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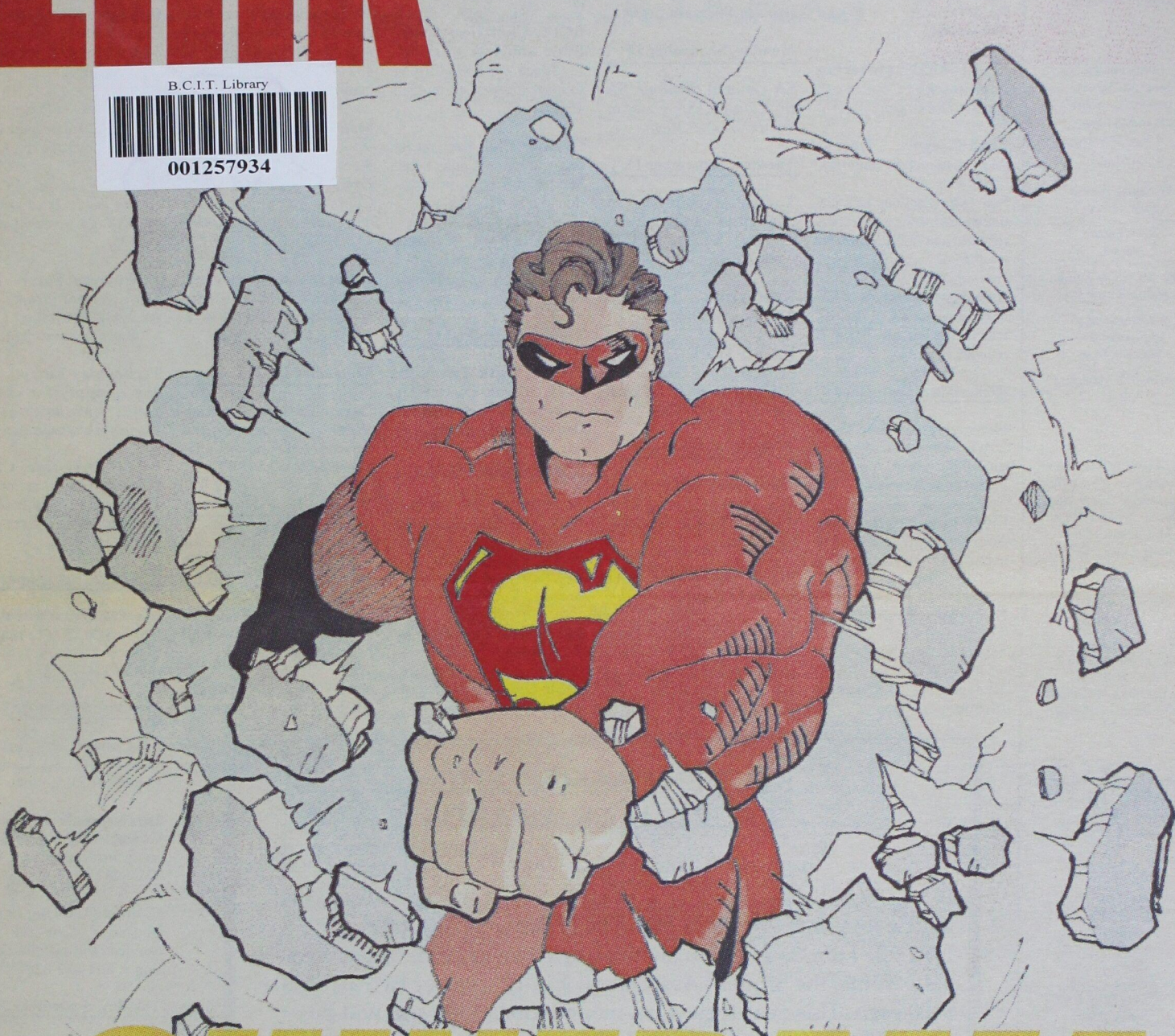
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Campus Events

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 SA copy centre)

Tuesday, September 4

Full time Programs Registration (levels 1,3,5 & 7)

Electronic Engineering Technology: Level 1 Registration and Orientation.

Electronic Engineering Technology: Coop work terms 1 & 2 begin.

Technology Entry: Registration & Orientation.

Nursing: Last day to withdraw and receive a full refund (less \$200 commitment fee).

Nursing: Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' on transcript for all Term B courses.

Wednesday, September 5

Shinerama welcome Back BBQ. Burger and a pop for \$3.50. Campus Square, 11:30am to 2:30pm.

Electronic Engineering Technology: Timetable pickup & Orientation (Levels 2, 3 & 4).

Electronic Engineering Technology: Classes begin (All Levels).

Recreation Council Meeting. 5:30pm.

Friday, September 7

Fee deadline for returning students.

Saturday, September 8

Recreation Services Drop-in Program begins.

Monday, September 10

SA Council Meeting. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre (SE2). 5:30pm.

Tuesday, September 11

Toastmasters Int'l. SA council Chambers, SA Campus Centre (SE2), 7:00am.

Recreation Council Meeting. 5:30pm.

Fit Pit Walk Through. SE16, 5:30pm. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Wednesday, September 12

Shinerama BBQ. Burger and a pop for \$3.50. Campus Square, 11:30am to 2:30pm.

SOAR Day. Events in the Campus Square.

Student Services Day. Come and find out about the services available on campus. Great Hall, SA Campus Centre (SE2),

11:30am to 2:30pm.

Shinerama Silent Auction. A chance to bid on some goodies for a good cause. Great Hall, SA Campus Centre (SE2), 11:30am to 2:30pm.

BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Outdoor Club first meeting. 5:30pm. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Learn to Row. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Thursday, September 13

Fit Pit Walk Through. SE16, 5:30pm. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Friday, September 14

A Night To shine. Shinerama fundraiser party at Mavericks. Contact Alfredo Rolando at 604-432-8491 for more information.

Electronic Engineering Technology: Last day to change sections for students on modified programs.

Fit Pit Walk Through. SE16, 12:30pm. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

September 15-16

Shinerama Motorcycle ride to Osoyoos. Contact Alfredo Rolando at 604-432-8491 for more information.

Monday, September 17

Recreation Services Group Fitness begins. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Kirpalu yoga begins. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

September 18-21

Intramurals Registration Week. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Tuesday, September 18

Toastmasters Int'l. SA council Chambers, SA Campus Centre (SE2), 7:00am.

Recreation Council Meeting. 5:30pm.

Fit Pit Walk Through. SE16, 5:30pm. Contact Rec

Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Wednesday, September 19

Shinerama Day. Time to get out and shine those shoes to raise funds to fight Cystic Fibrosis. Contact Alfredo Rolando at 604-432-8491 for more information.

Last day to withdraw and receive a full refund (less \$200 commitment fee).

Last day to apply for course credit (exemption) or change of status to "audit".

Technology Entry: Last day to withdraw and receive a full refund (less \$200 commitment fee).

Technology Entry: Last day to apply for course credit (exemption) or change of status to "audit".

BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Thursday, September 20

Fit Pit Walk Through. SE16, 5:30pm. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Monday, September 24

SA Council Meeting. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre (SE2). 5:30pm.

Intramurals begins. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Ballroom Dancing Level 1 begins. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Tuesday, September 25

Toastmasters Int'l. SA council Chambers, SA Campus Centre (SE2), 7:00am.

Iyengar Yoga begins. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

Wednesday, September 26

Loonie Toons (\$1 feature film). Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION LAURIE JACK AWARDS

Laurie Jack was President of the BCIT Student Association 1971-72. He was killed in an airplane crash in 1975. Together with his parents, the Student Association jointly sponsor two awards of \$400 each. This year the award money totals **\$800** and will be awarded to students entering 2nd year.

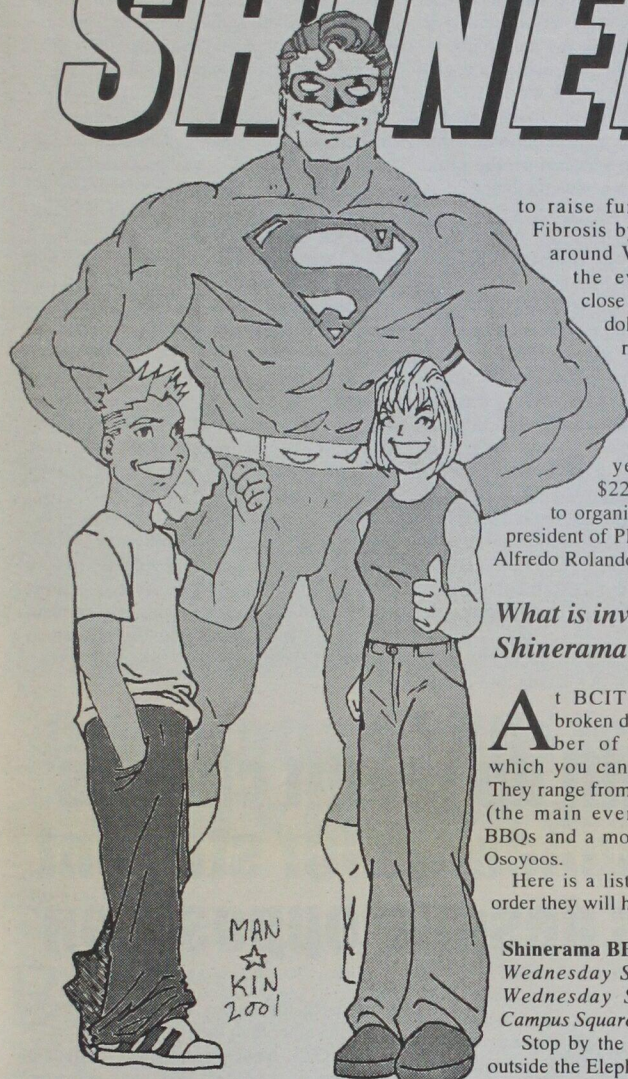
Criteria: nominated students must have given time and service to the cause of student life at BCIT, such as involvement in student government, sports, or general involvement in student affairs. Nominations should include a brief background and services rendered to BCIT.

Please forward nominations to:
The Student Association General Office
in the S.A. Campus Centre
Closing date: Sept. 28, 2001 - 3:30p.m.



Do your part in the fight against Cystic Fibrosis, get involved with

SHINERAMA



to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis by shining shoes around Waterloo. Now the event brings in close to half a million dollars in donations raised by students across Canada.

BCIT's campaign last year raised \$22,000, according to organizer and SA vice president of PR and Marketing Alfredo Rolando

What is involved in Shinerama at BCIT?

At BCIT Shinerama is broken down into a number of events all of which you can participate in. They range from Shinerama Day (the main event) to a party, BBQs and a motorcycle ride to Osoyoos.

Here is a list of them in the order they will happen:

Shinerama BBQs:

Wednesday September 5 & Wednesday September 12, Campus Square

Stop by the Campus Square outside the Elephant on Campus Pub and enjoy a burger and a pop for just \$3.50, while listening to the tunes provided by local radio stations. It's not just a cheap lunch but a way to help out a great cause.

Shinerama Silent Auction:

Wednesday September 12, Great Hall, SA Campus Centre

A chance to bid on some great items such as BCIT Parking Passes, numerous gift certificates, a Mount Seymour Ski Pass, clothing items, computer games, CDs and much more...

A Night To Shine:

Friday, September 14 Mavericks

A party organized by the American Marketing Association's BCIT chapter to celebrate Shinerama and raise funds for CF. It just goes to show that you can have your beer and drink it too. Just get your tickets early because they go fast.

Motorcycle Ride to Osoyoos:

Saturday and Sunday, September 15-16 Starts at BCIT

A scenic Saturday ride up into the interior to spend the night in Osoyoos and back to BCIT on Sunday.

Riders must raise pledges for BCIT's Shinerama 2001 campaign (minimum

\$25) in order to participate.

Special Shinerama rates are laid on by the Best Western in Osoyoos for those participating.

Shinerama Day

Wednesday, September 19

Meet at SA Campus Centre then all over the Lower Mainland

This is the main event when BCIT students can get out and show what they are made of. Most students have the day off so they can participate.

Students from BCIT get out and shine shoes, wash cars or do anything else they can think of to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis.

Starts with a breakfast at the Elephant on Campus at 7am. Buses leave at 9am for points across the Lower Mainland.

Prizes are given out to shiners including a free term's tuition for the top shiner.

Shinerama Golf Tournament

Wednesday, September 19

Mylora Golf Course, Richmond

A chance to play golf, win some prizes and fight CF. It costs \$45 and all profits go to Shinerama.

At press time there were only 35 spots still open for golfers, so hurry.

Shinerama T-shirts

On sale at all events, at Shinerama tables and at the SA Office while supplies last

Show what you're made of with a Shinerama t-shirt. They're only \$10.

Why Get Involved in Shinerama?

Shinerama is a great way to meet other people at BCIT, relax, have some fun and help out a good cause.

"It's a day that students can get together and have the opportunity to be creative and innovative," said Rolando.

"It's a great way to make friends and a good cause," says David Xuan, a second year Financial Marketing student already working on Shinerama.

How Can I Get Involved in Shinerama Day?

All across campus, the Shinerama campaign will be setting up tables with sign up sheets and drop boxes they can be left in after they have been filled out. This is the easiest way to sign up for Shinerama Day. Just look for the balloons and have some Jelly Bellies from the table while you're there.

For more information on any of these events or to get involved call Alfredo Rolando at 604-432-8491 or email him at alfredo_rolando@hotmail.com

So what is Cystic Fibrosis?

LINK STAFF

Shinerama is celebrating its 37th year of fundraising for CF research, providing the cash that's needed to look for a cure. Cystic Fibrosis (CF) has been with us for much longer.

Cystic Fibrosis was first described as a disease in the late 1930's. At the time, it was usually recognized only after a child had died, often as a result of malnutrition or pneumonia.

It is estimated that one in every 2,500 children born in Canada has CF. At the present approximately 3,000 children, adolescents and adults with CF attend specialized CF clinics.

CF is an incurable inherited disorder, affecting mainly the lungs and digestive system. In the lungs, where the effects of the disease are most devastating, CF causes increasingly severe respiratory problems. In the digestive tract, CF often results in extreme difficulty in digesting adequate nutrients from food. Most persons with CF eventually die of lung disease.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease. It occurs when a child inherits two copies of the defective CF gene, one from each parent. Approximately one in every 25 Canadians is a carrier of the gene which causes CF. As they only have one copy of the gene, these individuals do not have CF themselves, and can never get the disease. However, if two persons who carry the gene have a child, each pregnancy involves:

- a 25 percent chance that the child will be born with CF,
- a 50 percent chance that the child will not have CF, but will be a carrier.
- a 25 percent chance that the child will not have CF, and will not be a carrier.

Cystic Fibrosis is associated with a number of symptoms, which can include:

- constant cough which expels thick mucus,
- excessive appetite, combined with weight loss,
- bowel disturbances,
- skin which tastes unusually salty,
- repeated or prolonged bouts of pneumonia.

Thanks to advances made in CF research, people living with the disease can lead relatively normal lives. The daily routine for Canadians with CF includes daily therapy and periodic visits to a clinic. In the 1960's a child born with CF had a 50 percent chance of living long enough to enter school. Today, in Canada, the median age of survival is over 30 years.

However, the fight is not over. Living with the knowledge that at 30 years old you're in the twilight of your life is painful for everybody whose life is touched by CF.

PAUL DAYSON
Link Managing Editor

"It's time to get involved in Shinerama 2001." You've probably heard that around campus by now. And maybe you've been asking yourself some questions.

What is it?

What will I be doing if I get involved?

What do I have to do to get involved?

And why should I get involved?

Never fear, the answers are all here.

What is Shinerama?

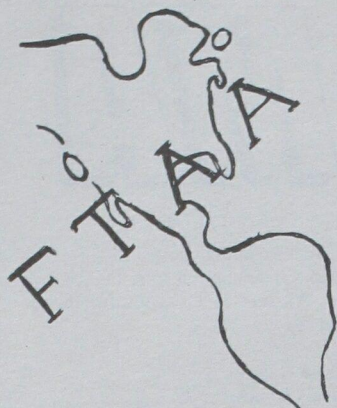
Shinerama is the largest post-secondary student fund-raising event in Canada. Over 60 colleges and universities participate in the event — that's over 20,000 students in 45 communities across Canada.

In a nut shell, Shinerama is an event to raise money to help fund research into combating Cystic Fibrosis. (For more information on Cystic Fibrosis see "What is Cystic Fibrosis?" on this page).

It's also a Canadian tradition going back to 1961 when the Waterloo Lutheran University (now Wilfrid Laurier University) as part of their orientation went out

Free Trade Agreement of the Americas draft text released amid criticism

KELLY HOLLOWAY
The Varsity
Canadian University Press



TORONTO
Following relentless pressure from anti-globalization activists, the 34 nations taking part in Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations have released the draft text of the proposed treaty to the public.

Released in early July, the daunting 400-page text is a working document of the agreement that would create the largest free trade zone in the world. Slated to be implemented by December 2005, the FTAA would include every American nation except Cuba and have a combined gross domestic product of nearly \$17 trillion.

Proponents say the FTAA will elevate the standard of living in poorer countries by boosting trade and investment. Opponents say it will drive well-paid jobs from the North while increasing sweatshop labor in the South, and could further open the door to private investors in sectors like health and education.

Education groups like the Canadian Association of University Teachers and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

worry that because a clause in the agreement dictates governments must treat all corporations equally, private businesses could argue that public education and healthcare receive unfair subsidies and demand equal government funding.

"All of our worst fears are in [the draft text]. There is absolutely no indication that education would be excluded from this agreement in any way," said CFS deputy chair Jen Anthony.

Andre Lemay, a spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, says Canada will not

allow the FTAA to interfere with domestic policy regulation, including education. He says other countries were anxious to have Canada put education in the agreement so they could "access the information coming out of Canada."

"But in this case, we've looked at this thing and said there is no requirement for us to put education services on the table and for that reason we have no intention of doing it," Lemay said.

Maude Barlow, the chairperson of national watchdog the Council of Canadians, isn't convinced.

Barlow says the only services that can be excluded under the FTAA are those that are entirely publicly administered. Because private interests play a role in Canada's health and education sectors, Barlow argues those services wouldn't be eligible for exclusion.

"There is nothing in any of the countries now, there is no sector that doesn't have any private involvement," she said. "Those sectors include water, education and health care."

Lemay insists the agreement will be good for Canada because it will open new markets.

"What you're going to do is not only keep your engineers in Canada and create

new jobs, and again, we're not talking about low-knowledge jobs, we're talking about high-level knowledge jobs: lawyers, architects, veterinarians, engineers, linguists, professors, what have you," said Lemay.

"When they go back in their countries, they are the educated people who eventually, when they have to buy products, they'll say, 'Well listen, this product is offered by the U.S., Canada, Switzerland, France. Well I went to school in Canada and I liked their products.' These people [will be] in procurement for their own countries so when they look at all of these various countries they'll say, well Canada has the competitive edge. They will buy our products."

Barlow finds the logic confusing. In the case of a foreign student, she says, "if they like what they learned here and they take those ideas home, that's wonderful. If they stay, that's wonderful."

"But the notion that it's only about buying what they learned to enjoy here — that everything that can't be sold or have a price put on it has no relevance — this is exactly what's wrong with their mindset and why I don't trust them further than I can throw them."

Changes to the SA Constitution Proposed May 2001

6.1.1 & 4.1.8 should read as follows:

Councillors must submit a reasonable request to their chairperson prior to a meeting stating a valid reason for his/her absence from that meeting or early departure from the regular meeting. At the discretion of the Chair the request may be brought to Council. If the question is defeated by a majority of the voting members, the Controller shall be authorized by the chair to deduct 50% of the delinquent Council Members honourarium for the next month. The deduction shall be recorded in the minutes.

4.2.4 & 6.1.3 should read as follows:

Executive Members must submit a reasonable request to their chairperson prior to a meeting stating a valid reason for his/her absence from that meeting or early departure from the regular meeting. At the discretion of the Chair the request may be brought to Council. If the question is defeated by a majority of the voting members, the Controller shall be authorized by the chair to deduct 50% of the delinquent Executive Member's honourarium for the next month. The deduction shall be recorded in the minutes.

4.3.4.iii has been moved to 3.3 under 3.3.8 and reads as follows:

Be appointed as a member of the Institute Educational Council, attend their meetings and report back to the Student Executive and/or Council.

8.1.7 has the following added:

The Marketing Committee reports directly to the Business Committee. The Business Committee

take all proposals to Council. The Business Committee has the authority to accept business proposals brought forward by the Marketing Committee.

9.2.1 is changed to read:

All nominees must be members in good standing of the Association with a minimum of sixty-five percent previous term standing, and your nomination form approved by your Department Head.

9.5.1 the last sentence has been changed to read as follows:

No manner of campaigning shall continue after 5:30pm on the day prior to the first day of balloting.

9.7 has been renumbered to 9.6

9.6.9 the following has been added:

If the Chief Returning Officer is returning to school the following year and wishes to run again in the election, they would have to step down as Chief Returning Officer.

9.10.1 the following has been added at the end of the last sentence:

Council ratio is one Councilor per every 300 students.

10.1.2 has been changed to read:

If the officer fails (to meet 6.1.1) to be in full attendance at any two regularly scheduled meetings (per school term) of the executive and council without the approval of the members.

BC will do credit checks on applicants for student loans despite opposition

ZAHRA JAMAL
The SFU Peak
Canadian University Press

BURNABY, B.C.

Students in British Columbia will now face credit checks before their requests for loans or grants are approved.

Until now, B.C. has been the only province in Canada to resist federal regulations that require student loan applicants to submit to credit checks. An amendment to federal legislation will now make it mandatory for the province to do the checks.

Student leaders are calling on the provincial government to defy the policy.

"It's the job of the B.C. government to stick up for British Columbians, and they should have the guts to reject this federal policy and continue to provide loans to everybody," said Summer McFadyen, the B.C. chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

McFadyen claims the credit checks contradict the reason student loans are granted in the first place — to increase access to education for those who cannot afford it.

Catalin Deczky, director of policy and program development at the Canada Student Loans Program, says the credit screening is intended to protect the "integrity of the program" by limiting assistance to students who have a "prudent management of their affairs."

Deczky also argues the regulation is intended to prevent students with loans

from using the money to pay off debts for purposes other than their education.

The CFS, however, believes the federal government shouldn't take such measures to ensure loan repayment.

"Over 90 per cent of students end up repaying their student loans," said McFadyen. "There isn't evidence to prove that the students who do not pay back their loans have a bad credit history."

The federal regulation, first introduced in August of 1999, states that first-time applicants will not be granted student loans or grants if they have defaulted three times on debts or loans worth over \$1,000 for more than 90 days. The regulation will be applicable to both B.C. and Canada student loans, but will only affect those who are over 22 years of age.

Nikki McCallum, a spokesperson for B.C.'s Ministry of Advanced Education says the province will abide by the federal regulations. The province is simply "aligning itself with the rest of the provinces," she said.

Although there will be an appeal process for applicants with extenuating circumstances, the credit check policy isn't winning any points with the CFS.

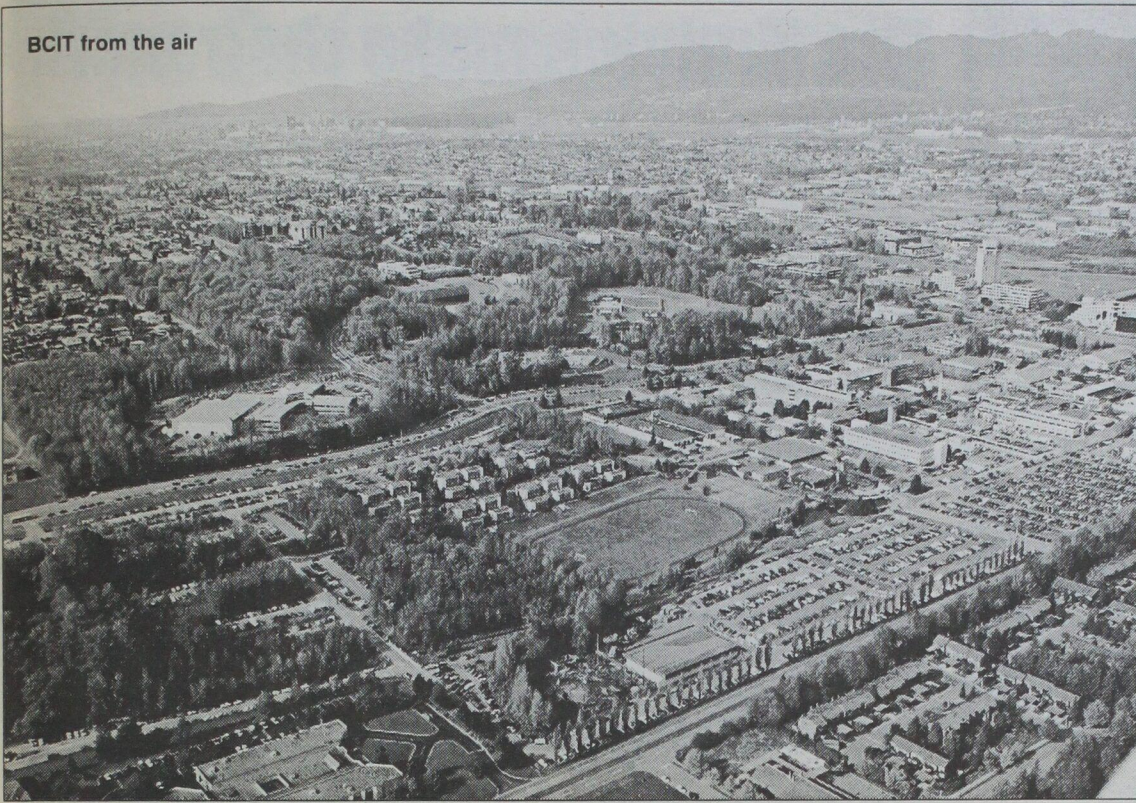
"If everybody, regardless of how much they earn, can have access to good health care, then everyone, regardless of how much money they have in the bank, should have access to post-secondary education," said McFadyen. "This policy dramatically changes that."

Copies of the constitution are available on request from the SA Office in the SA Campus Centre (SE2)



BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION

BCIT from the air



Orientation 2001 is expected to be BCIT's largest enrollment ever

PAUL DAYSON
Link Managing Editor

BCIT's growing popularity as a school of choice is evident in the numbers of students enrolling this September. Over 2,800 technology students and 400 trades students begin their studies here at BCIT on Registration and Orientation Day — September 4.

One hundred and twenty student volunteers and countless BCIT staff members will be active to ensure this is a smooth process.

The first students began registration at 7:30am and students will continue arriving until 2:30pm.

Students first move through the registration process in the BCIT Gym. This is a one hour process in which they will receive their timetables and have their OneCard student ID issued to them.

After registration students move to the SW5 lecture theatre for a general BCIT orientation.

Here they will hear from the BCIT and Student Association presidents Dr. Tony Knowles and Brent Morris, speakers on Shinerama and campus services. A 15-minute set by comedian Roman Danylo rounds out the experience to lighten the atmosphere.

The survivor game theme will be evident by this time. Adorning the room will be a kayak and other west coast sur-

vival items. Students will also meet "Scooter" a stuffed bear from Fish and Wildlife.

After the general orientation students progress to the program orientation where they will learn more about the program in which they are enrolled. Then they are off to take part in the "Survivor Game."

The Survivor Game: getting to know the campus

Last year BCIT introduced the "Survivor Game" as a part of its Orientation to campus. Students, while they can't win a million dollars, can get to know more about the services they'll use on the campus and win some great prizes.

Armed with a list of destinations around campus, a map and a list of questions they need to answer the students must make their way around campus in search of the answers.

Some of the questions include:

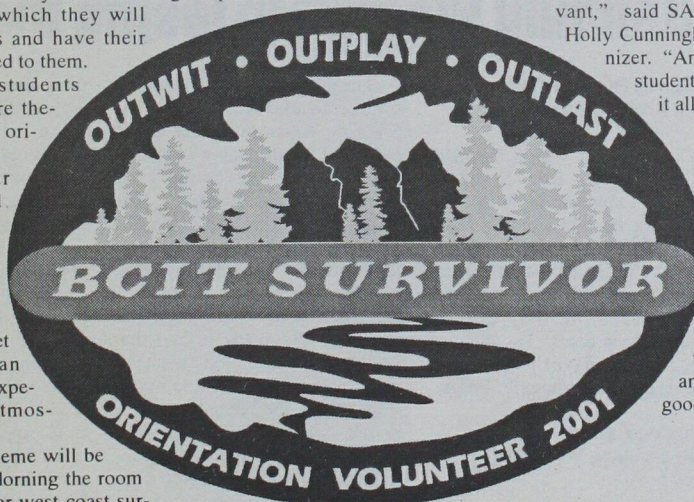
- "Where can you buy a monthly parking pass and how much does it cost?"
- "What is the url for the Financial Aid web site?" and
- "If you have a student loan, what type of job are you eligible for?"

The answers to these questions and the others included are a useful tool for any BCIT student in during their time at BCIT.

"We've made the questions more relevant," said SA campus life coordinator Holly Cunningham, the orientation organizer. "And we've included it in the student handbook so they'll have it all year."

Prizes for the Survivor Game include gift certificates, t-shirts, CDs, a gift pack of VHS tape, CD-R and disk from MediaWorks, mugs and more.

Cunningham hopes that the game will help new students "find their way around the school and have a good time — a good first day at BCIT."



Summer has been a busy time for the Student Association

SA Council Notes

Paul Dayson

The Student Association has been busy over the summer months. The most noticeable of the changes is the expansion of the TNT Convenience Store in the SA Campus Centre.

The Convenience Store closed for most of the summer to allow for renovations and the resulting new store is about twice the size of the old store.

The new expanded store still carries the favourite items second year students will remember from last year and a whole host of new goodies. Also included in the store are the video rental service formerly run by the SA's Video Store.

- The SA has been busy negotiating a medical coverage plan for BCIT students. Details should be forth coming in the next month and will be printed in The Link. A referendum is planned this fall for its approval.

- The SA's constitution is still up for review. Changes proposed to council last spring could not be passed because of a lack of quorum at the SA's last council meeting.

Councilors at the meeting discussed the proposed constitution and suggested changes which are published in this issue of The Link. (see ad on page 4) The proposed constitution and the suggested changes will be brought back to council this September.

Copies of the current constitution and the proposed changes are available through the SA Office.

- The SA's administration has brought in a new accounting package and point-of-sale system for the TNT Stores. This has caused some teething problems which lead to the stores being closed for a short while during August. The campus communities patience while this work has gone on has been appreciated.

The first SA council meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 10 at 5:30pm in the SA Council Chambers off the Great Hall in the SA Campus Centre (SE2). All students are welcome to attend.

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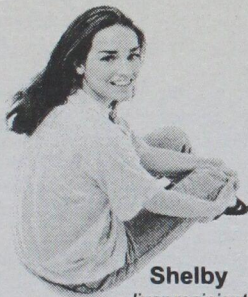
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and register to be
an organ donor



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Transplant Society



request line
432-8511

The Mudmen make their mark

MELINA ROUSSELLE
Link Arts & Culture Editor

In late July-early August the Mudmen made their debut appearance in Western Canada with a mini tour.

**Concert Review
Mudmen**

It's an interesting twist when any band introduces their audience to something not of the

norm. And that is exactly what they did with their punk playing bag pipers! It added so much to the show, and a lot of diversity to the band, and was one of the highlights of the night. But don't get me wrong, the band themselves weren't that bad. They kept the energy up through the whole show and kept the crowd pumped. It's not often you see a crowd dancing to a band they haven't heard. There was even a mini mosh-pit by the end of it.

Amongst the original songs and first release 5 o'clock, they threw in their own version of Spirit of the West's Home for a Rest.

I can see this band having a cult following that grows slowly. They're one of the better Canadian punk bands I've seen - hardcore, serious about their music, but enjoying it all at the same time.

They'll be back in late September-early October so watch for them.

Summer '01 in Review

Harper connects with fans

MELINA ROUSSELLE
Link Arts & Culture Editor

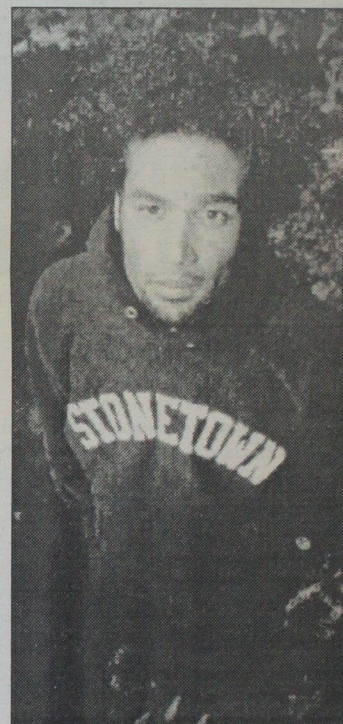
Ben Harper filled the air with his sweet sounds early this summer. It was a privilege to see such a sincere performer. Sincere in his music, and his appreciation of his fans. Every "Thank You" seemed so heartfelt, and was received as such. There is a special connection between Ben Harper and his fans, and it shows.

**Concert Review
Ben Harper**

Right from the first song Ben's talent was more than apparent. I wondered to myself several times why I had never seen him live before. It wasn't that I didn't want to, but I just never had. After this night, I would never want to miss him again. He even played one of my very favorite song's "Excuse Me Mr." and it was every bit as amazing live...perhaps better.

The setting was just right with the stage as the centerpiece among a ring of trees delicately lit by small white lights. People danced freely and some were even moved to tears. It was breathtaking, and I may even go as far to say I haven't seen anyone quite like him.

You know those performers that seem perfect? Great albums, unbelievable live shows and a too-good-to-be-true personality? Ben Harper is among them.



Stabbing Westward losing their touch

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Local act Sun Like Star opened for Stabbing Westward on May 5th. They are the same repeat light-alternative band that is trying to make a mark for themselves. They have nothing that stands out, everything they did has already been done. The music is not its own flavor and there is nothing original about the lyrics.

**Concert Review
Sun Stabbing Westward
May 5**

They were an interesting choice to choose to open for Stabbing Westward, which are an industrial band. Being industrial sounding is not necessarily a bad thing but it looked like Vancouver has moved on to different music. It was definitely a poor turnout. They had less than half the crowd then when they were here a few years ago with Placebo. Even the crowd that was there didn't look like they were diggin' the music too much. Except for the little crowd of people right in front of the stage that the singer seemed to remember from previous shows from their tour. He mentioned some-

thing about a cult following.

It didn't help that they had technical problems throughout the whole show, which consisted of almost a 20min. brake, 4 broken guitar strings and a blown amp. Front man Christopher Hall was extremely apologetic and kept the audience somewhat sustained by telling them stories from the road.

With all that being said and problems aside they are a great band and have an interesting sound. Their new album lives up to the standards of their previous one. They played all the songs everyone came to hear and had a fun time doing it.

The Deftones learn to relax with age



Frontman Chino of the Deftones.

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Whether it's because Chino is getting more comfortable with his status in the music industry or whether he becoming more comfortable on stage with each show and especially in the last year him and he seems to have more fun on stage. Not only his but the also the band's bantering with the audience even included bringing a kid on stage for putting on a sweaty wife beater. It made the July 13th show at Seattle's Gorge Theater a bit more interactive then what we're used to seeing with the Deftones.

Concert Review
Deftones
Gorge Theatre, Seattle
July 13

It was somewhat of a surprise that there wasn't a better turnout then there was. Nearly half the floor was full before and

throughout the 'tones set and then filled up a bit more before the Godsmack set. It could have had something to do with the fact that both bands have toured heavily throughout North America and Europe in the last year or so to support the respective latest albums.

None-the-less the Deftones put on an amazing show and kept the crowd asking for more. The energy was tossed equally between the stage and the audience. They covered all the hits and each song was played enthusiastically. They put out the vibe that they much more prefer to play for a live audience then record in the studio. Hopefully we'll get to see Chino soon if he decides to tour his new project Team Sleep.

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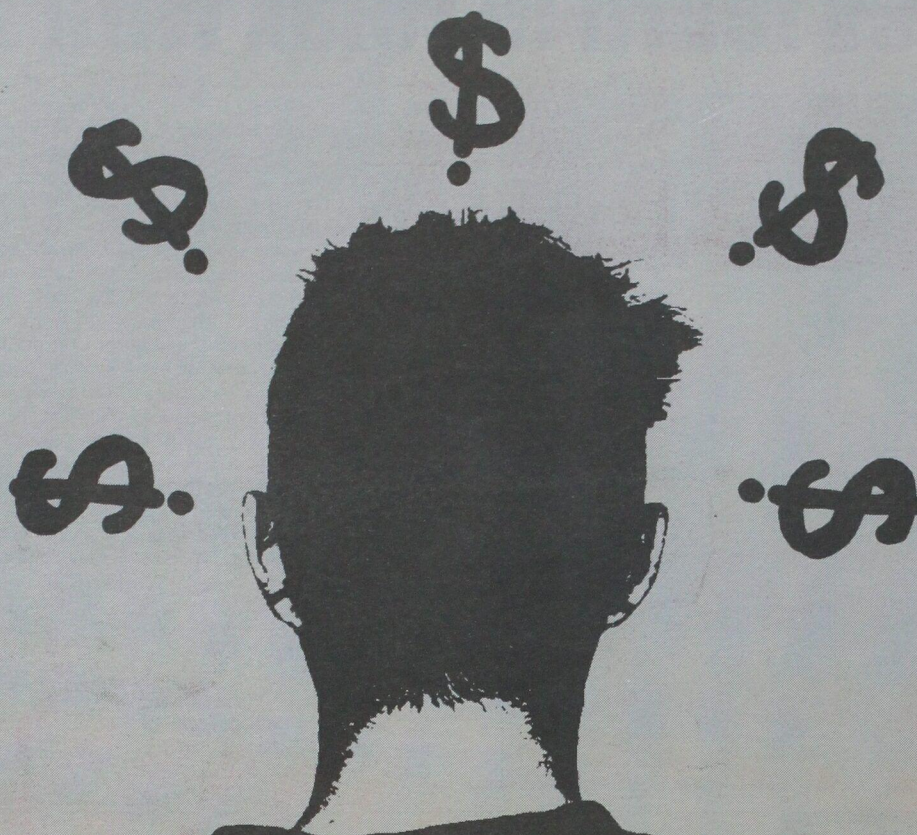
Residents ask BCIT's students to slow down

As the start of the BCIT school year approaches I write this open letter to the BCIT students who drive to and from campus. With the increase of vehicles arriving at the school each year and parking being expensive and becoming harder to find, more and more students are looking off campus for parking. I am a 10 year resident of Garden Grove Drive and have watched the growth of vehicles parking on the street over the past years. We as residents don't have a problem with the increase in vehicles parking in our neighbourhood. What we do have a problem with is the speed in which the vehicles travel coming through our streets.

With the increase in west-bound traffic on Deer Lake Parkway and the traffic light at Deer Lake Parkway and Wayburne creating back-ups for those going to campus, the quick solution is to turn right on Garden Grove Drive and bypass the light. The vehicles travel at quite a quick rate of speed north on Garden Grove and approach a 30km park area. This is where the problem lies; we as residents have tried handing out pamphlets stating our concerns to inform the students who drive through the park to slow down. Some have listened and we see this in their driving, but some still come through at a high rate of speed and each school year we are out on the street informing students of the 30km zone. This park is where residents walk their dogs, where children cross the road to go to school, where residents enter the street from driveways.

We are asking the students to respect our neighbourhood by obeying the speed zones. It's a simple request, adding 5 to 10 seconds to their travel time won't disrupt the day, but causing an incident could disrupt the driver's life and many others.

Sincerely,
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