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## Government gives BCIT a new mandate

Link Staff Report

Just as students were getting ready to go into final exams last spring, the government restored about three-quarters of the \$4 million it had cut from BCIT's 88/89 budget earlier in the year.

At the same time, the government announced that starting with the 89/90 fiscal year, BCIT would operate as a Centre for Advanced Technology Training, although the BCIT name would remain with the "new" institute.

At the time of the announcement, Stan Hagen, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, said the government had "long recognized the need for a facility that can serve as a flagship in providing advanced technical

training in the province."

On July 15 Hagen announced that although a restructuring of BCIT was underway, no programs would be cancelled and that "students currently enrolled in courses on campus will be able to compete their training at BCIT." Hagen did indicate that some programs would be relocated and he expected instructors and support staff would follow their programs to new institutions.

One week later BCIT's new mandate was announced: "The British Columbia Institute of technology will be an innovative and flexible advanced technology enterprise which will focus on those initiatives that increase the level of entrepreneurial activity within the province."

Hagen said BCIT will establish expertise in specific technological areas and develop applications for B.C. businesses and industry; facilitate technology transfer by providing innovation, industrial assistance and contracted applied research; and, provide a highly trained work force vital to the establishment and continuance of advanced technology in British Columbia.

In a press release dated July 22, Hagen said he was pleased with the new mandate statement for BCIT.

"I believe it reflects the new direction the provincial government has set for BCIT. Under this new mandate BCIT will continue to support economic growth, enhance productivity and increase employment opportunities in the province

in an important new way," said Hagen.

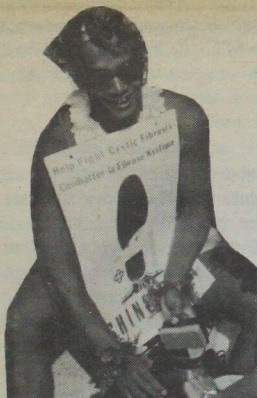
Hagen also announced that a review of programs offered at BCIT, in light of the new mandate, resulted in several programs slated for transfer to other colleges, and four programs coming to BCIT from Vancouver Community College.

Leaving BCIT over the next 12 months are Horticulture, Health Records, Hospitality, Upholstery

and Appliance Repair, and Construction Trades. Coming to BCIT from VCC are Computer Systems, Security Alarm Installer, Power Engineering, and Electricity and Industrial Electronics. The changes will be phased-in by September of 1989. Hagen also noted that at the same time new programs will be identified and established at BCIT consistent with the new advanced technology mandate.

## Shinerama coming soon

It's Shining time again! That's right, time to hone your shoe



polishing skills and put in a day of shining in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and its fight against CF.

Wednesday, September 21 is the day hundreds, nay, thousands of

BCIT students descend on unsuspecting Vancouver area citizens. Armed with polish, buffing cloths and donation boxes, and often dressed in weird costumes, these students will be ready to shine the shoes and take the money of all passers-by.

However, some of you who plan to participate may be somewhat unfamiliar with the fine art of "getting the job done" once you've staked out your street corner or mall entrance. The Link, in its efforts to provide the students of BCIT with important and relevant information, offers the following helpful hints.

1. SHINE THE PERSON'S SHOES ONLY AS A LAST RESORT! First try to get his or her wallet, empty it and then replace it while the subject is looking for directions or waiting for the bus.

2. If this indirect approach to

fund raising is not possible, or one or more members of your shining group is arrested, confront prospective donors directly and threaten them with the curses of your ancient ancestors who will haunt them while they are alone in their bathtubs.

3. If the prospective donors are still not dishing out any cash, get down on your knees and whimper and cry hysterically. This will embarrass most people sufficiently that they will throw some change your way.

4. However, if the person insists on a shoe-shine while you're on your knees, sigh with great resignation and reach for your shining kit.

5. To make it worth your while, step on the shinee's shoes and scuff them up. This will ensure that they will be impressed with the terrific job you might do.

6. If your shinee still hasn't changed his or her mind, choose your polish. Being supplied only with army surplus black and flaming red makes the choice easy, all you have to do is flip a coin.

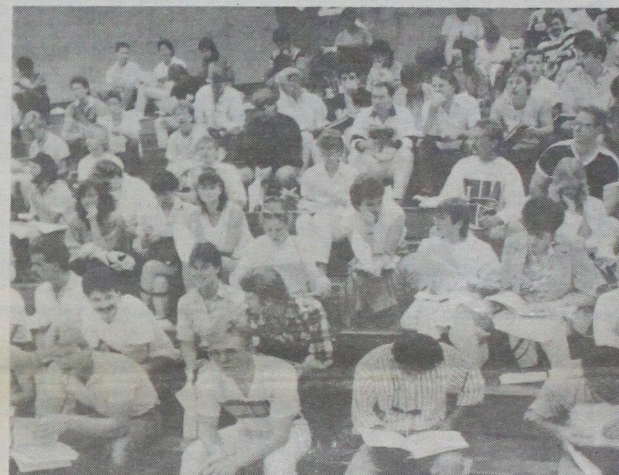
7. Now apply the polish with caressing strokes, gently smoothing it into the tiny creases of the supple leather, vinyl, or otherwise unidentified material.

8. Once the maximum amount of polish has been transferred from your fingers to the shoes, socks and pant cuffs of the shinee, attack with your brush while doing a Maori war dance around the shinee.

9. As you fall to the ground exhausted, remember to hold your small box out beseechingly to the shinee, and listen for the gratifying sound of coins clinking together and crisp bills being folded in.

10. Stand up, and start from step one again.

Good luck!



Registration 1988 looked like registration 1987.

## Does this look like fun?

By Don Wright

Don't think for a minute that just because this issue of The Link magically appeared on the newstands on the first day of classes that your help or valuable contribution to the well-being of the paper is not required. It is. That run-on first sentence is proof enough of that.

Want more proof? Would The Vancouver Sun run an article on its front page asking readers to write the news? Would The Province run a photo on its front page from an event that took place the year before? Would the Globe & Mail suggest working on their paper would be fun?

At the Link we do all of these unconventional things and more. We survive on material from our readers, sometimes we have to rely on old photos, and yes, working on The Link can be fun!

Getting involved in the Link is easy, too. Students and staff are welcome to submit material on a wide variety of subjects, in a wide variety of forms. The Link is particularly interested in articles relating to BCIT and its community, but just about any subject is acceptable.

Material can be submitted as news, opinion, letters to the editor, or as an idea, verbal or in writing. Cartoons, graphics and photographs are also more than welcome. We

want them all.

Involvement with The Link does not tie you down, either. One is free to make one contribution and then split or hang around all year getting in the publisher's way.

The only exceptions to the above rule are Work Study students, who get paid to write for the Link and must put in a certain number of hours per week to get paid. By the way, The Work Study positions are open but they fill fast...qualifying students should pop over to the Canada Employment Centre on campus and see if making money at The Link is right for them.

If news isn't what you're interested in, the Link needs reviewers, too. We get all kinds of movie, theatre and concert passes, invites to previews and special events, and glossy eight by tens of Micheal Douglas, Sting and Tom Cruise. Sportswriters are also encouraged to ply their trade at The Link.

Or, if you are just interested in hanging around The Link office, proof-reading, answering the phone, fielding letter-bombs or whatever, come on in!

Does this look like fun? Drop by the Link office (located in a very small room near the east entrance to the SAC) and find out for sure.

## New hallway colour scheme designed to help the lost

Link Staff Report

Having trouble finding your way around BCIT's rambling hallways? Don't despair, BCIT is implementing a new colour coding system to make it easier to find one's way around this hodge-podge campus.

Starting with parts of building 1A, the walls are in the process of being repainted so that a wide band of colour runs continuously along each corridor. Each wing of the 1A building has been assigned a different colour, and each floor of each wing will feature the same colour. Stairwells and fire doors will be painted bright red.

Near the entrance to each building a map of the building will explain the colour coding and list department locations, for example "yellow wing, third floor."

According to a memo from Dave Hickman, manager of Facilities Development, the new system "should allow people to identify where their destination is in the building."

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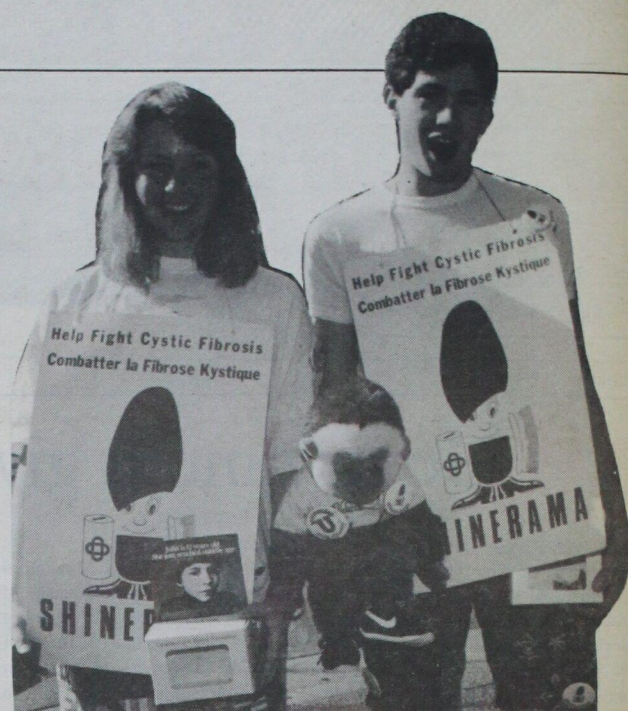
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## Shinerama through the ages

By Marc K. Preston

Today we are going to be discussing Shinerama: a historically hip activity for the masses.

It all began in 109 B.C. Egyptian Pharoah Shoe-uncommon decreed that for time immemorial, all Egyptonians (as they were known then) would gather once a year for a grand celebration in honour of footwear. Each citizen would bring his worst pair of sandals or thongs to the centre of their village, where a shaman would be waiting to cast a spell of renewal on their shoes. Being simple people, they loved this sort of thing.

In thanks for the wonderful kindness the gods bestowed upon their shoes, the Egyptonians built great pyramids as a testimonial to proper shoe care. They would find someone who looked good in gold and cast them into the crypt as a sacrifice to the gods, in case they ever needed a shine.

As we move through time, we arrive at the reign of King Henry the VI, who was also known as Henry the Master Booter. Henry, long known for the advancements he made in bringing art, literature and music to the British Isles, was not as well known for the charity work he did for the British loafer.

Henry had always had a fondness for leather, and realized that if he could use animal skins in the manufacture of shoes, Britain would indeed be able to take a big step in society. Henry (being well ahead of his time) realized that the average Brit was not shoe smart. It was time to have a stiff upper lip and all that, but if one didn't have a shine on ones shoes, one just wasn't civilized. Thus the legacy of Shinerama was born. From all across Europe volunteer scholars came to educate the working class about the importance of the care and maintenance of footwear. Soon the country rejoiced and the bells rang out. One small step for man, one giant step for mankind.

This of course brings us to the 1960's. Bare feet were the norm and society seemed to be crumbling. It appeared that everything Henry had worked for was soon to be lost.

Then in 1963 several college students gathered in a darkened room. Cloaked in secrecy, they formed a society that practised the ancient art of polishing and buffing.

The chamois was worshipped as a diety, and at the beginning of each meeting, one pair of virgin leather ankle boots would be sacrificed to the gods. They would then sit in small circles and polish to their hearts content. Because the Sixties inspired movements, the Shinerama movement quickly gained the approval of many college and technical school students, and the ranks of those who were now called Shiners quickly swelled.

A young medical student who was determined to specialize in podiatry, an Edward Scholls, came up with the idea that it was time all the shoe people came out of the closet. It was Edward's idea that if the society was going to shine shoes, why not do it for money? And if they were going to do it for money, why not donate that money to a worthy cause?

At this point in the sixties, those who owned shoes were usually the ones with the money and they had no need for the funds raised, so Cystic Fibrosis was chosen as the worthy cause. Since all the members of the secret society were young and sort of student like, and since Cystic Fibrosis affects children and young people, it made a heck of a lot of sense to help in the battle against CF.

Today, Shinerama is a once a year event during which thousands of young students gather to practise what Shoe-uncommon and Henry the Master Booter only dreamt about - the dream of making shoes of every kind feel welcome and cared for in society. BCIT students have been outstanding in this noble cause for the past nineteen years, raising over \$14,000 last Shinerama alone.

As a student, it is your duty to carry on the tradition. This year we celebrate on the twenty-first day of September. You are encouraged to costume yourself and assist the cause. The Student Association wants you to know that you are not alone, and that they will do all they can to insure that your experience is as satisfying and memorable as it can be. Even food of all sorts will be provided at no charge to you.

Together, we can help beat CF.

Marc K. Preston, a second year Broadcast student, is assistant coordinator of Shinerama '88.

# The 1987-88 year in review

What a year! A Royal visit, a record Shinerama, Open House '88, Safer Sex Week, and then the roller-coaster ride BCIT went through to maintain funding and begin work on a new mandate.

It was a busy year for the BCIT community, and for students in particular. On top of the 30 or so hours they spent in the classroom every week, students participated in a wide variety of clubs and intramural sports, while others helped the Institute field a strong contingent of intercollegiate teams.

What follows is a quick tour of some of the highlights of the 1987-88 school year. A look at what students were up to, what the Institute faced, and how the BCIT community welcomed Royalty and the general public when times were good, and asked for help from its friends when things looked bad.

## September

Registration goes smoothly for new students this year. BCIT staff, with use of the big BCIT gym, are able to process new students and get them through orientation tours so that line-ups are kept to a minimum.

Shinerama is traditionally the major September event for BCIT students. Every year hundreds of students hit the streets of the Lower Mainland, shining shoes for donations in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This year is no exception, in fact students raise over \$14,000 shining shoes, with an additional \$4000 coming in through various other fund-raising activities such as the annual Shinerama Dance.

In September, the BCIT community gets its first hint that changes might be coming. Stan Hagen, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, visits BCIT to explain the purpose of the Park Commission. Over 1000 staff and students gather in the BCIT gymnasium to hear Hagen say the government wanted BCIT to be "the best in Canada . . . that may mean a leaner, meaner institution."

Hagen says the program audit will provide a focus for BCIT by recommending program mix, enrolment and mandate.

"In all honesty I must say that the

status quo is highly unlikely," Hagen told the crowd.

Most students and staff welcome the review, believing it will be a positive process for BCIT giving the Institute the credit it deserves.

Meanwhile, several BCIT students and instructors compete in the World Culinary Art Show at the World Trade and Convention Centre in Vancouver. They bring home a variety of medals and honorable mentions.

Intramural league registrations hits an all time high, with some 1200 students participating on a total of 83 intramural teams.

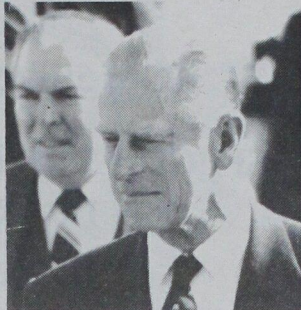
Taps Pub in the SAC unveils its new mascot, a very large moose head mounted behind the bar. A panel of judges choses the name Norton following a campus contest to 'name the moose'.

## October

Pepsi becomes the first corporate organization to put its support behind the proposed Campus

Centre. The company makes what fundraisers term a major donation' to the campaign as a 'friend of the Student Association'.

The Campus Centre, a \$5.4 million student building, will be located front and centre on campus, adjacent to building 1A. It will house new S.A. offices, services and business operations. A small lounge



on the first floor will be known as the 'Pepsi Lounge' in recognition of their contribution.

A large crowd of students, staff and members of the general public

are on hand to greet Prince Philip, when he visits BCIT. He was in the area to attend the Commonwealth Conference, and dropped by BCIT for a mini-tour of the institution. He shakes hands with dignitaries, waves at the crowd, and watches some video and computer demonstrations, tours a few labs, and visits a machine shop on the north campus.

BCIT adopts an AIDS policy for the campus community, stating that there shall be no discrimination against any person at BCIT known, or suspected to have have AIDS or be infected with HIV (AIDS virus). The policy also makes clear BCIT will not insist on mandatory blood testing for the AIDS anti-body.

This month marks a special time for the Student Association, which paid off the \$550,000 mortgage on the racquetcourts complex a year earlier than required. The mortgage covered over one-half of the construction costs of the building, with the rest coming from the student building fund.

## November

The Student Association announces that it was operating in the red, with an operating debt of \$227,000, although this figure is lower than had been expected. The S.A. said it is not worried about the debt because it expected a \$300,000 profit this year.

A contest called the Campus Centre Treasure Hunt is underway, with students and staff seeking answers to a series of clues in hopes of winning a trip for two to San Francisco.

A massive backlog has developed in the Audio/Visual department due to lack of staff. Staff want two or three more workers; the institute wants to contract out the work. About 250 pieces of equipment sit in idle disrepair while the solution is hammered out. Eventually one additional worker is hired and some equipment goes out for repair.

Eleven students receive entrance

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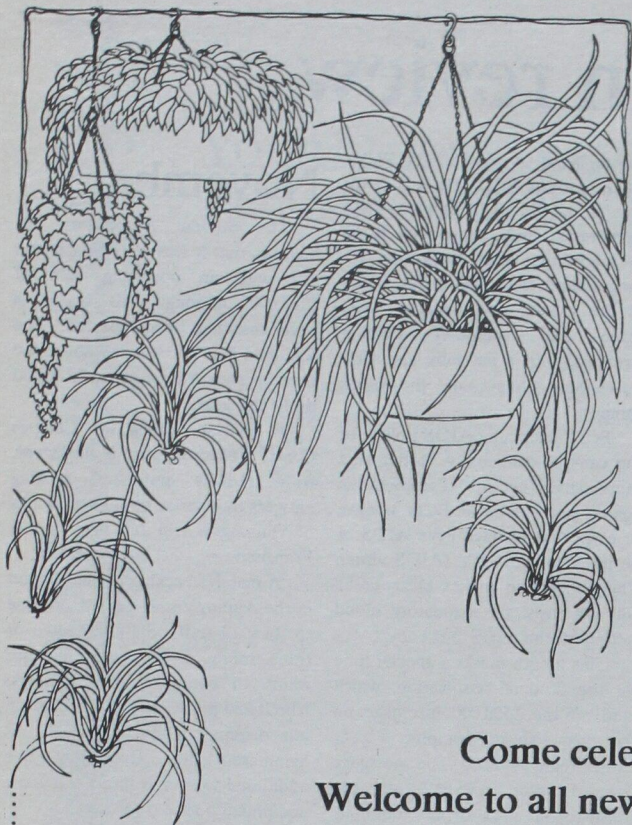
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awards from the Alumni Association student endowment fund. The awards are worth \$605 each.

In a special ceremony, Student Association President Jamie Letwin torches the racquetcourts mortgage.

The Campus Centre fundraisers announce an August 1988 target of \$750,000 through a variety of campaigns. BCIT President Roy Murray says that if target is reached, he will make sure the Campus Centre 'takes place'.

Board of Governors chairperson Malcolm Wickson resigns from the BCIT board for health reasons.

## December

Almost 40% of students attending technology programs at BCIT have applied for loans, and over \$5 million has been distributed so far this school year.

Siemens Electric Limited donates a \$250,000 computer tomography (CT) scanner to BCIT. It's not quite state of the art, but students will be able to learn CT techniques hands-on on-campus.

## January

The Park Report (program audit) is out, and BCIT is not too happy with the recommendations. The report acknowledges BCIT's reputation in the province, but shoots down BCIT's interest in degree granting and advanced technology.

The report also identifies 66 programs or subprograms which could be transferred from BCIT or eliminated, and lists over \$3 million in cuts that could be made to BCIT's budget. Stan Hagen says he agrees with most of the report, including the recommendation that a centre for advanced technology training should not be located at BCIT.

Hagen announces that BCIT will return to formula funding, a funding system whereby operating grants are based on the number of students in

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# The 1987-88 year in review

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each program, regardless of the location or success of the program.

The Student Association releases the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 1987. They show a net loss of \$148,542, more than double the previous year's loss of \$70,302.

CFML, the campus radio station based in the Broadcast Centre, turns six. The station can be picked up on cable over much of the Lower Mainland.

Three new Student Association-lease operations open in the SAC building, one is brand new, an insurance agency, and two are privatized versions of existing operations, the SAC cafeteria and the printing office.

## February

The Vancouver media pounces on BCIT when it learns that the S.A. games room features a video game deemed sexist by a variety of groups across Canada. The game is removed.

BCIT staff raise almost \$16,000 for the United Way in special events and payroll deductions, an increase of \$873 over last year.

Safer Sex Week at BCIT features films, displays and free condoms.

## March

Word on campus is that BCIT is about to be hit with a five to ten million dollar budget cut. Students and staff immediately begin organizing meetings with the government and map out protest strategies. BCIT President Roy Murray says the cut will more likely be in the order of two to three million dollars, which he said BCIT would be able to cope with.

Tuition goes up 4.5 per cent, effective September 1, 1988. The increase means full-time technology fees hit an all-time high of \$1420 a year, up from \$1360 for the 87-88 school year.

15 students throw their hats into the ring and vie for eight student executive positions. Three hopefuls want the president's job.

A survey of BCIT Staff Society members (faculty and technical staff) indicates that over 90 per cent of those responding were 'generally pleased' with the organization. 72.8 per cent say their wages are 'slightly to far' behind industry levels and

want an increase of between four and ten per cent.

## April

The government announces a

BCIT President Roy Murray says he doesn't know why the government wants to cut BCIT, "there's a better return on investment from an institution like ours... so why not back winners? I guess we don't back

Thefts on campus amount to \$30,000 a year, with the Broadcast Centre losing over \$5000 worth of equipment so far this year.

Despite a general gloom around campus over cuts, Open House

atives of the Staff Society and the Student Association meet with various MLA's, Stan Hagen and the Premier in an effort to stop the cuts to BCIT. Meanwhile, the BCIT administration comes up with a list of possible cuts, taking a slice out of administration and computer costs. No program cuts are recommended.

In a meeting with student representatives, Premier Bill Vander Zalm promises to visit BCIT while a review of the budget is underway. 67 layoff notices are ready for distribution if last minute discussions with the government are not successful.

Malcolm Wickson, former Chairman of the BCIT Board of Governors, passes away after a lengthy illness.

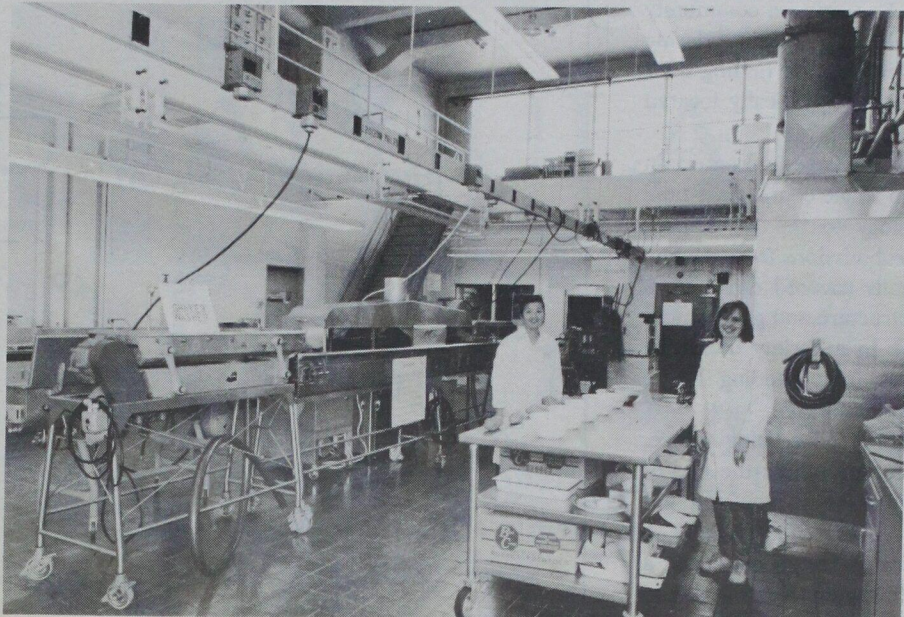
## May

BCIT hosts a press conference where proposed budget cuts are announced and a plea is made to the government to reverse the cuts. \$3.5 million in cuts are identified in the areas of administration, computer resources, and academic and student services. The government is given until Friday, May 13 to come up with more money for BCIT.

With no word from Victoria by the 13th, a rally against the cuts is planned for the 17th.

One-half hour before the rally

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Open House


five per cent budget cut for BCIT, amounting to over \$2.6 million, but adding up to closer to \$4 million when severance costs are taken into account. The Staff Society believes as many as 100 layoffs might be necessary.

winners."

The Student Association election attracts just under 1700 voters, down slightly from last year, but results are very definite, with most winning candidates clearly winning their positions.

draws thousands of people to campus over three days. Staff and students hand out flyers titled 'Will this be BCIT's last Open House?' which asks visitors to write to their MLA's about cuts to BCIT.

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## Welcome to the Link

Welcome to the Link, BCIT's very own community newspaper. We publish every Wednesday morning during the school year, with 4000 copies of the Link finding their way to distribution stands and boxes strategically located from one end of campus to the other.

Our mandate is to inform, challenge and entertain the entire campus population, from single course part-time students in any trade or technology to the BCIT prez himself. As a result, we welcome submissions from anyone on campus as well. Topics generally covered range from tech events to changes in BCIT's structure and government policies. Submissions are welcome in a variety of forms: letters, articles, features, cartoons (any budding Berke Breathed's out there?), photographs and so on.

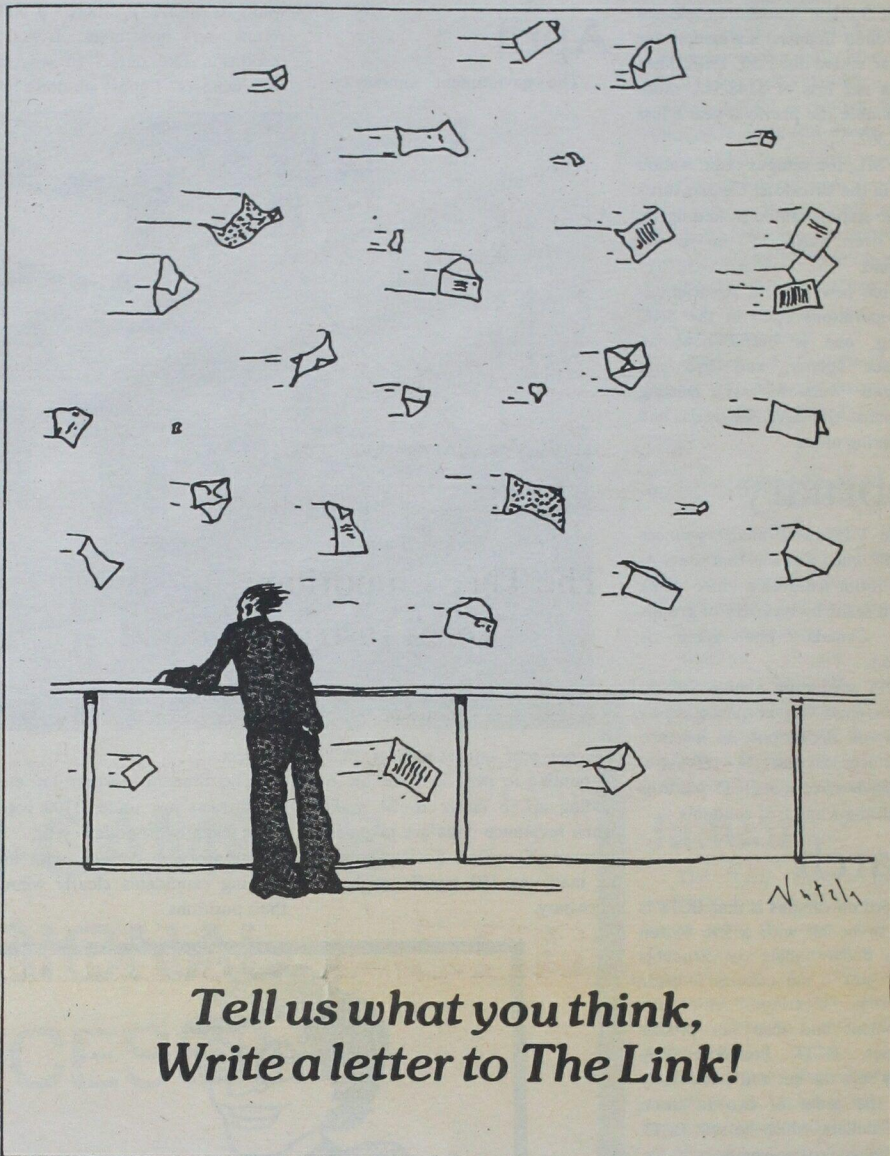
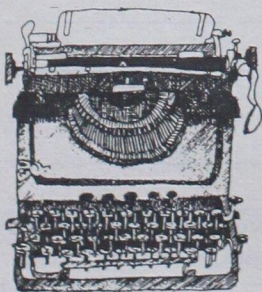
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By the way, the new look of the Link, (ask a returning student!), is due to our finally figuring out how to use the vast array of desktop publishing equipment we've assembled over the past twelve months up at Access Computers, the S.A. computer store located in the Library lobby.

Finally, good luck with your studies!



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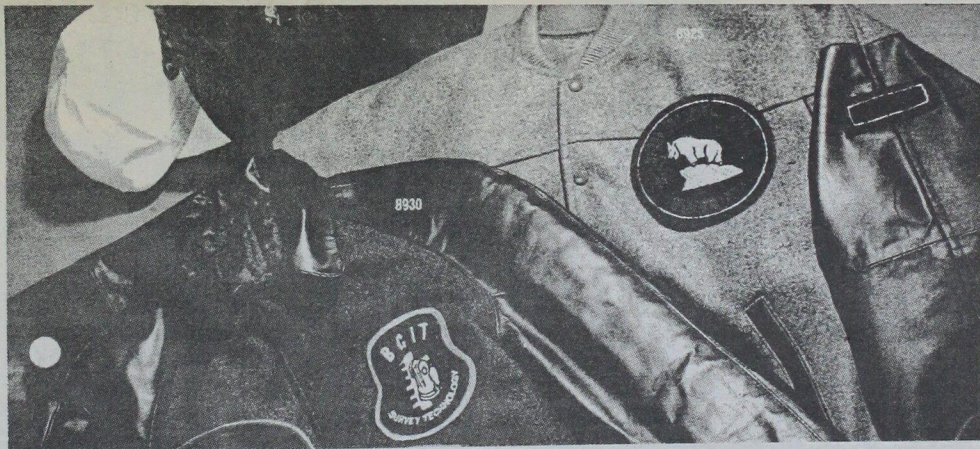


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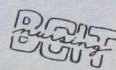
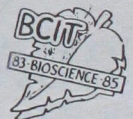


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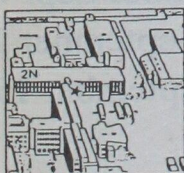
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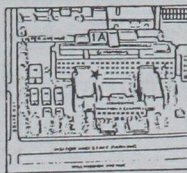


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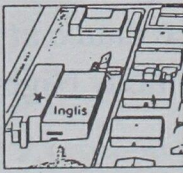
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# Canada Post wins "doublespeak" award

University News Service  
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Canada Post has won the 1987-88 "Public Doublespeak Award" - a booby prize for abuse of language awarded by the Canadian Council of Teachers of English (CCTE).

The organization has, at the same time, honored Cy Whitely of the Law Reform Commission, by giving him its "Canadian Plain English Award" for his efforts in removing bureaucratic gobbledegook from government documents.

The chair of CCTE's public doublespeak commission, Prof. Richard Coe of Simon Fraser University, cites the following Canada Post statements as earning the booby prize:

\* Plans "to streamline and enhance" mail collection in Vancouver and an ad announcing "more places to...post your mail" in reference to the removal of about a fifth of the city's mail boxes and reductions in the number of collections per day from remaining boxes.

\* "We are not closing post offices - we are replacing them with something better..." in announcing plans to replace post boxes with stamp counters or substations.

\* The introduction of remote lockboxes called "super mailboxes" in place of home mail delivery for people moving into new homes.

"As English teachers," Coe emphasizes, "we have no official opinion about whether Canada Post ought to reduce costs by closing post offices or restricting or privatizing services, but we want them to announce their plans and actions in clear language."

"Calling something a 'super mailbox' begs the question of whether people who must use such lockboxes instead of receiving home delivery consider them 'Super.'"

Coe, who specializes in the study of rhetoric and literacy, claims doublespeak is not "just semantics." He says: "In addition to whatever deception may occur in each individual case, doublespeak damages our language and damages

the words we use to think and communicate."

On the positive side of the issue, Cy Whitely of the Law Reform Commission was recognized for singlehandedly revising over a thousand government forms and documents from 39 departments and agencies.

Whitely changed phrases like "affix your signature" to "sign" and "Do you have any absences from Canada?" to "Have you been away from Canada?"

Says Coe: "One reason many Canadians can't read well enough to function in our society is because corporate and government bureaucrats, as well as many professionals, seem to squeeze as many big words and as much jargon as possible into every sentence. Documents supposedly addressed to the general public are often written above Grade 12 reading levels."

Coe says doublespeak is an abuse of the language. "In a sense it is worse than out-and-out lies for which one might be held legally or politically responsible." He explains that doublespeak is often carefully and skillfully worded so that it will be misinterpreted in ways that serve the interests of the doublespeakers, if only by making their comments sound more impressive than they are.

Other examples of doublespeak collected by the CCTE committee are:

\* Federal Health Minister Jake Epp stating that "a small ratio of mice in fact died" after they were injected with an extract from contaminated mussels. Translation: Six mice were injected and six died.

\* B.C. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Toy explaining a 33-month

delay in a criminal case because of "the inadvertence of certain police officers." Translation: Police had difficulty locating the complainant after she moved - despite the fact she was listed in the phone directory.

\* A Canadian Alliance for Trade and Job Opportunities explanation of a section on energy in the free trade agreement: "The pro-ration formula (when supplies are limited) has been clarified and provides that export restrictions may not reduce the proportion of the total export shipments of the relevant energy product to the other party relative to the total supply of that product in the restricting party compared to the proportion prevailing in the most recent 36-month period." Translation: The parties may agree on another representative period.

\* In a CBC Radio discussion of the Charter of Rights a speaker talks about "disparate negative import." Translation: Harmful discrimination.

\* A representative of the B.C. ministry of education discusses "on-site facilitators of pupil learning." Translation: Teachers.

"The long-term solution," says Coe, "is to educate the public so that they are not fooled by doublespeak. Then it will be in no one's interest to use it."

CCTE's winners were announced recently during the organization's annual meetings held this year at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland. The awards are the first in what is to be an annual competition staged by the organization.

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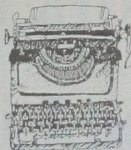
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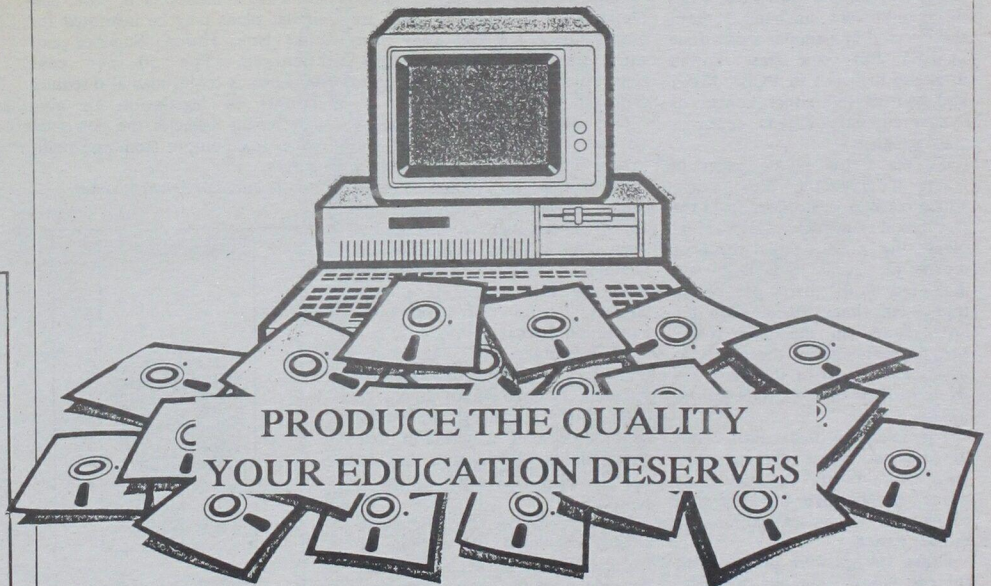
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# Dioxins, furans found in water from some Canadian paper mills

By Lorraine Brown

Samples of fish and river sediments taken downstream from pulp mills in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick have been found to contain small quantities of dioxins and furans, two toxic man-made chemicals. High doses of the chemicals have been shown to cause cancer and reproductive problems in test animals.

Although officials from the federal Department of Health and Welfare say levels of the toxins in edible portions of fish samples are not high enough to pose a health hazard to humans, the government decided in January 1988 to accelerate its sampling program, and the pulp and paper industry is also studying the problem.

The government and the industry began sampling in Canadian rivers after a similar study in the northeastern United States last year found dioxins and furans downstream from pulp mills. American researchers later discovered that the chemicals are produced as a result of the use of chlorine in bleaching pulp.

The Canadian Food and Drug Regulations have set an acceptable limit for the most toxic of these two groups of compounds at 20 parts per trillion (ppt) in fish. In

most cases, levels in the fish sampled were well below this limit.

Dioxins and furans are fat-soluble, and tend to concentrate in organs that contain large quantities of fat, such as the digestive glands. Though prawns and crabs taken near pulp mills in British Columbia had levels from 100 to 662 ppt of dioxin in their digestive glands, the edible portions of their bodies contained levels within the Food and Drug Regulations.

The 20 ppt level is based on extensive studies on test animals. The most toxic of the group of compounds has shown a potential to cause cancer and reproductive disorders in animals. However, people who have been exposed to the compounds in industry for more than 35 years have suffered no ill effects.

"The dose makes the poison," says Diane Kirkpatrick, Director of Chemical Safety at Health and Welfare in Ottawa. "The most toxic of the dioxins can cause cancer in animals at very high doses. At low levels, there seems to be no effect."

One way to produce less dioxins and furans is by using oxygen instead of chlorine in one stage of the bleaching process. A few mills in Sweden have begun using oxygen, and the E.B. Eddy Forest

Products Plant in Espanola, Ontario, is the first in Canada to incorporate the new technology.

Fred Munroe, a spokesman for E.B. Eddy, says Environment Canada scientists have not yet tested the waters downstream from the Espanola plant, but he is confident that it has probably "the cleanest effluent in Canada". Using oxygen has allowed the mill to reduce its use of chlorine by about 50 per cent, while also saving about 30 per cent on bleaching costs.

However, some mills using chlorine bleaching aren't producing detectable levels of dioxins and furans; the Pulp and Paper Research Institute is trying to find out why. It could be related to the temperature of the pulp during processing, the practice of washing the pulp before bleaching, or using chlorine dioxide rather than straight chlorine.

The pulp and paper industry's Dioxin Task Force plans to work on the dioxin and furan problem until it is resolved. An industry-sponsored program to sample effluents, sludges and pulp products from all mills in Canada using chlorine will be verified for accuracy by Environment Canada scientists.

(Canadian Science News)

# Toxins still plague the Niagara

By Lorraine Brown

Clams and leeches have helped scientists determine that levels of toxic chemicals in some parts of the Niagara River are increasing. The findings were released recently in a report by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

The 1987 study examined 29 sites near industrial discharge points along the river. At most sites, levels of toxins were unchanged from those found in a similar study done in 1985. But some grass showed dramatic increases in PCBs, Mirex and dioxins—all either known or suspected carcinogens (cancer-causing agents).

At the Pettit Flume sewer in North Tonawanda, New York, which receives wastewater from the Occidental Chemical Corporation plant, the most deadly form of dioxin (2, 3, 7, 8-TCDD) was measured at 0.2 parts per billion (ppb)—ten times higher than the levels found in the 1985 study. Bottom sediments in the area also held higher levels of the toxin, up from 3.6 ppb in 1985 to 9 ppb in 1987.

The scientists used caged clams to find out where the chemicals were coming into the river. As clams filter the water for food, they also quickly accumulate the toxins in their tissues.

Caged leeches were used to find sources of chlorinated phenols, which cause cancer in mammals. Concentrations of 4,080 ppb were detected at the Pettit Flume sewer.

The study found no PCBs, Mirex or dioxins on the Ontario side of the river. However, chlorinated phenols were detected at levels of 85 ppb in leeches placed near the discharge of the Canadian Oxy Chemical plant near Fort Erie.

Janette Anderson, the Ministry of Environment scientist who coordinated the study, says that came as a surprise, since the toxin was not found there in 1985. The company is collaborating with the Ministry of Environment by recovering and treating their wastes to remove the phenols.

Anderson says that variables in

the experiment, such as the sampling design, weather conditions, and the time of year, may explain the increased levels of toxins.

Mike Jovanovic, an Environmental Engineer for the Niagara River Improvement Project of the Ministry of Environment, also says the testing procedures could greatly influence the results. "Even if the cages are placed just a few feet away from where they were during the 1985 tests, the results could be quite different," he says.

One major problem in cleaning up the river is disposing of the toxins. Dioxins from the heavily contaminated Pettit flume sewer cannot be removed until there are approved facilities to dispose of them. At present there are no facilities in Canada or the US that meet the high standards of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In February 1987, U.S. and Canadian government agencies signed a Declaration of Intent to clean up the Niagara River. It calls for a 50 per cent reduction in toxic chemicals by 1996. But that 50 per cent reduction will be difficult to attain.

Industries along the river have already decreased the amount of toxins in their effluents by about 80 per cent since 1982. Many are now using the best available technology to meet the limits imposed upon them by government, so it is unlikely that they can achieve another 50 per cent reduction. Also, point sources—specific discharge points connected to industries—are no longer the major contributors to the problem, Jovanovic says.


Non-point sources, such as agricultural and urban run-off, air pollution, leaks from toxic-waste disposal sites, pollution from Lake Erie, and old toxins stirred up when sediments are disturbed during dredging, now contribute more to the river's contamination than do point sources, Jovanovic says. Reducing toxins from those

sources will not be easy, since they are widespread and difficult to measure.

"The uncontrolled non-point sources will receive the majority of attention in the next few years," says Jovanovic.

That attention will consist of a better management of the upper Great Lakes. Lake Ontario already has a toxin management plan, and similar plans may be instituted for Lake Erie, Huron, Superior and Michigan. The 50 per cent reduction in toxins may also require changes in legislation to give government agencies the power to reduce toxic output from non-point sources.

(Canadian Science News)



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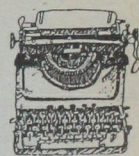
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## Message from the new S.A Support Programs Coordinator

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As a recent graduate of BCIT, I'd like to advise you to use the tutoring network! BCIT's programs involve taking many courses at one

time, most of which are condensed

especially if you are having trouble grasping the material.

The Support Network Tutoring program will provide students with access to academic assistance. The Network will put you in touch with second year students who are proficient in the courses you are having difficulties with, and are sensitive to your learning needs.

The Tutoring Network will be in operation by the end of September. The Network is located in the Student Association office in the SAC building; or, if you'd like to phone for more information call me, Anna-Lisa, at 432-8600.

The Tutoring Network is an opportunity in learning as well as an effective tool in time management.



and fast moving. As a result, it is easy to fall behind in your courses,

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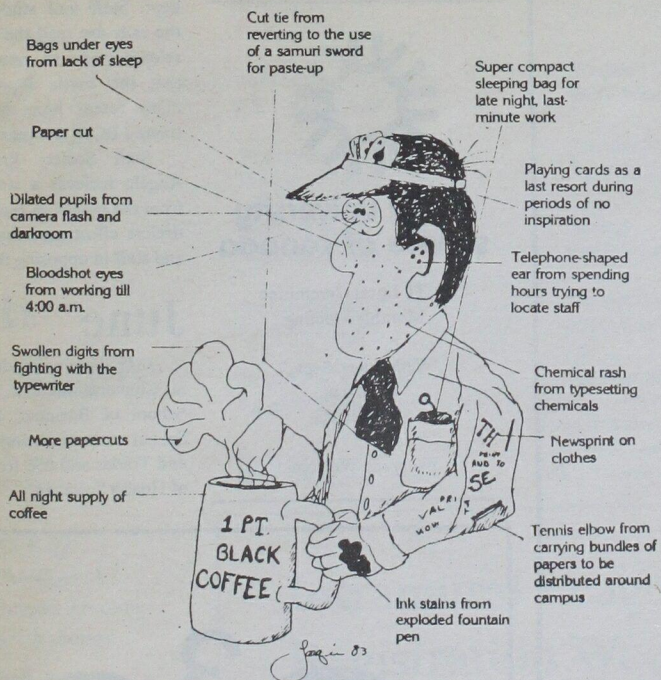
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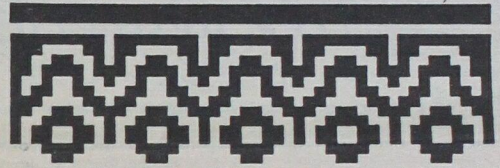
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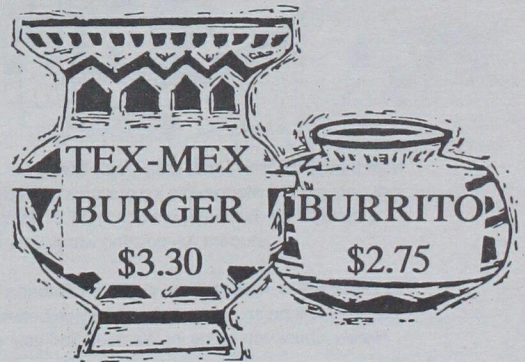


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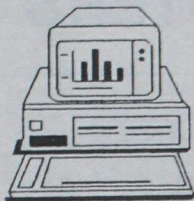


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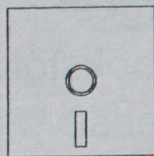
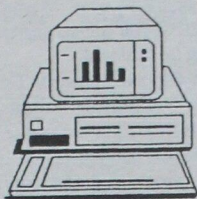


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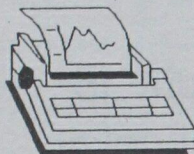
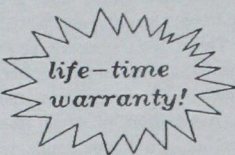
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## International Student Club formed on campus

Foreign students on campus have formed an International Student Club. The purpose of the club is to help students from outside Canada with their orientation to life as a student in a new country. The club also aims to help foreign students with any difficulties they may encounter adjusting to life in the Lower Mainland.

Foreign students on campus organize social and recreational activities for international students, as well as activities that bring together Canadian and international students.

The club's first meeting the school year is Wednesday September 7th at 1 p.m. in trailer 2G (near the BCIT Bookstore). The club office is also located in trailer 2G.

Club members also hope to

## Financing now available at Access Computers

### Link Staff Report

Students may now finance 100 per cent of the purchase price of computers at Access Computers.

According to Colleen Knox, manager of the Student Association-owned computer store, the Toronto Dominion Bank has agreed to loan up to \$3000 to students buying computer hardware and software through the campus store. The loans must be co-signed by a parent or guardian and will be amortized over

three years.

Knox says students will be able to pick up credit application forms right at Access. "Students can then bring the form back to Access, and within 48 hours the credit check will be complete," says Knox.

Knox expects the new financing arrangement will make it easier for students to buy a good computer system.

Access Computers is located in the lobby of the BCIT Library.

## 1987-88 in review

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begins, Victoria announces that the cuts have been reversed, except for some administration savings, and a

new mandate has been set for BCIT.

By the 1989-90 school year, BCIT is to be re-established as the Centre for Advanced Technology Training, although the BCIT name is to be kept. Staff and students attending the rally are read the Ministry press release and are generally relieved that the battle is over, although many resent how the government treated BCIT this year.

Staff Society President Mark Angelo receives a standing ovation from the crowd, in recognition of his tireless effort on behalf of students and staff in opposing the cuts.



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BCIT Local Committee Monthly Meeting

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## June

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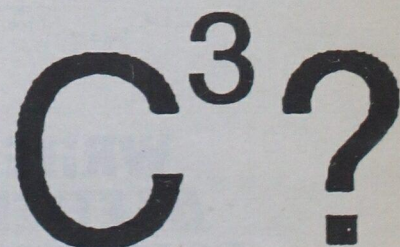


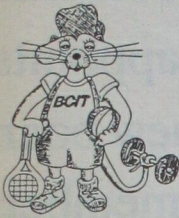
Now that you have successfully completed your first year at BCIT, you not only are knowledgeable in your area of study, but you know what it takes to survive the rigors of a BCIT education. This is why the Student Association wants your help!

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- excellent communication skills
- a good academic standing in one or more courses
- a desire to help others
- and a need for a little "mad money"

Please come by the S.A. office this week and fill in a registration form. Tutoring can be a rewarding experience!





## Recreation & Athletic News

### Consider becoming a sports rep

The Recreation and Athletic Services Department requires elected Sports Representatives from each technology or trades program from across the Institute. The Sports Reps are the key to keeping students involved and informed about the programs and services we offer.

A Sports Rep's job is very

enjoyable and rewarding. We are looking for enthusiastic people interested in recreation and sports, who will attend an orientation and will also attend meetings once a month.

The role is one of keeping people informed, encouraging fellow students and staff to participate, and

assisting with registration of teams for intramurals, special events, non-credit courses, and what is happening in clubs and inter-collegiate athletics.

The orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14th, 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the ETC building.



### Trades active in challenge series

The Trades Challenge is back again this year. The Challenge is open to any trade wishing to challenge any other trade in one of six sports: Wallyball, Volleyball, Slo-pitch, Outdoor Soccer, Flag Football or Indoor Soccer.

All games will commence between 2:30 and 3:15 p.m., and referees will be provided where necessary.

Rules: The challenging team has the choice of sport, team registration forms must be submitted to the Recreation and Athletic Services office, and games must be played within seven days of the challenge. (Contact the rec office for further

rules).

The Trades Challenge Plaque will rotate and be displayed in the winning team's trade area, based on

points accumulated every two months, and each month the winning team will also be awarded t-shirts.

### Intercollegiate Team Tryouts

Some team practices start this week, others begin sometime between now and the end of the month. The following list features the first practice of each team, and any other practices scheduled through next wednesday.

**Men's Soccer**  
BCIT Grass Field

Wednesday Sept. 7  
12 noon to 2 p.m.

Thursday Sept 8  
7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Monday Sept 12  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Sept 13  
7 a.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday Sept 14  
12 noon to 2 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**  
BCIT Grass Field

Wednesday Sept 7  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Monday Sept 12  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Badminton**  
BCIT East Gym

Tuesday Sept 20  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Rugby**  
BCIT Grass Field

Thursday Sept 8  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday Sept 13  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
BCIT West Gym

Monday Sept 19  
5:45 to 7:45

**Women's Volleyball**  
BCIT West Gym

Tuesday Sept 20  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Hockey**  
Columbia 4 Rinks

Tuesday Sept 20  
6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

For more information on any of these teams and their tryout/practice schedules, ask at the Recreation and Athletic Services Office, located in the SAC.

**Intramural Leagues  
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Monday Sept. 19 - 23  
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Orientation Meeting  
Wednesday Sept. 14th  
5:30 p.m.  
ETC Cafeteria**

### REFEREES

### WANTED

Flag Football  
\$12 per game  
Possible 3 game week

Trades Challenge  
Rates vary with sport  
Must be available between  
2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Apply at the Recreation and  
Athletic Services Office

### Sports

### Coordinators

Seven required

- one each for:

- Flag Football
- Co-ed Volleyball
- Non-contact Hockey
- Trades Challenge
- Wallyball
- Indoor Soccer
- Curling

Applicants must be eligible for the  
Work Study Program  
Pay rate: \$7.53 per hour

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## Government appoints new board members

Three new members have been appointed to the BCIT Board of Governors. Patrick Lett from Kelowna, Hilda Rizun from Vancouver and Tyrone Colgur from Cranbrook were appointed to the BCIT Board effective June 8, 1988.

Eight previously appointed members of the board were reappointed on the same day: Rick Frey, Wynn Powell, Cameron McKenzie, Dr. J. Basil Peters, M. Bernadet Ratsoy, Jake Abrahams, Fleming Sondergaard and Edward Taylor.

Taylor was later elected Board Chairman.

The board manages and administers the affairs of BCIT and has responsibility for fiscal management, ensures delivery of post-secondary education and training programs and provides input to the Ministry of Advanced Education.

# Club Sign-Up Week

## Monday Sept. 12th to Friday Sept. 16th

### 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Racquetcourts Lobby

Active clubs: Amateur Radio, Archery, Auto Sports, Aviation, Chess, Golf, Outdoors, Photography, Scuba, Shisei-Kai Karate, Ski, Skydiving, Tennis, Tri-training

## STUDENT SERVICES WORKSHOPS

### OUT OF TOWNERS ORIENTATION

Wednesday Sept 7  
Informal drop-in  
12 noon - 2  
Room 1A 201

Meet students from  
your home region &  
personnel from  
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### ADULT RETURNING STUDENTS ORIENTATION

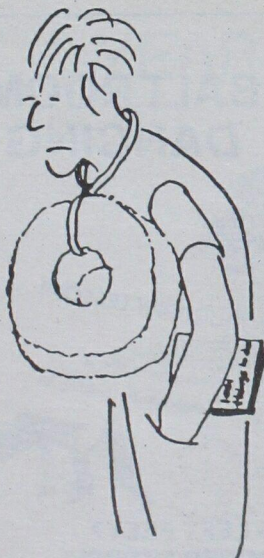
Wednesday Sept 14  
12 noon - 1:30 p.m.  
Room 1A 201

- resources and support services on campus will be discussed
- topics of interest and relevance to returning students
- meet other mature students on campus

For additional information contact Howard Peto or Jean Spence at Student Services

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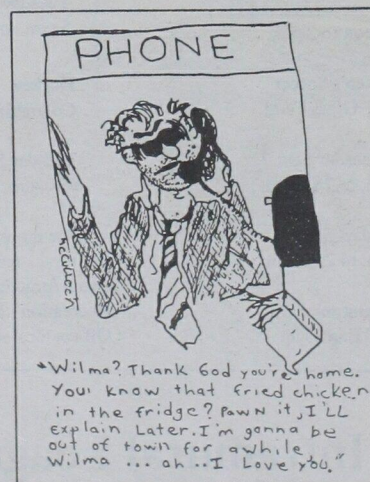
procrastination, burning the midnight oil.



the grindstone: this useful implement has a two-fold application. As work piles up it becomes a growing weight tied around one's neck.

When faced with the necessity of passing a majority of courses, it becomes an object to place one's nose firmly to its coarse and motivating surface.

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\*Wilma? Thank God you're home. You know that fried chicken in the fridge? fawn it, I'll explain later. I'm gonna be out of town for a while. Wilma ... ah ... I love you."

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### Link Staff:

All members of the campus community are welcome to contribute to The Link on a volunteers basis. This includes concert, record, theatre and book reviews, sports stories, club or tech news, cartoons, unassigned photographs, etc. The Link will help arrange complimentary passes, press status, etc.

### Piece Work:

The Link also requires a few people for paid work two or more hours at a time to stuff flyers in the paper, pick up The Link from the printers, etc. Pay is \$6.00 an hour. Register today! Required immediately: One person with a car to pick up and distribute The Link every Wednesday morning. Apply at The Link office in the SAC.

For more information on joining The Link drop by the Link office in the SAC and talk to Don Wright, publisher

On the  
Town

## Lewis to speak at human rights lecture series

Stephen Lewis, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, will join an impressive selection of internationally respected human rights specialists at a lecture series planned this fall by a human rights project.

"Speak! Human Rights," jointly sponsored by the B.C. Human Rights Coalition and the United Nations Association in Canada - Vancouver Branch (UNAC) is planning the six-part series to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The series is funded by a Secretary of State grant.

Ambassador Lewis' "Human Rights: The Next 40 Years" series presentation will cap a comprehensive examination of six human rights themes by such distinguished human rights advocates as Francine Fournier, Secretary General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and former head of the Quebec Human Rights Commission; Svend Robinson, member of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee on Equality Rights; Kathleen Ruff, editor of the "Canadian Human Rights Advocate" and former host of CBC TV's Ombudsman Program; and Chief George Manuel, founder of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples.


The lectures, set for six Monday evenings at the Robson Square Media Centre beginning September 19, will focus on the United Nations role in human rights; the observation and enforcement of international human rights from all levels of government; an exploration of the rights of Indigenous Peoples; and an examination of collective rights. Workshops are planned to enhance the lecture series.

The first lecture features Francine Fournier, who will give a talk entitled "Introduction to Human Rights in a Global Context."

For further information call Alta Haggarty or Brad Teeter at 736-8965 or 736-8963.



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