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PVI considers student fee to provide funds

- PVI (Burnaby) SU -

Establishment of a student support fund built on revenues from student activity fees has been approved by the Board of Governors of Pacific Vocational Institute.

The decision demonstrates the institute's concern that dollars extracted from students go directly back to them when financial need is demonstrated, says PVI president Henry Justesen.

'Money raised on these premises by business activities and extracted from students has got to go back to students,' Justesen said in an interview March 21.

'Getting funds directly to students is a high priority of the institute,' he added. And a number of recent decisions made by the board of governors reflect that priority.

According to correspondence received earlier this year by PVI student organizations at Maple Ridge and Sea Island, the board 'recognized the need to establish a fund from which various forms of direct and indirect support for individual students and training could be provided on an institute-wide basis.'

Monies for the fund would be drawn from \$2-per-month student activity fees 'normal to' Burnaby and Maple Ridge, as well as from similar amounts collected from new students enrolling at Sea Island in 1985, the letters reveal.

The board also approved a \$2.50 registration fee applicable to all continuing education courses as additional fuel for the proposed fund.

Ultimately, 'The board will, following modest growth of the fund, make timely disbursements from the fund to assist student organizations, as well as individual students on the basis of apparent financial need,' the letters state.

The Burnaby students' union, finding the intent of the letters unclear, has since voiced its concerns before the board.

'Our anxiety stems from the apparent intention on the part of the board to have student activity fees (traditionally) payable to the student organizations withheld, to be disbursed when the board and/or management sees fit,' the students' union reported.

'For a governing board to

withhold an activity fee which was paid by students to be administered for students is unprecedented.'

Responding to that notion, Justesen said, 'The autonomy of student organizations is not an issue.'

'How to get money extracted from students as a condition of training to best benefit students is the priority.'

In any case, Board approval is meant only to provide direction, Justesen said. When and whether suggestions made by the board are implemented depends on the institute, he said.

The president pointed out that prior to institute funding, student organizations had no financial base.

According to Justesen, the history of funding goes back to April 1978, when it was proposed to the board that the institute determine which basic student services were lacking at PVI and how much money it would take to deliver them. One result was a fee-for-service contract with the Burnaby students' union which ultimately yielded a \$1350-per-month allowance for the society, provided by the institute. The money was

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'Except one'

Board approves Thom's 85/86 recommendations

In anticipation of a ten per cent reduction in operating grants from the provincial government, the BCIT board of governors approved Thursday an operating budget of \$47,833,000 for 1985/86. Based on formula funding, the government grant is expected to be \$32.1 million, down almost 3.5 million over current levels.

To make up for the reduction in revenues, the board approved a number of measures, including cuts to two programs, increased tuition and a \$100 surcharge for business students. The budget, which must still be approved by the provincial government, does not call for any programs to be cut entirely.

Major measures announced include:

- Marketing Management and building technology programs will have a reduced intake (80 percent and 40 percent respectively) until further funding becomes available.
- Tuition fees will be increased by an average of 8 percent (8 percent for full-time students and 4 percent for continuing education students).
- A surcharge of \$100 will be applied to full-time programs offered by the School of Management. According to the institute, this is designed to maintain the high standard of BCIT Business programs 'despite the fact that the government formula funds only a limited number of hours per program'.
- Administrative costs are to be reduced by 13.4 percent and management costs are to be reduced by 10 percent. However, the board did not accept the offer of Thom and vice-president education, Drug Svetic, to reduce their salaries by 10 percent 'at this time'.
- The budget includes a provision for the development of curriculum utilizing a modularized, competency-based approach. According to the board, this approach is 'very much in line with BCIT's proven expertise in computer technology.'

The approved budget also includes all severance costs for faculty and staff whose positions 'may be lost' as a result of the announced measures. (Since the board meeting,

the Staff Society and administration have reached a tentative agreement which calls for the 71 layoff notices already issued to that bargaining unit to be rescinded. A total of 135 layoff notices were issued at that time).

Other items such as a decentralized counselling service have been approved contingent upon obtaining further sources of revenue.

Following the closed budget session, board chairman Malcolm Wickson said he was satisfied with the 'civilized and open' budget process and with the way BCIT's administration has been able to 'again preserve the excellence' of its programs 'while at the same time steering the institute in some positive long-term directions'.

Student Association president Donald Rippon said he was initially 'pleased' with the board decisions and that he did not object to the 8 percent tuition increase for full-time students. He said the full-time and continuing education groups are equally weighted and that the 8 percent 'average' increase was only one percent more than the student association had suggested in its submission to the board. He added that it was 'commendable' how 'all have worked on this (budget) process, from students to the administration'.

'What we've had are concessions - the 13.4 percent reduction in administrative costs from the institute, and the wage freeze and educational leave cut from the Staff Society.'

And although the Student Association had liked the idea of salary cuts in the administration, Rippon said he 'respected' the board's decision not to accept them from Thom and Svetic.

BCIT was expected to receive word on the exact 85/86 provincial operating grant yesterday (Tuesday).

Faculty reach tentative agreement with institute

The Staff Society and BCIT have reached a tentative agreement following several months of negotiations. The agreement, retroactive to January 1, 1984, calls for a 27 month wage freeze with no layoffs before May 31, 1986, and no educational leave for one year. However the contract does provide a five per cent wage increase on April 1, 1986.

71 layoff notices issued in February and due to come into effect on May 31, 1985, will be rescinded if the contract is approved by both the society and the institute. Drug Svetic, vice president education, said that the institute is recommending acceptance to the BCIT board of governors. He said the institute was instructed to advise board members by phone when a tentative agreement was reached. He also said the board may ratify the contract over the phone or meet specifically to discuss the contract. Svetic said he was 'satisfied' with the

agreement. He said he would like to have seen an increase in workload, 'the evening workload we were talking about', but he said it was important that an agreement was reached that 'doesn't lay off people'.

According to chief negotiator, Patrick Thomas, of the Staff Society, they have tentatively scheduled April 10, 11 and 12 for members to vote on the package. The Staff Society is also recommending the contract to be accepted.

Thomas said the agreement was 'adequate for the times and our situation. It is not ideal, we had other things on the table.' He said the agreement represented an 'extension of management intrusion' but that 'by and large we tended to hold the line on some important issues, and we did this with what we assessed were the priorities of the membership.'

The agreement calls for the educational leave fund, based on two per cent of the institute's operating grant, to

be suspended for one year, amounting to a savings for the institute of approximately \$700,000.

According to Thomas, the fund 'automatically clicks back in' after one year. The ed leave committee will actually start operating again in the spring of next year in preparation for leaves taking place that fall.

Thomas said there are several items in the tentative agreement that represented improvements to the contract, from the society's point of view. Among them are the requirement that a major task force be established to look into workload; a new article dealing with the technological change; and how it can be introduced; new rules regarding the conversion of temporaries into regular staff; rewritten articles on copyright ownership and on protection of the bargaining unit with regard to contract work; and tightened instructor

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ideas for safe summer fun.
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Presented by Medical Services

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used to subsidize the Campus Shop, located in the JW Inglis Building, as well as buy editorial services and purchase advertising space in the PVI student newspaper. It was also meant to allow maintenance of student activity fees at a minimum rate.

But now Justesen claims that while the Burnaby students' union has generated approximately \$2.5 million over seven years, student services provided through that revenue are becoming more difficult to identify.

He said the institute must return to a point where priorities and the corresponding amounts of money needed to meet them are specifically identified by students and their representative organizations.

According to audited financial statements, the Burnaby students' union generated more than \$639,000 in fiscal year 1983-84; however, expenses of approximately \$630,000 left the organization with just more than \$9000 in profits.

Of total revenues, \$44,000 were drawn from student activity fees.

The objective of the society is to offset the cost of services to students through revenue-producing ventures such as the Hub food servery and the Campus Shop, says Chris McNaughton, students' union business manager.

Other services provided by the organization include Pacific Cinema (video films presented every Tuesday and Thursday), resume and word processing services, and an Employment Action Centre.

Cancellation of the fee-for-service effective the end of last year led to a restructuring of the society, which included laying off employees and discontinuing the Pacific Progress.

The students' union had expected the cancellation to be implemented March 31, which marks the end of the current fiscal year.

However PVI bursar Len McNeely announced in a letter: 'A review of the audited financial statements for the year ended July 31, 1984, of the Burnaby Campus Students' Union indicates that the subsidy is not warranted and therefore shall cease effective December 31, 1984.'



Resigning PVI Burnaby Campus Principal Tom Lowney is Alberta bound, to take up a post in Lloydminster. Colleagues celebrated two Fridays ago at an informal gathering in the staff lounge in the JW Inglis building. Lowney, presented with a dunce cap on arriving at the soiree, received a number of gifts including items stolen from his own office, a box of chocolate bars and a pewter beer tankard. A formal sit-down dinner in Lowney's honor is planned for management and staff April 11, at Redford House.

PVI Job Market

The Employment Action Centre, a service for students provided by the Burnaby students' union of Pacific Vocational Institute, regularly

lists openings with the Link. Following completion of an application form, qualified students are referred for an interview to employers who have listed available jobs with the centre.

Students seeking either full or part-time employment should see Nancy Clulow-Baird in the students' union office, 4th floor, JW Inglis Building.

The following jobs are available immediately:

FOOD PREPARATION

positions available in Maple Ridge for two persons who have completed course.

WOMEN WANTED to earn extra income selling perfume for exclusive distributor. Complete sales information and promotion kit provided.

HORTICULTURE STUDENT required for summer position with North Shore lawn maintenance company. Will pay decent wage to hard-working individual who can be relied on for entire summer. Truck preferred but not essential.

MECHANIC APPRENTICE entering third year required by downtown import motor firm.

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needed for renovation work. **ELECTRICAL** position. Must have completed electrical major and have sales experience.

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FULL-TIME COOK, able to prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner, required for summer position at family restaurant.

WILL TRAIN someone to do basic kitchen duties for a reputable restaurant in New Westminister.

Prefer applicants who are available for a full-time position.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION in the Burnaby area needs someone to volunteer to teach Wholistic Health one and one-half hours per week for eight weeks.

CATERING HELP required by private home, one day, for a wedding.

JUNIOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE clerk for a full-time position with company in New Westminister.

FULL-TIME SUMMER POSITIONS- dining room, floor staff, host/hostess, waiters, buspersons, dishwashers, cooks and cooks' assistants.

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The Student Association invites nominations for the Laurie Jack awards. 3 money prizes of \$400 each will be awarded to first year students proceeding to second year fall 85 or second year proceeding to third year fall 85.

Criteria: student must have given time and service to the cause of student life at BCIT such as involvement in student government, sport, or general interest in student affairs.

Nominations should include a brief resume of the background, etc., of the student nominated.

Closing date: May 31, 1985

Please do not nominate yourself.

Nominations should be forwarded to Business Manager, Student Association General Office in the SAC.

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Wally Rowan at the roast held in his honor last Wednesday.

Photo Darren Suvages

Ruggers take Douglas

The BCIT S.A. Cougar Rugby club kept their playoff hopes alive on Saturday beating the second best team in the league by a score of 12-4.

The win was double sweet for the Cougars because the opposition was the Douglas College Rugby Club.

The Cougars started slow, spotting in the game from what coach Miller called a number of 'mental' mistakes and missed tackles. The Cougar squad managed to tie the score at the half with a

pretty try score by Dave McLean, a try that 15 men had a part in.

The second half was all BCIT with the Cougars controlling all areas of the game. Clint Manhood scored another try with the 'Raider' clinching the game with 10 minutes to go.

The team reminds readers of their upcoming dance 'the Classic' at Taps on Saturday April 6th. Tickets are available at the S.A. office or from players.

Student receives award

Martine Riddihough, a first-year student in the Hospitality and Tourism program at BCIT, has been awarded the 1985 CFSEA Junior Branch Gold Plate Award. Presented by Catherine McCann, Awards Committee Chairman, and Gordon Smythe, Goodhost Foods, the sponsoring company, at the CFSEA Senior-Junior Night held in the Food Training Centre dining room March 12th, the award recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement, association involvement and industry experience.

The award consists of an engraved plaque, CFSEA blazer crest, a stipend of \$400.00 and travel fare to the CFSEA National Conference to be held June 20-23 in Montreal. Martine will compete for the Gold Plate Canada Award at the conference. The winner receives a replica of the award plus 13 weeks summer employment in the Goodhost sales training program.

Martine, a graduate in Arts and Sciences, University of Victoria and a resident of Victoria, is vice-president of the BCIT Junior Branch, CFSEA. She has a well-rounded experience in the hospitality industry including a variety of positions at The Empress Hotel, The Harbour Towers Hotel, Princess Mary Restaurant, Victoria, and the Carved Angel, Dartmouth, England.

Slo-pitch

Business Boozers over Bio-Meds 16-3. It was a go 1 game with a total team effort.

If you want your scores published in The Link, drop them off at the Campus Recreation Office.

Write a letter

Staff Society made one last attempt

Last Thursday, the Staff Society made one last bid to have some impact on budget decisions being made by the board of governors. Greg Layton, president of the Staff Society, distributed budget sheets to board members during the open session of the meeting when he suggested possible ways of cutting administration costs from \$9 million down to \$6 million. The \$6 million represented the amount left after all education programs and services were funded at current levels, Layton told the board. He questioned items in the administration portion of the budget funded at higher levels over current, and other items which he suggested shouldn't be funded at all. He said education could be maintained 'even with decreased funding' but that he wanted to show the board an approach that 'put education first'.

Layton then went through the budget items and suggested the board should reduce or eliminate funding in several administrative areas.

However, Gordon Thom, president, and Drug Svetic, vice president education, gave the board reasons why items were funded at level 4 or funded at all. They said some items represent programs specially funded by the ministry, where the money could not be shifted around, and other programs represent continuing commitments that couldn't be broken. After some back and forth debate, one board member expressed frustration with the process. 'I just get confused when debate goes on dealing with specific issues. Greg makes a good point, Drug says "however..." Debate also focused on the \$1.5 million budgeted for severance costs. Layton said he 'couldn't accept the institute contention that regardless of where cuts were made, \$1.5 million would have to be spent on severance costs.'

Apply now to residence for next September!

Applications for residence accommodation will be available to resident and non-resident students presently attending BCIT who will be attending BCIT as full-time students in September 1985.

Applications may be picked up from the Residence Business Office (located in Salish House, Maquinna Residence), from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CLOSED 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. daily, UNTIL FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1985.

All applications must be returned to the Housing Office no later than Friday, April 12, 1985, to be considered for occupancy in the 1985 - 1986 academic year.

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Slo-Pitch Tournament

April 20th

Price: \$50/team

Includes a wind-up barbeque

Each team should have a minimum of 4 women.

For information contact:

Campus Recreation
Lobby, SAC Building

Best Wishes to all for a Happy Easter.

Management and Staff

Campus Cafe

The most disappointing aspect of the budget recommendations Gordon Thom made to the board of governors last Thursday was the lack of provision for specialized communications and mathematics.

Thom claimed at the final open forum one week earlier that there was little support for specialized english and math, when compared with the support shown for maintaining whole programs. Up until then he had chosen to ignore several presentations, including about one-third of the presentations made to the open board meeting last month, in his presence.

Add to those presentations the numerous presentations made during the open forum, and the letter of support for specialized core programming from the Society of Engineering Technologists, and it is easy to see that there is, in fact, a lot of support for specialized programming.

After all, BCIT is based on providing just that kind of specialized education. The English and mathematics courses are no less carefully developed and specialized than other technology courses. To eliminate these specialized courses is an unacceptable response to the current budget restrictions. When the board approved Thom's recommendation, it approved a most regressive measure.

One student at the open

forum noted, the availability of a technological education is fine, but without the skills to articulate that education, all is lost.

However, despite the board's error in accepting Thom's recommendations, there is hope that specialized core programming will continue intact, thanks to dramatic concessions made by the Staff Society in the tentative agreement reached last week, which calls for a wage freeze and the loss of educational leave for one year in exchange for no layoffs before May 1986. The result is that those dedicated and hard working english and math instructors will be able to continue to offer highly specialized course content. For at least one more year.

-Don Wright

Thom doing a good job

Editor, The Link

In the past few weeks, members of the 'Girls of BCIT' calendar have graced the Vancouver Province's 'Smile of the Day'. Two of these appearances caught my attention. One was by Perm on March 24, and the other was by Carol on March 28. Both listed Gordon Thom as a 'dislike'. Girls, please answer me one question. How can you justify the public ridicule of a man whom you have had very little personal contact with, if any? As far as I'm concerned, Gordon Thom has done and will continue to do a good job for BCIT. Comments such as this are an embarrassment and should not be made by intelligent and responsible young ladies, especially those vying for seats on this year's Student Council.

B. Weaver
2nd year Gas & Oil

Different approach needed

Editor, The Link,

So much for 'input' into the Institute's proposed budget for 85-86. The board did not appear to think very highly of the proposals from the students as the board adopted Mr. Thom's recommendations *catre blanche*. Obviously there should be some soul searching from the student government as to their political lobbying methods - certainly their views had no influence on Mr. Thom or the Board.

Once again the students will be paying the highest tuition fees in B.C. With the students paying between 20-25 per cent of the operating costs of the Institute, there is no vehicle for addressing student concerns effectively on campus.

The 85-86 Student Executive will have to access a different approach politically if they are to be effective at all.

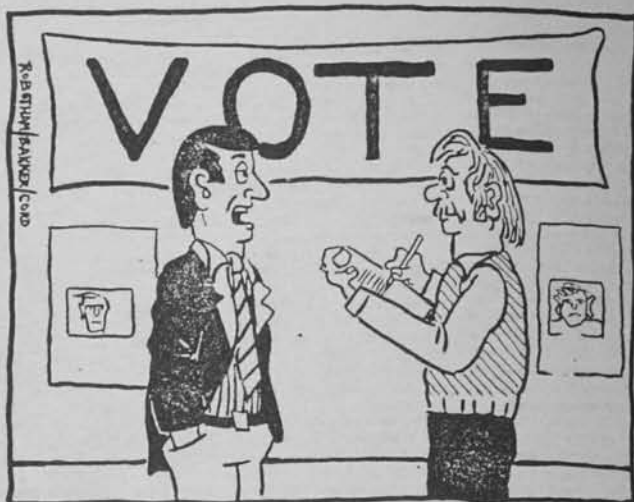
Dave Johnstone
Marketing

Student questions course

Editor, The Link,

RE: First year accounting courses: an asset or a liability?

Well I have never written to a newspaper before, but I feel very strongly about this. The first year accounting course is strated with problems. There is a tremendous workload with close to a 50% failure rate, if not more, in many sets (certainly that was the case on the last midterm). The attitude of many instructors is arrogant. To ask a question is like saying you are a complete idiot. The majority in our large lecture would rather avoid labs and



DON'T WRITE WHAT I SAID - WRITE WHAT I MEANT

lectures. Most feel we learn very little in these situations. The result is that accounting is approached as a correspondence course, with visits to the learning centre for help.

After the last (first) midterm, with around a 50% failure rate and 46 to 54% mean set averages, we actually got a lecture on our lack of effort as opposed to any help. The attitude was it was your fault, not ours. One gets the feeling that instructional attitude is one of exclusivity. That is, making it harder than it actually is. Maybe that is the policy of the CICA or AMA or whoever it is that controls accounting competency. But we are not in financial management nor are most planning to become accountants.

So, this is an opinion. But I feel it is correct. I just wonder if it is too late to do anything about it.

Name withheld
by request

Students don't use cabin

Editor, The Link,

The BCIT cabin has been a long standing tradition with the students of this school. Over the spring break I had the opportunity to use our fine facility.

Being the only student in the crowded cabin raised some questions that other students might be interested in.

1. Students are you aware that our appointed caretaker has offered to purchase the cabin 'to alleviate the student body of owning such a burden.' To then turn it into a profitable venture once he has ownership?

2. The BCIT cabin has developed into a halfway home for wayward Australians and lost easterners.

We are in effect subsidizing the accomodation of a caretaker who has no vested interest in

the cabin creating a profit for us. We are concerned about student fees increasing next year, well let's create some opportunities to lower them.

We have a division in business called Hotel-Motel management that would love the challenge to have a hands-on experience at operating a hospitality facility.

And what happened to the days where each technology was scheduled one week of preferential use of the cabin. If that technology had not expressed enough interest by Tuesday of that week for the upcoming weekend, any vacant spots were filled by enthusiastic skiers.

Let's market our cabin to the student body. Organize theme weekends, ski races...we have a cabin, let's use it. We have the opportunity to create a profitable venture for ourselves, let's not just watch as our cabin crumbles into yet another fatality of restraint.

P.R. Boeker
2nd yr Marketing

Electrical students upset

Editor, The Link

I give up some of my valuable time (finals start in one week) to attempt to dispell some of the understandable confusion you or your readers may have in regards to the Electrical/Electronic HITRAC program. As a member of Students For HITRAC Improvement I have had the dubious honor of donating my valuable study time to listen and read first-hand accounts from E&E students - levels 1 through 3 - on their feelings of HITRAC.

Several common themes kept cropping up with everyone I dealt with. The first major complaint was with regards to the quality, or lack thereof, of the moduals. There were hundreds of complaints over inaccuracies, difficulty in

understanding the moduals, and the time required to complete the moduals. This last point raises the fear that content of the courses will be reduced so that the modularized course can be completed in the proper time.

The second complaint comes from Level 3 students. They feel that the present structure of open lab time penalizes the up-to-date students while benefitting the less current student - a result completely opposite to the concept of HITRAC. I know of many students that only have one lab to complete yet are unable to sign-up because space is taken by students attempting to complete three or four labs.

The third complaint is the obvious dis-information coming from some HITRAC officials. I was told, along with the rest of E&E Level 1 students, that only a few Level 3 students were having difficulties and causing this controversy. Not so! I would say that 80 percent of the students I have talked with feel that HITRAC can be a viable system, if there are improvements made. This last complaint ties in with the last and possibly the most dangerous complaint.

There is the feeling that cooperation between the students, the department head, and the HITRAC coordinator were felt to be nonexistent. An example of this is a letter written to you in the Feb. 6 Link by Francis C. He brought up these points, and more, almost 2 months ago, yet nothing has been done. Repeated snubs like this could create an explosive situation in which we all could lose. This confrontational attitude was once again demonstrated by Mr. Ed Warkinton, head of the E&E department. While addressing Level 2 students he was asked why the overall student marks were low and why there were so many students having trouble completing their assigned work? His reply was stunning. I quote: 'The students of Level 3 are not working. If they work harder they might finish in time.' I find it hard to believe that a 3rd Level student in any BCIT

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"Poor Man's Student"

-by Sharon Homans

By now most of you are aware of the Assassin's Game here at the tech. This is a game where students sneak around, looking everywhere at once, hopefully shooting his/her target before they themselves bite the big one. A fair amount of fear and paranoia is involved as you can imagine. Some of you have probably been used as impromptu shields, targets and pointers! If you, like myself, are not included in the game but would like to have some fun, here are a couple of ideas on how you can utilize their paranoia for your own private giggles.

One idea stems from the picture of the assassin's mark or victim. Naturally they'll show you the picture (ask, if they haven't already). You can then, a day later, create harmless pandemonium by saying innocently:

"Gee, you just missed your victim. He passed by here not five minutes ago" or

"Oh look! Wasn't that your victim just turning that corner? I'm almost sure it was!"

Off goes your friend at a gallop, dart gun drawn and at the ready. Note: do not snicker until your victim is out of sight! If you are convincing enough you can do this every second day or so using variations of the above theme. For heaven's sake don't let anyone else know or they'll squeal on you and you'll never be trusted again. (If they were fool enough to trust you in the first place!)

The second idea you can use if all else fails, or you're ticked off at them or so on. First of all make sure you have a fast escape route. You approach your victim with a slightly perturbed expression on your face and say:

"Someone came up to me

this morning and asked about you. Even showed me your picture."

They will respond with something like "What? Who? Who? You didn't tell them where to find me, did you?"

Panic stricken they'll look side to side. You reply, "Well no, would I turn stool pigeon on you? But I'll tell you, He's been following me all day."

Your victim stutters, "Where is he now?" Very calmly, you look over your victim's shoulder, point quickly and say, "Right behind you!"

When your victim has returned to the floor, you had better run like 'heck' or become a target too.

Needless to say (or write), caution is advised. Pick your victim very carefully as some people actually take this game seriously and you could find yourself staring down the dark barrel of a three inch, plastic dart gun. Not a pretty sight indeed!



THE LAST TWO LEFT

ARE YOU AWARE?

by Troy Nagy, S.A. Sports Chairperson

Layoff the board of governors!

Some major announcements have been made around the institute and I am sure the majority of the student body is not aware of any of them.

As most people know, in February BCIT president Gordon Thom announced major staff layoffs and five program cuts due to a reduction in provincial funding of 10.7 per cent.

Since then many things have changed. There will no longer be any program cuts. All technologies will now go ahead as scheduled. However Marketing will be reduced to 60 per cent intake and Building to 40% intake. There are no program cuts because the provincial government only reduced the grant by 9.7 per cent and has recognized BCIT computer leasing costs. As of now there is about \$900,000 extra in the pot than there was in February.

Also, the Staff Society has helped put extra dollars back into BCIT. They have just signed their contract last week and gave concessions to institute administration that effectively frees up about \$750,000. The Staff Society has agreed to a 3 year wage freeze and have given up their educational leave clause in return for no staff layoffs until May 1986. It is obvious that the Staff Society cares about educational quality and students by giving these concessions.

The administration is cutting their cost by 10 per cent. A good move, but they are going about it all wrong. They are cutting areas that help students (ie Counselling) and not other areas (ie salaries). In fact, the administration has been bungling the 10 per cent reduction so terribly that there are senior level administration that are quitting out of sheer frustration. Reverend Lundy Sanderson, Broadcast Department head, and Eileen Stewart, head of personnel

are among those who have resigned.

It is obvious that the administration is mishandling budgetary process. It is about time for some student input on these decisions.

On March 28th the board of governors met to approve the budget. Various groups went before the board and presented their valid cases on the budgeting prioritization. Also the S.A. met with the board and presented the students point of view to them, and were assured the board would seriously consider all proposals put to them. Through pressure from the S.A., president Gordon Thom and vp education Drug Svetic agreed to take a reduction of 10 per cent in their salaries, which would save the institute about \$18,000. The board of governors gave a rubber stamp approval to all the institute proposals except one. They disallowed Thom and Svetic's salary reduction.

It is obvious that the board of governors is a joke and just one added expense (\$30,000 a year approximately) that is hanging around BCIT's neck. They do not care about the students of BCIT, or BCIT's employees. S.A. President Don Rippon and myself presented to the board a presentation agreeing to a 5 per cent tuition increase if concessions were met. The board was very receptive to the proposal, then turned around and approved an 8 per cent tuition increase with an additional \$100 to School of management students. They must think that \$100 is a minor amount with their cushy jobs, but it is a lot of money to a student.

I am going to write a letter to the Minister of Education showing my displeasure at the board's lack of interest, knowledge or caring about the BCIT student body. Instead of laying off staff members, maybe we should layoff the board of governors.

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SPECIAL REPORT:

Electrical students upset over modules and labs

- Don Wright -

At 2 p.m. every day, Electrical level 3 Hitrac students sign up for practical lab space for the following day. Last week, with just a handful of days left in their term, students started getting worried about whether they'd be able to complete remaining labs, believing that too few lab spaces would be available and not all students would be able to complete all labs.

Last Thursday at 2 p.m., the mounting tension and apprehension erupted into a violent pushing and shoving match, as students literally fought each other in an effort to sign up for lab time. Later, students who claimed they were pushed into tables and each other, said it was 'worse than a rugby game', and 'like lining up for a Van Halen concert.' Some students said they simply 'gave up' trying to sign for space.

Friday morning, several level 3 students invited The Link up to the distribution centre (room 1A-304) to view what they expected would be a repeat of the Thursday melee.

However, a notice, dated March 29, had been posted, asking students to simply indicate on a sign-up sheet the labs they wanted to do, and informing them that lab space would be assigned for the last four days of the term (Monday to Thursday this week). When asked by students why the lab booking system had been revised, the secretary replied: 'We didn't want a repeat of yesterday.'

While in the area, The Link met with and talked to some 30 to 40 electrical level 3 students. Over a period of ninety minutes, students individually and in groups expressed their concerns about the way Hitrac has been, and is being implemented. They all had four common points: they weren't out to get any instructors, they were very critical of the way Hitrac was being run, and they all blamed Ron Russell, Hitrac coordinator, Monday morning.

The Link raised these and other issues with Russell. He accepted some of the blame, but said students were partially to blame for some of the problems. He said that many of the problems were 'really beyond my control.'

(With so many students contributing to the discussion at once, no attempt has been made to keep track of 'who said what', but those interviewed did represent a good cross-section of the level 3 population).

Level 3 electrical students say they are the 'guinea pigs' of a whole new world of learning methods at BCIT: modular, competency-based, flexible-paced education. Although this phrase conjures visions of rows of students tied to computers, most of the material in use so far is paper based. It does however, present a dramatic departure from traditional learning methods, one which has created much conflict between students and Russell.

Last week represented the last straw for students, many of whom have complained all term about poorly written modules, inflexible or

inadequate lab and lecture time, and time-wasting procedures. The students emphasized that they were not opposed to the concept, in fact many greatly support the new learning methods; but they are quite upset about the current status of the program.

'There is no organization here. They're using us as guinea pigs,' said one student. 'We're actually proofreading the modules, which have only barely been written.' One student who said he liked the concept said the organization was 'screwed.' He said he 'pitied the next group coming into level 3.'

scramble for limited space. Russell says the students are partially to blame for the sudden crunch for space. 'We were closing labs a few weeks ago because students were not using them. They were studying for midterms - some labs were running with only 4 students.' He said it was also a question of addressing the 'conditioning of students who are used to the previous lab system and the pressure they were under.' Russell suggested the expectation of that pressure contributed to the panic last week.

He said he did spend all weekend working out a lab schedule for everyone this

you'll never see him, and when you do, it takes too much time waiting in line to ask your questions.'

Another student said that the modules would make good 'back up material' for lectures, but they are 'full of mistakes - some theory is wrong. The modules are supposed to be accurate, but contain long derivatives with wrong answers throughout.' One student said the number of pages of corrections to modules was sometimes as many as the modules themselves.

Students also complained that exam material is not always covered in the



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Another student who said he strongly supported the concept of modularized learning, said the modules do have to be of 'super high quality' for the system to work. 'But so far they're not.' He added that although Hitrac was a great concept, he thought it was going to 'ruin BCIT's reputation.'

Students say another problem with modules is that too often instructors don't agree with the material, or it is poorly referenced. Students claim they were assured that modules would be ready at the start of the term, but in fact they were being written as the term progressed. Last week was 'week 11' in the level 3 schedule. Week 11's module in one course arrived Thursday. Week 12's module arrived late Friday afternoon.

This had students furious and about ready to organize a lynch mob to visit Russell in his office. Students complained that Russell is always telling them modules are 'being printed' or are 'in transit.'

Russell said students have a valid complaint. 'I don't want to make excuses.' He says the modules should have been ready, but that the system gets 'locked up' along the way, with course writers not keeping up. 'I get assurances, so I pass them on,' said Russell. 'I guess the writers are letting us down a bit.'

In addition to problems with modules, students are also upset with the way labs are organized, which they say forces students to

week, and was able to fit everyone in, 'with some space left for those who didn't sign up.' He hopes to have the lab scheduling system on computer next term, so as to eliminate the need for students to sign up themselves. As a module test is written, the computer would schedule the appropriate lab for the student. Russell said the system will reduce staffing requirements as well as solve some problems.

He also hoped the scheduled April 29 move into a new, larger learning centre would help things as well.

According to Russell, levels 2 and 3 are due to join level 3 in modular form at that time. Level 4 will continue with traditional learning methods.

Russell admitted that not all the modules are written yet for levels 1 and 2, but that writers were working on them. He indicated he hasn't been happy with the way modules have been late coming in. 'I don't want to have to go through that again (referring to late modules during level 3 this term) - that is one of the things that has hurt us very badly,' said Russell.

Students had other complaints with the way level 3 has been set up.

One student said 'questions we had about the system were dispelled last term, but they are all coming true. Trying to get hold of a specific instructor is difficult. If he's scheduled for two hours in the study centre, and you have a lab at that time,

modules, and that readability was a problem, considering the modules are photocopies of dot matrix print-outs.

Russell says most students, by term end, will be far enough ahead to have everything in hand. 'We'll just have to handle the others as they come up.'

'One thing students don't see is instructors notes. We make adjustments in material from term to term and year to year. I intend to advise instructors of student progress so that material can be adjusted accordingly.'

'We've got a job to do... I don't want everybody to get the impression they're all going to pass, but we're not out to get anyone.' He added that some students were 'out to beat the system.'

Russell said he recognized that it was 'hard to be optimistic', but he is confident Hitrac and modularization will be a success once problems are sorted out. 'We have problems, but we do have solutions,' said Russell.

Post Script: On Wednesday, level 1, 2 and 3 electrical students met and elected a committee to take concerns about the program to the administration. The committee has met several times since then, and is hoping to meet with vice president education Drug Svetic later this week. The committee is expected to present student concerns about Hitrac procedures and policies, difficulties with modules, and plans for the future.

WHAT'S ON!



APRIL 2-4
S.A. Election. Vote in the group you believe will do the best job.



APRIL 3
Health Fair presented by Medical Services in the SAC Lobby. Featuring displays by the Red Cross, CNIB, Counterattack, B.C. Safety Council and others. 11:30 - 2:30.

APRIL 4
Election Victory dance featuring The Villains at Taps. Tickets \$3 advance at the S.A. office of \$4 at the door. Winners celebrate, losers drown your sorrows. Others just have fun. Not to be missed.

APRIL 6
The BCIT S.A. Rugby team presents 'The Classic', women \$2, men \$4. In Taps

APRIL 21 to 26
Pinball wizards of the world be aware! Pinball contest sponsored by The S.A. Activities Rep Wayne 'Party' Snook, featuring the machine as prize! Stay tuned for entry details!

LIVE

APRIL 3-6
'Human Sex' at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre. A dance show put on by La La La Human Steps from Montreal, 8:30 nightly. Contact 254-9578 for information.

APRIL 4
The Douglas College Jazz Band appears at the Hot Jazz, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$3.50 for students and members.

APRIL 7
English pop artists General Public perform at the QE Playhouse. Their current hit 'Tenderness' will soon be followed by a second release from their debut album. Tickets at the usual outlets.

APRIL 2-13
Talking Dirty, on national tour, spends some time at the Revue Theatre. Starring Jackson Davies among others. Arts Club Theatre. Contact 787-5315.

APRIL 17-21
Japanese-Canadian performing arts festival at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, featuring dance, theatre, poetry etc. Different program each night. Call 254-9578 for more information.

APRIL 18-27
Stage Eireann Dramatic Society presents 'The Buds of Ballybunion', an Irish comedy with music. At the James Cowan Theatre, 6450 Gilpin Street, Burnaby, 8:30 nightly. Call 263-7800 for more information.

FILM

APRIL 3 & 4
Get the butter, it's the Last Tango in Paris. Second show



with Women in Love, at the Vancouver East Cinema, 7th Avenue and Commercial Drive, Vancouver. 253-5455.

APRIL 10 & 11
Rebel Without A Cause and The Wild One, 7:30 and 9:35 at the Vancouver East Cinema. Ticket information 253-5455, 7th Ave and Commercial.



APRIL 12-14
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APRIL 14
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VOTE

The policy of The Link's What's On section is to print submissions of upcoming events. All submissions must be typed, double spaced, and less than 50 words. Items may be dropped off at the Link or sent by mail. Submission deadline is Friday noon. We will not, however, print any submission from a profit organization unless the event directly pertains to the BCIT/PVI community. Please include phone numbers and any applicable graphics or photos.



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- and the S.A.

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2nd year Medical Laboratory
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program does not work. I suggest that Mr. Warkinton owes the Level 3 E&E students an apology.

In another incident Tuesday last week, Mr. R. Russel cut a number of students off by closing down the computer system - very much agitating the Level 3 students present. While in the hall a few minutes later he was overheard laughing and telling a Level 2 instructor he had cut the students off. I find no humor in the fact that a so called educator was amused by making it difficult for students to continue their studies.

Michael J. Bachop
E&E Level 1 Student

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performance appraisal affected the board's budget decisions. 'The implications haven't been fully explored yet,' he said at press time.

Thomas added that the board announcement Thursday concerning the institute budget had no influence on contract talks, which had been 'quite intense' just prior to the reaching of an agreement late Friday.

However, he said the Staff Society was 'disappointed' that the board had not adopted the Staff Society approach, which he said would have avoided layoffs while maintaining quality.

Dean of development, Peter Jones said that he didn't have any details on how the tentative agreement



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