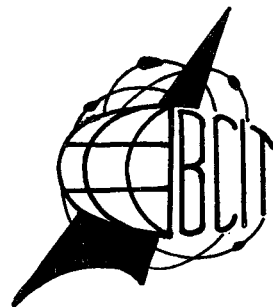


THE LINK



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GRAVEYARD STOMPED



Photo by Tang

October 30 was the day Halloween was and shouldn't have been. It also marked the first and last dance B.C.I.T. will hold across from a certain cemetery.

The dance was great, the company pleasant, and the wine delicious. The band, composed of our very own students, did an admirable job under less than perfect conditions. Their music was very enjoyable when it could be heard over the screaming of some of the younger girls.

An interesting sidelight was a visit to our party by a vagrant off the street. When we invited him back onto the street he countered with a threat to bring back

twenty of his friends. Mike O'Niell said, "Sure, buddy, but we've got four hundred here." Nothing more was seen of our unexpected visitor, or of his twenty friends.

The social committee had a minor dispute with the management over how many students were in attendance, as this was the basis for the contract, but as of publication time, an agreement appeared to be close at hand.

The next dance will be held at the Flame on New Year's Eve and tickets are now available from your technology representative.

EDITORIAL

The comments by one of our columnist on student government in last week's issue of this paper raised quite a storm of controversy over the effectiveness of our present format of government.

A good result of the column was that many members of this government took a close look at the way they are handling their tasks, and the effect will most probably be more work accomplished by our council.

The columnist's approach, however, was to suggest that the entire framework of our student government is far from adequate, and he suggested a new format which he felt would better serve the students.

In deference to our columnist, we would like to point out the views of The Link on student government.

At present there are thirty-two student representatives on council, one from each year of each technology, and a non-voting executive of seven members.

This is admittedly bulky, but is a very democratic system, as each member is elected by his own group, people who are best able to judge his abilities to represent them. He is best able, because of this system, to go to his constituents, rather than having to wait for them to approach him.

Matters regarding budgeting of student funds are put to the council, and disposition of budgeted funds is handled by the executive.

We currently have a conditional government, charged with the task of drawing up a constitution. They must design a constitution which will allow effective and constructive government.

We feel that the present arrangement is conducive to effective and constructive government. If there is any weakness in our present government, it lies in the personnel, not the format.

E-E DOMINATES CUP

E & E retains the challenge cup. After overwhelming X-ray girls (and boy) in a tug-o-war, victorious E & E was challenged to a 'rooster fight' by Mechanical.

Only six Mechanicals met twenty E & E on the same muddy field and after three 'piggy back' sets fought it out the contest turned into a free-for-all. Contestants soon looked like stars of the late-late show production 'Monster from the Slimy Bog' and a large crowd watched the grubby mob dunking in the outdoor pool.

A problem arose when students tracked a great deal of mud into the washroom when they cleaned up. These students, of necessity became scullery maids and left the washroom as they found it.

Challengers: Be warned that you will be held responsible for any mud tracked in if you lose the contest.

Letters to the Editor must be placed in room 324 by no later than 4:30 PM. on the day following the previous publication. Letters are welcome on any topic and must be signed by the writer. Names will not be published if so requested.

The last issue of The Link for the fall term will be published on December 9/65 and will be a special Christmas edition. Contributions will be welcomed, particularly seasonal material and humor. Submissions should be in room 324 on or before Friday, Dec. 3.

MARTIN

Well, we did it again. For the second time in two months we found ourselves in the position of having two weeks to find a new home.

Feeling thoroughly trodden upon, we investigated and found that almost seven percent of B.C.I.T. students will face this problem sometime during the year. This means that about seventy-five students will have to move during the term, an unsettling experience at the best of times, and disastrous if the move occurs during examinations. However, the salt is really rubbed in when one considers that, like the rest of us these students are paying up to one hundred dollars a month for board and lodgings.

Our provincial government, the same one that runs B.C.I.T., provides low cost housing for the sick, the aged, and that nebulous group of people who are "on welfare". It seems most unfair that those of us who want to become better citizens by continuing our education should not only have to pay through the nose for food and shelter, but also have to worry about the possibility of not finding homes at all.

An institution at the university level, which B.C.I.T. is, should do more in the field of student housing than just provide a list of boarding houses. We feel that if the administration were to open a men's residence along the lines of Fort Camp at U.B.C. they would be swamped with applications. When student housing is developed on this mass basis the cost of providing services falls to a level where the units are self supporting on a low rent basis. This is, however, and must remain a beautiful dream until the student body as a whole demands action!

ORDER NOW OR LATER

The Students' Council has been trying to develop a good selection of apparel for school identification. Presently, school pins, blazer crests and class jackets are available. Some of the class jackets have been altered from the standard school jacket, this is being handled through the respective technologies. A high standard of jacket appearance is desired as it reflects on the entire school body. Order forms for the school jacket will be available soon from your class reps. The jackets will cost approximately \$15.00.

There is a delay in the availability of the blazer crests as they are made in Pakistan - and there was a political/military delay.

The school pins are available from your class rep at a cost of \$1.00.

Two styles of B.C.I.T. sweat shirts have been ordered and will be available soon.

There are other ideas developing and we will inform you of them through "The Link".

A long time ago, there lived in the jungles of darkest Africa, a marvelous chieftain of a little known tribe of natives. The tribesman dearly loved their chieftan, and one day, as a token of their esteem, they presented him with a beautiful golden throne. Well, needless to say, he was thrilled beyond words, but because he was a very wise man, he asked his people not to mention the presence of the throne in the village.

However, as things happen, word eventually leaked out, and one day the chief heard over the jungle telegraph, that a mighty white hunter was heading toward his village. Knowing full well that this hunter was seeking the golden throne, he stored this throne, which was quite heavy, in the attic of his grass hut.

When the hunter and his party neared the village, the chief retired to his hut and sat in a humble grass chair. The hunter asked the villagers to "Take me to your leader", and was led to the chief's hut. When asked about the golden throne by the white man, the chief protested innocence, but just at this moment, the weak grass floor of the attic gave way under the weight of the throne which came through, hitting the chief on the head, and killing him

Moral:

People in grass houses shouldn't stow thrones.

Boys! Want to impress your girl? Let her see you talking to an E - E.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

The Editor
The Link.

What do you know about the Student's Council? What are they doing for you? What are they doing for the school? If you're anything like me, you would answer either "Nothing!" or "I don't know." And probably if you asked your tech. rep., he wouldn't know either.

It seems to me that a Student's Council is supposed to be the voice of the students, and in our case, that of a new institution, to lay down some sort of foundation for the for the years following. A constitution is a good place to begin. About all the information I can gather on this matter is that "We're working on it". Well, that's real nice. But how do they expect to get much done, if, out of 17 separate technologies, each supposedly with 2 "voices" on the council, only 22 (and it's getting less every week) out of 34 representatives put in an appearance at Monday's meeting? That's less than 65% representation. If the constitution is to be for the benefit of all students, at least 85 - 90% of the total reps. should turn out. If the task of representing a technology is too time-consuming, they shouldn't have taken the responsibility in the first place.

As to other matters of the council, it seems to me that this "council" is one glorious social committee. Sure, I like bashes as much as the next guy, but this facet of student life shouldn't take up the majority of time spent at a council meeting.

A certain amount of student participation is, of course, necessary also. The clubs that are trying to establish themselves in this school are a case in point. Each club was required to set up a separate constitution, to be presented to Students' Council. One club, more ambitious (but not much) than others, managed to get something down on paper. Another one heard about this and pleaded "Can we see yours, we don't know how to do it" (Sound familiar, students?) Well, this started the stone rolling (a rolling stone gathers momentum), and soon everyone had a constitution, but they were all the same! This kind of apathy is not needed.

Therefore, only by active participation and co-operation on the part of everyone involved, council members and students both, is needed to establish a firm basis for the existence of student activities in this institution.

Anon

THE RIJEN REGION

The Rijen region promotes sin!! (blackmail, that is). Do you have a weak, feeble personality? You try to blackmail your friends but they won't pay because they know you won't tell. Show them still water runs deep, and run deep into our office in Room 324. Write down what goes on anywhere from your Physics lab to your carpool, and write The Rijen Region at the top. Turn it in on Monday. One trip to Room 324 can turn your weak feeble personality into real character-- come in babbling, and you'll go out roaring.

What does it matter that we're prejudiced? We like boys. We like suits and sports jackets. Therefore, the law of logic says we like boys in suits and sports jackets. So what's all the fuss about, fellas? We think you look great, handsome even.

Rumours have been heard lately that some of the technologies are out for blood! Perhaps E&E had best run for help for they are most assuredly going to be challenged, when the blood donor clinic arrives. As blood is thicker than water, there will be no way for them to cheat. E&E, you'd best find some blood, and quick-like.

The message has reached our office that Neal Voss is entering the International Photography competition with pictures of his Physics notes. Good luck, Neal!

We think the rules for the beer-drinking contest are biased and unfair. There should be no reason why anyone under 21 cannot enter, and we feel that this rule is quite a slap in the face for those beer-drinkers under 21. Don't take this rule lying down, beer-drinkers. Get up from under that table and demand your rights!

We were very relieved to hear that results from midterm exams were not nearly as low as expected. Approximately only 75.9% of students received marks below 50%.

P.S. Give a cheer for the Broadcasting Snow Queen, Grant Willis!

A recent general knowledge test given one of our second year sets showed that on the average these students are more aware of the world around them than most U.S. college graduates. This little gem doesn't speak very well for U.S. college graduates.

PFEIFER

If I come out with many more columns on subjects like this one, I am liable to get a reputation for being a one - man grievance committee. That is something I really don't want, since I have found that rebellion against authority is always futile, and as often as not, painful. Certain topics, however, cry out for opinions. Last week's article in this space was one of those, and this week's also falls into that august category.

A student in one of the technologies recently went to the office of the National Employment Service in the Institute, and inquired about part-time work. He was informed that the Administration was not in favour of students having part-time jobs while they were in attendance at the Institute. Since this disapproval was in effect, the Service in the Institute could not seek part-time employment for a student. Anyone wishing to supplement his income would have to inquire at one of the other offices of the N.E.S. The other offices, of course, would send him back to the Institute office, but that is beside the point. Later, the Administration's stand was qualified somewhat when it was stated that if a student maintained an average of 70%, he could be allowed to hold part-time employment. All very laudable on the surface, perhaps -- the Administration striving to keep our marks up and all. Unfortunately, this is the sort of decision that a person must make for himself. He must assess his capabilities, and decide for himself whether he can take on an extra load. The Administration is well within their rights to advise, but the final decision must rest with the individual.

If you do not happen to be independently wealthy, the only alternatives to part-time employment while you are at school are student loans, and parental assistance. Some people are not in a position to receive the latter, and others simply have no desire to go into debt. Circumstances notwithstanding, however, it is a personal decision which no one has the right to make for you.

Incidentally, if you as students have grievances you wish to air, try to tear your class representative away from his dance organizing and get him to do something about it, if nothing else, simply to clarify the situation. You did, after all, elect him.

What does SFU have that BCIT doesn't? Too many GIRLS. Figures released by acting registrar D.L.N. Wilson confirmed that the girl-boy ratio is 2:1. At BCIT the situation is reversed, with a girl-boy ratio of 1:5.

N.A.I.T STUDENTS OVERWORKED

The following is a condensation of an article on the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, taken from the Edmonton Journal. It illustrates the similarity between that school and our own.

To insure employers are satisfied with graduates of NAIT, its students are closely regulated. Rigid attendance rules are enforced. Dress regulations are on the way.

Accumulating the facts of a particular technology or vocation in two years requires six hours of classes each day and two hours of homework. There is little time for wide reading or leisurely thinking.

In some ways the administration's close control over students frustrates their striving for academic respectability in the world of post-high school education.

University students decide for themselves whether or not they will attend classes. They have only to pass exams.

But at NAIT compulsory attendance is an irritating hangover from high school.

Students must attend 90 per cent of their classes each year or fail, regardless of final exam performance.

NAIT teachers chafe under the fatherly responsibility of counting heads. The students decry it, but to no avail.

Mr. Saunders is in favor of attendance regulations so far. "I'm waiting to see how Ryerson Polytechnical Institute fares since it dropped its attendance regulations," said Mr. Saunders.

"It must be remembered that many courses involve laboratory work where techniques must be learned. It wouldn't be any good to be able to pass exams and not know the techniques," he said.

He admits that "a few" students were not granted diplomas at NAIT's first graduation last spring because they hadn't attended sufficient classes.

"They can always come back to night school and get their diplomas after they're out working," said Mr. Saunders.

Student Dress

"We are trying in a nice way to ask students to dress as they would in industry. We try to simulate industry here," said Mr. Saunders.

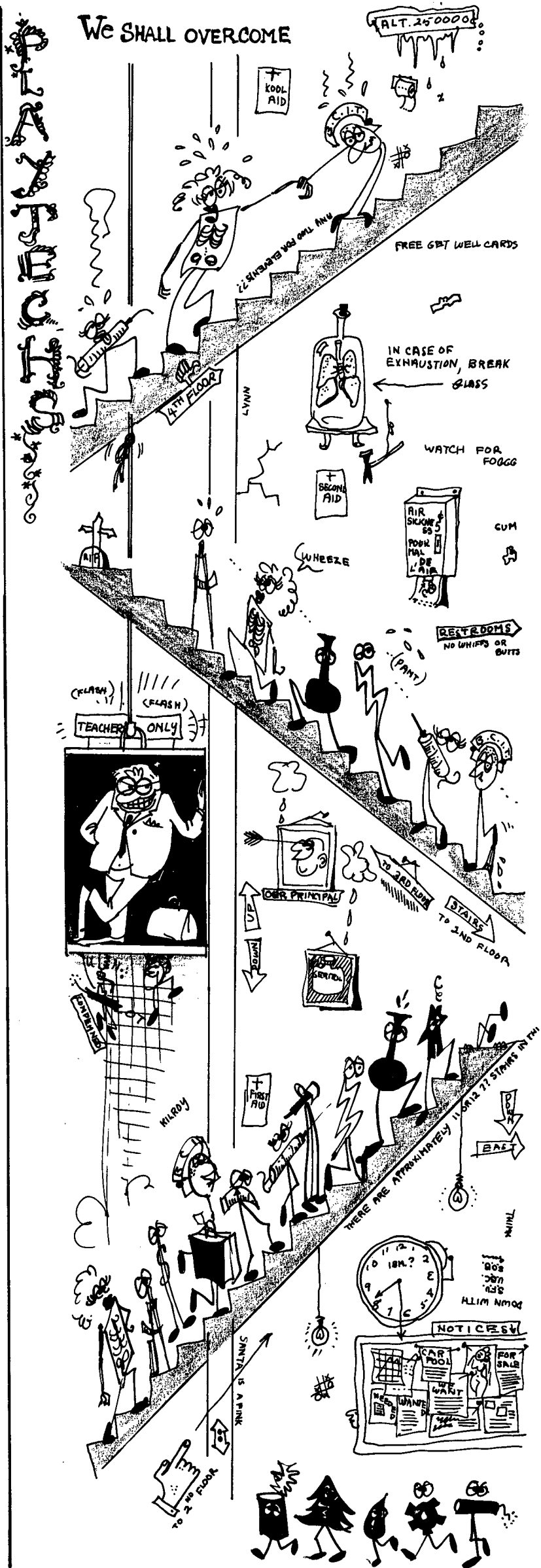
He said that the students' council is behind enforcement of dress regulations.

Already, business administration students must "dress up" each Thursday or not be allowed into classes.

The students apparently accept the ground rule that the employer's satisfaction is paramount. They haven't complained.

Mr Saunders says, "we're building and while we're doing so we're trying to present a good image."

"I would feel badly if there was any regimentation of students. I just hope they will see what we're trying to do and go along with it," he said.





CORRECTION: The large area in our back yard is not an open pit lab for our Mining Technology. It is a spawning test pond for the proposed Fisheries Technology.

E-E SAYS BLEED

Let it be known far and wide that the Red Cross is holding a blood donor clinic at B.C.I.T. on Nov. 12, between the hours 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in Room 102. The organization of the blood drive has been the responsibility of the E & E Technology, but good organization alone will not insure its success, - your participation is a must.

As two-time champions of the coveted Challenge Trophy, E & E challenges each

technology, and staff, in this blood drive. Competition will be conducted on a per capita basis, the winner having the best percentage of donors.

Besides the winning of the Challenge Trophy, the "best bleeding tech" will gain points for the Inter-Technology Cup competition. It is a must that all the technologies take it upon themselves to dethrone "the king" and bleed for a most worthy cause.