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Office battle threatens SA's future

A jurisdictional battle for office space in the SAC between the Student Association and the Student Services Department of BCIT's administration has dragged through the summer with no compromise solution in sight.

The problem of office space and who occupies it is the one remaining contentious issue in the SAC Management Agreement, a long-planned document detailing how the SAC is to be used, who owns it, who runs it and how the facilities are going to be developed in the future.

The significance of this fight goes beyond mere considerations of where offices are to be located. The Student Association needs guaranteed space for its activities—which amount to practically everything recreational happening at BCIT—and businesses, all of which are widely used by the entire campus population. The attempt to curtail the activities of the SA by limiting the amount of space it can operate in seems to indicate the Administration's intention of gradually running the SA out of business.

The space jurisdiction question first surfaced last spring when Student Services announced that they needed the Total Emage Hair Salon space for Athletic Trainer facilities after the SA had signed a lease through May 1978 with Louise Talbot, Total Emage's manager.

Phil Henderson, the SA's Business Manager, had sent a memo to SAC Building manager and Athletic Director Derek Swain on February 22 stating that Council had voted to extend Talbot's lease and asking whether Swain saw any problems in that. Henderson asked that if Swain did he should get in touch with the SA by March 3. There was no response, so the SA went ahead and signed the lease.

Student Liaison officer Graham Fane, an employee of Student Services, had earlier been asked by Henderson to ensure that Swain intended to make no unilateral decisions on space allocation within the SAC. Although it appears that Student Services' plans for the Athletic Trainer facility were well under way in February, they evidently decided to not bother replying, even to the SA's request for information.

Nothing further was said or mentioned officially on this matter through the end of the 1976-77 Executive's term in office. It is apparent by the timing of their moves since that Student Services and Dale Michaels, the Executive Director of Personnel, Information and Student Services were intent on whisking a decision through the new Student Executive before the latter even had time to get their desks organized.

The Power changes over in the SA in the latter half of May. That two weeks is spent in orientation of the new Executive and tidying up details left by the outgoing one. Sharon McElroy, last year's student president, was considered by the Administration to be a real tiger to deal with, so Student Services obviously waited until John Scott was barely into office and then hit him hard with their "urgent request" for the Barber shop space. As Scott said: "They were trying to nail the schnook as soon as he got in the door."

On May 27 a letter went out from Dale Michaels' office to John Scott stating basically that, as they were able to increase their staffing during the preceding year in both Athletics and Health Services, they were desperately in need of specialized space so their new people could operate fully.

The new staff member whose needs had to be met was Sherri Clark, Athletic Trainer, who has admittedly been hampered in her physiotherapy and jock-patch-up efforts by this lack of facilities.

Student Services' plan was to install Clark, with treatment tables, a Jacuzzi whirlpool and hydroculator and other specialized equipment in the barber shop space so she could treat wounded athletes and other referrals from Health Services just down the hall.

Michaels' letter was tantamount to an eviction notice, stating that the SA should vacate the barber shop at the earliest possible date.

The Student Executive met May 31 to weigh Michaels' request. While they agreed that the Athletic Trainer needed space and recognized that her services would be useful to a portion of the student population, they decided that the eviction request was unreasonable and voted to turn it down.

John Scott wrote back to Michaels the next day outlining the SA's reasons for declining. These included:

- that a contract had been signed

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BCIT STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Health rep resigns — byelection in offing

Robert Owen's resignation as Health Division rep to the Student Executive will necessitate a byelection sometime this month.

Owen, a BioMedical Electronics student, was chosen by acclamation last April to represent Health on the executive. He was also extremely active with Publications as Photodirector last year for the LINK, and collaborated with the Publications Manager on numerous memorable (and not so memorable) projects, including the yearbook, Open House Magazine and blow-ups of sexy women. At 6'7" he was

ber, and will be helping with the conversion of a mild-mannered Beetle into a snarling shitbox.

The interim Health Rep until the byelection is Dave Piasta, a Registered Nursing student. Piasta will be attending all executive and council meetings on behalf of Health students and beginning

the work of organizing Health's contributions to campus activities. Piasta is married with a seven-week old child and yet still hopes to be able to devote a lot of time to the cause. We wish him luck.

Watch the LINK over the next weeks for notices of the byelection, and, if you're in Health, take a long hard look at filling that position yourself.



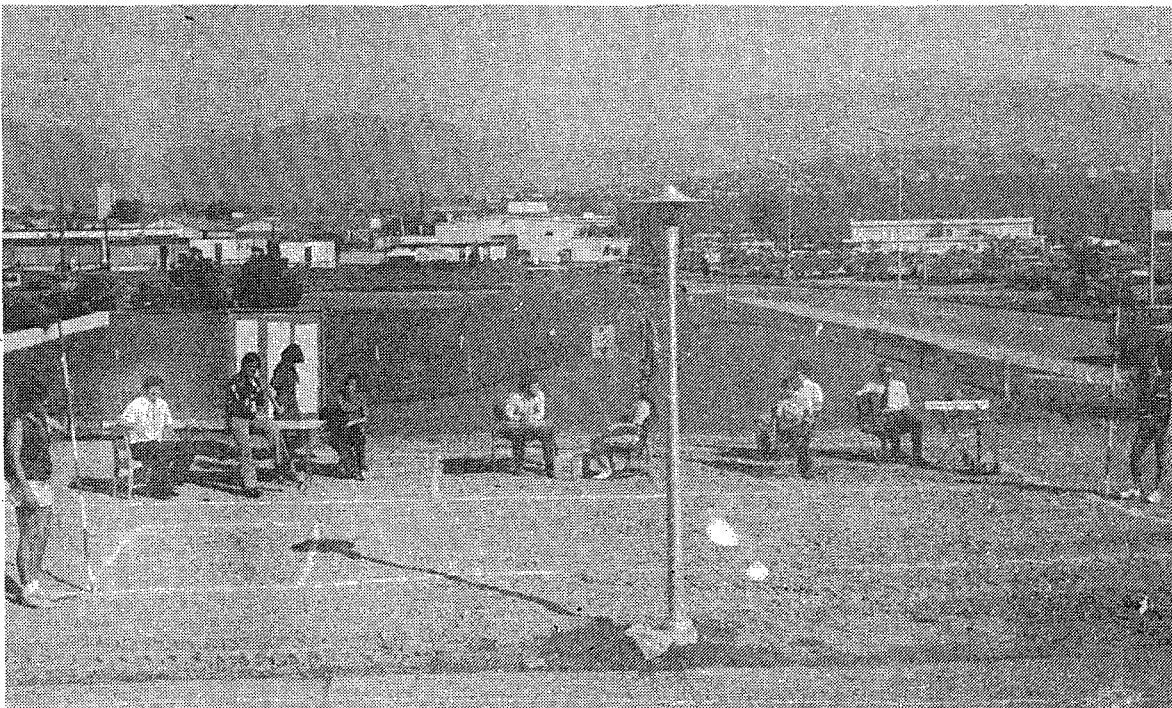
Acting Health rep. Dave Piasta

Piasta — stop me in the halls

I would like take a moment of your time to introduce myself. You may well ask who is this guy and why is his picture in the LINK.

Well as the caption may well say, I am your new, acting Health Society rep. Robert Owen, who was elected to this position in the spring, has had to unfortunately resign. I myself am in my second year of the Registered Nursing program. Last year I was the tech rep for

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The snide caption under this photo when it first appeared in the LINK on September 29, 1976 went as follows: "Trying out the new layout for their upcoming trailer, the gang from Student Services carries on business-as-usual while the taxpayers shake their heads. Left to right, Jerry Lloyd, Val Karpinsky, Cathy Davies, Happy Koch, Graham Fane, Princess Anne, Sherri Clark, Jim Mitchell [behind Sherri] and Wally Rowan. . . . Trailer is scheduled for installation sometime soon." Well, the trailer's in, but whether the entire Student Services' Department are moving into it is in some doubt.



Ex-health rep. Robert Owen

rather easy to recognize and shot hundreds of raunchy pictures of people misbehaving at pubs and other events.

Owen decided to not return this year for personal reasons, including an impending rebuild of his Datsun's engine. He has also signed up for Michael Kluckner's "Return to Baja" odyssey, slated for early Decem-

Why not consider busing it this year?

BCIT has a problem which is getting more serious every year. The population is growing, parking space is not.

There are approximately 4,400 students, faculty and staff, most of whom arrive at school in a car by themselves. There are only about 2,700 parking spaces. The faculty and staff have the advantage of designated parking spaces close to the school. Students park in scramble lots. In order to avoid a five to ten minute walk after parking out by ICB, you have to arrive before 8 a.m.

Many of you will remember walking to and from ICB in the rain and mud. Many will have that dubious pleasure this year. There are alternatives — walking or riding a bicycle (motorcycle) — for some of us this is a possibility which is great on sunny days, the pits when it rains (which it does occasionally).

Another alternative is busing. A method which is used by about 15 per cent of the BCIT population. An increase in this percentage could greatly help the parking problem. Buses are

cheap compared to cars — approximately 70c. per day from most points in the Lower Mainland. You have only a short walk from the bus stop on Willingdon to the North Foyer entrance. It takes longer to go anywhere by bus but this time could be used to catch up on reading or sleeping. Also there are no parking hassles and arriving before 8

a.m. is no longer a necessity.

Most of us are on a tight budget and any way to save money without reducing our standard of living is appreciated. Operating a car is expensive allowing \$225 for gas, \$150 for maintenance for nine months works out to \$41 per month, not including insurance; compared to \$16 per month to take the bus

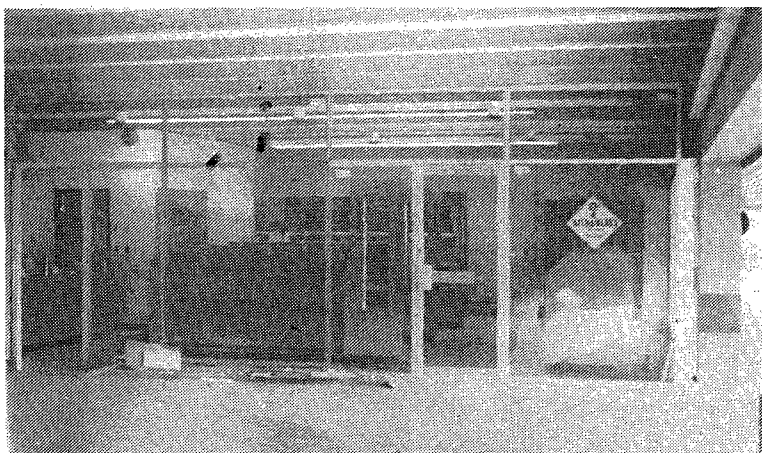
five days a week.

Many of you have probably decided to drive your car to school without having considered other alternatives. Why not try forming a car pool? You can save on costs and help reduce the parking problem at the same time.

If we continue to do nothing the parking problem will only get

worse. It is up to us, which includes you, to improve the situation. Try any alternative to driving to school by yourself. Don't knock them — try them!

[This article was written by the members of Student Transportation, a Provincial Works project sponsored by the BCIT Housing Office].



A rather crappy photo of the new "this 'n that" store location in the 1976 Building, opposite the new cafeteria. Should be open soon.

TNT still in SAC building

The "this 'n that" store's long awaited move to the 1976 Building has been delayed for a couple more weeks, meaning that they'll be open for business at the beginning of school in their SAC building and north foyer stores.

The actual construction of the new store, which has been in the planning stages for the past few years, has been fraught with Department of Public Works (or is it Buildings BC?) inspired complications and slowdowns. Perhaps the full story of this charade

will be told in a future issue of the LINK.

The decision was made on August 23 to start the school year off in the main SAC building store, rather than attempt a frantic, last-minute move over to the new location.

The SAC building store features a wide range of calculators and school supplies, at far better prices than the school-run Bookstore in the basement of the Library building. Another neat story which will probably be told in future issues of the LINK is how the Bookstore made a \$50,000 profit last year on texts and school supplies and what they did with it. Keep that in mind if you're planning on blowing your wad in there.

As a final note, if you get there in time, there is still a good selection of Used Text Books in the SA-operated store in the Student Association offices in the SAC. At substantial savings over the new models, of course.

Publications gets new offset press

Student Publications, the outfit which produces the screed you're now reading, has had a new offset press installed during the summer.

The press, an AB Dick 360, will be cranking out flyers, brochures and booklets for the SA and the administration. This newspaper, however, is not printed on it as the format is too large and it's too much of a hassle.

Publications will also be doing job printing for individuals on campus within the next month or so. Prices will be competitive if not a little lower than off-campus printers, with the added convenience of it being on campus with a very fast turn-around time. Watch the LINK for advertisements to that effect.

Pay your BC Tel account at this 'n that.

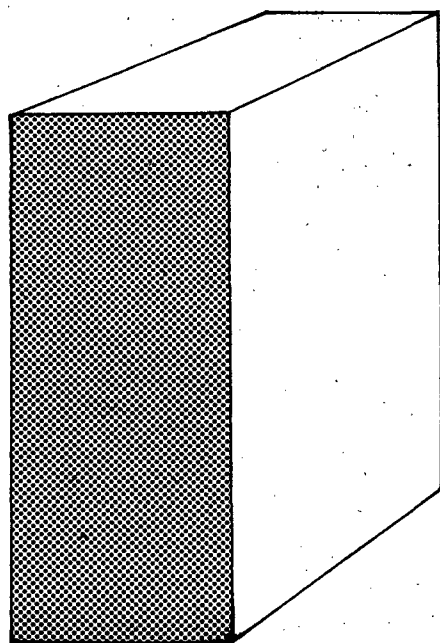
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Gordon Thom says

New BCIT Act 'will detract from quality'

If you've been following the newspapers during the summer, you probably noticed news items on the "Colleges and Provincial Institutes Act," brought down in the provincial Legislature in early August. The act, when proclaimed, makes serious inroads into BCIT's autonomy, removes the student rep (Bernard Wuttke) from the Board of Governors, and potentially threatens the uniqueness of BCIT and the quality of education it can deliver to its students.

Bearing all this in mind, we decided to print Principal Gordon Thom's message to all staff — a critique of the legislation — which he issued on August 5. As far as we can determine, nothing further has happened on the matter to date:

"You have probably read in your newspaper that the Minister of Education has recently introduced in the Legislature Bill 82, the Colleges and Provincial Institutes Act. This legislation, if proclaimed, repeals the BCIT Act and designates BCIT as a provincial institution under this legislation. It is in that regard that I am writing you at this time, first to inform you and, second, to ask for your active support of our stand.

"On Thursday, August 4 the Legislative Committee of the Board of Governors held an Open Meeting to which were invited members of the faculty, students, staff and Alumni to discuss the legislation. The unanimous view of all persons who attended that meeting was that, while the legislation might be extremely necessary and significant to the province's 14 regional colleges, insofar as BCIT was concerned, the negatives outweighed the positives in the legislation.

"For your information the Regional Colleges who have been pressing for legislation for several years had inadequate legislation under the Public Schools Act. BCIT, on the other hand, has been governed under the Institute of Technology Act of 1974 and has developed structures to effectively operate under that legislation. The Board of Governors, the faculty, students and Administration have consistently expressed, through Commissions established by the Minister of Education, that the BCIT Act is an effective and workable Act and encouraged the Minister, through these Commissions, to retain this legislation.

"The major changes to BCIT, apart from going from a very simple Act with 15 sections to a very complex Act with 86 sections, are changes in the composition of the Board of Governors, some complex options with respect to "Personnel Relations" [essentially, we understand, to decertify the Staff Society, the bargaining agent for the instructors on campus—ed.] and the use of four Councils to which the Institute would have to address itself for funding purposes.

"The most serious concern of the Board of Governors' Legislative Committee was the Management Advisory Council, a Council of college and institute Principals. This Council is designated as the approving agency for BCIT for the Capital Funding Authority Act as well as the funding source for library and other non-program funding. Apart from appearing more than "advisory" and bureaucratic, this Council was deemed by the meeting to be inappropriate for an institution as important on the provincial scene as BCIT. The question was asked, "How can capital intensive BCIT have its capital and certain other funding requirements looked at in the context of provincial priorities for technological Education separate from the pressing development needs of the Regional Colleges if BCIT must face 14 College Principals?"

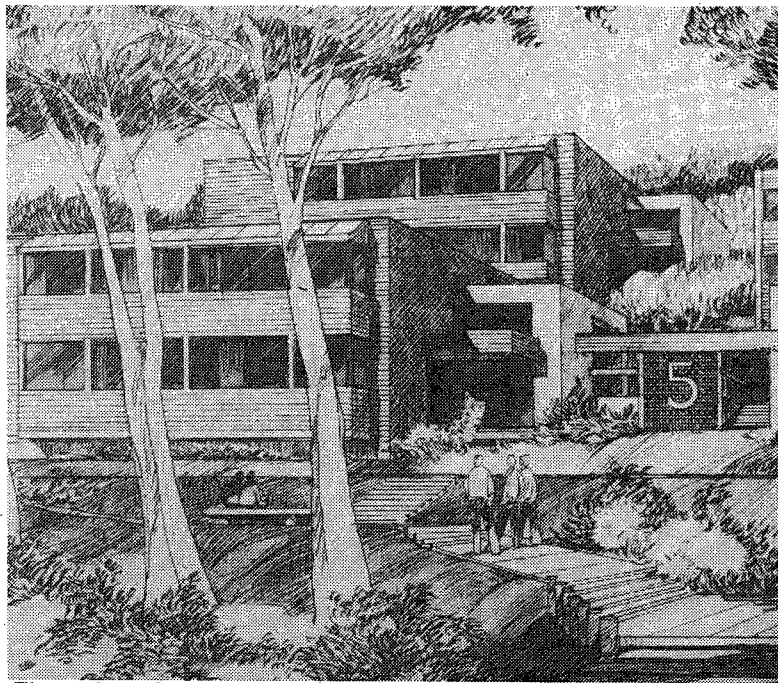
"Many Advisory Committees

have already stressed the inadequate capital appropriations to technological education. It should be noted too that BCIT wants to cooperate educationally especially with the distant colleges. A dog fight over funding is not conducive to good college-institute relations.

"Another concern of all groups at the meeting was the potential fractionalization and distortion of BCIT's programs if technological programs are assigned to more than one of the three other proposed councils. It has been suggested that programs with a low technology content or vocational laddering would be assigned to the Occupational Council while other programs could be assigned to the Academic Council, or possibly in the case of high technology programs to the Universities Council for funding and authority. BCIT views all of its technological programs equally. It is concerned that the created distortions of multiple funding sources, and the complexity and administrative costs of dealing with a complex set of council relationships will detract from the quality of the graduates. The intent of the Legislative Committee is to emphasize programs and not institutions, but the value of BCIT's diploma and its programs are inseparable.

"The position of the Board of Governors' Legislative Committee supported by the faculty,

students, staff and Alumni present was that BCIT wished to retain its present Act. If funding must come through other than the Ministry of Education, the meeting felt that the only other possible alternative was the Universities Council.



The sod-turning ceremony for BCIT's new residence has been tentatively set for October 15, according to Information Services czar Dick Melville. The ceremony will include both provincial and federal politicians, plus a visitation from St. Michael the Avenging Archangel, the patron saint of parking lots and student residences.

"With respect to the Board of Governors the feeling is that BCIT retain the special interest group representation as a check and balance against a totally Government-appointed Board.

"The three advisory committee nominees to the Board, along

on the Board of Governors, and, while this was viewed by some as a potential conflict of interest situation, all members of the Board of Governors present indicated that this had not been a problem at BCIT in the three-year experience of the BCIT Board of Governors.

"The legislation with respect to "Personnel Relations" which covers ten of the 27 pages in the Act is complex and suggests multiple options for the faculty. While no one at the meeting was prepared to comment, as yet, on this legislation, it was noted that the faculty at BCIT have developed with Management through the collective bargaining process an effective agreement. The faculty and their certified union have demonstrated an ability to act professionally yet still resolve conflict through this process. It is my opinion as Principal that we have developed a very effective model for labour relations. In submissions prior to the new legislation, I did recommend that this model be continued and I feel that that suggestion is still worthy of much consideration.

"In summary, therefore, we still favour the BCIT Act. The proposed legislation is complex, costly to implement and may detract from BCIT's quality. Some people felt very strongly that it could lead to a deterioration of the quality of the BCIT diploma.

"I would ask that each of you keep yourselves informed about this legislation. If you share these concerns, you may wish to communicate directly with your own or other MLAs you know on your views as to the value of BCIT's diploma and of the need to preserve this unique institution as the flagship of technological education in the province.

"I hope you all have a pleasant summer.

Sincerely,
Gordon A. Thom,
Principal"

New Health rep speaks. . . .

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the nurses, and many of you people may know me or have seen me about.

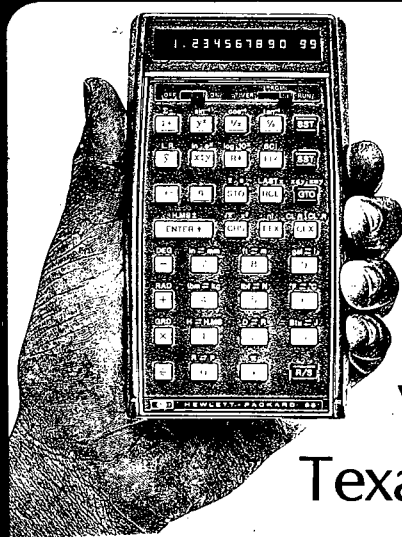
John Scott and several others on the student council approached me and asked if I would care to take the position as Health Society rep in the interim, until a by-election can be held this fall.

In the meantime, if any of you people who are in the Health division have any problems, or anyone in any tech for that matter, drop in and see me in the SA offices, or stop me in the halls and give me a hello. I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Dave Piasta
Health Society rep.

with the Alumni, student, faculty, and staff nominees have provided a check and balance against political appointments and radical political shifts. It was pointed out that the current Minister of Education has made some excellent appointments to the Board of Governors but that a potential danger exists. The Education Minister implied that this was legislation for a decade but it must be for all seasons as well. The proposed legislation implied concern with regard to faculty, staff and student representation

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EDITORIAL

A word to the wise

Welcome to hell. The next nine months will prove to be infuriating, frustrating, boring, hectic, crazy, chaotic and, at times, even worth it.

BCIT's what you make of it. You can hit the books and study during all your waking hours, using this establishment only as a place to study, or you can enjoy the social life it has to offer, but it won't take long to realize that no one can attend every social function the school has to offer and keep up with their studies. If you don't go overboard in either direction you should be able to survive first term and keep a reasonably sane mind.

There will be times when you will have time for nothing but schoolwork, and there will be times when the backlog seems unbearable, but just stick it out, and somehow everything will work out in the end.

October and February are notorious for being real downer months; that's when it helps to go out and have a few good weekends to get your mind off school for a while.

For those of you who have a little more energy than the average student, a few extra dollars can be made working for the Pub Crew on Weekends, for the Beer Garden after school for a few hours, or in Publications doing one of the many jobs required. At the moment we need a sports editor, culture/features editor, photo director, typesetters and office help.

For more info on these jobs just drop into the SA offices or publications in the SAC. The extra effort will be well worth your time.

Intramurals is another way to let go, be it flag football, volleyball, ice hockey or whatever. You don't need to be a superstar to play at this level, as the accent is on having a good time, not winning.

None of these require that much time, and they are very well worth the time spent, as getting along with your co-workers (classmates) is very important. If you hope to be successful in the big world.

This newspaper is a reflection of you, and is only as good as the effort you put into it. If you want to say anything just drop it off in Publications, or come in and let your bitches be known. We're approachable, don't bite, and even welcome new ideas, no matter how ludicrous they may seem.

What you get out of the next year depends on what you put into it. I highly recommend such things as shining shoes for Shinerama, attending the occasional pub and/or dance, signing up for your favorite intramural sport and, above all, not letting your studies drive you insane. Your social life will suffer, but don't let it die.

A few words about your newspaper

Welcome back, or welcome too; another edition of "It's Your Life."

Today is also another edition of "Let's see if we can get everyone oriented and registered and show 'em a good time." What can we say? Work hard, have fun, don't freak out under the pressure.

This paper is issue one of thirty, and will be—god and printer granting—as regular a Wednesday morning fixture as burnt bacon and dishwasher coffee in the FTC. We're out early this week to get all the systems broken in and to try to let you know what's going on for the rest of the week.

We need people and ideas to make this weekly grind work. Somewhere in the bowels of this newspaper is a large ad detailing the kinds of people we need to fill all the jobs to do all the work to... Even if you never thought of working on a newspaper and figure you have no special talents, enthusiasm and ideas are the most important. If you have this enthusiasm and need a part time job, working for Publications sure beats swabbing up horror shows and cigarette butts after campus pubs. If you lack both talent and enthusiasm, we may still be able to use you. There is a load of internal administrative work which needs to be done in the office, including mailing, preparing a proper filing system for photographs, press washdowns and copy-running and whatever. Learning a few of the ins and outs of the printing business will stand you in good stead wherever you end up in life.

The copy preparation and photography for the paper occur in a blitz Thursday and Friday. Layout is done by a very bitchy Publications Manager all day Monday and the paper is printed at College Printers Tuesday. Last minute pearls of wisdom from the editors and processing the inevitable pub shots have to carry on over the weekend to make this deadline.

We are going to be changing the format of the paper around considerably this year, to a more racy, tabloid format. More columns, editorials and opinion-pieces. We will publish people's cartoons and dirty jokes. If you don't write letters to the editor we'll just have to write them ourselves.

The line-up so far includes Barney Sharp and Bob Walden as editors, numerous promised columns from such people as 2nd year Broadcaster Shawn Witton, SA president John Scott, the paranoid ravings of the Publications Manager and Karen Dar Woon's restaurant reviews (again). Sloane Hammond, a first year Admin. Man. student, will be working on everything editorial. Karl McCann will be holding the paper together financially by selling advertisements left, right and centre.

Others recruited include Mike Brownrigg, a 2nd year Marketing student reporting on Student Council events and writing a weekly column; Karen Eskilson, 2nd year Hotel-Motel, writing on pubs; Rob Van Weelden, 2nd year Marketing, who will be doing copy-editing (he is, it's said, an English freak); Dominec Brini, 1st year Broadcast; Pete Deasy, 1st year Building; and Gabe Baranti, 1st year Survey, writing mostly on concerts and rock music.

In other words, it's wide open. Everyone who works on the paper gets paid, and the people who assume the most responsibility and show the most ability naturally get the lion's share. Come in and find a profitable and amusing way of spending your spare time here. And, there's even a beer fridge.

SHAWN WITTON

by shawn witton



Concrete slabs; drab grey, unfriendly, cold reminders of someone's ugly imagination. The slabs reek of solidarity and project a weightiness far greater than their physical mass. Their rough, emotionless faces... our audience... witness to the multitude as we puff out our chests and prance about like "sometime idiots."

How's that for a startling opening to a new column in a not-so-new paper read (we all hope!) by the eager multitude. In simple language the guys or gals who designed your and my campus deserve a lot of credit for dehumanizing and concretizing our home for the next little while. BCIT isn't pretty. The aesthetic thing went out with the garbage in 1964. It's a functional institute (could I say worse?). It's a factory belching out great, billowing clouds of frustration, anxiety and tension bent on producing a viable product... us. No laughing, please. You now know the worst. Sometimes BCIT is not a nice place to be.

Hi! My name is Shawn. I'm a second year radio major in the broadcast technology and as you may have guessed by now if you're sharp I wrote this column. Enjoy it while you can.

What were we talking about? Ah yes, BCIT... something we all have in common. It seems to me if you know where you stand before you start you'll probably enjoy the trip that much more. The British Columbia Institute of Technology is not a university or college. That statement leaves a lot of open air... let me explain. We all will be/have been introduced to the 30-35-45-60 hour work week here. It becomes old hat quickly — after the first month or two you won't mind it. If you do you can always retreat to university or college and catch up on your spare time. Yes, you'll probably get more work than you're used to but the possible rewards are proportionately greater too. The situation reminds me of a forgettable quote I discovered on the West wall of a gym-area washroom. The "never-to-be-forgotten" phrase was scribbled between Virginia's phone number with times and prices listed and an obscene joke about our campus president (oops! principal) Gordon Thom. What was the quote? "The more you put in the more you get out." It's old as the hills — that one is too — but it's stood the test of time. I guess our visit at BCIT boils down to the same old story. There are a thousand reasons why it's no good... lots of ways it can be improved and we all know we have solutions to the problems. Frustration and bureaucracy abounds and, like I said before, BCIT is not a nice place to be sometimes but it's the best of its kind in the West if not all of Canada and it offers a lot of good things. I'm one fellow who feels very lucky to be here.

What preceded was an unsolicited opinion of one our writers. It does not necessarily reflect the opinion or attitudes of the LINK editor and staff.

Welcome to BCIT. "Even with all its sham and drudgery..."

OFF THE WALL

by michael kluckner



[Editor's note: this is called "getting a column off to a good start. No introductions, no hellos, no bugger-all.]

Did you ever think that Joe Clark is a Liberal plot? Okay, skeptics, witness this. It was the efforts of Nixon's henchmen in the plumbers which eliminated Ed Muskie in 1972. Muskie, you'll remember, was the strongest possible opposition the Democrats had available to take on Nixon. A few cleverly placed errors in the glare of the primaries, including the famed "Canuck letter," engineered by E. Howard Hunt and friends, effectively destroyed Muskie's chances of winning the nomination. This opened the door to George McGovern, who was the best organized of the also-rans and also the easiest to discredit due to his liberal views. Donald Segretti (I think) was the one who dug out the muck on Vice-Presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton's psychiatric history and released it to the papers. That, history records, was the last straw for McGovern.

Now, where does this fit in with the Conservatives? Jim Coutts and Senator Keith Davey, the two strategy rajas of the Liberal party, are quite obviously admirers of the American political system and, like most influential people in Branch-plant USA, pay a hell of a lot of attention to what goes on south of the border. This may seem far-fetched and quite possibly libellous, but whaddyawanna bet that Coutts and Davey engineered the Conservative convention a year ago last February to ensure that Joe Clark, the weakest and most vulnerable of the front runners, got the nod and became the leader of Her Majesty's Official Opposition? Don't bet money, I might lose.

So, how would a couple of reprobate Liberals manipulate fifteen hundred staunch, grass-rootsey Conservatives into voting for someone they didn't even know existed until a couple of days before? First, if you eliminate the inference that Conservatives and Liberals are just the same soap in different packages (like Paul Hellyer and Jack Horner), you're left with the standard commando tactics of infiltrate, divide and conquer.

In fact, to digress briefly, whaddyawanna bet that Maggot Trudeau is a Liberal plot? Their marriage in 1971 captivated the nation with the image of a Kennedyesque Camelot; her efforts on the stump in 1974 helped Pierre Trudeau win a solid majority in the Commons; most significantly, their separation—what with her steppin' out with creepos like Mick Jagger and leaving custody of the children to him—has thrown an incredible wave of public sympathy toward Trudeau. After all, who wouldn't vote for a single parent with three beautiful boys? Especially when the news photos show him taking them out for a Sunday drive in an open Mercedes sports car.

So, in other words, Maggot doesn't really exist in the traditional sense of the word. She's a public relations gimmick, a monkey on a stick, performing supposedly private rituals in public for the benefit of her husband's election chances. And Joe Clark, the object of this piece, is seen by Mr. and Mrs. Maytag as a man who can't even convince his own wife to assume his surname. When the press gets too hard on Joe, as happened in Prince Rupert, it's his wife who rushes to his defence

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'A newspaper's duty is to comfort the afflicted & afflict the comfortable.'
—Henry Frick (?)

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SA refuses to give up SAC retail space

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with Louise Talbot after an attempt at consultation with Student Services. Contracts are legally binding, in case no one in Student Services noticed, and the SA was liable for legal action for breach of contract if they attempted to cancel it. Or, perhaps, that was the intention of Student Services' actions.

•that the SA had an investment of about \$5,000 in fittings in the Hair Salon, and felt that an agreement was necessary to formalize the fate of that equipment and investment.

•that no attempt had been made by Derek Swain to avoid this happening. As well, no one in the SA was aware of any formal proposal being put into the planning department for the change (all changes in building use and any new construction have to go through Physical Resources Director Richard Smyth).

Nothing further was said on the situation. Then, on June 14, Scott received word from Michaels that Student Services would require the SAC Building TNT store location as soon as the store was able to move into its new premises in the 1976 Building. The SA had been planning to install pinball machines and other amusements in that space, so Scott wrote back a couple of days later stating that the SA planned to continue using it, and that he would appreciate it if any further requests of that nature were postponed until after the SAC Management agreement was signed. Michaels agreed, and a meeting was set for June 29 for further discussions.

The SA had in the meantime been consulting with its lawyer on the terms of the agreement and had hammered out a position on it, including space jurisdiction which included the cafeteria, the SAC lobby and the entire east wing of the building excluding the Health Services offices. The Administration countered with their proposal, which listed the SA's jurisdiction as being only the Student Association offices, Publications and the SA boardroom, which has been leant to Student Services for the past year and a half for use as a Housing Office.

The June 29 meeting was conducted amicably by all accounts, and the two sides managed to work part way through the agreement. Another meeting was held July 5, again without any major conflicts surfacing. In the meantime, Phil Henderson, who with his seven years' experience is the only source of continuity in the SA's affairs, had gone on holidays for a month.



Dale Michaels, the Executive Director of Personnel, Information and Student Services; BCIT Principal Gordon Thom, and Director of Student Services Department and Registrar Jerry Lloyd during some kind of ceremony last spring. As a brief pause in this serious piece of journalism, did you guess that when Gordon Thom hung the Chinese print on his wall he became a Peking Thom?

Student Services used Henderson's absence to good effect in a meeting held July 14, when Student Services Director Jerry Lloyd claimed that if the SA didn't cooperate and give up the Barber Shop and the SAC Building TNT location, the new TNT store in the 1976 Building would be taken away from them, which is total bullshit. Lloyd later had to back down on that one, but he also claimed that the cleaning of the TNT store came out of his budget, which is again a total crock. TNT manager Gail Byers has made her own arrangements with Modern Building Maintenance, which holds the contract for cleaning the SAC Building, to have her store cleaned.

Graham Fane argued during that meeting that "commercial space"—the TNT—didn't have the same priority around here as



SA president John Scott

office space, thus conveniently ignoring the fact that commercial operations are the backbone of the services provided to students by the SA.

The Executive met later that week and decided to stonewall any further attempts to stampede them into signing the SAC Man-



Sherri Clark, Athletic Trainer

agement agreement. Scott wrote to Michaels August 9, stating that their intended use of both the SAC TNT location and Barbershop were detrimental to the continued growth of a variety of on-campus student activities.

Scott stated that the SA felt there were alternate spaces available on campus which would better accommodate the plans of both Student Services and the SA. He indicated that the SA would have been willing to compromise by attempting to break the lease with Louise Talbot but felt that, in fairness to Talbot,

they should try to give her as much notice as possible. Michaels had refused to accept this attempted compromise and because of that, Scott stated that the SA was unwilling to sign the SAC Management agreement.

Scott says that he fails to understand Student Services' reasoning on this refusal. Michaels had said that there was an urgent need for space for additional medical facilities and yet turned down the offer of the space even though the SA would have had to bend over backwards and break a signed lease.

The SA thus has decided to maintain its original position that its jurisdiction in the SAC building includes both the TNT store location and the Barbershop. The two sides remain at that impasse.

The questions left hanging up in the air after this four-month charade include the following:

•what is Student Services' master plan for office space? Graham Fane, who was president of the SA in 1973-74, feels that all student services and activities should be provided by Student Services, even though the SA produces far more activities and services on campus than the SS does with a budget of about one-eighth of the latter's. Probably Student Services feels they could coordinate the whole thing better, which is doubtful considering how little they accomplish now with their large staff. Perhaps part of the reason for this big push against the SA goes back to Jerry Lloyd being kicked out of the SAC building in 1971 by then-president Laurie Jack (Jack went to Principal Dean Goard and allegedly stated that he couldn't stand Lloyd and wanted him out of the building. Lloyd was promptly moved over

to the Administration building, where he remains to this day. Past-principal Dean Goard was well-known for his fondness toward the Student Government. Current principal Gordon Thom's track record seems to lean more heavily toward favouring branches of his administration. The



Graham Fane, past SA president and currently Student Affairs Coordinator for Student Services.

student rep on the Selection Committee which chose Gordon Thom as the new principal was Graham Fane).

•what is the long-term plan for the trailer which has been parked between the library and the SAC for the past month? A year ago, the LINK carried a picture of the entire Student Services staff posing in the present location of the trailer, with the trailer's wall-lines and dimensions chalked onto the grass. They were going to be moving within a month, the caption said. The trailer is still there and it now (August 29) contains Graham Fane, and all indications are that Housing Co-

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OFF THE WALL

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and accuses the media of "crapping on him." And Joe, true to form, tells her publically that it's really not as bad as she thinks. Criticism is good, he alludes. When the press got down on Trudeau, he told them in the two official languages to eat chocolate soup. The fans love it, having been brought up on tough-guy-John Wayne cultural stereotypes, regardless of what pooh-poohing goes on over the back fence.

A shrewd man, you might say. Maybe there's more than passing significance in the fact that two of his children were born on Christmas Day. The statistical probability of that occurrence lends credence to the idea that Maggot doesn't really exist. Many people in this country and elsewhere have claimed to have met her or known her, but the Liberals are a powerful organization and maybe they do it all with mirrors or holographs.

This is such heavy-duty stuff that I'm considering getting a seat belt and harness installed on my swivel chair! As the first in a series of columns on prominent conspiracies and insignificant significances, it's worthwhile noting a very important point.

This point is: what does a writer do when he writes himself into a corner with ridiculous speculation and innuendo? Like after paragraph four. Answer: he changes the subject, and then runs out of space.

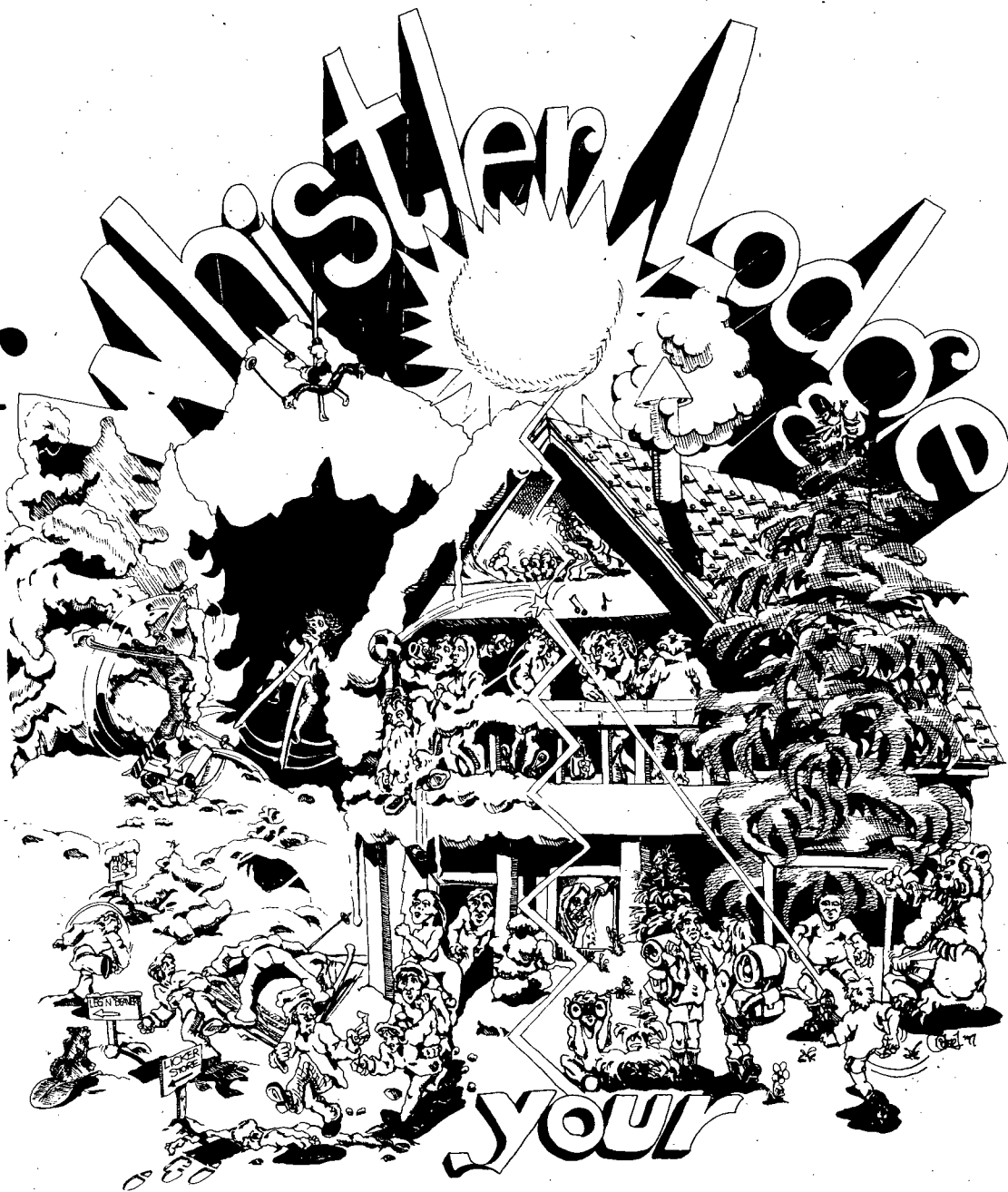
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BCIT student, non-member \$4 weekend Guests \$5 Tech or Club \$200 weekend

If you have any questions about the Whistler Lodge, feel free to drop in to the SA offices. Ask for Warren Allan, your Activities Coordinator.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Be here tomorrow for fitness & fun

CAMPUS RECREATION: Welcome day, Wednesday September 7 from 12 noon to 8 pm.

The Student Activity Centre will be jumping and thumping during this period. The BCIT Band will entertain in the lobby. Fun volleyball games will be played in the gym. Instant make-up teams on location will issue challenges. The Keg 'N Cleaver Push ball will be on the field for divisional games. A frisbee accuracy competition will be held. A fun-golf (field hockey sticks and foam balls) course will be laid out around the field. Campus Recreation T-shirts will be awarded to certain event winners.

A Cougar Soccer Practice will be held during this period to interest our soccer fans.

At 2:30 pm is the Grand Opening of the BCIT Fitness Circuit Trail. See the Principal and various dignitaries flash through or collapse. It will be open on completion to students and staff and the first 100 will receive a prize. Try it today for future consideration on the fitness for

fun programs.

To ensure that energy is not all burned up a corn boil - hot dog - beer - pepsi event is scheduled. For one dollar you get a juicy corn-on-the-cob, a hot dog and a

cool brew or pop. If you don't want to work out or play, come and spectate. Check out the new guys/gals and meet some new friends. To help this along the Student Association has a disco going and will have scheduled a

dance from 8 to 1 am. This should make a full day for all the new and old students.

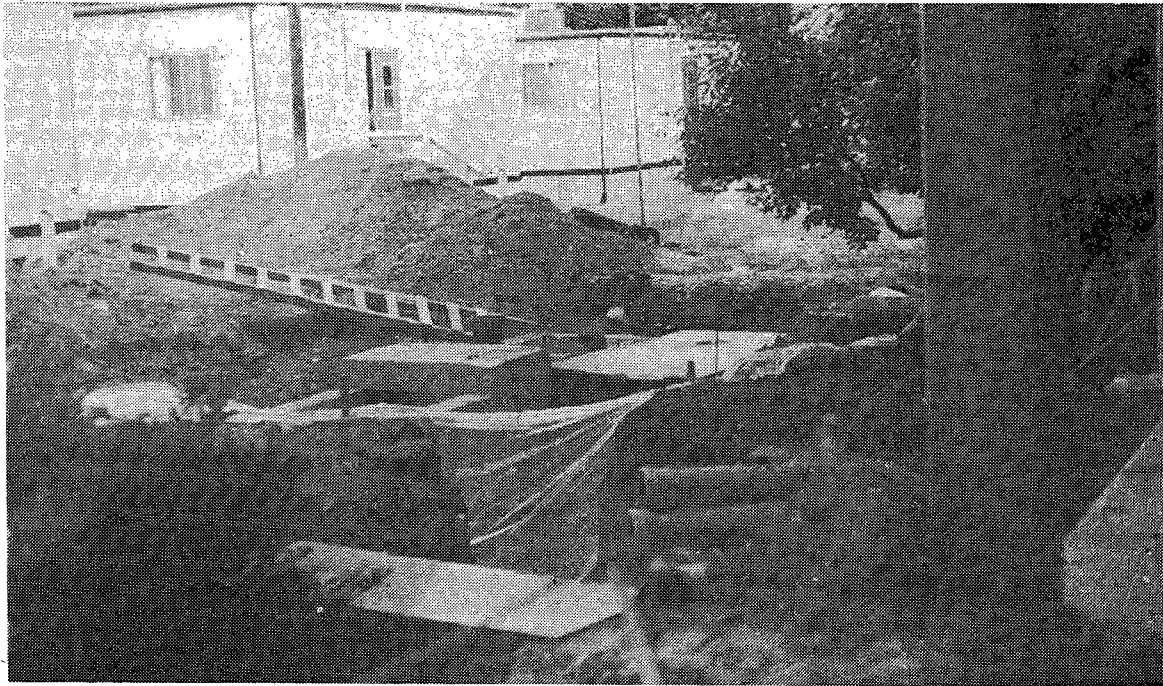
Please, folks, watch the hangover for your first full day at BCIT is Thursday.

The success story of this insti-

tute is for students who stay ahead of their work, keep physically fit with good meals and healthy exercise and have entertainment planned in their busy schedule. Get involved in campus recreation!

The sports
page needs
an editor.

Is it you?



Rumours of a large body of oil in the ground under BCIT sent the Department of Public Works into a flurry of activity last month. One of the commissioners had reported spotting pools of oil on the North Foyer parking lot and mistook it for a major strike. The DPW quickly hired a crew of drillers (union classification "Clerk II"), who soon after struck oil just west of the North Foyer near the Personnel Department trailer. It turned out to be an oil storage tank which the FTC uses to make its coffee beans go farther. DPW hopes to still turn a profit on the find with a system of clever ledger entries and cheque laundering. The reason for all the activity: DPW bought all the commissioners new zircon-encrusted whistles and were in a pinch to balance their budget.

How to rent equipment & when you can use it

EQUIPMENT ISSUE: equipment available includes basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, footballs, frisbees, bats and balls, which can be taken out for recreation by exchanging equipment for your student card.

Breakables such as racquets or table tennis equipment is available for 25c. No refunds or exchanges. Soap and towels are available for 25c. or a towel service (clean towel exchanged for used towel for the whole school year for \$15). If you work out regularly this is a deal! Also included in this service is the use of a small locker (provide your own lock). The locker alone is \$3 per year.

SAC Building opens at 7:30 am

and equipment issue area at 8:30. An added feature this year will be the extended gym hours till 11 pm in the evenings. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays gym hours are 10 am to 11 pm.

INTRAMURAL OR PICKUP

TEAMS: Teamshirts of various colours can be signed out for games. The person in charge signs for all the team shirts. These must be returned on completion of each daily activity. Coloured vests to wear over hockey equipment are also available for loan to teams. No more total confusion for referees!

If you want reserve any of the athletic areas, contact the Athletic Department at local 612 and book any open periods.

Soccer & rugby schedules starting soon

BCIT's Cougar Soccer and Rugby teams will be starting their seasons toward the end of the month.

The soccer team, coached by Assistant Athletic Director Jim Mitchell, will be playing an exhibition game with someone (TBA) on Saturday, September 17. The regular season begins Saturday the 24th against Douglas College, followed the next day by a game against Vancouver

City College.

Cougar rugby doesn't get underway until Saturday, October 1, when they play the first game of a double header against Okanagan College.

Cougars' basketball will be starting toward the end of October. All of these teams need transfusions of new blood, and in some cases will be practically breaking in entirely new teams

due to the number of people who graduated last year.

Fan support for BCIT's Extramural teams has been the craps for the last couple of years. The games are fast-paced and entertaining, and showing your support for BCIT's efforts gives them the extra boost they need to win. Watch the LINK for updates and game times, including post-game results and reports.

what's happening

SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY

6 Registration and orientation tours

WEDNESDAY

7 Orientation Day: Heartaches Razz Band, Beer Garden Disco, fun sports (see back page for complete details)

FRIDAY

9 SA Pub: featuring '14 Karat'

SATURDAY

10 Forestry Pub: featuring 'Blue Northern' formerly Cement City Cowboys

WEDNESDAY

14 Clubs & activities displays during break

FRIDAY

16 Health Society Pub Nite: featuring 'Tank'

SATURDAY

17 Med Lab Pub Nite: featuring Tank

WEDNESDAY

21 SHINERAMA! sign up today!

Beer garden in the SAC Monday to Friday 5-9pm

What role is Student Services playing?

No cooperation or advocacy seen

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ordinator Val Karpinsky is going to be out of the SAC on September 14. So for whom do they need the TNT store location? There have been totally ridiculous assertions that the space is needed for additional medical facilities, which means that the TNT location would need to be plumbed. The idea of a concrete floor being jackhammered up during the school term right next door to a supposedly overcrowded sick bay is too ludicrous to warrant further examination. So what gives?

•what in the hell is Student Services, which was supposedly formed as a department to work in cooperation with the SA in providing activities and services, doing negotiating to take over the SA's space? Student Services, if there was any logic to them, should be if anything standing up for the SA's rights against the Administration. Student Services appears to be more of a monkey-wrench in the works when it comes to providing new student services (except jock services for Extramurals). Phil Henderson and the various presidents over the past several years have been trying to get Student Services to help with improvements to the SAC lobby; the SA finally had to go to Bursar Duncan Macpherson for some cooperation and financial help to improve a building which Student Services is intent on wrestling from the SA.

In the past, the SAC was managed by an informal agreement between now-Recreation Programmer Wally Rowan and Phil Henderson. The SA essentially had jurisdiction over the entire building, but this has gradually been eroded by the expansion of Student Services, especially in the area of Extramural Sports (Intramurals are entirely paid for by the Student Association (excluding Wally Rowan's salary), while Extramurals, which benefits a mere handful of people by comparison, is funded heavily by the Administration). The SA used to hold all of its big dances in the gym—now, because of the super-floor surface put down for the benefit of the running shoe set, dances have to be held in the much-smaller cafeteria.

A classic example of the priorities for use of the gym was John Scott's attempt to secure use of the gym for the Shinerama dance which will be happening Friday and Saturday nights, September 23 and 24. As everyone knows, Shinerama is probably the major public relations coup pulled off by BCIT in the entire year, and it's entirely organized by the SA. Traditionally, a giant Shinerama dance has been held in the gym, both as a reward to the shiners and to raise even more money for Cystic Fibrosis research. The favourable attention given to BCIT by Shinerama is equal to about 500 years of the unsportsmanlike conduct of basketball played by the Cougars last year.

So Scott suggested to Dale Michaels that it would be great to have the use of the gym for that one night only, rather than renting a hall off-campus (which would cut into the money going to Shinerama) or holding the dance on two nights in the SAC Cafeteria. He suggested that the dance would be advertised and enforced as the Shinerama Sneakers Ball, with only running shoes allowed, and that a special-awareness campaign on the problem of cigarette burns, reinforced by the office of the Fire Marshall, would be mounted to eliminate any damage to the gym floor. Scott suggested that if this were not possible perhaps the FTC could be made available.

The answer was no on both counts. It appeared that Student Services didn't advocate the SA's position to Allistair Sim, the Assistant Manager of Campus Food

Services, because Sim's reasons for turning down the request for using the space were that there would be problems in securing the FTC Kitchen, Dishwashing, Dining Room and Basement areas, and the fact that there would be no Food Services supervisory personnel in attendance. Insurmountable problems, one supposes. A fine example of going out of your way to help a worthy cause.

•John Scott had written to Dale Michaels on the matter of fee deferrals—BCIT's rather unique situation of forcing students to pay their fees before registration (the LINK will carry a more in-depth look into this matter in a

later issue). Michaels merely forwarded it along to Duncan Macpherson, with no coordination from her department and no advocacy. Student Services should be instigating real improvements for students and helping the SA with the improvements it's trying to institute.

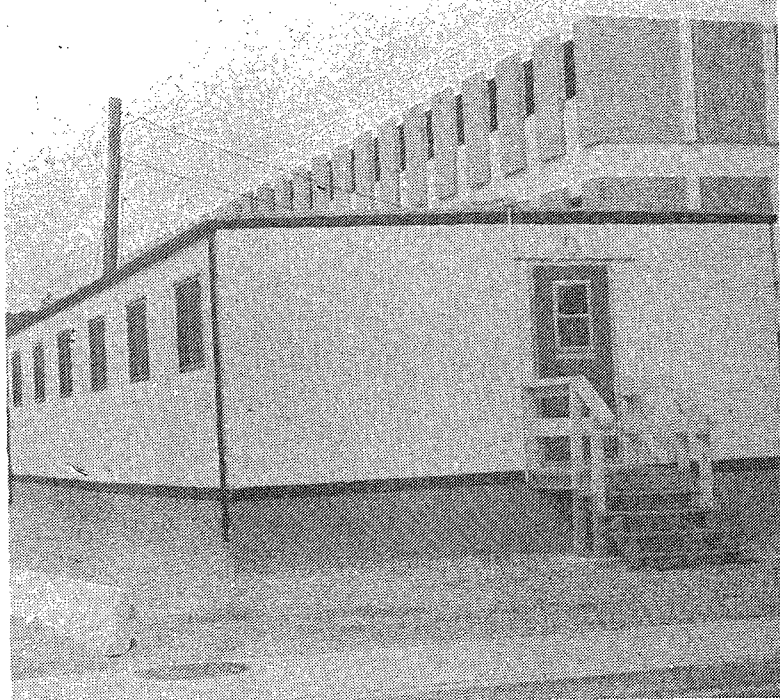
•Jerry Lloyd. If Lloyd, as Director of Student Services, is allegedly in an administrative position, what is he doing dealing directly with the SA. In some cases the SA's requests are funnelled up through Fane; in others, Lloyd steps in directly. The man has a remarkable ability to inflame practically any situation,

and is almost totally lacking in credibility amongst members of past and present Student Executives. Lloyd's confrontation tactics during a meeting between John Scott, himself and a representative from the Greentree Village Owners' Association about noise emanating from campus pubs seems to have further hardened the Owners' resolve to get the SA's liquor license lifted if there's any more excessive noise coming out of the SAC on week-end nights. And if Student Services is such a busy, expanding department, why was Lloyd also given responsibility over the Registrar's office and his former boss Terry Field during an ad-

ministrative shakeup last summer? One would think that he was busy enough already.

•should the SA be looking seriously at getting into its own building, like the SUB at UBC? Although the costs would certainly be overwhelming, the recent erosion of the SA's authority over what was originally ITS building (when the SAC opened the SA had been thriving for years and Student Services had only one employee—Lloyd) makes the idea of a totally new structure look not that unreasonable.

The times they certainly are a-changin' around this place. Stay tuned for round two.



The Student Services trailer between the library and the SAC building. Questions about its future, and throws the floor plan shown on page one of this issue into some doubt.

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12—12:30 Health vs Business

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12:30—1:00 Business vs Engineering

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BCIT Band 12—2 SAC Lobby

Volleyball 12—2 Fun games, pick a team and challenge

5:00 pm Air-golf Fun Golf Tournament Tee-off from Athletic Equipment room

5:30 Frizbee Contest (3 events) prizes for each event and grand prize.

6:00 pm Pyramid Contest tallest standing pyramid with 5-man base



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