

Passport to Tyranny

an editorial
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If the late Lester B. Pearson were alive today, he would be appalled at the pervasion of Canadian society by the simple device he introduced as prime minister in 1964 to keep track of unemployment insurance and the Canada Pension Plan. Beyond the wildest nightmares of those who opposed it at the time, the Social Insurance Number has grown like a science-fiction mutation into what Mr. Pearson promised it would never be allowed to become: the basis of a Big Brother national identification system.

Sixteen years after the monster's escape from Mr. Pearson's laboratory, the Canadian who has not been bitten by it would be hard to find. The S.I.N. is everywhere. For good or evil, it is a part of our daily

lives.

Federal government use of the S.I.N. has multiplied a hundredfold -- as an identification number for government employees and members of the armed forces and for private citizens filing income tax returns, buying Canada Savings Bonds, registering firearms, receiving family allowance cheques, flying on domestic charters and fishing for the Canadian Saltfish Corporation. Thirty eight departments and agencies have access to 150 federal information banks that are legally able to use the S.I.N. for identification.

Provincial governments use it. In Prince Edward Island, every infant is assigned a S.I.N. at birth. In British Columbia it has been used in compiling the

provincial voters' list, medicare records and files on people eligible for anything from G.A.I. N. payments to free shares in the B.C. Resources Investment Corporation.

Some private firms use the S.I.N. for employee identification. Some merchants and bankers won't cash cheques without it. It's used to identify members of private denture plans and subscribers to cable TV systems. Police use it to look for missing persons and recover stolen articles marked for identification in the Neighborhood Watch program. It has been sought, according to debate in Parliament, from youngsters registering for pee-wee hockey in New Brunswick, budding ballerinas at a Winnipeg dance school, and members of the

Saskatoon Lions Club band.

Put together, all those records could provide dossiers on millions of Canadians from the cradle to the grave -- and perhaps beyond. A Calgary dentist recently suggested that the numbers should be implanted in dentures and fillings to identify unrecognizable corpses. "It will make life easier for a lot of us," he said.

The trouble is that computer technology exists to link information stored in government and private computer banks according to S.I.N. identification, offering a highly dangerous potential for invasion of privacy on a massive scale. That was why former prime minister John Diefenbaker, who went to his maker still refusing to apply

for a social insurance number, dubbing it "a passport to tyranny." And it is why Canadians have a vital interest in a study just launched by federal privacy commissioner Inger Hansen.

Ms. Hansen has advertised for public assistance in a wide-ranging study of the use of the S.I.N. and the threat it poses to individual privacy. At present no public hearings are contemplated; we hope, in view of the importance of the subject, that will change. In the meantime, all of us should sit down and write Ms. Hansen a note telling her how the proliferation of S.I.N. has affected our lives. The address is Box 2500, Station D, Ottawa, K1P 6G7. No Social Insurance Number is necessary.

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BOOT BCIT

Last week we outlined the student identity number system in use at Simon Fraser University. Our concern, that of having the use of an individual's social insurance number removed from use as an identity number, is the point of the editorial which appears above.

We would like to propose that a new BCIT number incorporate certain pieces of information within itself. This would satisfy us and be of more use to the institute. We propose, then, that a new BCIT number include the year of first attendance at the institute, the technology (probably a number) first attended and an alpha-numeric ordering of a person's last name. The logistics of how to do this will be left to a future time. But

we insist that some statement that this is in fact the institute's goal would be most welcome. Will we now receive that? And if not, why not?

Perhaps the best way to bring matters to a head would be for several students to refuse to deal with the present ID setup. A most interesting situation could arise should individuals be refused admission or registration here solely by such a refusal. Could such an occurrence really be viable? It would certainly be interesting and possibly subject to court action. The institute could not succeed in denying a citizen his right to an education for the reason of an ID number dispute. Shall we now test that premise?

The FLOWER POT by Margaret See and Smell the Flowers

Wondering what to do to fill up the time this summer while you are trying to forget homework? Consider visiting a few of the local parks. A visit to any of our gardens really requires two visits to fully appreciate it. Go once during the daytime to look at all the beautiful flowers, walk or sit below the shade of the trees, play frisbee on the lawns, etc., or, as many people do, take your camera along for shots of masses of colour or rare specimens. Your second visit to the gardens must be in the early evening as the sun goes down. The fragrance of the gardens is something too frequently ignored by most visitors. In my opinion, the air of a garden in the evening is just as refreshing as Noxema on a sunburn.

Here, are just a few parks/gardens that are well worth your time to see, or take your

girlfriend/boyfriend/visiting relatives/neighbors to see:

VAN DUSEN BOTANICAL

GARDENS: at 41st Ave. & Oak St. in Van. - collection of common and rare botanical plants, shrubs, trees, a rose garden, greenhouse, bonsai display, vegetable and herb-arium. Also the MacMillan Bloedel exhibition on tree growth and culture in BC forests. There is a small gift shop and cafeteria; a small fee is charged for entrance.

QUEEN ELIZABETH

GARDEN: on Little Mountain, Van. Good display of annuals, rockery plants in a quarry-garden, large open lawns for recreation, modern fountain overtop of the reservoir, the wonderful MacMillan Bloedel Conservatory (which requires a total seper-

ate visit to see all of the tropical plants and birds), and a restaurant. Free admission to the gardens, fee to see the Conservatory (it's worth it!).

STANLEY PARK GARDENS:

did you know that there is more to Stanley Park than feeding ducks around Lost Lagoon and the Zoo? There is a lovely display of annual and perennial flowers starting in early spring right through to the fall, many lovely old trees, and, most spectacular, are the Rose Gardens. If you go on any sunny day you're bound to see several busloads of camera-toting Japanese tourists all over the place. Free.

Two more places to visit if you happen to be out of town any time this summer are:

BUTCHART GARDENS: on

the outskirts of Victoria (take the Tsawassen ferry to Swchartz Bay). This is a world-renowned garden which exhibits a fantastic quarry garden, rose garden, sunken garden, acres of annual flowers, Japanese garden, Italian garden, many sculptures and fountains, evening musical concerts, afternoon 'Tea', a restaurant, gift shop and guided tours. There is an entrance fee. Take good walking shoes; this garden is large enough to get lost in, and you may also want to take a canteen- as your thirst will definitely be stimulated by all the garden taps that say 'this water is not for human consumption'.

Les FLORALIES: Montreal, Quebec (of course I've saved the best for last). Apply for

your visa now if you plan to go after the Referendum. This is an international landscaping display of both indoor and outdoor gardens. The old Expo site and the Velodrome will be used; the first to show an extensive flower and botanical display, the second is a set-up similar to our MacMillan Bloedel Conservatory. The indoor show ends on May 31, while the outdoor show lasts until September. There is a small fee of several dollars for entrance into either shows, or more economical passes may be purchased for several visits.

Well, I hope I've given you a few good suggestions on where to take both your eyes and your nose this summer. Have a good one, and thanks for reading **THE FLOWER POT!** Margaret.



Janice Eden and others at last Tuesdays SA dinner.

See you next year Goodbye and good luck

This is the last issue of the Link. There was a lot of news, events and opinions created over the last nine months. Regretfully, we have succeeded in covering only a fraction of it. The problem, as always, can be attributed to student apathy and lack of participation. A few people working on this paper can physically do only so much.

The Link could be a much larger and better school paper. We have the resources right here on campus. We have the people who can write. We could produce a better paper but that will happen only if we can fill it with good material. Forty individuals, contributing a little each, can ultimately do more than four or five of us who are forced to cough up large chunks of material for the Link. That increased contribution must occur next Fall. We cannot continue to let so much remain undone. If we do, then the Link will become little more than a school rag, filled with printed pabulum.

It's my hope that this will not happen. I would like to see an entirely new crew in control of and working for the Link. There are many new ideas and policies floating around this campus. They need to be examined and analysed for the student body. We need fresh people to do this.

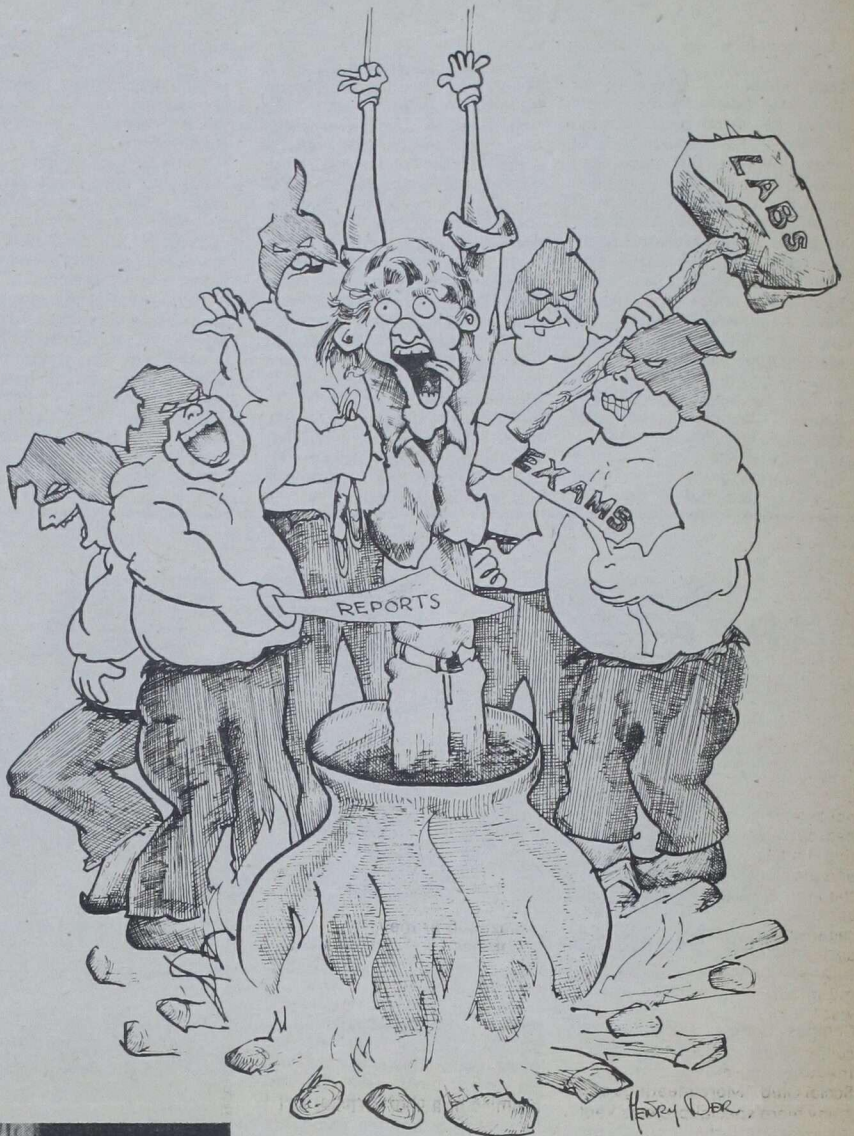
For any of you who read this and have opinions and/or information of any use to the rest of us: why not motivate yourself to write next year? We need you. Express your opinion.

Inform us if you're on to something. Help us organize and lay the paper out. But, don't just sit back and keep silent. Do that and we lose your contribution. Worse, you will lose the opportunity to learn more about yourself and what's going on around you as well as how to more carefully organize your own thoughts.

I meant this note to be a farewell. This is the last issue of the Link, after all. It's been a fascinating experience to watch people, ideas and events slide by. You observe as much as you can and project onto these pages what it is you think will interest others and then inform them. At times it's a frustrating business when the trivia gets such ribald interest and the carefully prepared article receives no more than a quick look. That is the readers' prerogative, I suppose. But the writer will not give up, if his point is well founded. He will badger his reader again, somewhere down the road...

It's been an enjoyable two months serving as editor of the Link. I wish it had been nine months...a much better gestation period to get on top of things. I have had my say. Let the new editor take it in September.

Goodbye... Thanks to all the people, who over the whole year (or parts of it) gave something to the Link and BCIT. Keep your interest up when you get out of here.



Editorial

It's a little late in the year to start a detailed analysis of the SA and its problem child, the publications department. Certain anomalies do exist within both organizations and perhaps it would be constructive to point to some of these now. We will leave it up to next year's executive to try and straighten it all out.

It has come to our attention that of the nine positions on the SA executive, only seven can vote at executive meetings. May we ask why this is so?

At last week's special meeting to consider the proposed SA budget for next year certain interesting expenditures and policy was circulated. Could we have a look at these and then obtain some explanations for how this budget is to be rationalized in these finer points. We'd like to know all that goes on as soon as possible. It's our money that's being allocated

and spent.

It's no secret that the publications department is in a sorry state, primarily because the SA executive has abdicated its involvement and policy input into the department. We are proposing the creation of an autonomous publications society with a parallel—not a subservient relationship with the SA. This would at least set up an organizational framework that would allow a lot of the accumulated debris to be finally swept away.

Finally, the role of certain individuals and their remuneration should be thoroughly examined. We need to know exactly what people such as Michael Kluckner, Don Wright and others are supposed to be doing for the SA. Again, let's have all of this right out in the open for the protection of all concerned. Open and free access to this sort of information is the right of any member of SA.

CAMPUS RECREATION

The Campus Recreation Staff - Wally Rowan, Louise Preiswerck and Karen Ford - would like to thank all the students/staff who participated in our programmes this year. The schedules and programmes were sometimes late or amended because of new teams, but all participants made do and turned out in great numbers. We had a lot of enjoyable events and very little criticism which made for fun times for all of us!

The Campus Recreation Council especially deserves a sincere thank you. To those leaving, do drop in and see us in the years to come and reminisce over a cup of coffee. So it will never be goodbye to Michelle Scott, Mike Bull, Rob Tarnowski Pat Crawford, Jacquie Beltgens, Vivian Eliopoulos, Lynn Hooley and Brian Leslie.

To all referees and officials, some were very good, some tried hard, but all were fair to all participants. We can't operate without you and we do appreciate your help. **THANK YOU!**

To one and all, good luck in the big wide world but with the things you've done with us, we know you'll all be successes.

Letter

Dear Editor,

While observing different men around the school, I've often reflected back on a 'golden rule' of Xaviera Hollander. "You can tell a man's penis size by the shape and size of his fingers". Now, if you were to take this esteemed (and experienced) lady seriously - as I do - you can have a little fun going one step further! My theory is this: given that, next to taking a good dump, picking your nose draws a close second, I believe that God made man's fingers in direct proportion to the size of his nostrils. So you could conclude that to have big fingers means to have big nostrils and it would stand to reason that big nostrils are generally accompanied by a rather prominent nose. So for all the men who think they're hiding the truth by keeping their hands in their pockets - sorry, it's written all over your face!

Doris Nutrapaedion
(tech withheld by request of fellow classmates)

Letters

Dear Editor,

After all the maintenance and reconstruction and building of paths, stairs, drainage and gardens, BCIT sure fouled up when it came to installing new turf behind the Mechanical Building! Not only was it improperly installed, but it wasn't watered until three days after it was put in. It looks like the pits! Almost all of it has gone brown, there are gaps between each piece of sod, and the sod isn't even in straight lines. Perhaps Holland Nursery, the company that installed it, did a shitty job putting it in, but were they given such a low budget that they couldn't do a proper one? And then, who's responsibility is it to water the stuff? Did BCIT get any kind of survival guarantee? I'd sure like to see a copy of the contract... it must be quite the funny joke.

Marj Preston,
2nd Yr. Landsc-Horticulture

Link

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'A newspaper's duty is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable'

-John (not Henry) Winkler

Input From This Years Executive

You're busy, I'm busy, and the poor old typesetter is busy, so I will try to say what I have to say in a few well chosen words and leave it at that. Since June 1, 1979, when I became the Treasurer for the SA, things have not been dull. Over the summer I got my feet wet with the able assistance of Phil Henderson. The year end inventory taking, acceptance of the audited statement, and research on the Campus Centre proposal kept me busy all summer.

In September I had the chance to work with Colleen Allison on a very successful Shinerama. I also had the chance in the early fall to work with the initially unsuccessful Pub. Now I can look back and say that all the problems with the Pub, while important at the time, were simply symptoms of growing pains. The rest of the fall was filled with Council meetings, committee meetings and the day to day operation of the SA.

When Christmas exams loomed close on the horizon I could not believe how quickly the time had passed. One more dance, this time at the Commodore, and the term was all over but for the crying. I wish I could pull some specifics out of the air regarding my activities in the spring term, but I have successfully put those memories out of my mind. Suffice to say that I was again working on the Campus Centre, this time in conjunction with members of the Administration and the Staff Social Club. More meetings and many more special projects kept me busy until the end of the term.

Looking over the past 12 months I would have to say it has been time and energy well spent. If I can displace Gregg Cherrington-Kelly for a moment and editorialize about involvement, let me say this "If you are

returning for your second year, please do something for yourself and your school. Get involved in the SA program, work on Shinerama, contribute to your Technology, run for a club office, or whatever, but please **DO SOMETHING!** The experience and the good times are too much to miss, not to mention the people you will meet.

Those of you lucky ones who are moving on to the world of work should follow the same advice. The only thing is, you will have to make a stronger effort to become involved, as most companies or careers do not offer prepared diversions as BCIT does. But make an effort! Join the Alumni Association, stay in touch with your class, organize a team at work, or just get involved. You will not regret it.

To the incoming Executive I say "Good Luck". Not because they will need luck in performing their chores, but because they are embarking on a year of change for the Student Association. Next year's Treasurer will have a cash flow of over \$1,000,000 to work with, the largest ever. Close working relationships must be maintained with the Administration of the school. Continuing effort must be directed towards the finalization of the Campus Centre proposal. A Student Bill of Rights must be ratified and enforced, a first for BCIT. I think I can promise next year's Executive a good and interesting year.

I may have rambled a bit, and I know I have exceeded my promise of a short article, but I have strong feelings about the student body and the Student Association here at BCIT. I have enjoyed the year, and I hope I have contributed my share to the improvement of the SA. Good Luck to the Grads of this year and all following years.

Bob Greenhalgh

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Title: Mechanical Draftsperson
Salary: neg.
Location: Burnaby
Terms: Full-time immediately
Requirements & Details: B.C.I.T. Graduate Mechanical for ships. Company has been going for a couple of years at a research capacity. Now have reached a point where they have an energy saver pump that is very marketable and they are going into production.
Apply reception desk and ask for Order #49-973

ICBC Speaks

What incentives are necessary to get more new drivers to take approved driver training courses? What education and attitudes are needed to make them better drivers?

These are two key questions facing a special committee set up by the Insurance Corporation of BC to examine driver training as part of a campaign to lower accident rates and improve road safety.

Currently, the Insurance Corporation provides a \$50 tuition rebate to new drivers who successfully complete an approved driver education course.

However, the combination of disappointing statistics and the introduction of non-discriminatory auto insurance rates, which will bring in all new drivers at the lowest possible rate, has brought about a decision by the Corporation to discontinue the rebate, effective December 31, 1980, and examine new methods for the 1980s.

Tom Holmes, Senior Vice-President, Autoplan, said, "It's

difficult to see where the benefits are. When we look at the performance statistics, we can no longer justify spending \$500,000 a year on the present rebate program".

He said the Insurance Corporation recognizes that a properly trained driver is a safer driver than an untrained one, but that the effect of such training is limited by the passage of time.

"It's clear, we must have an approved driver training program", he said. "There must be some form of short and long term incentives and a monitoring system must be developed to ensure good driver performance".

The new committee, chaired by James Cormack, Chief Automobile Insurance Underwriter, includes representatives of the Associated Driving Schools, the Motor Vehicle Branch, the Insurance Corporation and, it is hoped, at least one consumer or citizens' group. A report is expected to be ready by the end of the year.

The SA Used Book Store In The SAC

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For further details and to apply, ask for Order #20-955.

Title:Part-time Bank Worker
Salary:D.O.E. \$5.50-6.50 per hour
Location:Burnaby
Terms:Part-time
Requirements:B.C.I.T. Student

with experience in banking. Part-time work mainly in deposit department-opening accounts,closing accounts,customer inquiries. Must have previous banking experience. Hours would be 20 hrs per week, Mon-Fri,June,July,&Aug and in fall if available. Apply reception desk and ask for order #100-963

Title:Geological
Salary:About \$55 per day
Location:Vancouver
Terms:Summer employment
Requirements:B.C.I.T. Mining and Survey students June 1-Spt 1 in south central B.C.assisting in field exploration programs. Good strong outdoor background and healthy person required. Field work -may work 7 days a week. All accomodation and food and

equipment supplied.
Hiking boots required.
Apply reception desk and ask for order #100s-991

Title:Front Desk Clerk
Salary:Union \$5.65 per hour
Location:Vancouver
Terms:Full-time in summer, part-time during school
Requirements:B.C.I.T. Hospitality & Tourism student or any student with experience. Full-time to Sept. 40 hours per week. Two nights per week. Fri. & Sat. during school year. Front Desk and night audit. 4:00-12:00 Fri. or 12:00-8:00 Sat.
Apply reception desk and ask for order #100s100

Title:Assistant lab instrumental operator
Salary:\$1,000 per month

Location:North Vancouver
Terms:Full-time Immediate
Requirements:B.C.I.T.graduate Chemical & Metallurgical Assistant lab instrumental operator to assist the regular lab staff to operate a laboratory instrument for analysis. The nature of the firms business is to analyze mineral exploration samples such as rock, soil, etc. for elements.
Apply reception desk and ask for order #41-976.

Title:Field Service Rep
Salary:\$12,000 and up
Location:Vancouver
Terms:Full-time Immediate
Requirements:B.C.I.T. Graduate Electrical - Electronics option only.
Field service technician required for customer contact,

hardware maintenance and office organization with a data systems firm dealing with microprocessors Z80 base. Applicants must be outgoing and able to deal effectively with clients. Must have own car, expenses paid.
Apply reception desk and ask for order #43-981.

Title:Civil Engineering Technologist
Salary:Approx. \$1,200 month
Location:Penticton
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Career job opportunities

A summary of recruitment activities to date shows that the Electrical Technology has the most sought after graduates this year, with Computer Technology and Mechanical also in high demand.
The summer months, in past years, have held a steady flow of employment request. This summer we expect the situation to continue. There is no set pattern of peaks and lulls in the recruitment activity, but it is fairly safe to say that a slower but constant flow of jobs will come through the Employment Centre.
A factor that can and will affect employment opportunities this summer will be the Construction Industry Strike. The technologies directly affected would be Building and Civil


and Structural; but as in any strike, a chain reaction occurs and associated or support positions to the industry are also affected.
It is important for a job seeker to remember that looking for a job is a full time job and one should check daily on any leads or prospects. It is also important to have a message phone number to leave with employers and employment agencies, so that you can be readily contacted. Remember that most employers use the telephone for good news, the mail for bad news!
A placement percentage survey and a salary survey will be published by the office in mid summer. Anyone interested in the results may contact the Canada Employment Centre.

Technology	Graduate Opportunities	Summer Opportunities
Electrical	89	5
Mechanical	57	8
Forestry	28	48
Building	36	8
Civil & Structural	35	14
Survey	25	22
Biological Sciences	24	16
Chemical & Metallurgical	24	9
Mining	18	26
Natural Gas & Petroleum	11	4
Forest Products	7	10
Marketing	77	9
Administrative	50	7
Computer	61	5
Financial Management	40	5
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Hospitality & Tourism	10	10
Broadcast		5
Any Tech (General)		32

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