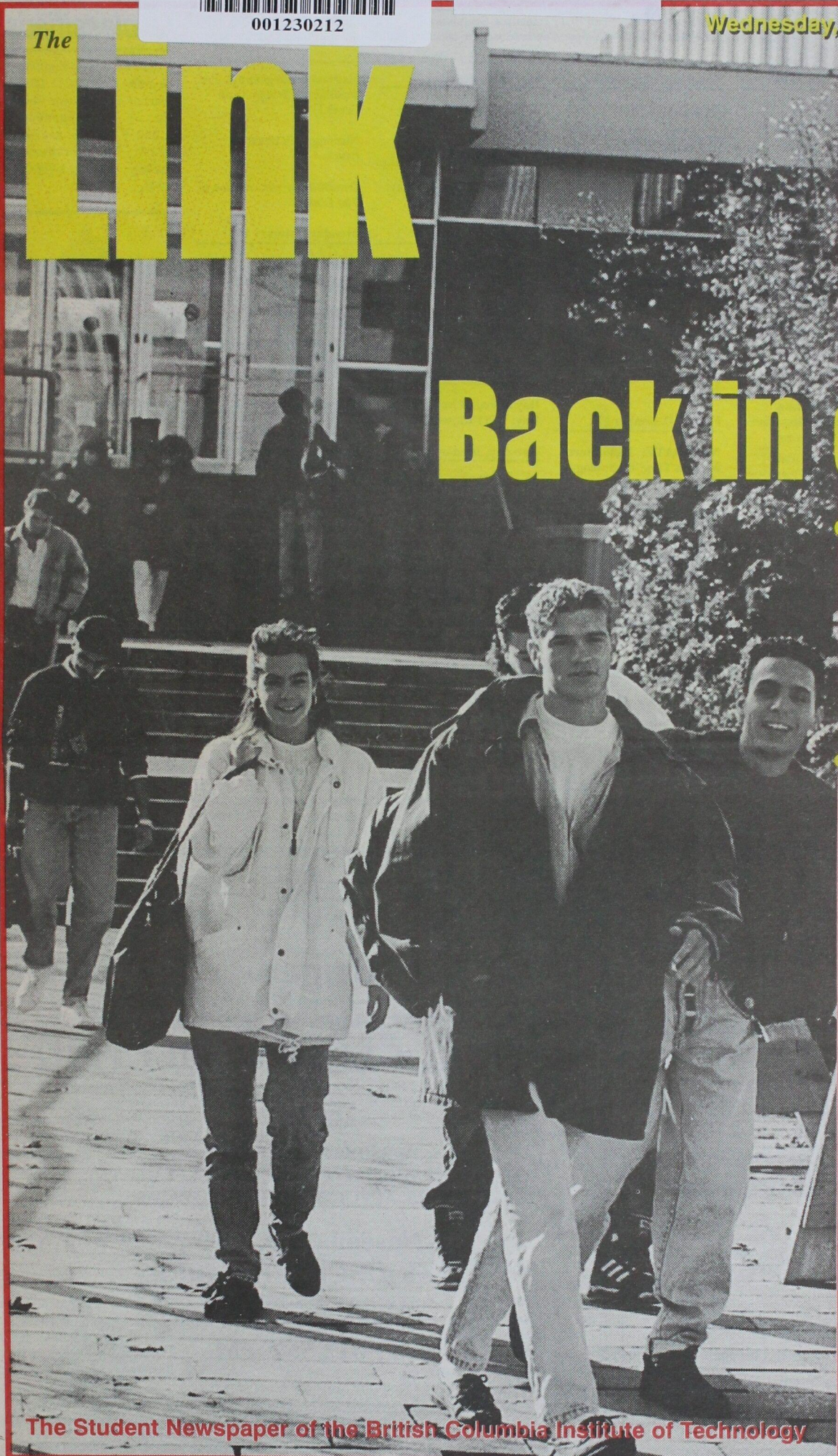




The

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Back in class

**The strike
is over!**

● **BCIT's fall term has been extended by two weeks to make for all of BCIT's Technology students to make up for time lost during the FSA strike**

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***Best of luck on
your exams
and have a
happy holiday***

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The Link welcomes letters. Letters should be typed, double spaced, under 300 words and can be dropped off at *The Link* or SA offices and sent through campus or regular mail. Your name, affiliation with BCIT and a telephone number to contact you (which will not be published) must be included. Anonymity may be granted at the discretion of staff. Letters on disk, as a txt file, with a hard copy would be greatly appreciated. *The Link* reserves the right to edit for clarity and brevity.

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 new copy centre location)

Wednesday, November 24 SA Campus Centre Counsellor's Drop-In. Great Hall, SA Campus Centre. Noon - 1pm	Thursday, December 2 Intramurals Ends.	Monday, December 27 Day in lieu of Christmas Day: BCIT Closed.	Medical Radiography: Fee deadline for Winter Term (level 3)
Thursday, November 25 Recreation Council Social.	Friday, December 3 Aerobics Ends.	Tuesday, December 28 Day in lieu of Boxing Day: BCIT Closed.	Nursing: Fee Deadline (levels 1-4)
Friday, November 26 NEW DATE: Nursing — Last day to withdraw & receive a "W" on transcript for full term courses. (was Oct 29)	Wednesday, December 8 NEW DATE: Electronics Technology — Last day to withdraw & receive a "W" on transcript for term B courses. (was Nov 17)	Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve: BCIT Closed.	Deadline for next edition of <i>The Link</i>.
Monday, November 29 American Marketing Association Meeting, 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.	Friday, December 10 SA's Drop-in Tutoring Centre Closes until January.	Saturday, January 1 New Year's Day	Monday, January 10 Nursing Level 5: Registration; classes begin.
SA Annual General Meeting. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 5:45 pm.	Friday, December 17 NEW DATE: End of term for Full Time Technology Programs.	Monday, January 3 Day in lieu of New Year's Day: BCIT Closed.	Aerobics begins.
Tuesday, November 30 NEW DATE: All programs (except Electronics Technology, Nursing and Technology Entry) — Last day to withdraw & receive a "W" on transcript for full term courses. (was Nov 9)	Sunday, December 19 NEW DATE: End of term for Part-time studies.	Tuesday, January 4 Classes begin for most full time programs.	SA Council Meeting. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 5:45 pm.
Wednesday, December 1 World AIDS Day.	Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve: BCIT Closed.	Thursday, January 6 Recreation Council Meeting.	Tuesday, January 11 Last Day to withdraw from classes and receive a full refund (less \$200 commitment fee).
	Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day	Friday, January 7 NEW DATE: Electronics Technology — Last day to withdraw & receive a "W" on transcript for term B courses. (was Dec 8)	Last day to apply for course credit (exemption) and/or change registration to audit status.
	Sunday, December 26 Boxing Day	Thursday, January 13 Recreation Council Meeting.	Recreation Council Meeting.
		Friday, January 14 Fee deadline for Winter Term (levels 2,4,6 & 8)	Wednesday, January 12 Next edition of <i>The Link</i> hits the stands.
			Thursday, December 13 Recreation Council Social.
			Friday, December 14 Nursing Level 5: Fee deadline.

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Submit cover letter & resume, including copy of BC Student Loan Work Study Eligibility form (pick-up at Financial Aid) to:

Renuka Goodapati
BCIT Student Assn,
3700 Willingdon Ave.,
Burnaby BC V5G 3H2

For more information call 432-8549

Think a head...

The SA's Drop-In Tutoring Centre will be closing on Dec 10, 1999

Plan to get any help you may need beforehand.



Drop-In Subject Tutor Hours are posted regularly at the Tutoring Centre (SE14.1)



NOTICE OF

THE BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
REPORT ON AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AUDITORS' APPOINTMENT FOR 1999/2000

November 29, 1999
S.A. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION
CAMPUS CENTRE BUILDING
TIME: 5:45 PM

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V.P. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE



SA Notes

Carlos Assuncao

Council debates extension of term

SA executives and councilors held an open discussion in preparation for the special Board of Governors meeting regarding the extension of the term. BCIT Administration held the board meeting off campus at the Italian Cultural Centre on Slocan Street at 1pm on Tuesday, the 16th.

Shane Styles, SA President, wanted to hear from the students on whether or not they would like to see the term extended. Unfortunately, the board meeting was scheduled at a time when most students are in class, the SA still wanted to make an appearance at the meeting in order to give the board members a students perspective.

No real consensus could be reached even among the small group of students at the council meeting, however, all agreed that the students should not be punished for circumstances that are out of their control. Some students wanted to know if they had any recourse to legal action for their loss of education, many wanted a solution that was flexible and open to a case by case evaluation.

Shane Styles committed to making an appearance at the special board meeting in an attempt to include some student participation in the decision process.

The SA was cautious about celebrating the return to classes this past week. After recognizing the Student Strike Taskforce and all the students who showed up at rallies to support the student demonstrators, it was pointed out that their has been no conclusive results from the strike action and that students showed be prepared for the same situation some time next term, unless a contract is signed by the FSA and BCIT.

- On December 3, SA executives will be organizing a concert to be held at the Elephant on Campus. Local bands Hi-Fi and Lighthouse will be performing at 9pm, tickets are \$6, both bands have BCIT students as members.

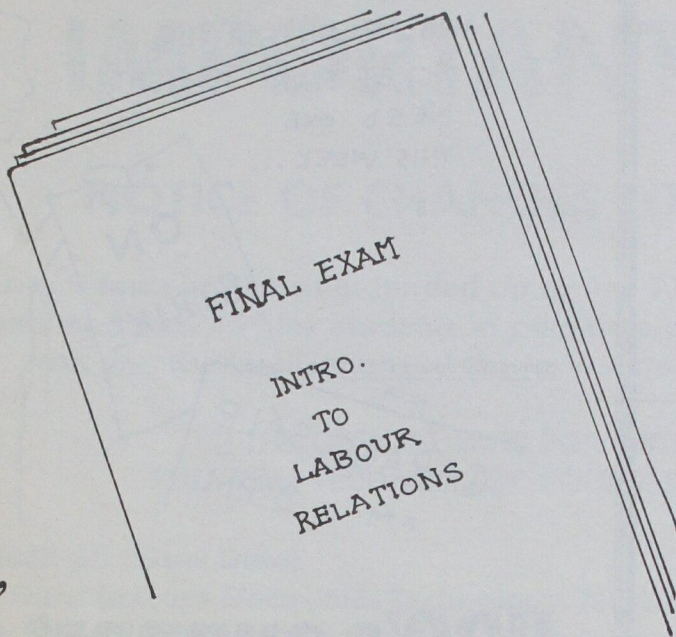
- In January meetings will begin to implement a deal between the SA, the BCIT administration, and a local bank to offer exclusive service to students. The deal could mean a branch on campus to provide convenient service for students. The first topic on the agenda will be selecting the bank. The deal will affect banking services all across the campus.

- The SA is considering joining a new organization, the Association of BC Student Councils, that has been headed by UBC, Langara, and Douglas college.

- BCIT President, Brian Gillespie, has requested the SA's feedback on the administration's new mission statement. The mission statement is the working plan for the direction of BCIT in the next five to 10 years. Stephen Miller, SA executive director commented on the request saying, "it's ironic," considering the circumstances.

- An exciting new proposal from the student association at UBC is considering giving student ID cards the additional function of a bus pass. This proposal will give students the ability to receive a discount on transit travel without the hassle of purchasing a bus pass every month. The UBC SA has tentatively called the new cards, Trek cards.

The SA will be holding its annual general meeting on Monday, November 29 in the SA Council Chambers, Campus Centre at 5:45pm.



Fall term extended two weeks

Students with exceptional will be exempted

PAUL DAYSON
Link Managing Editor

With the end of the two week Faculty and Staff Association strike on Monday, November 15 the BCIT Board of Governors voted on November 16 to extend the fall term.

The term for Technology students has been extended by two additional weeks of class time to make up the time lost during the strike. The term is to be extended up to December 17 for students in full time programs and up to December 19 for part-time students.

Mel Stelck, BCIT's vice-president of Education said the two additional weeks would enable students to replace lost instructional time and complete their course work to academic standards.

This would allow BCIT to "preserve academic credentials and standards that are supposed to be part of the program," said Stelck. "The strength of BCIT is its links with business and industry in developing this curriculum."

Student representatives on the board and representatives of the Student Association, who were not allowed to speak at the earlier Education Council meeting where the motion to extend the term was drafted, expressed concern that students lives could be further disrupted by the term's extension.

Student board representative Charlene Osinchuk said she had polled 1000 full time students — about 20 percent of the full time students affected — on Monday, November 16 and found that 65 percent of students did not wish the term

to be extended. She did however note that in some programs, notably Financial Management, Operations Management and Computer Systems the vast majority of students did want the term extension.

Styles presented to the board the position the SA council had taken at its council meeting the night before:

"The BCIT Student Association's position on the extension of this semester due to the labour strike is as follows:

- Instructors should be required to instruct up to the 17th of December.
- The formal exam week should be eliminated.
- There will be no testing of any kind after the 10th of December.
- The students should have the following choices:
 - to remain and receive instruction from their instructors; or
 - To leave on the 10th of December in which case they will receive a handout of all the materials that will be taught between the 10th and the 17th.
- The solution chosen by BCIT should in no way harm the student."

BoG, however, voted in favour of the motion presented by EdCo.

"The board would have issue with students deciding," said BoG chair Peter So, "as it would not be able to enforce training to established standards."

"We are going to take a program by program, student by student approach," said So. "We want to empower our departments to work



SA President Shane Styles

with students to solve this."

In 'exceptional circumstances' students will be allowed to finish their term on December 10. What constitutes 'exceptional circumstances' will be determined by each program area.

Student Association president Shane Styles told the board that many students have made plans that involved a December 10 end of term. Students have jobs to go to or paid their air fares to visit family and go on vacation. He also said many students are in the middle of applying for retail jobs for which the December 10 term end is advantageous being before the end of term for the universities.

"What is a good excuse?" asked Styles.

And Styles said some instructors have said, "I will not be here (after December 10)."

SA executive director Stephen Miller said there should be an appeals process for students. "It should not just be in the hands of administration and faculty."

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STUDENTS WITH EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

(Due to the extension of the term for
Full-time Technology Programs)

Each program area will determine what constitutes exceptional circumstances, but it is expected that consideration will be given to flexible approaches.

Students are to consult with their Program Head to find the best possible joint solution leading to acceptable educational and personal outcomes.

Students are expected to make arrangements with their Program Heads as soon as possible.

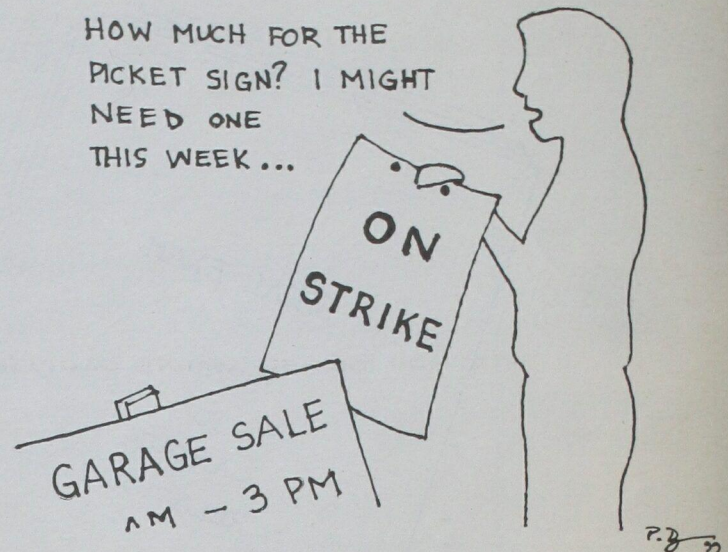
Students should consider that joint solutions will likely require their cooperation and willingness to be flexible in meeting outcomes.

Students with unresolved issues after the program consultation may contact:

Gerry Moss,
Vice President,
Student Services
and Educational Support
(email gross@bcit.ca)



BCIT ADMINISTRATION



UBC's support staff get ready to strike

DALIAH MERZABAN
The Ubyyssey

VANCOUVER (CUP) – Support staff at the University of British Columbia are preparing for job action as negotiations to determine essential services near completion.

"We will choose the time once essential services are officially in place to serve 72-hours strike notice," said John Geppert, president of CUPE Local 116.

Canadian Union of Public Employees local 116, together with CUPE local 2950, represents more than 3,000 support staff at UBC.

Geppert says 116 membership has been consulted and funds are in place for rotating strike action.

Frans Van de Ven, business agent for Local 2950, agrees job action is fast approaching. The two locals have been negotiating with UBC since January to renew contracts that expired in March.

"I believe 116 and certainly 2950 have gotten just about everything it can out of the mediation process so we're coming to the end game now," said Van de Ven. "We have to be in a position to serve strike notice."

Neither local can declare strike notice until the Labour Relations Board (LRB) determines which services would be

deemed essential during a strike.

According to Van de Ven, LRB Vice-Chair Mark Brown "was getting a little impatient" with the progress of the talks, and subsequently cancelled two days of negotiations last week to allow UBC to come up with a "realistic" proposal that will be the starting point for discussion.

Paula Martin, UBC associate director of public affairs, said UBC is willing to complete negotiations soon.

"We'd like to get the process dealt with as quickly as possible," said Martin.

There has been some disagreement over what constitutes essential services. Geppert believes that his Local — which includes Bookstore, Plant Operations, and Food Services employees — does not contain essential services.

However, in a letter to administration earlier this month, UBC Director of Human Resources Lisa Castle said there are many services under the jurisdiction of CUPE locals that should be considered essential.

"We believe that we have a considerable number of essential services, including security and the collections of plants and animals," she wrote.

Although Geppert disagrees, he said to conclude the talks over essential services, CUPE might "bite our lip and sign off an agreement which would provide some services."

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NOTICE OF CHANGES FOR BCIT STUDENTS

The current term has been extended up to Dec 17th for Technology students in Full time programs and Dec. 19th for students in part-time programs. Your instructors will discuss with you the implications of the term extension for each of your courses.

THE OFFICIAL DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM FULL TIME TECHNOLOGY COURSES HAS BEEN ADJUSTED:

NOVEMBER 30 (New Date)

All programs (except Electronics Technology, Nursing and Technology Entry)

Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" on transcript for full term courses (was Nov 09)

NOVEMBER 19 (New Date)

Nursing

Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" on transcript for full term courses (was Oct 29)

NOVEMBER 15 (New Date)

Electronics Technology

Term B courses begin (was Nov 01)

NOVEMBER 26 (New Date)

Technology Entry

Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" on transcript for full term courses (was Nov 05)

DECEMBER 08 (New Date)

Electronics Technology

Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" on transcript for Term B courses (was Nov 17)

JANUARY 07, 2000 (New Date)

Electronics Technology

Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" on transcript for Term B courses (was Dec 08)

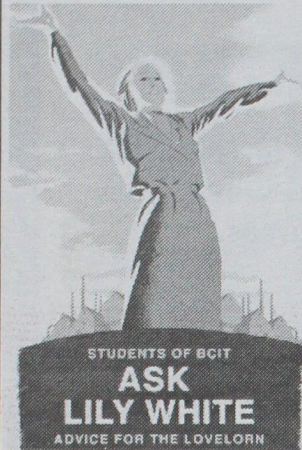
The Winter Term starts on January 04 for full-time technology programs except Nursing and Electronics Technology. All other Winter Term academic dates will remain unchanged as originally published. The Winter Term for Part-time Studies starts on January 10, 2000 for most courses.

Nursing and Electronics students should consult their program.



BCIT ADMINISTRATION

An open message to Dan Savage



This week Lily takes a different tack. Recently, famed advice columnist Dan Savage, "Hey faggot", wrote the following in his syndicated column and... well it just offended Lily's sense of advice ethics.

LEGAL NOTICE: A couple of columns back I implied that my research assistant-the charming, talented and reliably unstable Kevin-derived sexual pleasure from being urinated on. Kevin was deeply humiliated when he read that column-which was my intent-and insisted I print a retraction. It seems Kevin's mother read this particular column and called Kevin in tears. I promised Kevin I would run a correction, for his mom's sake, without any intention or ever doing any such thing, of course.

Today a letter arrived from Kevin's attorney informing me that Kevin is taking legal action as a result of "certain defamatory and demonstrably untrue statements" I'd made in my column "concerning my client's character and sexual habits". My first thought on reading Kevin's lawyer's letter was, "How do you demonstrate that someone doesn't like to be pissed on? Piss on him and see if he gets upset?" Kevin's lawyer closed his letter-as he closes all his letters-with a reminder that Kevin's bipolar disorder falls under the legal definition of a disability, which would make it "illegal and actionable" for me to fire Kevin on account of his "behaviour, emotions, reactions, outbursts, or job performance".

To get his lawyer off my back and to dry his mother's tears, I'd like to place this statement in the record: My research assistant Kevin is NOT sexually aroused by water sports. (Though I challenge Kevin and his lawyer to demon-

strate Kevin's lack of interest in water sports.) As regular readers of this column are doubtless aware, Kevin isn't aroused by much of anything, poor dear, on account of the many psychotropic drugs his doctors insist he ingest each day before coming to work.

Hey Faggot,

I write an advice column for a college newspaper in Vancouver, Canada. I have long been a fan, and was greatly looking forward to seeing you live this week at Richard's on Richards, but after reading the Legal Notice in your most recent column, I tore up my tickets. When I read the column to which you refer in your Legal Notice, I noted that you made mention of Kevin's private sex life, and I wondered about it, but knowing you to be wise in the ways of the world, I assumed Kevin must have given his permission for you to imply that he finds it arousing to be urinated on. I even envied Kevin, both for his unselfconscious frankness, and for his proximity to you. And though I believe you have every right to direct your (normally) charming brand of venom at those who write to ask your advice or share their views, this time you have overstepped the boundaries. If you were surprised by a letter from Kevin's lawyer, then you must be either incredibly naive (which is demonstrably untrue), or the tremendous success of your column has inflated your ego to such an extent that you think it your right to intentionally humiliate Kevin. I can't tell you how surprised and disappointed I was by your petty vindictiveness. How can you possibly derive any satisfaction from slandering someone who you obviously hold in such low esteem? It is my suggestion that you re-evaluate your position, and consider offering Kevin both a personal and a public apology.

Lily White

Does your marriage need saving? Is BCIT's work load destroying your relationship with that significant other? Well, Lily White is here and Lily is willing to answer and advise on all your relationship woes.

Letters to Lily can be sent to:

asklilywhite@hotmail.com



DAVID LAI
Link Arts & Culture
Editor

This is a very informative and easy to read book about expanding your career opportunities in socially and environmentally responsible ways. Through green business, industry, commerce and non-profits, Making A Living While Making A Difference, explains ways of finding or creating a job without the guilt.

BOOK REVIEW

Making A Living While Making A Difference: The Expanded Guide to Creating Careers with a Conscience

By Melissa Everett
(New Society Publishers, October 1999)

Melissa Everett explains how as business and society become more environmentally responsible, greater and greater opportunities will arise for career seekers with a conscience. To find that job that is meaningful and con-

tributes to the health of the planet. Discover work that excites your passion and invites your commitment. Part of the book is a ten-step program dedicated to helping you investigate career options, to finding or creating them and respecting your values and ideals. Expanded with exercises, visualizations, this book will point you towards attaining that position defining your personal area of commitment. With the depleting natural resources, we are forced to find other sources, calling upon a more creative and imaginative choice. This opens more opportunities for training or upgrading and an avenue for a

more meaningful career.

Everett is a writer and speaker and is working on her Ph.D. in sustainable development. Development is inevitable with a growing population and advancing technology, so what is needed is sustainability. She has counseled career change support groups and individuals in transition. Some people to meet are Chocolate Jon, founder of the Endangered Species Chocolate Company and Lisa Leff, who helped start the largest socially-screened investment fund on Wall Street. For all you graduates or soon to be graduates, this book is a great addition and read for those seeking that career with meaning and potential.



SPIKE & MIKE'S SICK & TWISTED FESTIVAL OF ANIMATION IS STILL ON AT THE RIDGE THEATRE UNTIL DEC. 5TH

The Insider takes aim at tobaccos dirty secrets

DAVID LAI
Link Arts & Culture Editor

Take a drag now, it maybe your last one. Put out that stinky butt. The tobacco industry is about to be revealed. Remember Coca Cola? What was Coca Cola's big secret that made them so popular? That got the mass population hooked and turned Coca Cola into a worldwide multibillion dollar corporation. Well, now we have an insider at Brown and Williamson, a major producer of cigarettes sold across the country. And the secret to their popularity is a huge public health problem infused with greed, hypocrisy and blackmail. The Insider is an excellent view of what's perceived behind the scenes of major tobacco industries.

FILM REVIEW
The Insider
In theatres now

The Insider is based on true

facts and events. This film stars an excellent cast, Al Pacino, Russell Crowe, Christopher Plummer, Diane Venora, Philip Baker Hall, Colm Feore, Bruce McGill, Debi Mazar, Micheal Gambon and Gina Gershon. A dynamite cast, The Insider is an insight to how big corporations run. A smart entertainment, that makes you think twice before lighting up, or supporting such big names as Dunhills, Du Maurier, Players or Benson and Hedges. Riveting and breathless, this film originated from an article that ran in Vanity Fair Magazine called, "The Man That Knew Too Much" by Marie Brenner.

Executives, lawyers, media, family, public health, dignity and love are all put on the line, as Jeffrey Wigand (Russell Crowe) tackles the biggest challenge in his life. Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino) plays an investigative reporter that stokes the fire and pushes the limits, believing in only the truth and nothing will



stop him from telling the world. These two characters are a powerhouse that keeps the audience captivated and weary of giant tobacco industries.

Cigarettes are simply a vehicle to transport the nicotine to the brain and CNS. And the effects of this, along with numerous other additives to get your body

addicted and keep that cigarette from going out, are a major health problem. Cigarettes have become cool to smoke, like Coke is to drink. A certain prestige exists around the brand of cigarettes you smoke. Will the truth be told?

If you enjoy lawsuits, stress, anxiety and smoke cigarettes to

cope, The Insider will show you it all. "Subsequent to the events dramatized here, the tobacco industry in 1998 settled lawsuits filed against it by Mississippi and 49 other states for \$246 billion." This such shows you how messed up this world is.



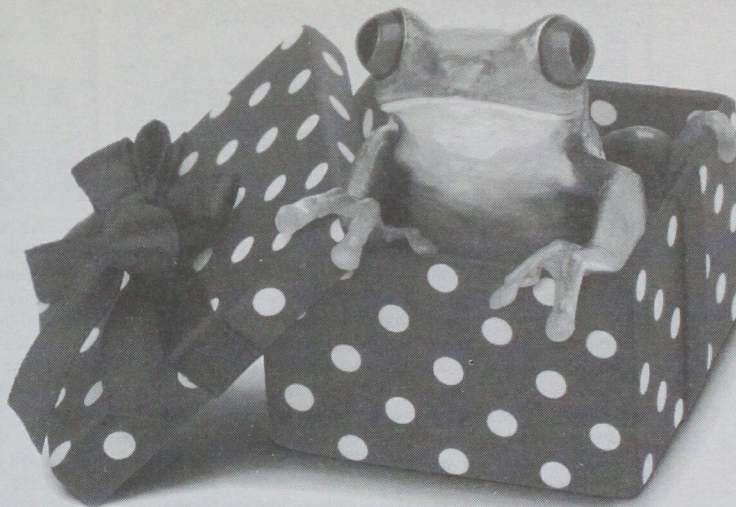
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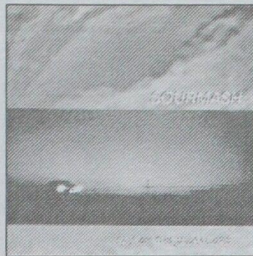
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Vogue Theater
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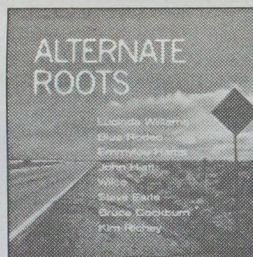
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SOURMASH
Day of the Jackalope
Mashcontrol, 1999

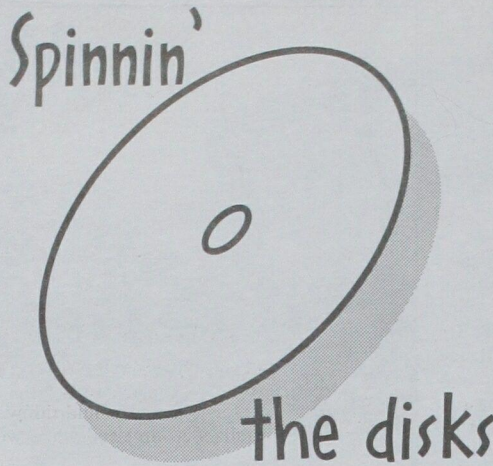
The members of Sourmash say "what you see is what you get with them." Yeah, a complete rip off band. It sounds like borrowed music from a bunch of well known bands all thrown together. Sourmash sounds just like any other rock band trying to make it today. They are trying too hard to be original and yet they don't quite pull it off. Although, lead singer Pete Boyle has a raspy voice that will make you listen just for that reason. He kind of sounds like Gavin Rossdale of Bush which is the highlight of the CD. There are also sound clips of people talking in between each song but I don't see how they relate to the music. Then again they're from Northern Regina, so what do you expect?

Melina Rousselle



VARIOUS ARTISTS
Alternate Roots
Universal

The most opportune time to listen to this CD is after you have smoked a big fatty and are to out of it to move. There is a mix of Country and Blues music from artists such as Blue Rodeo, Steve Earle and Kim Richey. After the third song it all starts to sound the same. "Alternate Roots" is so laid back that



you can put into your CD player and fall asleep with in the first few songs. There isn't much to it, you can't groove too it or have a discussion about it. It's just kind of there. Who ever put this CD together should have recorded it on eight-tracks because the only people who would buy it are still living in that time period. As you can tell, I don't usually listen to this type of music so I can't tell you if it is good or bad compared to other music like this. Give it a try, everyone's opinion is different.

Melina Rousselle

songs have diverse sounds without sounding completely different from each other. It alternates between mellow and medium tempo that helps give the CD a rollercoaster affect of moods. 'Get it outta My Head' is one of those albums that can get annoying if you listen to it for too long. Songs such as iAll or Nothingi, iMaryi and iStay with mei would be good background music for a casual party. I suggest, giving this CD a fair chance, it is impressive.

Melina Rousselle



SHAWN MEEHAWN BAND
Get it outta my Head
A.T.H Entertainment, 1999

If this group had the right connections they could make it big. I would compare them to See Spot Run or Spacehog, both of which are very good bands. This is Shawn Meehawn's first debut CD after being with rock band iDeadlinei for five years. All the

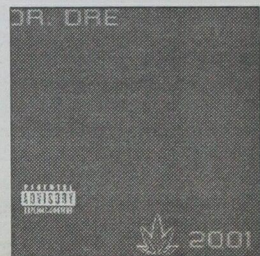


TE VAKA
Ki mua
(creative nz)

Highly Recommended. This Polynesian band from New Zealand is a true inspiration and an enlightened breath of fresh air. I haven't had a favorite album, or been truly impressed by a release in a long time. Te Vaka are a large group of beautiful men and women singing spirited harmony and playing traditional instruments

(rhythm and bass log drums, guitars, congas) with agility and precise. Singing and participation is a strong focus and infuses the music with an organic, earthly presence. The songs express feelings and concerns of the fragile environment, their culture and living in these times of confusion and rat race. Listening to these people, you can hear that they really enjoy playing and is an integral part of their culture. They make the music fun, happy, relaxing and vibrant. The music is taken with all it's entirety, embracing it with love and respect. Be on the lookout for Te Vaka at WOMAD Seattle 2000. I recommend anyone with a taste for world music or looking for an inspiration to listen to Te Vaka!

David Lai

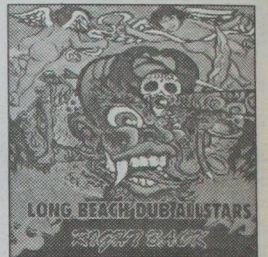


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2001

(Aftermath/Interscope)
This is Dr. Dre's follow-up to Chronic 2000. A phat collection of dope artists praising the herb and rapping their minds. Featuring such artists as Mary J. Blige, Hitman, Xzibit, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Nate Dog and Kurupt, 2001 is a lyrical rhyming party of hoods, hoes, dopes and dollars. A celebration to the end of the twentieth century and the beginning of a new millennium. Produced by Dr. Dre and Mel-man, these artists enjoy the spices of this world and reap the rewards of being known artists. A picture of a ganja leaf on the cover and a DJ smelling the fragrances of a bag of green on the inside clearly show their devotion to the creator. Some of the rhymes are funny and smart and others can be less, but

together 2001 weights more than a eighth. The hard beats are intermittent, but the rhyming carries it through during those hard times.

So if you're a hip-hop rap enthusiast, this is a good blend of rhyming, beats and puffs. David Lai



LONG BEACH DUB ALLSTARS
Right Back
(Dreamworks)

Wicked bass and dub reggae elements begin this CD. If only love and righteous, is the love of Jah! Heavy influences from reggae, funk and hip-hop, these allstars are making music that's urban and down with the people. Remember Sublime? If you loved that band this one is even

better, sharing some of the same style, artists and vibrations. Dope guests join us on this release, like HR from Bad Brains, Barrington Levy, Half Pint, Tippa Irie and Dangr. These guys like to enjoy themselves and have fun. The photograph collage on the inside cover, shows the all stars with friends and family. The album is for the audience, Long Beach Dub Allstars are coming Right Back at you with beats and righteous lyrics and conscience music. David Lai

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Katari Taiko.

Katari Taiko combines humour and tradition in performance

DAVID LAI
Link Arts & Culture Editor

Taiko is rooted in the ancestry of rural fishing and farming communities throughout Japan. The drum is the heartbeat enforcer of the soul and this evening's performance really brought out the soul in all of us. An excellent celebration and show of lively and very impressive drumming art. Katari Taiko are the best Taiko drummers I've seen (and tonight), able to combine the seriousness of the traditional art with humor and contemporary elements. These ten women are powerful and graceful, with amazing coordination and timing their performance was moving and intense.

CONCERT REVIEW
Katari Taiko Extraordinaire
20th Anniversary Celebration
at the Stanley Theatre
Friday and Saturday, November 12, 13

KT had a contemporary repertoire incorporating vocals, poetry, theatre and martial arts. They have performed throughout North America and have conducted workshops that seeded other taiko groups to grow. Tonight's gathering, brought together other Vancouver taiko groups to celebrate KT's 20th Anniversary, Tokidoki Taiko and Uzume Taiko Ensemble.

The opening performance by Katari Taiko was stunning and captivating, their rhythm and timing was immaculate. They performed a piece called "Oedo". The rhythms in this piece originated from festivals in Tokyo. And gave opportunities for each player to show their talents. A really mind opening piece to never-before

taiko listeners.

Next in order was the Vancouver group, Tokidoki Taiko. They take on a very fun and light-hearted approach to taiko. They have played throughout the Northern Westcoast. They performed a piece called Ogi Matsuri, and then a vocal piece called Tamashii (spirit). An excellent effort put out by all these players.

Following was the famous Vancouver group Uzume Taiko Ensemble. They really incorporated modern contemporary elements, bringing in more theatre and wind instruments (saxophones and various percussion). This trio taiko group were entertaining and interesting. One piece called, Fast Life on a Lazy Susan, was inspired by growing up eating good Chinese food. Very funny and entertaining.

Afterwards an intermission ensued and a chance to view the merchandise available for sale and drinks.

Then back into the theatre. KT played the body of their set list during this second half. It really showed the varied styles and ideas and not to mention their amazing timing and precision.

A grand finale, brought together all the performers and helpers (drum movers) tonight. It was really a grand finale, the entire stage was filled, and the loud drumming blew away any other sound in the theatre, including our ears. Everyone left enlightened by the power of the drum, and realizing how much coordination and timing it involves, including mind and body to be a taiko drummer. A stellar performance this evening, celebrating 20 years of Katari Taiko. I recommend anyone seeing this group of women perform, to experience something of the extraordinary.

Common Sense and other things MasterCard can't buy

I once believed if money can't buy happiness, you didn't know where to shop. If someone gave me a million dollars, I could buy a lot of happiness for myself (get your mind out of the gutter). The first thing I would do is go to the Bay at Pacific Centre at midnight. I'd throw a brick through the window and wait until the police and store manager showed up.

"I just received one million dollars, and I want to shop. Here's the money to fix the window (I would throw five hundred dollars at him) and while we wait for the glass people to fix that mess, I'll go and see if there is anything I can't live without."

I would walk in and buy three of everything I liked (because three is my favorite number). I would literally buy happiness for myself, because possessions make me very happy. Me. The very egotistical me. The arrogant me. The asshole me.

With the money left over, I would buy HBC stocks and be on my merry way. Oh yeah, I would also buy a car before going to the Bay, so I could get to Pacific Centre quickly, and I would park it on the sidewalk (that's illegal right? — or at least worth a ticket)

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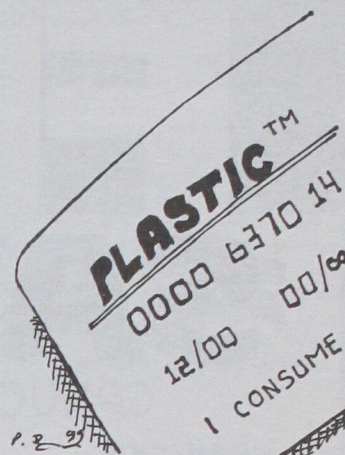
I don't think so. That wouldn't be sensible at all would it? It's because I've always lacked common sense, I think. I wish I could buy some, just to keep up with the rest of the world. People ask me why I do things the way I do. I want a better retort than, "I like to do things the hard way."

Common sense. What a quality to be jealous of. Common sense. I really wish I could buy it.

My boss has common sense. One day he told a customer who had just purchased a square table that she didn't have to worry about little kids knocking their heads on the corners because all her children were grown up. My mouth just dropped. Was I supposed to start thinking about kids' heads and square tables now in order to be ready in the future? Fuck, I'm so behind. When the customer left, I asked my boss how he knew about square tables and kids' heads. I knew the answer; he had kids, so I asked how he would have known before he had had kids. The answer shook me. Common sense. It comes to you naturally, he said. I was doomed.

I know that this should be common sense. I know that kids' heads are like magnets attracted to sharp square corners. I do know all this, but I didn't put it together like that. If and when I go table shopping, I'll be looking at things like price and style (mostly price because I'm a starving student). I travel far and wide to find the lowest price for everything. Food. Clothing. Laundry detergent. Everything except for syrup. I will never, ever buy No-Name syrup ever again. It's just brown water. It's not even related to syrup in any way, shape or form. It truly is false advertising, but that's another story. But basically, everything I buy is bought because it's dirt-cheap.

There is only one conclusion...I can never have kids. If I do have kids, they



will be taken away from me because of all the bruises on their heads. I can't have cats, birds, dogs, or any other pet; I'm allergic to them all, except fish, but fish are fish, so that's a no.

The kids on my street will refer to me as the crazy old man with a MasterCard and lots of square tables. They will dare each other to walk into my yard, worried that I will throw a sharp square table at them. Hey, that actually sounds like fun. Maybe I should throw tables at them. I'll have to buy really cheap tables and I'll even coat them with No-Name syrup, just to be different. It will give me something to do in between bargain hunting and breaking into the Bay in the middle of the night.

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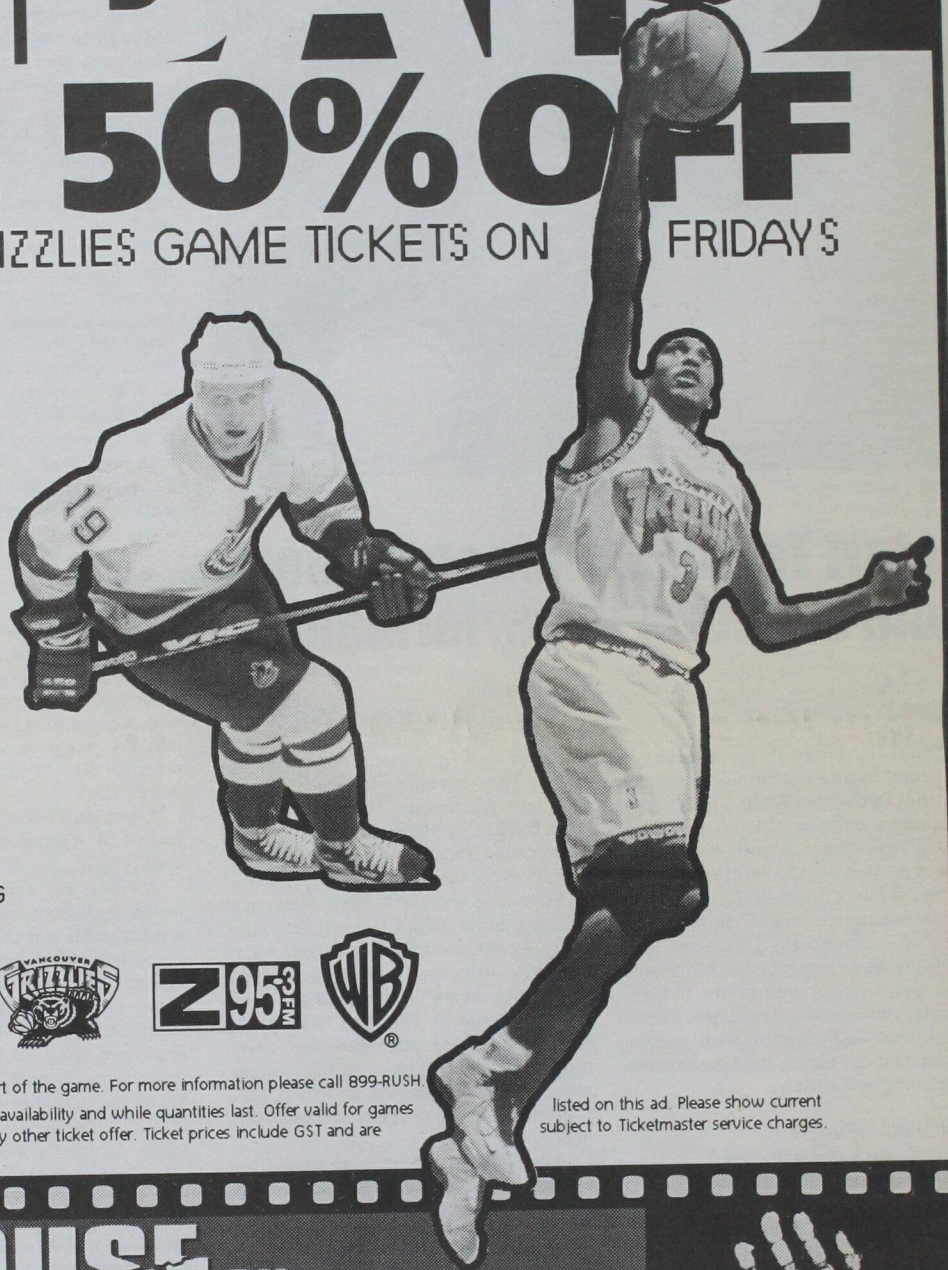
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Some people prefer to study alone without any distractions, others find it better to study with a group. For most people, the earlier you get started the better you will do. Pace yourself, plan in advance how many hours you will study for each exam and avoid cramming for more than an hour at a time, take breaks of at least fifteen minutes and then start again. Give yourself an hour

or so to relax before you write the exam, being relaxed is one of the best ways to prepare for exam writing.

Most of the basics on studying effectively can be found in your BCIT handbook on page ??.

However, there are some tips that only the experienced BCIT student can tell you.

With the amount of information being taught in such a short period of time it's almost impossible to have a good grasp on everything that has been presented in the program.

One way to narrow down the area to study is getting a hold of previous years exams. You can ask a successful second year student for a copy of their exam. You can also get copies of previous years exams from the Copy Centre in SW 1, the Copy Centre also buys copies of exams for \$3.00 each. In some classes this

method will be extremely successful, in others it will be totally useless, so be careful.

The number one rule for exam writing is; BE PREPARED! Don't wait until a week or two before the exam to realize that you are having difficulties with a subject. Weigh your study time heavily towards the classes you have difficulties in. Get help from the SA's Peer Tutoring Program. It cost a few bucks, but so does retaking a class you've failed in the summer, and it's less of a hassle. To register you can

call the 24 hour Voicemail Registration System at: 451-6915.

Some of the more difficult courses (like accounting or statistics and other math-based classes) have lunch time tutorials. Your instructors can let you know if there are tutorials for their class. These tutorials will have actual BCIT instructors there to answer questions and help students grasp the concepts being taught, they're an excellent way to get on track.

United Way Campaign a success

We've raised a fantastic \$84,005!! Thank-you to all who participated in the campaign! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Some of you have asked if it is too late to give. Absolutely not! Finance will accept pledge cards until the end of November and remember payroll deductions don't start until Jan. 2000. We could still reach our goal of \$99,000 for 1999!!

Our Wrap-Up Party Oct. 29th was lots of fun. Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winners!

Eileen Stewart - Manning Park Get-Away 2 nights at Manning Park Lodge 2 lift or trail passes for skiing OR a full day canoe rental

Dorothy Deagle - Helijet to Victoria Return Trip for 2

Barbara Mitchell - Romance Package \$50 gift certificate to the Hart House Restaurant Luxury Manicure, courtesy of Head to Toes Ballet BC tickets

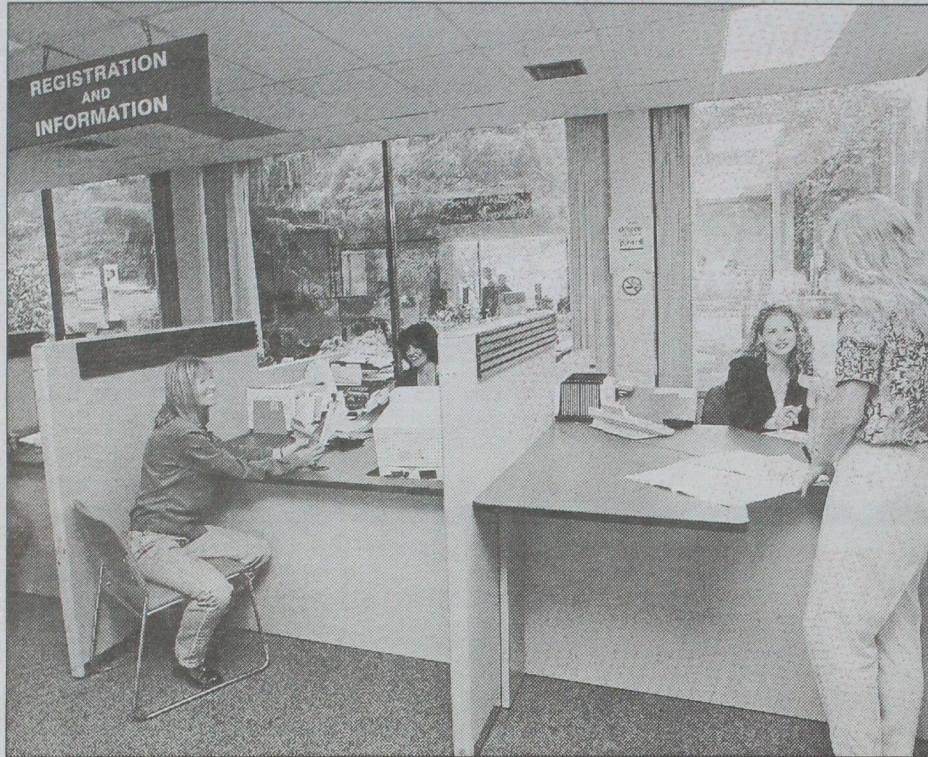
Thanks again for a great campaign!

Austin, Alotta, Ivana and the Gang!

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Some the victims have been forgotten, ignored in the FSA strike's fallout



Support Staff members at work in Registration and Information.

Support Staff respected the picket lines when they could least afford it

PAUL DAYSON
Link Managing Editor

Forgotten in the midst of the aftermath of the Faculty and Staff Association strike one group has suffered and has been ignored.

Registration personnel, cashiers and other support staff, members of the BC Government Employees Union members, honoured the FSA's picket lines by not crossing to work, losing their wages.

The support staff are among the lowest paid personnel at BCIT and few could afford the loss of their pay. During the 1992 BCGEU Support Staff strike stories of single mothers having to move into parents or friends basements were not uncommon.

Joyce Glover, speaking on behalf of support staff members

at the November 16 Board of Governors meeting said, the administration made no attempt to redistribute support staff effected by the FSA picket lines.

"Why not set up services on the north side of the campus?" she asked.

"A sense we were being punished for supporting our fellow members," said Glover. This she said set support staff members against their employer — BCIT.

Glover said the actions of the BCIT Administration demonstrated a skewing of values.

"No cost would be spared to fix a building with shaky foundations," said Glover. "We look forward to the day when good sense would be applied to labour relations like it is to building renovations."

"We hope that the board will seek new ways to listen to the students, and faculty."

BoG votes term extension

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"The EdCo wording — 'up to' — is convenient for (faculty's) schedule not students," he said.

"Up to" was put in to make it more flexible," said EdCo chair Alison Dewhurst, and collaboration would take place with students.

Gerry Moss vice-president of Student Services and Educational Support said he had received more than 100 emails, phone calls or visits from students regarding such exceptional circumstances.

Students should take their concerns directly to their program heads. Each individual program area has developed a procedure, said Moss.

"If it doesn't work I would be willing to assist," he said. "We continue to be as flexible as possible."

Since the BoG meeting, BCIT Administration has begun a poster campaign and taken out advertisements in this issue of The Link to inform students of the changes to the academic calendar and the policy regarding exceptional circumstances.

Moss also told the board the administration had been preparing for possible labour disruption and taken steps to ensure that loan papers got to students. He also stated that reassessments of loans were possible and emergency loans available for students financially affected by the strike.

The meeting held off campus at the Italian Cultural Centre on Slocan Street, near Naniamo and Grandview, was originally scheduled to take place at the Downtown campus. But due to the expansion of the FSA strike to the Downtown Campus late the week before it was relocated.

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