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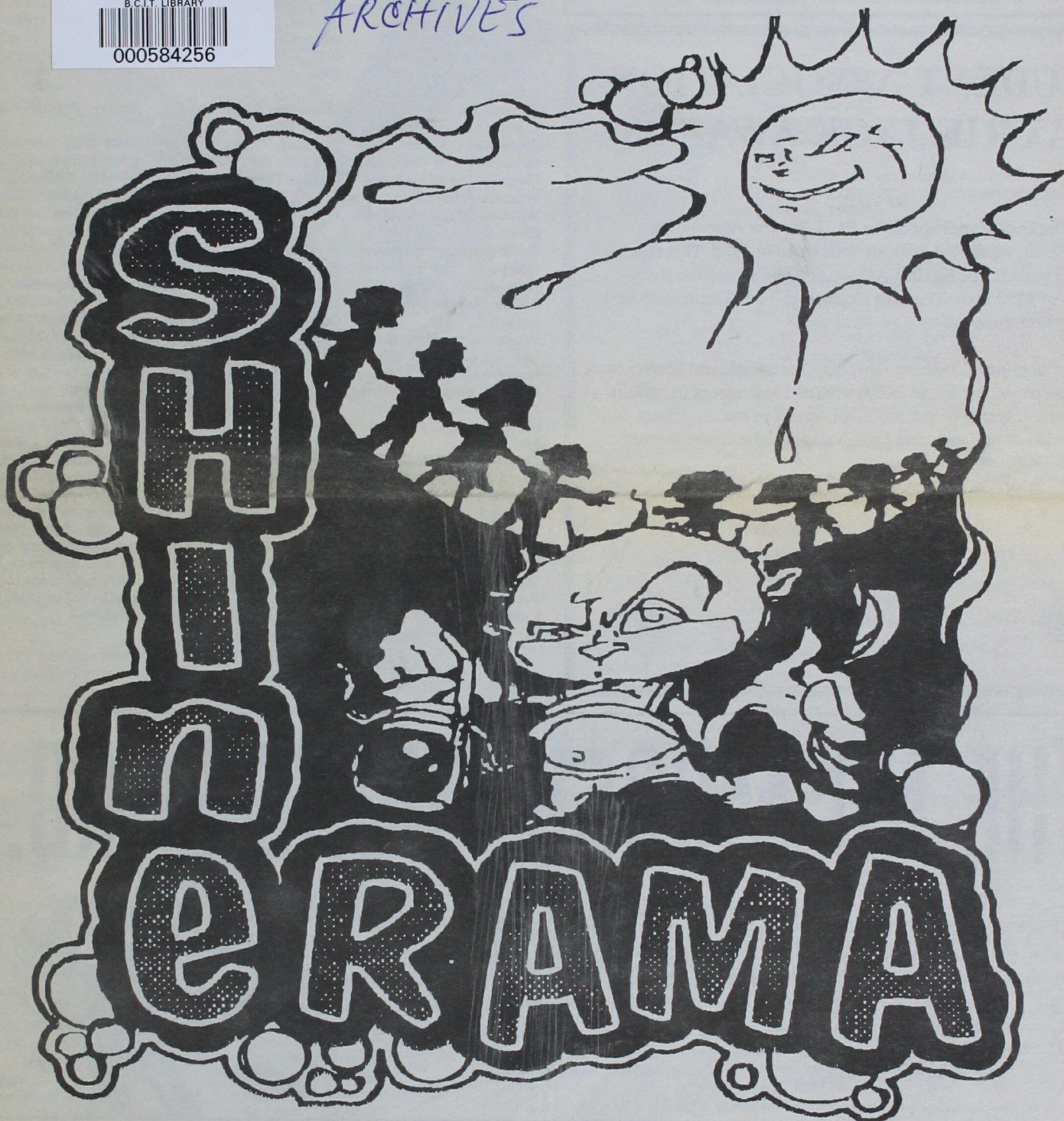
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Campus Events

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

Wednesday, September 11

Shinerama / SOAR BBQ. 11:30am to 2:30pm. Outside the SA Campus Centre in the walking square. All proceeds to Cystic Fibrosis Research.

Student Services Day.

11:00am to 2:30pm. Services present will be: Medical Services, the Physiotherapy Clinic, Counselling, the Educational Resource Centre for students with disabilities, Financial Aid and Awards, Program Advisors for 1st Nations, the Employment Centre, the Registrar's office, Student Records, the Library, Computer Resources, Housing, Recreation and Athletic Services, Safety and Security, the BCIT Bookstore, the Harassment and Discrimination office, Restaurants Food Services, the NOW program, Physical Plant Phone Service, the Student Association and Recycling and Environmental Education. Great Hall, SA Campus Centre.

Monday, September 23

Toastmasters. Public speaking club. 7:00am. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

Friday, September 13

Take Pride Drop-in Meeting. 4:00pm. SW1 2004. A time to just hang out and chat. For more information or just to talk call Gordon Handford at 451-6922 or Mark Miller at 432-8964.

Shinerama Party. The Big Bam Boo, 1236 West Broadway. Tickets are available at the SA Office for \$7 (includes 1 drink).

Wednesday, September 18

Shinerama Day. All students have the day off from classes. 8:00 am pancake breakfast, by the Elephant on Campus, outside the SA Campus Centre in the walking square, followed by transportation to shining sites for a day of spit and polish to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Research. To sign up call 432-8491 or 432-8600.

Take Pride Shinerama Leather Polish. Join us in polishing leather (Kiwi please) through Vancouver's gay bars. For more information call Gordon Handford at 451-6922.

Friday, September 20

Take Pride Video / Discussion Meeting. 4:00pm. SW1 2004. Open to anyone on campus interested in attending. For more information or just to talk call Gordon Handford at 451-6922 or Mark Miller at 432-8964.

Sunday, September 22

AIDS Walk. Join the BCIT group participating in this important fundraising event. Pick-up Sponsor sheets at the SA office and call 432-8549 to register as part of the BCIT team.

Monday, September 23

SA Student Council Meeting. 5:30pm. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

Friday, September 27

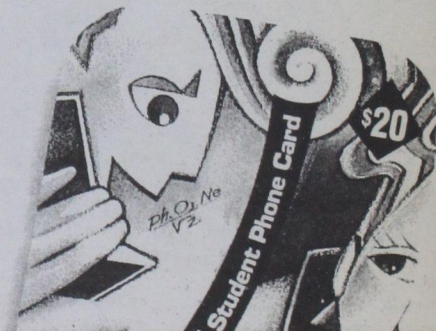
Take Pride Meeting. 4:00pm. SW1 2004. Heading shortly thereafter to the Elephant on Campus for some rest and relaxation with beverage of your choice, or to play some darts or pool. For more information or just to talk call Gordon Handford at 451-6922 or Mark Miller at 432-8964.

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SHINERAMA '96: BCIT students brushing up for another year

PAUL DAYSON
Managing Editor

Shinerama '96 at BCIT is in full swing after a successful barbecue, and is looking towards the upcoming SOAR /Shinerama barbecue, the dance, and the main event—Shinerama Day itself.

With a 25 year affiliation with Shinerama, the Student Association has raised over an amazing \$321,000 for Cystic Fibrosis (CF) research. Last year alone brought in over \$17,000. And things are looking promising for this year as well.

The Wednesday, September 4 barbecue flamed up 500 burgers to hungry staff and students, bringing in over \$1400 towards CF. At three dollars for a burger and a cold Pepsi, it was well worth it. If you missed out and went hungry, a second barbecue is heating up for this Wednesday, September 11.

The second barbecue will also include a \$1000 basketball shot.

Shinerama Day is Wednesday, September 18. The fund raising drive needs your support to hit the streets and shine shoes or cars for CF research. All BCIT students are given the day off by the institute to participate in the activities.

Student Association vice-president of Public Relations and Marketing Jason Gaylie said, "it will be a clean fun day."

All BCIT students are given the day off by the institute to participate in the activities.

"It gets [students] involved early

for long term success," said Gaylie. "They'll meet a lot of people — and it's for a good cause."

As a volunteer, you will be well taken care of. The day starts with a pancake breakfast, at the Ele-

Shinerama t-shirts are on sale at the SA offices, copy centres and This N' That Stores.

PAUL DAYSON
PHOTO



include:
a software package and a staff parking pass for one term.

To volunteer for this action-packed day, come on into the SA Offices in the Campus Centre, then your all set to shine your way.

The Shinerama '96 party will take place on Friday, September 13th at the Big Bam Boo. Tickets are available at the SA Offices for \$7, which includes a drink.

Shinerama t-shirts — every shiners fashion choice — are available for \$10 at the Student Association offices, the Copy Centres and This N' That Stores.

phant On Campus. You are then whisked off to exotic locales in the Vancouver area to shine anything that moves for CF research.

And just if the breakfast wasn't enough, a packed lunch will be shipped off with you wherever you go.

Prizes are also awarded to the top shiners. First prize is free BCIT tuition for a term. Other prizes

people do and to put a face to the services."

"It's hard for students to read all the information they are given," she said. "They're overwhelmed by paper."

Present at Student Services Day will be:

- Medical Services
- the Physiotherapy Clinic
- Counselling
- the Educational Resource Centre for students with disabilities
- Financial Aid and Awards
- Program Advisors for 1st Nations
- the Employment Centre
- the Registrar's office

- Student Records
- the Library
- Computer Resources
- Housing
- Recreation and Athletic Services
- Safety and Security
- the BCIT Bookstore
- the Harassment and Discrimination office
- Restaoratics Food Services
- the NOW program
- Physical Plant Phone Service
- the Student Association and Recycling and Environmental Education.

"If it works well we'll do it again next year," said Poersch.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION NOTES

SA approves Latter-Day Saints Club

A request to be sanctioned as an official BCIT club from followers of the Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints received 7-1 approval at the Student Association's regular executive meeting Monday.

The group asked the SA to sanction them as a club, giving them the "opportunity for scripture study and discussion."

A stipulation, however, is that they aren't allowed to use the SA's name or logo in promoting themselves.

Cause 15.2 in the constitution also prohibits the club, as a religious group, from receiving any funding from the SA.

Executive Director Stephen Miller said it wasn't the first time such a group had approached the student organization, which okays all clubs on campus. Last year, the Christian Club made a similar request, which was also granted.

Being sanctioned does allow both clubs to use *The Link* to advertise their meetings, and gets them listed in the student handbook.

The motion passed with one abstention.

● Miller said in his report that the SA is beginning talks with both Pepsi™ and Coca-Cola™ to provide its soda-pop. SA's current contract with Pepsi runs out at the end of next year.

● Admonishing a *Link* reporter that "You can't print half of what I'm saying," Miller related the SA's summer bargaining sessions with BCIT over the fate of the T'N'T store in SW1. (The institute wants them out, but they're not budging.)

Miller then presented President Dave Williams, Past President Mike Bretner and T'N'T manager Heather Peek-Philpott with engraved Starbucks™ mugs for their efforts.

● A question from Wendy Mills, Board of Governors student rep, lead to a great deal of time spent debating the method of electing tech and set reps — though I can't be bothered to figure out exactly why.

Rest assured that in the end, Technical Sciences Chair Amir Dewji assured everyone that "the bottom line is we need help recruiting [tech reps]," but everything was more or less under control.

● A new cast of faces. A fresh start. A clean slate. A new beginning. Etc., etc., etc.

Monday's meeting was the first (or second, depending who you ask) of the '96-97 school year.

Only the president and a couple of vice-councillors are returning from last year's lot.

Williams said he planned to continue playing musical chairs this year, something started by Bretner. Each week, a different council member will be at the helm of the executive meeting.

Trades Chair Cesar Castagnoli is first on the list, and he advised Williams "you'll have to teach me how to handle that gavel first."

● Due mostly to a light agenda (and according to Miller because "we [didn't] let Mike say anything") the meeting clocked in at 57 minutes, 18 seconds, making it shorter than nearly all of last year's.

Next meeting is Sept. 23, at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

First annual Student Services Day gives students one stop shopping opportunity

PAUL DAYSON
Managing Editor

For one day, it will be one stop shopping for your student services.

Students will have a chance to reach 21 of BCIT's student services departments in the Great Hall of the Student Association Campus Centre (SE 2) on Wednesday, September 11 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

This is the first year this event has been staged.

Jan Poersch of Medical Services, the events organizer, said, "it's an informal way to find out what all these

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• Student parking lots are clearly marked. Students must clearly display a current parking pass purchased through the cashier's office or a current ticket purchased daily from a ticket dispenser.

• Students are not permitted to park in staff or visitor lots., *except after 16:30 hours Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and statutory holidays, providing a current student pass or a current ticket purchased from a ticket dispenser is displayed.* There is no time limit in visitor lots during this time period.

• For the first two weeks of

September and January, parking enforcement is "somewhat" relaxed to give students a chance to purchase their parking passes. This is the same for night classes in the first two weeks of October and the last two weeks of January.

Common offenses that result in fines/tows:

- Parking in staff lots before 16:30 hours week days
- Parking in visitor lots before 16:60 hours week days
- Blocking other vehicles
- Blocking roadways, lanes
- Not displaying current

parking pass or ticket from dispenser

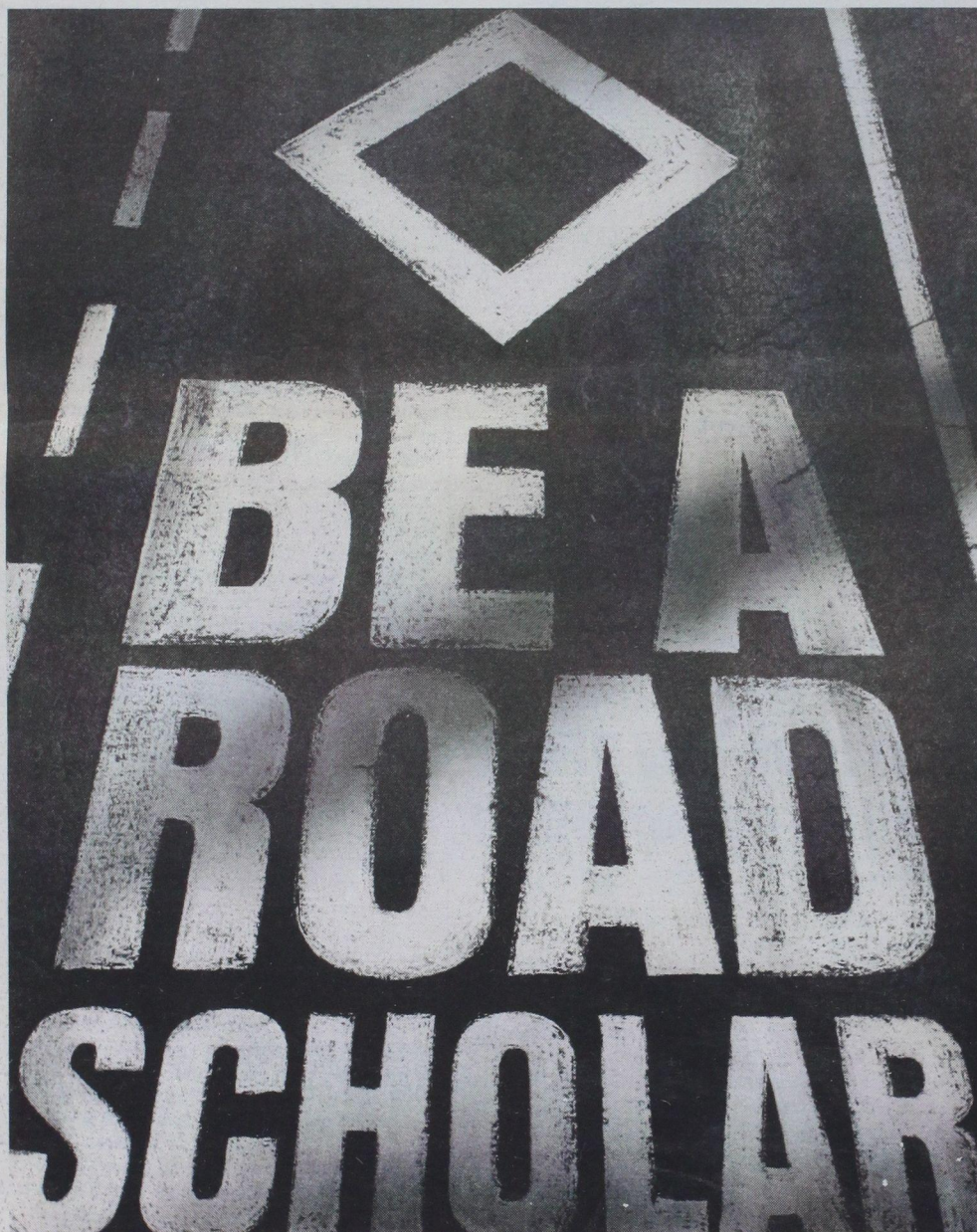
• Parking on yellow curbs and hash marks

Most common complaint:

"I didn't have time to look for a spot and make it to class so I parked where I could find a spot."

Solution:

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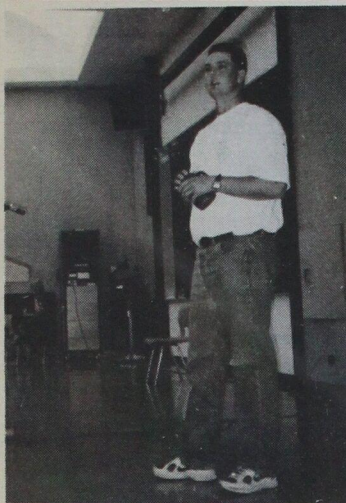
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Orientation day.
Above: Student leave the gym, after registering, to go to their orientations. Left: SA president Dave Williams speaks to new BCIT students.
PAUL DAYSON PHOTO

Fall in-take

(Approximate numbers for new students arriving on September 6, 1996 according to BCIT Institutional Research and Planning)

Technologies

Computing	393
Business	1,680
Electronics	451
Engineering	1,342
Health	499
Technologies Total	4,365

Trades

971

Total In-take

5,336

Fall '96 intake a new BCIT record

LINK STAFF

The number of new students arriving for BCIT orientation on September 6 reached record levels.

Between 7:30 am, when trades orientations began, and 2:30 pm, when the last group of technology students entered the gymnasium, a total of 5,336 students began their classes on the day.

Of these students, 4,365 were registered in technologies programs and 971 in the School of Trades.

Many individuals helped out throughout the day to ensure that

the orientation continued successfully.

According to SA Campus Life chairperson Tiffany Stone, 250 students from all programs volunteered to be tourguides.

"It was such a supportive 2nd year," she said.

Stone also wished to thank the 10 students also volunteered their time as orientation leaders coordinating and did various jobs facilitating a smooth orientation.

Various institute organizations such as the Elephant on Campus, TNT, Restauronics Food Services, the Bookstore and Student Services also gave of their time and donated goods for the day.

HR Giger's art ruffles staff feathers during orientation

PAUL DAYSON
Managing Editor

Hansruedi Giger's 'Biomechanoid', the art adorning the cover of this year's BCIT Student Handbook and the backs of orientation t-shirts has made waves in the BCIT community.

"I'm disappointed [in the artwork]," said Director of Student Services Jim Mitchell said. It doesn't provide me with the upbeat positive message we like for orientation.

"Everyone has an opinion on art, said Mitchell, but orientation should be "as simple and positive as possible" an experience for students on their first day at BCIT and the art on the handbooks and t-shirts failed to reflect this.

"It's cynical in someways," Mitchell said of the art work, "with Joe Average it's been colourful and cheerful."

SA executive director Stephen Miller, with the editor of The Link, is responsible for choosing and soliciting the donation of cover art for the handbook, a process that begins nine months before orientation.

"We wanted to find a piece of artwork that stands out from the tons of paper that proliferates in our society and that most people don't read — a piece that comments on the experience at BCIT

and the world in general as technology meshes with the human element," Miller said.

A strong commentary runs through all of Giger's work driving at the connection between ourselves as human beings, the technology we use and what we create with it. He seeks as an artist to drive us to question the kinds of futures we are creating. 'Biomechanoid' is an example of this.

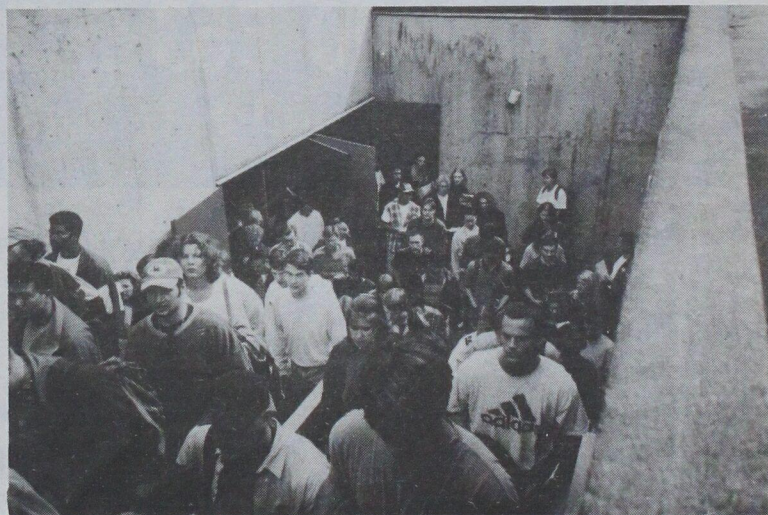
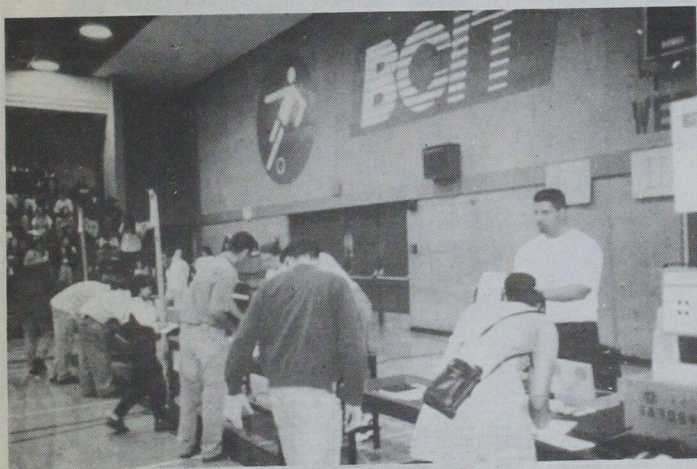
"Individuals are entitled to their own opinions on art work and I think staff members should have the right not to wear the shirts if they find it so distasteful," said Miller. "However, those staff members should return the free t-shirts so they can be given to students who strongly appreciate the art."

Reactions from most students was positive although some said they didn't know what to make of it.

"It caught my eye right away," said Samantha Tse, a first year Broadcast Journalism student. "I'm a fan of Giger's."

"In every picture there is a message. [Giger's] a 21st century artist," she said. "His work reflects reality, and being in an institute of technology is appropriate, as it represents the theme of the 20th century — the course we have been on since the industrial revolution."

"I'd like to get a t-shirt," said Tse.



Stories of children strike a familiar chord

AARON MORRIS
Canadian University Press

For some time now I have been attempting to delve into modern literature outside the English tradition. This of course poses several problems. First is the question of translation, as no text can ever be fully appreciated except in its original language. Moreover, it is impossible to fully understand another culture while having lived wholly removed from its tradition.

BOOK REVIEW
The Stolen Party
Liliana Heker
Coach House Press

However, there are a certain number of authors (and translators) who manage to write in such a way as to allow the monolingualist to transcend such limitations. Alberto Manguel's translation of Liliana Heker's short stories is such a book. The book consists of six short stories collected from various publications of Heker spanning ten years from 1972 to 1982, and is collectively titled *The Stolen Party*, after the short story of the same name.

Heker's perspective is universal because she writes from the eyes of a child. Children create worlds of their own out of their familiar surroundings, and despite the fact that Argentina



may likely be unfamiliar to the average Canadian reader, one can nonetheless associate with the young protagonists because Heker's style is so personal.


"Mariana leans out the window. She shuts her eyes and the world disappears; she opens them, and it appears again. . . If she can't think about her mother, she won't have a mother any more. And if she can't think about the sky, the sky. . . And dogs and clouds and God. Too many things to think about all at once, all on her own. And why she, alone? Why she alone in the universe?"

- Mariana of the Universe

Heker relates the injustices of a child's life to us, injustices we are all familiar with—a bully of an older sibling, a snooty friend from school, social anxiety at a party. However, all these conflicts allude to yet another social and political level that is at the same time inherently Argentinean—suffering from intermittent military dictatorships throughout the sixties until the early eighties. Indeed, Heker's stories are not political histories, but rather examinations of simpler injustices seen through the eyes of a child, where "the slightest change might shatter an infinitely delicate balance," and this we can all relate to.

What is more fascinating about Heker's writing is how she manages to portray the children's imagination. The imagination can at times be as simple as a six year old's assumption that she is "the

most extraordinary child in the world", as in *The Chosen One*. Heker's time moves so swiftly, in this story, the reader must pay close attention. Years will suddenly pass, though it seems as though a given scene or conversation has yet to end. On the other extreme of Heker's imagination is the Magic Realism of *Early Beginnings* in which a child philosophizes over why lions never leave Africa, "because lions don't have a particular destination in mind." Indeed, these are no ordinary children, they philosophize amongst allusions to Descartes and Oedipus. Heker gives these children the knowledge base that an adult has in order to allow them to express the feelings that all children have, and yet at the same time they remain truly childlike.



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KLaSH production **subverts** Shepard's masculine tone

MONIQUE HARVEY
Canadian University Press

For many up-and-coming actors, directors and playwrights, the Vancouver Fringe Festival provides the opportunity to experience both the joy and frustration of staging a production for the public. With KLaSH Productions latest play, *Fool for Love*, this is certainly the case.

Fringe Festival

Fool for Love

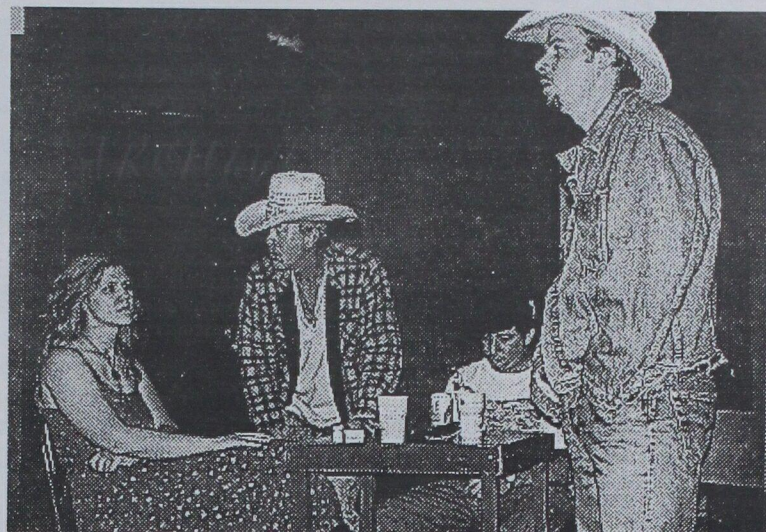
KLaSH Productions

The Fringe Festival runs until

Sunday, September 14th

Producing dramatic works for almost two years, Klash Productions combines the efforts (and the first names) of SFU students Krista Levar and Shawna Hellenius. Their adaptation of Sam Shepard's play *Fool for Love* explores both its many themes and taboos, while subverting Shepard's masculine tone with a feminist viewpoint. The Peak, Simon Fraser University's student newspaper, had the opportunity to talk to actor and producer Krista Levar about the challenges of producing a play and of her role as May (playing opposite Todd McGillivray, Shawn Bordoff and Larry Davis) in *Fool for Love*.

Can you give me, briefly, a synopsis of *Fool for Love*?



The Klash production Sam Shepard's *A Fool for Love*. Left to right are Krista Levar (May), Larry Davis (the old man), Shawn Bordoff (Martin) and Todd McGillivray. And this is just one production at this year's Fringe.

Krista Levar: That would be difficult because the play is about so many different things (and I don't want to give away the ending). I'll say right off that we're doing a feminist reading of *Fool for Love*, which is very strange because Sam Shepard is a very machismo writer. The original piece is very masculine and we've taking a lot of the masculine out. One example is my character May, who is usually portrayed as a victim. Instead, we've given her both power and strength and, at the same time, we've made her accountable for her situa-

tion. Before, the general feeling was just, "Poor May."

Out of all of Shepard's plays, why did you (and Shawna Hellenius) decide on *Fool for Love*?

Levar: Quite simply, the play is incredible. It deals with so many emotions and ideas, and we are really trying to play with the idea of real vs. realism. The reasons why we choose *Fool for Love* was because it is a famous play and we want to draw a large

crowd to the performance. Personally, I chose it because I love the character I'm playing. I think May is a really intense character and she's a real challenge to play.

Is this your first Fringe production?

Levar: This my first Fringe festival as an actor. I've certainly seen shows and been involved in productions, but I haven't acted in a play. I've done a lot of theatre, I've been acting for six years, but I'm usually too busy at the beginning of the year with school. Shawna and I are both fourth year students. Since this is my last semester at SFU, I didn't want to miss out because I really wanted to be involved in the Fringe this year.

(Shawna and I) want to tour Canada next year with *Fool for Love*, which is another reason why we're involved in the Fringe. We have to have the show adjudicated by Canada Council so they can give us money—lot's of money!—so we can afford to tour. We also intend to go down to Seattle in March, as well as participating in the Fringe Festivals in Kelowna (August 29 - Sept. 7) and Duncan (Sept. 17- 25).

Fool for Love will be playing at the Vancouver Fringe Festival, at the Vancouver Performing Arts Centre, on Friday, September 8th at 1:45 and 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14th at 1 p.m. and on Sunday, Sept. 15th at 4:30.

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EDITORIAL

About your shoe leather...

Committed, determined, goal oriented... These terms and others like them are used over and over again to describe BCIT students and our attitude toward life, school, and anything that we take the time to get involved in.

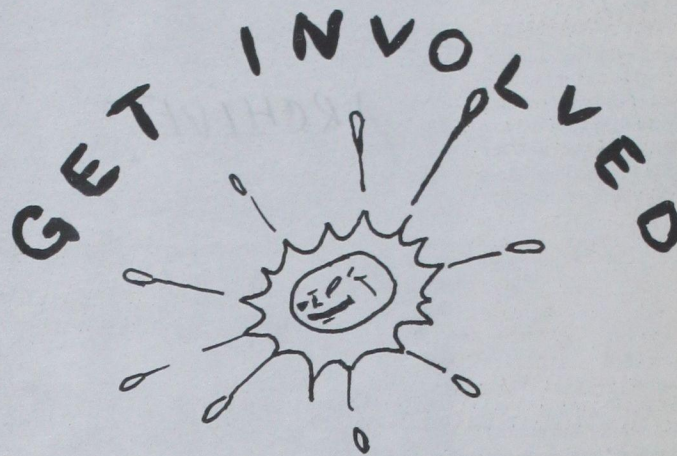
There is one commitment in particular that we are famous for making and following up on. That is the commitment that we have always made to Canadians suffering from cystic fibrosis.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited disease that takes the lives of more Canadian children than any other inherited disease; primarily attacking the lungs and the digestive system. One in 25 Canadians carries the gene for cystic fibrosis and to date, there is no known control or cure for this life-threatening disease. Those people living with CF must undergo rigorous therapy programs every day just to stay alive.

Shinerama is a fund raising campaign held annually at BCIT to raise money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This year's campaign, our 28th annual, will be held on Wednesday September 18. Starting bright and early, students will arrive on campus to enjoy a pancake breakfast. Participants will then take to the streets of Vancouver to shine shoes and wash cars for donations. Shinerama is well known and accepted by the community and the people of Vancouver are always more than generous on this day. The fun doesn't stop there though. Participants are invited to join us back at the SAC for more food and drinks on us.

Shinerama is about more than just raising money. It is a chance to get out and make new friends and get together with old ones. The most important thing to remember is that Shinerama is FUN! Make a difference, get involved!

Register at the Student Association offices and be ready for a day of serious fun!



OPINION

Everything I need to know I learnt on Oprah

SEAN CONSTABLE

Anyone who is unemployed knows the difficulty in finding suitable employment. First, you must pry yourself from the onslaught of daytime talk-shows and begin the arduous task of filling out application forms. If you have been a working stiff for a while you may not be familiar with how awkward this requirement is.

Daytime talk-shows have a wonderfully evil way of absorbing your energies. Your subconscious mind says, "turn this crap off," and your conscious mind rationalizes that finding out more about why a housewife left her husband for her daughter's girlfriend will somehow benefit you in your upcoming job search. Amazingly, not one business has requested any such information yet, but I feel I am a better person for knowing this.

Once you make the leap from the couch there is a very confusing array of jobs to apply for. You first must make a list of your preferred jobs first, followed by the reserve list which tends to be made up of fattening foods or "let's pretend everyone is our friend" positions. You are supposed to apply for only the jobs for which you have adequate experience.

Seventy hours of People's Court and Perry Mason, for instance, does not qualify you to be a lawyer. Having better handwriting than most doctors does not automatically put you ahead of the guy who has been to medical school. (Anyone hoping the pharmacist can decipher the prescription must wonder why the handwriting 101 is not a prerequisite for graduating doctors, but then again this is a profession that has a waiting room for you to wait in before you go into another room to wait some more.

Needless to say it is not long before I am humbled into looking for another minimum wage job. A few years ago seven dollars an hour seemed like a good wage; a wage that one would work hard for. Now, it's has been belittled to "a lousy seven bucks an hour... I think I'll call in sick today."

Why we take this attitude is disheartening. Service industry jobs should not be sneered at or viewed as degrading. Filling out one application form is evidence enough. I'm sure the premier of the province isn't scrutinized as much or asked questions as one is in the screening process of most service industry positions. On one

such application I had to write out the amount of change I would give back to a customer. For example: \$2.86 would be four pennies, a dime (possibly two nickels) and a twoonie (or two loonies or a two dollar bill or eight quarters...)

I understand that it is nice to know that your employees can count back change and properly identify all those round coins. But, at the same time, were not applying for a national security position. At the end of the day, all we've done is : made sure they "wanted fries with that," seen if they needed a pair of matching earrings, or stocked the shelves. Of course, expressing these opinions tends to make the interview process short which gives me ample time to get home for the afternoon talk-shows.

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A fool and his keys are soon parted

GREG NESTEROFF
News Editor

NELSON

Here's a new Zen exercise for those of you who like that sort of thing. I highly recommend it. It's called locking your keys in your car.

For maximum effect, do it in a parking spot with a 15 minute maximum, as I did last month.

Here how it works.

Geared up for a day of scanning microfilm at the Nelson public library, I was disappointed to find the lone reader was already being used.

So I came back a half hour later. I parked my car in one of the two metered spots in front of the library, and intended just to run in and see if the machine was busy.

It wasn't. Alright, I thought, I'll just move my car and ... uh, move my car ...

I wasn't going to be doing any such thing.

There on the passenger seat of said car — which was very, very locked, I should add — were my keys.

There are three stages one experiences when finding one's keys locked firmly in one's car.

Stage one: Denial.

This is one of those dreams that everyone gets, I thought. Like coming to school naked, or growing the world's biggest rutabaga in your backyard.

Stage two: Panic.

I looked for a way to get in. Doors were all locked of course, and I had completely rolled up the windows because it had been raining.

Stage three: Acceptance.

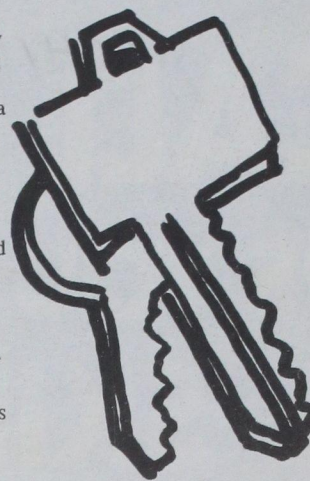
I had a few options.

There are definite advantages and disadvantages to being locked out of your car in front of the Nelson library that you should be aware of before trying it yourself.

The advantage is that it is also right in front of the Nelson City Police, who ostensibly have some know-how in getting into locked cars.

The disadvantage — although if you have experience in locking yourself out, you can think of it as a challenge — is that the space has a time limit. The meter clearly states that "Vehicle must vacate after 15 minutes."

So given that no coat hanger



in the world could help me, and it wasn't my wont to look like a total idiot in front of the NCP, I did what anyone in my situation would do, and sobbed uncontrollably.

No, that's not true. Just a little joke for effect, you see. In fact, I kept my sobbing under control.

I also called my dad on the pay phone. He wouldn't be able to come in any less than 35 minutes which — as mathematically inclined readers will have no doubt realized — was longer than I was allowed to be in the 15-minute space. I put a quarter in the meter anyway, and began waiting.

Here's where the Zen part comes in.

It is essential while waiting for someone to avoid looking like a dork. The secret is to always be doing something. Or at least always look like you're doing something.

Fortunately, while too stupid to take my keys with me, I did bring along my pen and notepad.

Thus, passers-by could see me frantically scribbling notes and think "Look at that guy. He's obviously waiting for someone, and yet he manages to be productive in the interim. How I wish I were like him."

Cars from driving schools passed by. I hoped instructors

were stressing to students "Don't lock yer friggin' keys in your friggin' car!"

After 15 minutes, I fed another quarter, although as mentioned above, by regulations set out in the Parking Meter Act (1871) you're not really supposed to do that.

The other Zen-related thing is it's a fine opportunity to test the age-old theory that if you stay in the same place forever, everyone you ever met will eventually pass you by. It seemed to be working that day. I saw five people I knew.

The conversations generally went like this.

"Hi, Greg."

"Oh, hi [insert name here]."

How are ya?"

"Fine. What have you been up to lately?"

"Well, most recently, I locked my keys in my car."

"Ha. ha. Did that myself once. Had to sleep in a gas station that night. Ha. ha. Well, see you around."

"Yeah. Ha. ha. Bye."

I was also hit up by a couple of young gents from the Church Of Latter Day Saints. They examined my car and offered me a copy of the Book Of Mormon. I was curious whether there were any prayers in it covering my current situation.

Another 15 minutes passed, so I put in yet another quarter, but it began dawning on me that I wasn't likely to be ticketed or anything else.

An NCP officer cameth and wenteth. As did the sheriff and deputy. No one from the library told me to get the hell out of the space either.

In fact, the spot next to me was occupied by a blue Ford 4 x 4 whose time had expired. (Come to think of it, it had been there when I'd first arrived. And it was still there when my dad arrived ten minutes later.)

Because I am a klutzy person, once finally on my way home, I mused how perhaps I should be grateful it was only the first time I'd ever done it.

The Law Of Averages must have been listening. The next day, I arrived at a friend's house, got out of my car, and shut the door. Then I noticed what I'd left on the passenger seat.

A fool and his keys are soon parted.

ODD GREEN SPOT

According to the Washington Post, undergraduates at Purdue University have developed birthday candles made from soybean oil, which burn longer than standard wax candles, are digestible, and can be flavored with peppermint. They are still searching for an edible replacement for the cotton wick.

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<http://www.eren.doe.gov/>
Wide range of energy information resources, with endless links to other sites offering technical assistance, product information, ideas, research, and searchable data bases.

ISO Online

<http://www.iso.ch/>
Good overview of International Standards Organization, including information about ISO 9000 and 140000. Provides technical contacts on variety of subjects. But you can't read or download actual standards.

EnviroLink Network

<http://envirolink.org/orgs/>
Links to Web sites of nearly 200 environmental groups. Not just activists: Included are American Wind Energy Association, National Center for Appropriate Technology, Rocky Mountain Institute, and many others.

BCIT's organics going to compost

Many people at BCIT have a genuine concern for the Institute's impact on the environment, and once again we're taking the lead in waste management.

BCIT, Restauronics,

Elephant on Campus, Marriott Janitorial and Maquinna Residence have teamed up with the Student Association's Environmental Action Centre to reduce the waste stream on campus.

Town Square Cafe, Campus Cafe and Elephant On Campus have started a compost program in their kitchens. Organic, pre-consumer waste is being collected at these sites and its composition is evaluated and measured to see if an "on-site" compost system is feasible.

Townhouses Salish B and D at Maquinna Residence are redirecting their organic waste to a compost. While the program is in its infancy, the goal is to not only reduce the amount of waste going to disappearing landfills, but to help beautify the campus.

COMPOST



The ultimate hope is that the organic waste can be collected and composted right here on campus, thereby redirecting the waste from the trash bins and into our gardens.

Composting of organic waste into usable soil enriching "humus" is an ancient technology that is being reintroduced to help BCIT minimize its impact on the environment.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved contact Jack Taillon, SA Waste Reduction Co-ordinator at 451-7060.

Bear petition launched

According to Anthony Marr, director of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee's BET'R (Bear, Elephant, Tiger and Rhino) campaign, BC is losing well over 10 per cent of its black bear and grizzly bear populations every year to hunters and poachers.

At this rate, our bears are well on their way to extinction. Over the next 90 days you

may have a canvasser come to your door to sign a petition supporting WCWC's goal of banning the hunting of bears in BC.

If they can collect enough signatures from each of the 75 electoral areas in the province, the initiative would go to the legislature.

If you're interested in being a canvasser call WCWC at 683-8220.

Record numbers at BCIT are 'pooling

A record number of staff and students have signed up in BCIT's carpooling program since the start of the school year.

Most registrants fall into two categories: people who live in areas poorly serviced by transit, and those who want to cut the high costs of driving alone.

Hopefully everyone's also motivated by a desire to cut air

pollution. They can feel comfort in the fact that they're doing a great social service by sharing their ride with more people.

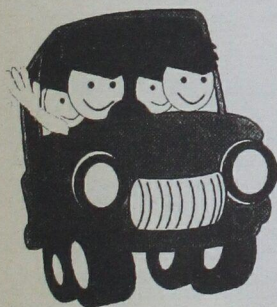
An average car produces about six tonnes a year of air pollutants, of which two tonnes are carbon dioxide, the powerful greenhouse gas.

Crop damage in the lower Fraser Valley from single-dri-

ver related pollution amounts to over \$5 million. Carpooling spreads the pollution load over more people, resulting in a net decrease.

There's still time to register, but don't delay.

Just fill out a registration form available at all over campus, and you'll meet your match. Call 451-7060 for more info.



RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

AEROBICS Sept 16 to Dec 5

Mondays	
Step	7:05-7:50am
Step	4:40-5:25pm
High/Low1	1:40-12:10pm
Tuesdays	
Step	11:40-12:10pm
High/Low	4:40-5:25pm
Wednesday	
High/Low	7:05-7:50am
Step	4:40-5:25pm
Thursdays	
Step	11:40-12:10pm
High/Low	4:40-5:25pm
Fridays	
Step	7:05-7:50am
High/Low1	1:40-12:10pm
	\$40 / term or \$3 drop-in (Non-BCIT \$50 & \$3)

ARCHERY

Mondays, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Sept 23-Oct 21 (except Oct 14)
\$12 until Sept 18, \$14 after
(Non-BCIT \$15, \$17)
max. 12 people

BIKE TO BCIT WEEK

Sept 23 to 27
Register for \$8

Ride your bike to BCIT during bike to BCIT week. On arrival come to the Rec Office with your bike and be presented with a 'Bike to BCIT' t-shirt.

FUN WALK/RUN

Walk or run a 2.5km route & receive a BCIT Fun Run t-shirt.

Wed., Sept. 25, 12:30pm

BCIT Field

\$8 before Sept. 24, \$10 at run

STUDENT FITNESS INCENTIVE

Encouragement for students to get fit by participating in fitness activities. Any intramural sports, aerobic classes, use of the weight room or other fitness activity, on campus or off The participant must register with Rec & Athletics and participate in 36 fitness activities over a 12 week

period between Sept 9 & Dec 13.

\$12 - BCIT fitness t-shirt
\$26 - BCIT fitness sweatshirt

BC LIONS TICKETS

Tickets for the following home games can be purchased from Rec & Athletic Services for \$9
Sat., Sept. 14 Fri., Sept. 21
Mon., Oct. 12 Sat., Nov. 2

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

BCIT Students \$1/sess.
BCIT Alumni & staff \$2/sess.
General Public \$3/sess.
Non-Contact Floor Hockey
Sun. 2-5pm
Volleyball
Mon. 8-11pm
Basketball
Sat. & Sun. 9am-2pm
Wed. 8-11pm
Badminton
Sat. & Sun. 9am-2pm
Tues. & Thurs. 8-11pm

INTRAMURALS LEAGUES

REGISTRATION WEEK

Sept 16-20

LEAGUE PLAY

Sept 23 - Dec 5

• All teams are processed on a 1st come 1st served basis

• Individual registrations will be accepted and where possible be placed on a team

• Leagues are limited to a set number of teams / sport

Completed registration forms must be accompanied by fees at the time of registration except for ice hockey where fees will be collected at the organizational meeting (GST included)

CoEd Volley Ball
Wed, 11:40am-12:20pm
1pm-1:40pm

BCIT Gym
\$56 / team (min. 11 players)
(Min. 3 women)
7 teams / division

Wallyball
Wed, 11:30am, 12:30pm
BCIT Racquetball Courts
\$44/team (min. 6 players)

Flag Football
Wed, 11:40am-2pm
BCIT Field
\$64 / team (min 12 players)
7 teams / division (2 div.)
Rules clinic:
Sept 25 12pm SW5 -1845

Non-Contact Ice Hockey

Wed, 12-2pm
Burnaby Four Rinks
\$60/player (goalies free)
or \$600/team
Organizational meeting:
Sept 23, 5:30pm SW5 - 1845

Non-Contact Floor Hockey

Mon, 5:30-8pm
Tues, 5:30-8pm
Wed, 5:30-8pm
Thurs, 5:30-8pm
BCIT West Gym
\$76/team + \$4 equipt. charge
Min. 10 players / team
7 teams / division

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