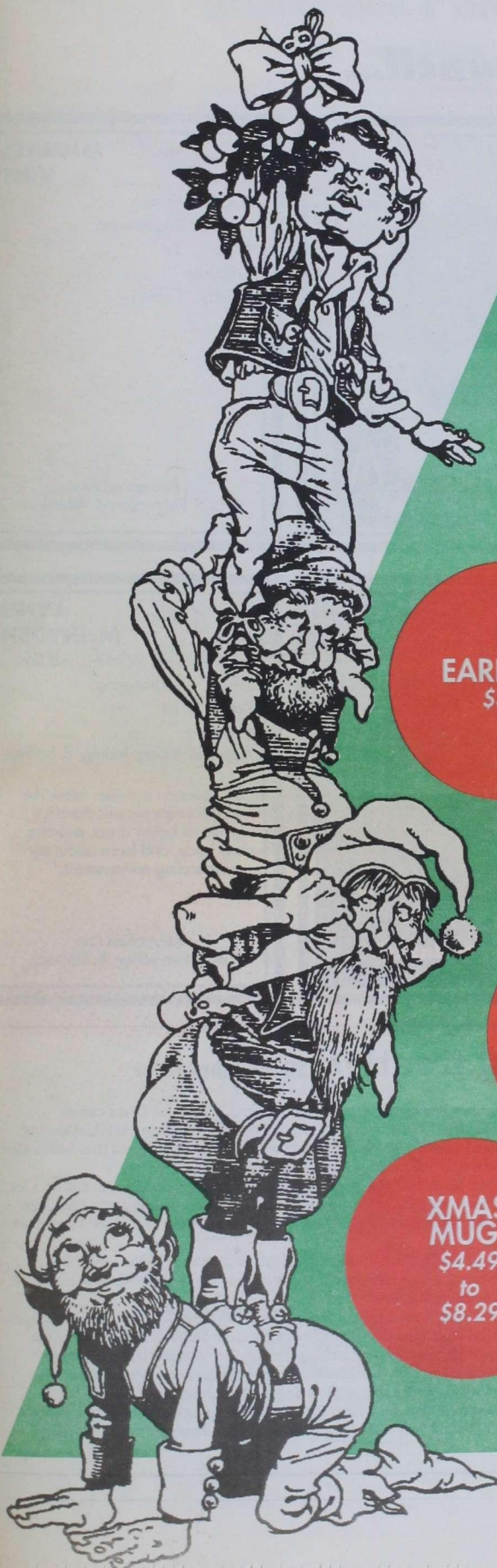
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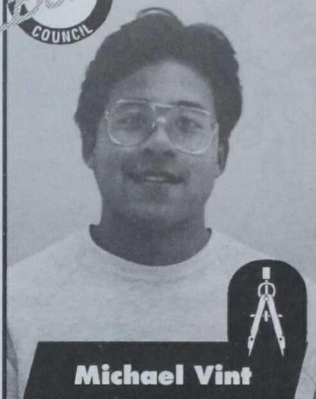
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TONYA GILES

Program: Nuclear Medicine
School: Health
Year: 2nd
Favourite
Activity: Softball

"Participating in recreation activities allows me to avoid doing my homework."

Recreation Rep
BCIT Recreation & Athletics



Michael Vint

Check it out!

MICHAEL VINT

Program: Mining
School: Engineering
Year: 1st
Favourite
Activity: Fishing

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Rob Chioccarello

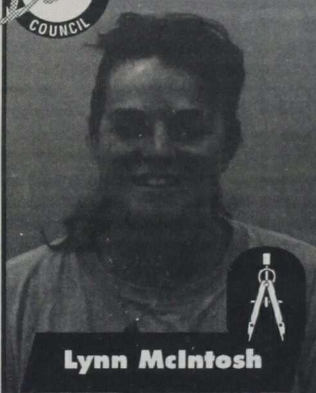
Check it out!

ROB CHIOCCARELLO

Program: Civil & Structural
School: Engineering
Year: 2nd
Favourite
Activity: Basketball

"Recreation activities provide a form of escape from the monotony of day-to-day academic activities and help to release the energy built up over a typically stressful week at BCIT."

Recreation Rep
BCIT Recreation & Athletics



Lynn McIntosh

Check it out!

LYNN McINTOSH

Program: Fish, Wildlife, and Rec
School: Engineering
Year: 1st
Favourite
Activities: Biking, Riding, & Sailing

"Recreation activities allow me to meet new people, have fun while reducing stress, exercise my body, and learn about my surrounding environment."

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Pumpkin Carving Contest a real treat!

By Pauline Meyer

On October 30, retired trick or treaters carved to their heart's content at the annual pumpkin carving contest held in the SAC building. For \$5.00 you could choose from an assortment of pumpkins with the winner receiving a \$75.00 gift certificate.

The contest entrants, mostly second year students, escaped post mid term stress and got into the spirit of Halloween. They brought props, tools, candles and set to work their ideas. There were no black felt lines on these jack 'o lanterns. Susan Hutchinson (2nd year marketing Pro-sales) made "The sleepwalker" decked with dread locks and humungous slippers. The sleepy face was etched with an Exacto knife and an orange peeler pulled the hair from the pumpkin's crown.

Kurt Shelton and Guy Teigen from robotics "borrowed" some ticking clock works and a long box to make a grandfather clock. Guy claims "the idea started with making a pendulum out of a pumpkin", inserting the face of clock on another pumpkin and before they knew it they were shredding two *Link* newspapers for a creative twist. They planned to recycle them so we'll forgive them.

"Woodsey" was aptly named for a pumpkin born again an owl. A triangular chunk of flesh became a beak and big O's were cut for eyes. Seeds were meticulously arranged and pinned around in a feather pattern.

In honor of our newly-elected premier, Lisa Dooling and Janice Byres carved "Boogying and Harcourt". One pumpkin, one bell of a realistic face. While adjusting Mike's wire rimmed glasses, Janice confessed, "we initially wanted to do Rita with a sign — "Mike where are the numbers?"

Rob Travers, and team (2nd year marketing) who "wanted to be different and do a lot of carving" used no props and carved a pumpkin into a chinese lantern style. Four legs were cut and fitted to the base. Candle light flickered through the bars of the face which resembled a cage.

"Da whale", displayed a partially submerged tail in an ocean of blue paper. It appeared to have bitten a giant marshmallow and its creators were nowhere to be found. Could they have been camera shy?

Students milled around the area and argued about the "best pumpkin" and the judges fared no better. The recreation department manager came out of his office where the judges were and scrutinized each pumpkin again. Another vote and still a tie, it was necessary to get a new judge. Five minutes later Paul Fortier announced the winners. "The third prize (\$30.00) goes to Susan Hutchinson, the second prize (\$60.00) is for "Boogying and Harcourt" and the winner for the best pumpkin goes to Kevin Lawrence and Jarrod Poon (both 2nd year marketing advertising) for their pumpkin, "Woodsey"!

RES RAP

Residence Funspiel

By Dave Gordon

The annual Maquinna Residence Funspiel hosted by the Residence Advisors at the Burnaby Winter Club on October 26, 1991 was the best ever! Over 130 people turned out to curl (to some wacky rules), eat, party, and try to put the stress of midterms behind them. Everyone had a good time, though some people were no doubt paying for their party with a bottle of aspirin the next day.

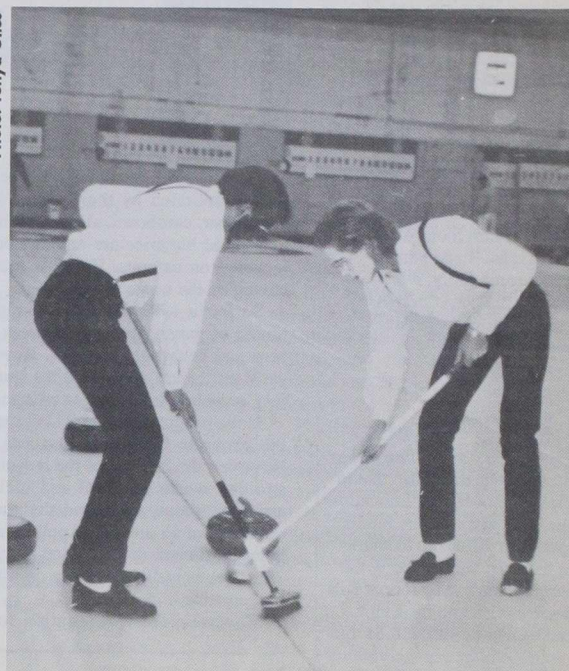
Eldon Cottingham broke the ice early by being the first person to wipe out on the rink. Eldon is a renowned trendsetter and once word got out that he had wiped out everyone else figured they had to get into the act too. There were bodies flying all over the place in no time. Unfortunately Eldon didn't confine his wipe outs to the rink alone, so Sean Payne had to take over in the wipe out department. Rumour has it that Eldon was "nursing" a throbbing head the next day.

Halloween costumes were a bit part of this year's funspiel. Mike Wood from Carrier House went all out in his role as a cheap hooker. Mike took home a gas BBQ from IGA for the best costume. Craig Adams from Nisga'a won a \$25 gift certificate from Diego's for his impersonation of a "festering worm." The festering worms also won top prize for best costumed team, winning a certificate for 12 admissions to Yuk-Yuks. Congrats to Craig (again) and fellow worms—Frank Kahlert, Kris Winther, and Carmen Heaver (who was absolutely ducky in her costume).

Eldon's team of doctors and nurses won \$20 worth of food from the Keg for the 2nd best dressed team. They included fellow nurse Davin Jaatteenmaki and doctors Lisa Chieduch and Kyla Chruikshanks. You guys better hope the RNABC doesn't hear about you!!

Being a funspiel, all the teams qualified for 'post season play.' The Reid team won the playoffs between all the last place teams. The Mattice team prevailed among all the fourth place teams and were most humble in accepting victory. The McCallum team edged out the Miller team in an exciting third-place finalé. (They flipped a coin to determine a winner so they wouldn't miss last call.) The Collin's team from Haida A was the top team among the 2nd-place finishers, and (drum roll please!!) capturing top honours among all the first-place teams, champions of the free world, winners of the Res Rock were the curling crazy koots from Kootenay House, the Payne team. Congrats to Sean Payne, Erik Weisner, dang Nguyen and Michael Letlola (good luck in the brier!).

Photo: Tonya Giles



Todd Wilder and Richard Pool having fun.

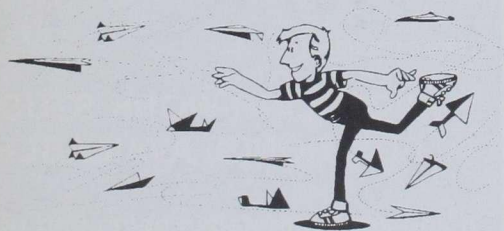


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11:30 am - 1:30 pm

WHERE: BCIT Gymnasium

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A documentary running approximately 30 minutes in length entitled *The Lore of Time* is presently in pre-production and needs student writers.

The focus of the film is to tell three short stories about Burnaby's past through the use of original film footage and photographs. Being a multi-cultural community, it is proposed that the film will focus on stories from three perspectives:

- a native indian
- an asian
- a caucasian

The setting will be BCIT's Model Child Care Centre. What better place is there than that of an Institute of Higher Education to link the past with the future, experience the desire to learn, and have the wise teaching the young and new. The format will feature stories told by senior citizens. The stories will be told to young children in storytelling format. This format will celebrate the passing on of lore from generation to generation.

The film will be produced by Stephen Miller of the BCIT Student Association. Stephen has had experience in both film making and film exhibition. The project will be in three phases:

Pre-Production

Research will be conducted to locate the senior citizens, their stories, and the supporting materials from the historical society and other Burnaby organizations to be used for the film. A team of writers will be put together to research and construct a story line for the film.

Production

A production crew will be put together with the BCIT School of Broadcasting using students to direct, photograph, record sound, and light the shots.

Post Production

An editing crew will be put together with the students to do picture and sound editing, music and special effects. All post production work will be performed at BCIT.

Target Date

It is anticipated that the final version of the film will be ready for showing by April 1992 in time to be used for both Burnaby's 100th Centennial and BCIT's Open House.

For more information please contact Stephen Miller at 432-8602.

EDITORIAL

BCIT Recycles! We should all feel good about the recycling program jointly operated by the Student Association and BCIT. Office and newspaper, cardboard, aluminum cans, toner and laserjet cartridges, and household batteries are among some of the materials currently being recycled on campus. But how much of an effect are these programs having on the waste stream?

So far in 1991 the BCIT community has already recycled over 70 tonnes of paper, saving 1200 trees, and has collected thousands of pop cans and household batteries. However, these and other efforts are not yet significantly decreasing the amount of garbage taken off campus. In fact, recycling is currently costing more than it is saving.

Is the program worth it? Definitely. Recycling will save money when the program is streamlined and more entrenched on the campus. However, the benefits of the recycling program go beyond savings from avoided waste disposal and include such intangibles as changing attitudes about waste and the ways in which it is handled, and the reduction of air and water pollution. The recycling program is currently being evaluated to determine ways to make it more efficient and cost effective, as well as working on ways to increase student awareness and participation.

However, the real solution to the waste crisis facing us lies in

following the hierarchy of the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. As one of BC's leading post-secondary institutions and a responsible member of the community, it is our obligation to lead the way with progressive waste management strategies. Yes, we must continue to recycle and to do it more effectively, but unless we focus on reducing waste, eliminating disposables, and reusing materials to their fullest potential, we cannot expect to reach the provincially mandated goal of 50% waste reduction by the year 2000.

The entire BCIT community needs to "clean up its act". We can start by taking part in the recycling program and supporting the efforts of this department, and ensuring that we are not hindering their efforts by contaminating recyclables with cups and wrappers that do not belong in the recycling bins. We can reduce waste by using both sides of paper for notes and photocopies and by looking for other opportunities to reuse materials before they are recycled. Most importantly, we must reduce the amount of waste each of us is generating each day. Carry a mug, refuse a bag, and start to take responsibility for your impact on the environment. We can all be part of the solution.

The Recycling Department has work study positions available and is very interested in your input into waste management at BCIT. Contact Tim Reeve at 432-8288. ♦

NEW EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE IN THE LIBRARY MICROCENTRE

Twenty new or upgraded computers have been added to the library microcomputing centre. Even more importantly, 26 hard drives are now loaded with WordPerfect 5.1. As well, for the first time at BCIT, the shareware tutorial package, "PC Tutor" has been installed on all machines.

Take advantage of this scramble facility, open 80 hours a week, to complete your reports and assignments.

Paula Pick
Institute Librarian

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Look... the recycling guys really need some help and if no one responds to this ad they'll be pissed off at *the Link* and maybe they won't advertise anymore, their morale will probably drop because they will feel that no one cares, they might tell others that we let them down, and before you know it nobody will be reading *the Link*. So, for earth's sake, apply for a work study position. And if you like *the Link* or have a friend or relative that works with *the Link* pretend that you're interested in a work study position with the Recycling Department. And if the recycling guys want to hire you and you're not interested—lie. Tell them the ad led you to believe that the position was far more rewarding and exciting than it actually is. I mean, who cares about our future anyway...

Here's the ad—

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If you are interested in being part of the solution contact Tim at the Recycling Department, 432-8288

the mobius loop was supposed to go here

The Fool's Putsch

By Nimmi Gill

Graphic by Jarrod Poon

Moscow witnessed the three day spectacle this August, no less revolutionary than the ten days in October 1917. Unable to adjust to the emerging reality, hardliners of the Communist Party of Soviet Union (CPSU) made a vain and clumsy bid on August 21, to regain lost ground.

The CPSU had ruled unchallenged over the Russian Empire for nearly three quarters of a century. Since the CPSU ruthlessly and brutally eliminated all competition to itself, it became inefficient, lethargic, unresponsive, and self serving. As a result, certain institutions like the KGB, started wielding power beyond the call of their duty. Winds of democratization and openness were perceived by these vested interests as a threat to their security, authority, and supremacy. They became natural enemies of change—they whined, resisted and finally made the desperate attempt to overthrow President Gorbachev and announced a state of emergency for six months.

But the ill conceived and ill planned coup failed and Gorb, probably goaded by his saviour, Boris Yeltsin, disbanded the CPSU. The Communist Party, which was established in 1848 after long years of struggle, overthrew the Tzar in the ten fateful days of October 1917. It took only three days for the CPSU to be thrown out, notably without bloodshed.

EVENTS OF THE COUP

Yuri S. Plekhanov, KGB Security Chief, and Boris K. Pugo passed through Mikhail Gorbachev's personal security, purportedly on a routine business call. They informed Gorb of the coup and asked him to resign. He refused. The guards were unaware of the high drama being enacted in the presidential chambers. Almost simultaneously Tass announced, "Vice President Yanayev has taken over." Reacting quickly Boris N. Yeltsin, President of Russian republic denounced the coup and called for a general strike. Mr. Gorbachev's three dozen guards, fatefully remained steadfast, disciplined and loyal.

Within 24 hours Moscovites were galvanized into opposing the coup. Bus drivers used the buses to create tank barriers. River

boatmen barricaded the river against any amphibious threat. Private industrial security firms, having veterans on payroll, jumped into organized defences against troop attack. Both the fervor of the masses and the collective will of the people thwarted the military action. In fact the call by Boris N. Yeltsin to soldiers' was received well and tanks started turning their barrels around. Plans to storm the Russian Parliament house where Yeltsin was stationed were quickly abandoned. What started on August 19 as a bid to return the USSR to Stalinism was burnt out by August 21.

CAUSES FOR THE COUP

A reaction of the party hardliners to the changing order in Kremlin, the coup was masterminded by men who headed institutions including the main security policy organizations, Soviet Defense Council, National Security Council and a hardline clique of the central committee whose power in the old order had been virtually unchallenged.

Three clear signals were the precursor to the finale. Firstly, the successful attempt of the hardliners to kill the proposed 500 day reform plan. Secondly, the resignation of Mr. Shevardnadze in protest against military efforts to thwart improved relations with the west. And thirdly, the attempt by PM Pavlov to ask Soviet Parliament for more powers for himself without consulting Mr. Gorbachev.

These signals were completely disregarded by Mr. Gorbachev, probably because the masterminds of the coup were men especially picked by Gorbachev himself. Herein lies the failure of Gorb's leadership—an almost willful misjudgement of the men around him.

SOME BACKGROUND

Rapid decline in central authority encouraged many republics to aspire for more power. The coup came just a day before nine

republics were to sign a new union treaty. The old guard just couldn't swallow all these changes.

The G-7 talks in London: where Gorbachev was lectured to and, some oldtimers in the CPSU perceived, treated shabbily, left them humiliated. They held Mr. Gorbachev responsible for putting the country in such a position in the first place.

President. Bush's visit was



perceived as patronizing within orthodox party circles.

Conspiracy theorists believe that Gorb helped organize his own overthrow to return as either a hero or a dictator.

CAUSES OF FAILURE

There were no longterm goals. In fact the leadership was totally out of tune with the aspirations and needs of the people. Coup leaders were shortsighted men looking backwards rather than forwards. The Soviet people were weary of the system that the hardliners tried to reinstate.

Sole aim of the coup became associated with the ambitions of the old guard to perpetuate itself. The hostility to the coup became most apparent by reaction of the Moscovites.

The leaders lacked the charisma of Lenin and the

brutality of Stalin.

Public reaction and the leadership of Boris Yeltsin quickly extinguished the ambitions of coup leaders. This was combined with a strong reaction by the rest of the world which gave heart to Moscovites.

A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE

Public reaction to the coup was a major reason for its failure. It is, therefore, reasonable to assume that the Kremlin will henceforth be sensitive to public opinion. Policy makers at the Kremlin can no longer take the people for granted. They will have to be responsive to the aspirations and needs of the people. As a result, the major policy decisions will have to be reasonable and made only after public dialogue. Such a process will ensure low international tension and possibly an open economic system.

Failure of the coup has strengthened the liberalization process. East European markets will progressively demand more and more of defence, capital and consumer goods from developed economies. This is where Canada should play a major role. Canada has the singular advantage among the Western powers of being the least politically controversial.

This advantage can easily be converted by Canadian businesses to their competitive advantage when dealing with these countries. The next decade will see growing trade between East Europe and the Western world. Canada must acquire its rightful market share. Here is a chance for Canada to change from a basic to finished goods industry.

The Soviet Union will be probably be reduced to half its size and its sway over world affairs will diminish considerably. The

Soviet Union is most likely to abandon its policy to fight the first world and run the third world. It will become more Eurocentric in thought and is likely to shed its Asian garb.

The international balance of power has been severely disturbed. Historical perception dictates that a new balance of power emerge. We may soon see a closer relationship between the three European Giants—USSR, Germany and France—for the first time.

While the Communist party has been disbanded, it is down but, I suspect, not dead. It has 14 million members and it is the only organized political party in the country. Indeed its last breath has not yet been heaved and I foresee a resurrected party, perhaps under another guise.

To quote Mr. Gorbachev: "The wind blows, the dog barks, the caravan moves on." ♦

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