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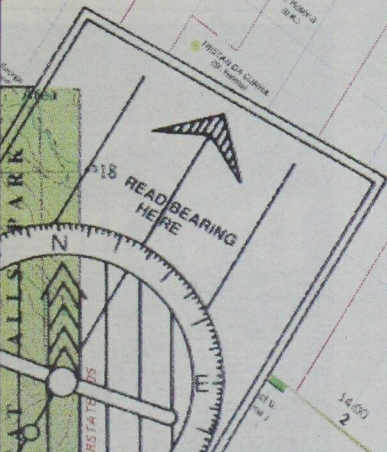


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BCIT's President announces he will retire in August of this year

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Campus Events

This Calendar column is open for notices of events on all BCIT campuses. Submissions can be faxed to 431-7619, sent by campus mail or dropped off at *The Link* office in the SA Campus Centre (down the corridor between the video arcade and the new copy centre location)

January 10-21

Intramurals Registration

Wednesday, January 12

Quit Smoking Information Table. Presented by Medical Services. Great Hall, SA Campus Centre

Thursday, January 13

Recreation Council Social.

Friday, January 14

Nursing Level 5: Fee deadline.

Monday, January 17

American Marketing Association Meeting. 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.

Beginner's Ballroom Dancing. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

Tuesday, January 18

Toastmasters. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 7am.

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ETE: Last day to apply for course credit (exemption) and change registrations to audit status.

Recreation Council Meeting.

Wednesday, January 19

Faulty Towers Competition. 11:30am - 1:30pm. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

Beginner's Swing. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

Friday, January 21

Deadline for next edition of *The Link*.

Monday, January 24

American Marketing Association Meeting. 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.

SA Council Meeting. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 5:45 pm.

Tuesday, January 25

Toastmasters. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 7am.

Nursing Level 5: Last day to withdraw and receive a full refund (less \$200 commitment fee).

Wednesday, January 26

Electronics: Timetable & registration for students on modified programs.

Next Edition of *The Link* hits the stands.

Thursday, January 27

Electronics: Timetable & registration for students on modified programs.

Women's Self-Defense. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

Friday, January 28

Electronics: Registration & orientation for Level 1 students.

Monday, January

American Marketing Association Meeting. 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.

Electronics: First day of classes, Winter Term.

Beginner's Squash. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

February 1 - 4

Sustain-Ability Week. Contact SA Environmental Education for more information.

Tuesday, February 1

Toastmasters. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 7am.

Wednesday, February 2

Introduction to Juggling. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

Tai Chi Begins. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

SCUBA Lessons. Contact Rec & Athletics for more information.

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Win cash for targeting Sustain-Ability

If you've got a major project or assignment to complete before Open House (April 7 & 8), there's money - \$1600 in cash - plus other prizes - available for focusing on environmental protection and sustainability!

The drive behind the contest, sponsored by both BCIT's Environmental Awareness Committee and the Student Association, is to help students better prepare for sustainability challenges in their fields of work, and to help BCIT improve its performance at the same time.

"What is sustainable?" you might ask. In general terms, it means meeting the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. That's wide open to interpretation, but the intent is clear.

With a focus on your particular industry, learning space or the whole campus itself, it could mean investigating ways to reduce energy or materials use, increasing recycling levels or exploring other issues of sustainability and environmental education. Extra marks will go to projects concerning the reuse, recycling or reduction of waste/pollution right here on

campus.

There are several general areas of BCIT's operations that could really use some attention, like reducing the use of paper, the amount of disposables in the cafeteria or the number of cars coming onto campus.

The best displays and projects will be shared with the public during Open House 2000, April 7 and 8 when 15,000 people visit our school. You can register as an individual, a team or an entire department. If your project is on a departmental or programme level, it could also be nominated for BCIT's Earth Apple Award (a staff/faculty award) that will be presented on Earth Day. So, faculty and staff participation is permitted and

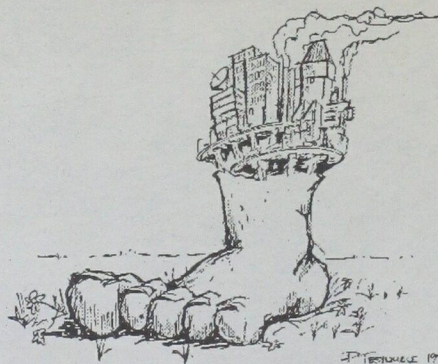
encouraged.

Check out the following web sites for background information on sustainability that may spark some ideas:

<http://www.natcap.org/>
<http://www.naturalstep.org/>
<http://www.ecobooks.com/ecommmerc.htm>
www.rprogress.org

Contest entry forms are available at the Student Association office in SE2. For more information, call the Environmental Education Centre at 451-7060 or email: ghelten@alternatives.com.

Greg Helten
SA Environmental Education



LETTERS

Re: "Some victims have been forgotten..." article

Having just read your article on the fallout of the FSA strike on BCGEU employees I had to wonder about the omission of a rather major factor. Were you not informed by any of the support workers that they received a 70% target (net) pay for not reporting to work on those strike days from their union? This little overlooked fact would lead to quite a different slant on your story.

Please check for yourself.

Thank You
Randy Singer

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Gillespie announces his plans to retire this August

Search committee being struck to find a new head for BCIT's Administration

PAUL DAYSON
Link Manging Editor

Last week BCIT's President Brian Gillespie announced that he will be retiring this coming August.

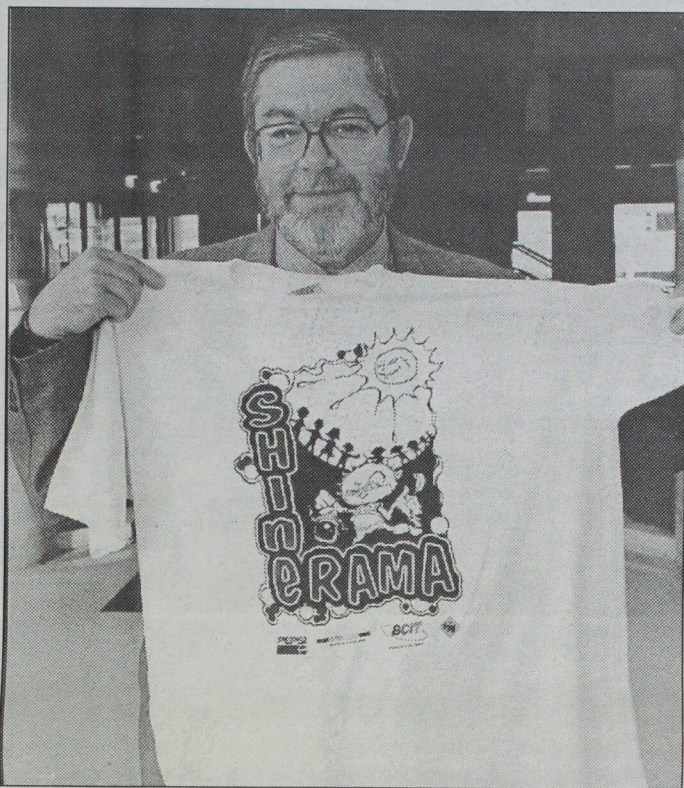
Gillespie has worked at BCIT for the past 23 years in various roles, the past 12 years serving as a Vice-President and then President.

"The decision to retire is never a simple one. However, there are many other experiences and pleasures to be enjoyed. Most recently, I realize how little time and energy I have been able to commit to my family, my grandchildren and my own community," said Gillespie in a letter circulated to the campus community through the intranet.

"BCIT is emerging as one of British Columbia's preeminent educational institutions, and is positioned to play a significant educational role in this province during the next ten years. I am proud to have been part of this institution, and my memories will be those of pride and confidence in its future," he said.

Gillespie credits this emergence of the institute in the past years to the faculty, staff and other members of the campus community's efforts.

"One of my greatest pleasures is the commitment of the BCIT staff to students and their pride in the success of graduates. Our graduates are capa-



BCIT President Brian Gillespie participating in Shinerama in 1996.

ble people in whom we can be justifiably proud," said Gillespie.

"Over the years, I have also enjoyed many rewarding professional relationships with staff and with friends of BCIT in the external community. I will recall these times with pleasure."

A search committee of the Board of Governors is being struck that will include representation from various communities that

make up the institute.

The appointment of a student representative to the committee was discussed at Monday, January 10th's Student Association Council Meeting but no decision was reached. The Council decided to vote on an appointment at their next meeting in order to give those interested a chance to better inform themselves about the time commitment involved.

Quitting smoking:

Med Services is there with information to help

Quitting smoking takes preparation. Some people who smoke can just decide to quit and be successful the first time. However most people have a great deal of difficulty quitting smoking and often have relapses before they finally succeed.

So before you implement that New Years resolution, your quit smoking preparation needs to address a number of topics:

- Have a clear understanding of why you do it and what it does for you
- Identify what has really motivated you to finally give up cigarettes
- Learn about the real nature of your habit: the physical addiction to

nicotine, the behavioral conditioning and the social aspects of smoking

- Develop an effective personal strategy for quitting—find out what resources are available to help you
- Set a target date and support system

BCIT Medical Services is hosting a display to assist students and staff with their plan to quit smoking. There will be lots of information to assist you with your personal quit smoking plan.

See you Wednesday, Jan 12th in the Great Hall.

SA Notes

Paul Dayson

Plug pulled on BCIT's Intercollegiate teams

BCIT has decided to end its participation in intercollegiate sports leagues which take up a sizable proportion of the Recreation and Athletics Department's budget while serving only a few students.

The news was delivered to the Student Association in a presentation by Recreation and Athletics Programs Director Paul Fortier at the Monday, January 10th Student Association Council meeting.

Fortier said, BCIT has for the most part been at the bottom of the leagues they have participated in. He attributed this to BCIT students' workloads which often twice the size of students at the colleges, nor does BCIT recruit athletes.

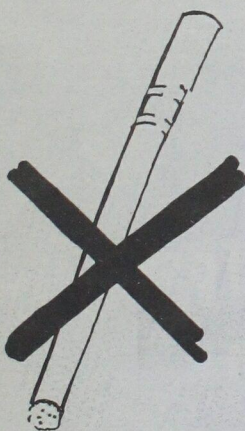
"We know there have been some very good athletes here who have not been playing," he said. "We weren't competitive."

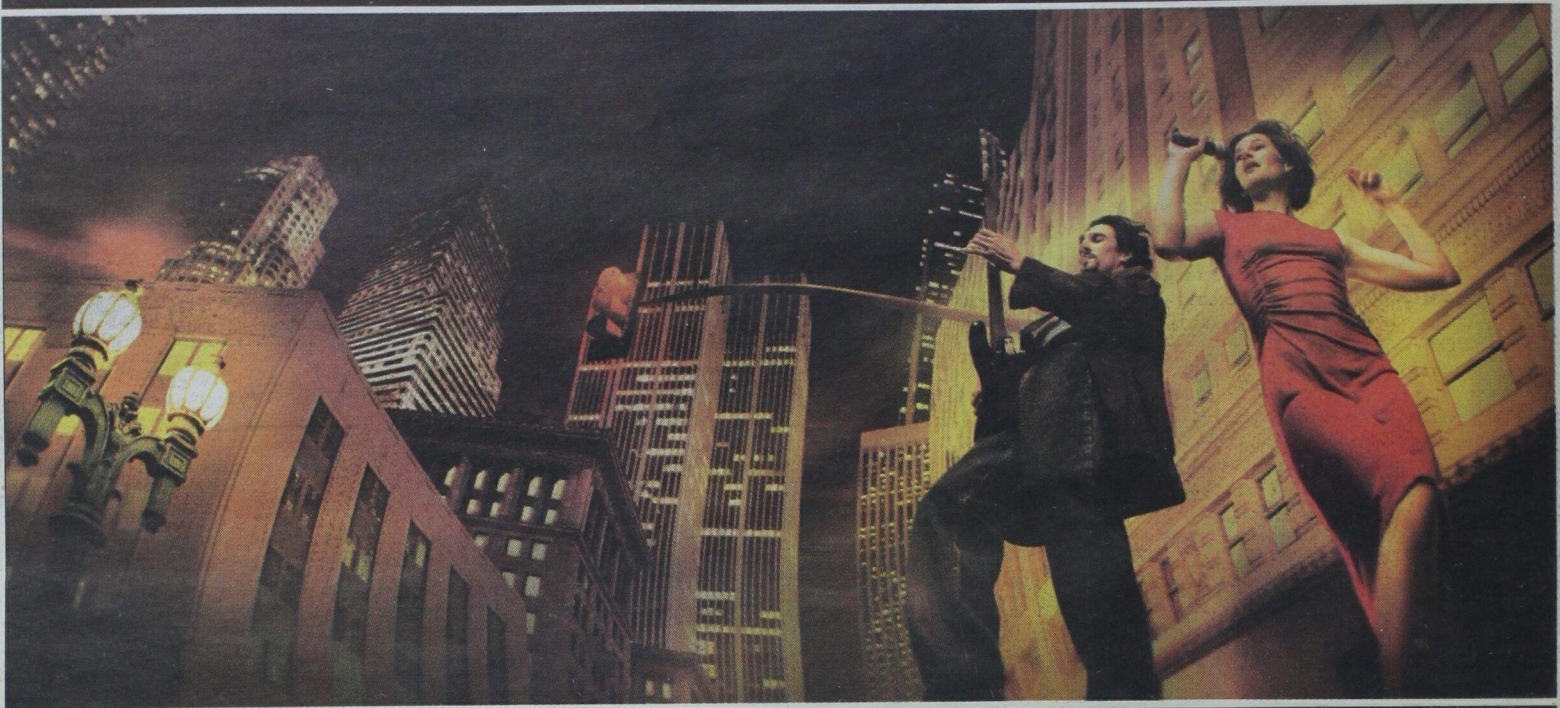
For this reason, Fortier said, most players and coaches are supportive of the move.

Fortier said, the money saved from intercollegiate sports—about \$38-40,000—would be used for other Recreation and Athletics programs. He pointed to the successful new Rowing program and the weight room as possible beneficiaries. This Fortier said would be of benefit to more students.

BCIT may still continue to field teams in sports like soccer, but instead in community leagues. BCIT's rugby team presently plays in such a community league.

- Heather Heine has replaced Niki Nelson as the Chair of Manufacturing, Mechanical, Processing, Energy and Renewable Resources Society. Heine and Nelson tied during last spring's SA elections and afterwards decided to split the position — Nelson during the fall and Heine during the spring.
- The SA discussed appointing a member to the Board of Governors' Presidential Search Committee which will look for a replacement for retiring BCIT President Brian Gillespie. A decision on the appointment will be made at the next meeting on January 24.
- The SA Council approved the holding of a party at the Commodore Ballroom on March 10, in conjunction with the American Marketing Association's BCIT chapter
- The Student Association as been able to have a new CAD plotter donated. It is being placed in the SA Copy Centre and will be up and running in the next few weeks.
- The Food Drive organized in December by the SA was a huge success resulting in 2,700 items being donated. Deserving special mention are Set D of Marketing who alone donated 1,200 items.
- The SA and the administration is embarking on a banking deal for the campus. Any deal will include a bank (or banking partnership) that will include Student Loan services.
- The administration and the SA have reached an agreement to split the costs of providing additional couches, chairs and coffee tables for the Campus Centre's Great Hall. Additional garbage cans are also being looked into.
- The week of February 1 to 4 will be Sustain-Ability week at BCIT and will also serve as a kick off to the SA Environmental Education program's Open House efforts.
- The SA will have a studio for grad photos set up on campus for about three weeks this spring.
- The SA voted to renew the purchase of a corporate pass for five people to Science World. This will continue to be available for students to reserve at the SA offices.





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BCIT student bands rock the Elephant

CARLOS ASSUNCAO
Link Arts & Culture Reporter

It's not unusual for a student to have a part-time job while attending classes, however, some have more interesting jobs than others. On December 3rd at the Elephant and Castle pub, two BCIT students brought their work to school.

CONCERT REVIEW
Limelite and Hi Fi
Elephant on Campus Pub
December 3, 1999

Graham, guitarist for Limelite and full-time marketing student, put on a high-energy musical spectacle in the pub. Along with Chris (lead vocals), Favio (artist and bass player), and Ramsey (drums), Graham has been per-

forming in Limelite for a year or so (weddings, parties, anything). Their performance at the pub transformed the space and showed the potential that our own campus pub has for providing entertainment and escape for stressed-out students.

Chris (lead vocals) brings a confidence to the group that transcends their relative inexperience, especially in their performance. Knowing that his cousin, Jordy Birch of Vancouver's Pure, has made his mark on the music scene may have provided some inspiration.

Limelite's sound is highly polished and they're great live performers. Their sound and image is reminiscent of some successful Canadian artists like Sloan and the Tragically Hip, their other musical influences include U2,

STP, and Oasis. Together only a year, Limelite is already looking forward to playing at the newly reopened Commodore Ballroom on Granville, the Student Association at BCIT is trying to arrange a show with Limelite at the Commodore for BCIT students.

The same night HiFi shared the bill with Limelite at the Elephant and Castle. HiFi is Rory O'Sullivan, Mick Fashion (aka Reggie of Marketing/Tourism at BCIT), Douglas Sinister (aka Naim), Paul and Jenny. Douglas and Rory play guitar, Mick plays bass, Paul plays the drums and Jenny brings it all together with vocals. Brothers Paul and Mick met up with Rory in the eighth grade, Jenny grew up on Vancouver Island and joined the trio later on in Vancouver.

So why did HiFi come together? What motivates them to make the music they do? and why in Vancouver? The answer is the general decline or lack of quality in music (especially in Canada). The biggest perpetrators in this crime against good music? Our Lady Peace, Tea Party, Offspring, Smash Mouth, I Mother Earth, and even the Tragically Hip. The HiFi mission? Make good music (or at least better than the crap were used to here).

Asking HiFi how they would categorize their music you'll hear, "modern pop", "brit rock" or "the future of rock n' roll". If



HiFi.

LYGDEL DE LEON PHOTO

there's one thing that ties this group together it's the British influence, in addition to Douglas being a Glasgow native, most of the members have visited England and have an admiration for British music (however, Paul leans more towards electronic music and hopes to bring that influence to HiFi). The likes of Manic Street Preachers, Oasis, Stone Roses, the Charlatans, and Suede are where it's at for HiFi. On occasion HiFi performs inventive covers of these artists, for example, You Stole the Sun from my Heart, by the Manic Street Preachers, performed beautifully that night.

With only a year together it's already apparent that HiFi has a bright future. On the HiFi website news link the band mentions difficulty with the sound in the pub, which was noticeable, how-

ever, it didn't prevent the band from playing an impressive and enjoyable show.

HiFi has played a couple of successful shows at the Railway Club in Downtown Vancouver and has a 4-song demo album available, to get a hold of the demo you can contact the website at www.geocities.com/hifi_scifi. The future plans for HiFi include touring England and Scotland as soon as possible, and maybe another show at the Elephant and Castle (a must see).

Both Limelite and HiFi were worth the price of admission and more. If they return I suggest the students of BCIT take some time off and see how the other half lives.



Limelite.

LYGDEL DE LEON PHOTO

Edwin, Tea Party deliver showmanship

MELINA ROUSSELLE
Link Arts & Culture Editor

As cheesy as Edwin is he knows how to put on a good show. He had all the girls screaming from the moment he stepped on stage, until the moment he exited stage left.

With his face glistening with sweat and his shirt clinging to his body, he opened with "And You" but was sure not to miss any of his big hits, such as "Hang Ten" and "Trippin'" which of course got the best response. He also did "One more Astronaut" from his IME days (that's when the crowd started to get rowdy), and sounded like the good old Edwin we used to know. He didn't mess with any of the songs, just played them like on the CD. There's nothing worse than hearing your favorite song remixed live.

Concert Review
Edwin and The Tea Party
PNE Forum

Of course he couldn't have pulled it off without his killer back up band. Ruben and Chris

on guitar, Kenny on bass, and Christian on drums. Ruben who was the singer for now defunct Canadian band "Glueleg" helped Edwin sing backup. When Edwin went to go introduce his band he realized he didn't have a name for them and decided that "Edwin" suited them just fine.

As for the mosh pit, it was full of teenage girls at their first rock concert or of overbearing "Tea Party" fans. Before I knew it he was saying "goodnight" and didn't come back for an encore. That totally surprised me because someone like Edwin craves attention, I thought he would love to hear the 15 year-old girls scream out his name asking for more. I would definitely see him live again and recommend getting his CD. Then you'll understand why he is selling more than 2,000 copies a week of "Another Spin around the Sun."

20 minutes later after the crowd started to get ancy out came the Tea Party. They put Edwin to shame. Jeff Martin is such a good singer. If you get goose bumps listening to his albums, hearing him live is incomparable. As lame as it

sounds, he makes you feel the music. His voice is so thick and powerful. Between songs he told stories of how particular songs came about.

His first story was about a big music festival in England where he made love to a beautiful Australian girl in front of a huge crowd after getting high (there are some things better left unsaid).

He also gave us his point of view on organized religion. In the words of Martin "The world would be such a better place without organized religion." Not that I'm a fan of organized religion but after that statement my respect for him diminished by a great amount. Some of you are thinking right now "He's allowed to have a point of view", yeah he is but I think it would have been better said in a less offensive way.

The concert lasted between one and a half to about two hours long. His stories were intriguing and it was nice to see a musician who wanted to share that with the audience.

KISS: Rock 'n' Roll All New Year's Long

VIPIN BAJPAI
Link Arts & Culture Reporter

The atmosphere was electric. All the hardcores were out in full gear, Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons look alikes everywhere you turned. It was very exciting to know that one of the greatest Rock 'n' Roll bands of all time would choose Vancouver of all places to put on a Millennium Concert.

Concert Review
Kiss with Big Wreck, Lit and Nickleback
BC Place Stadium
Friday, December 31, 1999

Three bands opened the concert, beginning with Nickleback at 8:30pm, followed by Lit at 9:15pm and concluding with Big Wreck at 10pm. Big Wreck put on a good show and

pumped some life into the crowd prepping them for the main attraction—Kiss.

The stage was set, two four story high dolls of each band member on either side of the stage and plenty of fire, lights and fireworks to entertain the crowd of approximately 18,000. In full gear the band members made their appearance at 11:30pm singing Psycho Circus as their opening song. They continued to jam right through the New Year, missing the countdown, but the crowd didn't seem a bit disappointed. Kiss was on stage until 1:00pm singing 15 of some of their greatest hits of the past four decades. They ended the night with plenty of fireworks and three encore songs: Detroit Rock City, Black Hole and Rock 'n' Roll All Night. All in all it was a good way to bring in the New Year in Vancouver.

STUDENT RUSH FRIDAYS SAVE 50% OFF

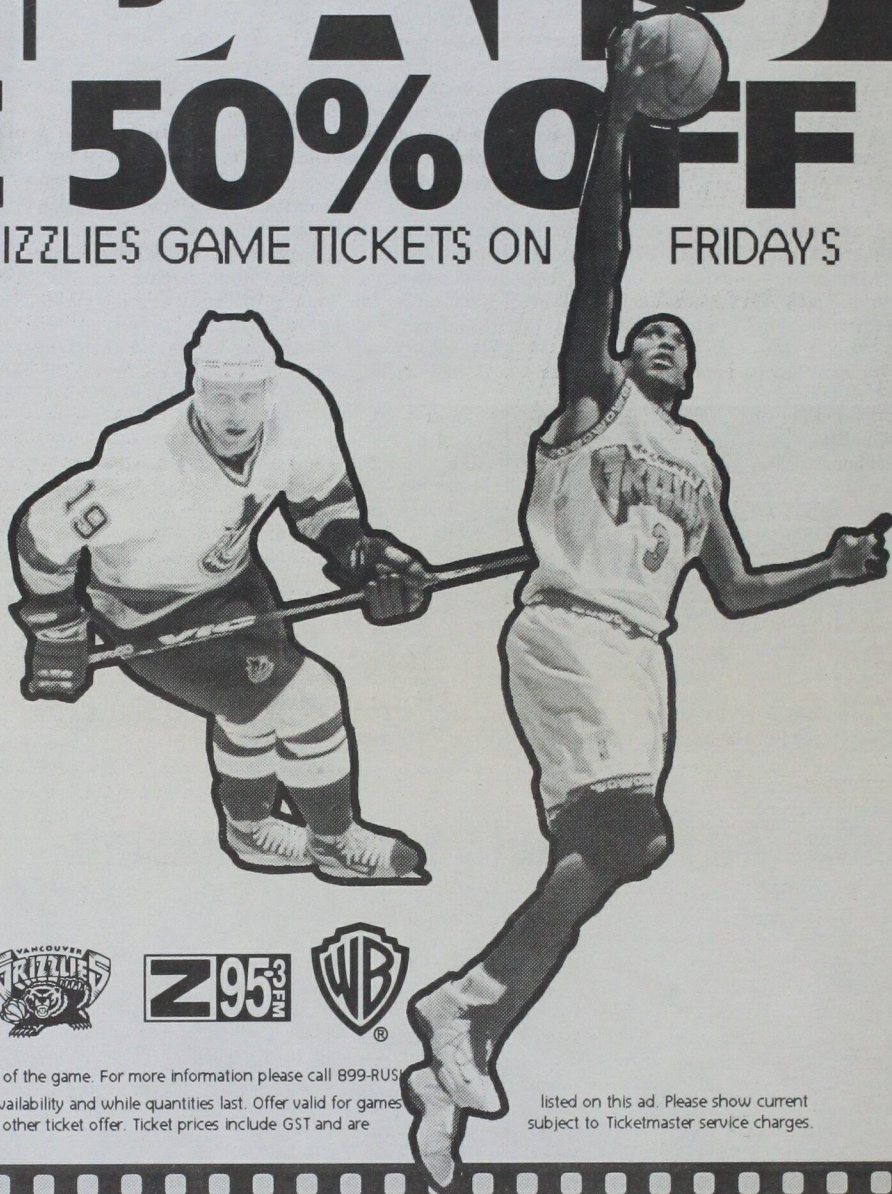
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Dear Lily,
I have a problem with my boss: he constantly tries to be my buddy. He invites me to dinner, for drinks, for coffee (I don't even drink coffee!!!), and he calls me at home...I like my boss, but I'm not comfortable with the direction he is going with this...how do I let him know this without jeopardizing my position???...I hate office politics!!!

Thanks for your consideration.
Corporateclimber

Dear CC
I shouldn't think it likely that you're going to be doing much climbing if you don't want to socialize with your boss!!!

Dear Lily
I'm having a problem deciding on whether to dump my boyfriend. I have fun with him, we get along wonderfully, but I'm not in love with him, and he is desperately in love with me. I have to tell him this fact many times, but he still wants to be with me. I am happy with the relationship the way it is now, but I'm sure that I will eventually grow bored with it or tired of the imbalance. I guess what I'm asking is should I say good bye now before he gets really attached to me or just go with the flow and if he gets hurt, oh well, that's life?!

Conflicted

Dear Conflicted
Maybe if you show your boyfriend the sen-

sitive and insightful letter that you wrote outlining your struggle with the decision to dump him now, or wait until you grow bored with him, he'll dump you.

Dear Lily,
A year ago I moved to Vancouver from Toronto, at which time I broke up with my girlfriend. She still lives in Toronto. We have kept in contact regularly since that time, always on her nickel, because I can't afford the cost of long distance communication. Six months ago I met my current girlfriend. I didn't tell my ex about the new woman in my life until recently, because she had been so hurt by our break-up that I was afraid of her reaction. With good reason; when I told her last week, she got very upset, and told me we could only be friends if I promised not to ever discuss my new girlfriend. She ended the conversation saying that the ball is in my court. What should I do?

Guilty in Vancouver

Dear Guilty,
Send her a Christmas card with a picture of you and your new girlfriend enclosed. Don't forget to mention in your greeting that the ball is now in her court.

Does your marriage need saving? Is BCIT's work load destroying your relationship with that significant other? Well, Lily White is here and Lily is willing to answer and advise on all your relationship woes.

Letters to Lily can be sent to:

asklilywhite@hotmail.com

Does the Downy ball still work if you fill it with Fleecy?

Well, does it? This is what my mom asked me. I could not make that up if I wanted to. I told her that if she did fill the Downy ball with Fleecy, the Downy police will come and arrest her for committing Downycide in the eighth degree. She was not amused.

I've been using Downy for about two months now. It really does make your clothes soft and fluffy. My underwear can actually bend without cracking. My towels are thicker and they don't fit in the drawer anymore. I don't know how I survived without this product - I was living like a savage, a cave-man, Howard Stern. I can't do laundry without it now. And I have to brag about how good it smells; I ask people in the street to smell my jacket and they walk, almost run, away very quickly. I don't get it. It's not like I asked them to smell socks. That would be gross.

They have new "flavours" now. Flavours like Vanilla and Tropical Breeze are really exceptional, but I know they can do

better. When are they going to come out with Hugo Boss' Hugo "flavour" or Calvin Klein's Eternity "flavour"? That's what I'm waiting for.

And what's up with Bounce dryer sheets? Their commercial says to put them all over the house to make bad odors go away. As if. They just want you to buy Bounce to waste it in the bottom of a garbage can or in your drawers. I don't think so. And have you smelled their bizarre "flavours"? Their "unscented" smells like flowers. What's up with that?

What does Wisk actually do? Does it remove stains? Does it clean the clothes? What does it do? I don't know, but it's a very pretty bluish colour. Bleach. What is the point of putting bleach in your laundry? Sure you'll get your clothes white, but when it starts to disintegrate during a really long exam, you'll be kicking yourself. You know bleach is destroying your clothes when you sneeze and your sleeves fall off.

So what goes on in the

washer when there are, like, four different kinds of brewed chemicals each competing to clean your clothes? What if they cancel each other out and make your clothes dirtier than they were when you first put them in? I might try it, just once though.

Drying is a whole other ball game. You can choose from settings like bake, broil and shrink, I find the best setting is between bake and broil. Jeans take forever to dry. I still have a pair from grade nine, the jeans don't even fit me anymore, but they are still wet. Hanging clothes to dry is one of my favorite things to do (right up there with washing dishes and being forced to watch Ally McBeal). Have you ever hung a sweater to dry? You only need to do that once, but lucky me, there are a lot of tall people in my family. I hate the way the clothes get crunchy. I am almost afraid to fold them because once, a pair of socks shattered in my hands.

Watching the clothes spin in the dryer is more entertaining than Ally McBeal. I

should call the Emmy people to see the action going on in there. Even the Oscar people would agree there should be a special category for laundry. You can sit there like a fool watching your socks go missing in action (I have yet to go through an entire laundry day without losing anything). Where do all these socks end up? My guess is that they go to a "sock heaven" where they are free from bleach and teenage feet. They wouldn't have wings and a harp because that would just be silly (how would they play the harp anyway, they don't have any arms). I hope I go to sock heaven when I die. I imagine it's very nice.

Laundry day comes and goes. I think on the next laundry day, I will use Snuggle in my Tide Rollerball and Wisk in my Downy Ball with a little bleach and Sunlight for garnish it. It would be my sister's laundry of course. You don't expect me to wreck my clothes, do you?

the original freak
L.S.Pannu

How can I apply for bursaries or loan remission?

Now is the time to contemplate your financial future, not in two or three months when the reality of being a starving student hits you in the face. You see, the things you do or don't do now will affect your financial security in the future.

The second term of any year is the time where students who foresee difficulty in their immediate future should apply for a bursary. The most important thing to know is THERE IS A DEADLINE! This year the deadline is January 30th, 2000. Most years students have roughly a month to get in their bids for a bursary.

So what is a bursary?

A bursary is a non-repayable award granted to full-time students who are in financial need and progressing satisfactorily in their BCIT program. (this effectively excludes those students who are waiting for a BMW from your parents when you graduate and those students who spend more time mastering their Sony Playstation than they do studying anything). Bursaries range in value from \$100 to approximately \$1000.

The bursaries can be applied for each year a student attends school full-time, normally after a period of study has been completed in that year, so that the grades of the student can be taken into consideration. Although, grades alone are not the only consideration, the financial needs and the apparant effort and difficulty facing a student is considered.

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One such option is Loan Remission.

Students with a large government student loan debt when they graduate from their BCIT program may, in some cases, have part or all of their BC Student Loans forgiven. Based on 1995/96 regulations, the BC government may reduce the loans of eligible students to \$18,500 for the first post-secondary certificate/diploma/degree. (\$23,500 cumulative for the second diploma/degree.) Debt levels are set on an annual basis and may change during the course of your program.

Only the BC Student Loan portion of student loan debt is eligible for loan remission consideration. Students may receive remission for a period not exceeding their program length plus one year. For example, a student in a two-year BCIT Technology program may receive remission on loans taken over a three-year period. Please contact the Financial Aid Reception for detailed information and a booklet on Loan Remission. Loan Remission cannot be applied for until you have graduated.

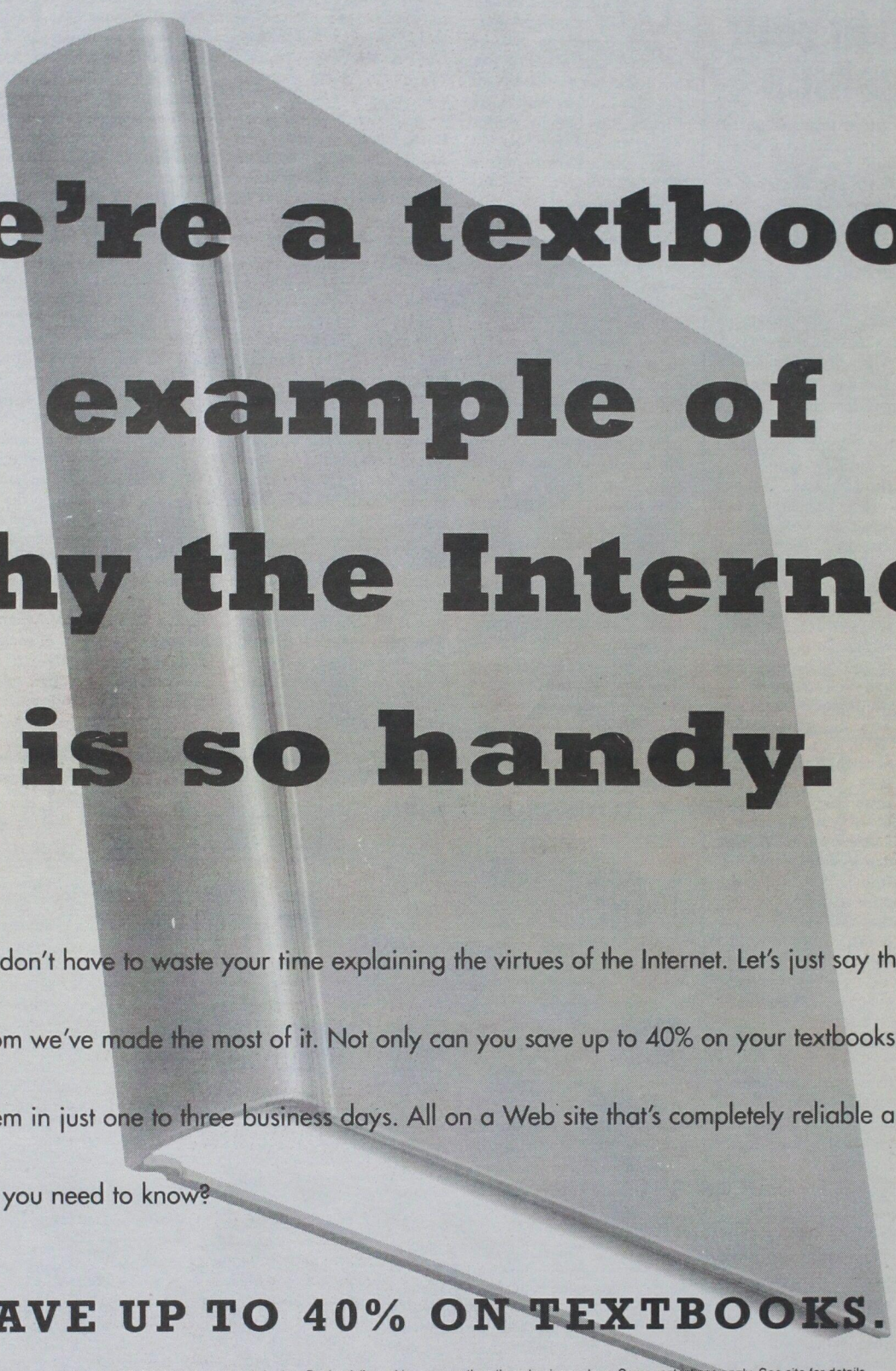
There is a deadline for Loan Remission. You must apply for Loan Remission within one year of your study period end-date. Be warned however, the Loan Remission Program is under review and is subject to change.

For more information on bursaries and loan remission contact BCIT Financial Aid and Awards Reception, SW1-2300. From 08:30 to 16:00, Monday to Friday.

BCIT Financial Aid and Awards criteria for students to be considered for bursaries is as follows:

- students must be a Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident of Canada,
- must be enrolled full-time in a BCIT program (full-time is defined as 60 percent or more of a 100 percent course load),
- must be progressing satisfactorily in classes,
- must have successfully completed at least four months of full-time studies at BCIT in the last 12 months (Technology students must have an overall GPA of at least 60 percent in prior full-time studies at BCIT),
- must prove they have financial need.

There are many sources of (non-repayable) funding for students, the important thing is to work hard to get the grades that will allow you to be eligible and to get involved and be aware that these services are for you.



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