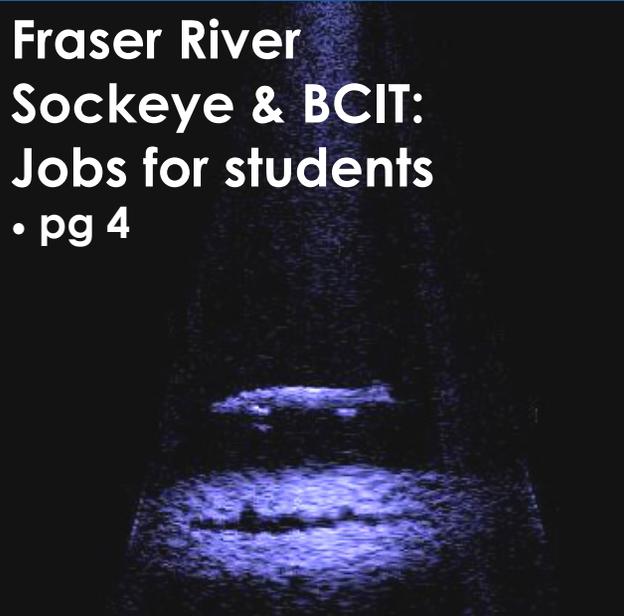


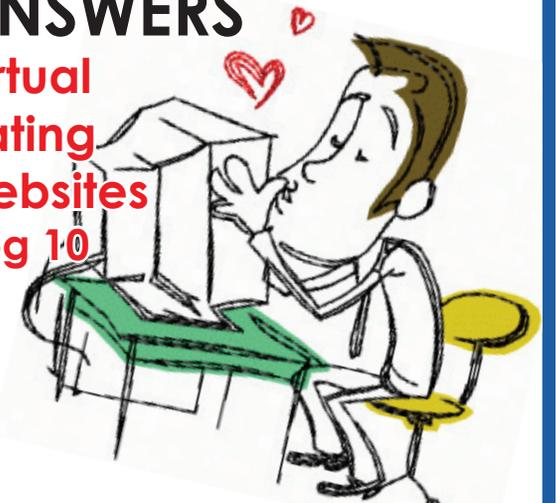


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The earth isn't fragile, but we are

Lack of natural disaster preparedness: we only have ourselves to blame

Brenna Temple
Editor



Every time there's a large-scale natural disaster the world seems to fall apart.

When Japan's tsunami rolled across our television screens many of us were left speechless. Headlines still remind us each day of the problematic after ef-

fects.

The disaster might not hit home with you but it should. That's right—our own beautiful landscape could just as easily be completely annihilated and swept over by a gigantic super wave.

The expected disaster, coined "the big one" by scientists could happen at any second, hurting us much like the Japanese. It's an unpredictable situation, but what about our own damage control?

Chances are you haven't scoped out your classroom or home for hiding places in case an earthquake strikes. Do you have an emergency kit stowed away in your house? Do you know how to use a fire extinguisher? And

just how many days could you survive under a table should an earthquake force your roof to collapse?

These are just a few of the plights the Japanese experienced weeks ago.

With close to zero food available, many received one piece of fruit per day. They had no extra clothing. Add a nuclear disaster and after shocks to that list and it's hard to believe anybody survived. If this disaster doesn't make you want to get more prepared then what does?

According to Vancouver's Inter-Agency Emergency Preparedness Council making an emergency kit that can help you survive at



least 72- hours makes up only a fraction of being prepared.

Taking a cardio-pulmonary resuscitation course can provide you with skills that could save someone's life—maybe your roommate's or a family member's. Is your place of residence covered by earthquake insurance? One of the biggest things to remember is water; each person should have at least four litres of H2O available.

And as it turns out, hiding beneath a table isn't the only place you can go. According to earthquake experts, hiding in doorways underneath large pieces of furniture and even stairwells are also safer spots to dodge.

If this all seems like a lot to take in (trust me, there's a lot more you need to know) then you could try out one of Vancouver's free earthquake preparedness courses by checking out www.vancouver.ca/nepp.

When it comes to earthquakes, Vancouver is one of the most dangerous areas in the world for this sort of natural disaster.

Are you ready to get prepared for an earthquake, or will you squeeze your eyes shut hoping it will never happen? Perhaps a look at our feature can make the possibility of one happening more of reality. For those of you who are still swirling your coffee in your cup... think twice.

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Campus Query

What do you think we should do to prepare for an earthquake?

Chad Klassen | Assistant Editor



Corey Dries

Computer Engineering

I should probably make sure I have a medical kit, food, and water. Also, make sure I have contacts out of the area that can come in and help us.



Dan Huh

Financial Management

I'd be lying if I said I knew how to prepare for an earthquake. All I remember from elementary school is to put non-perishable foods in a container and store it for the rainy day



Fisher He

Financial Management

You don't know what's going to happen after the earthquake, so you need an emergency pack for food and water and some communication tools.



Heather McLeod

Medical Lab Science

To be honest, I'm not sure. I've thought about it a lot. I did some research and according to the seismic activity in the area, my building is ok but it's very old.



Mara Nastase

Business Management

My little sister is nine and she needs to know what to do in case of an emergency. I feel like she needs to be more prepared, because my parents and I can figure it out.

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News in brief

Brenna Temple
Editor

BCIT gets attention of high-school students at competition

High school students flocked to BCIT's gym on March 12th to participate in the VEX Robotics Competition.

According to the BCIT website, "as the season finale for VEX teams in the Pacific Northwest, the BC VEX Championships attracted teams from 21 schools from all over BC and Washington state."

Winners were given the opportunity to attend BCIT's School of Energy, providing they keep their grades up.

"As in the qualifying competition, the School of Energy awarded conditional acceptance to a School of Energy engineering program to each of the competition winners."

BCIT alumnus reaps the rewards of hard work

After graduating from BCIT, Don Kayne kick started his career at Canfor Corporation, a large Canadian forestry company. And now—things are only getting better.

He's just been promoted as the CEO and is a popular grad thanks to the things he's accomplished over the years.

"Don has BCIT diplomas in Wood Products ('78) and Business Administration ('79). He was honoured with a Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Leadership and Significant Contributions to a Trade or Industry in 2008," it said.

"In his over 30 years at Canfor, Don has been a forerunner in taking BC wood products to the global marketplace."

BCIT Offers New Master's Degree Programs

BCIT is now offering new Masters degrees in building science and they're the first of their kind in Western Canada.

According to a BCIT press release, "the Masters degrees in Building Science will provide students with integrated science-based knowledge and the skills necessary to meet the challenges of industry," said the website.

"The curriculum focuses on responding to future trends with particular consideration given to practical applications."

Government funding in support of research at Polytechnics

Canadian colleges and Polytechnics will be receiving funding from the federal government in support of applied research, according to a BCIT press release.

The funding will come via three key strategies over several years.

"The program the federal government is supporting is another contribution to moving Canada's innovation agenda forward. That agenda is crucial to enhancing Canada's productivity which will determine our long-run standard of living," says BCIT President Don Wright. "BCIT is an active participant in applied research, supporting Canada's productivity."

BCIT students receive helping hand from software company

Chemical and environmental technology students have received 50 additional software programs so that more people can use the program at one time.

These faculties rely on computer programs, like the ones donated from Aurel Systems Inc., so that students can adapt to a workplace setting according to a BCIT press release.

"In recent years, 3D simulations have become more common as a way to allow students to explore complex components and systems before they touch the real thing," says the press release.



Photo by Scott McAlpin. Larry Wasik, founder of Aurel Systems Inc., demonstrates the Aurel software to students in the Chemical and Environmental Technology program. www.bcit.ca/update

Greens looking to B.C. for first seat

'If youth voted they would change politics in this country forever,' says deputy leader

Arshy Mann

The Ubysey (University of British Columbia)

VANCOUVER (CUP) — In a federal election likely to be dominated by the concerns of an increasingly aging population, one party will be looking to a more youthful base.

The Green Party of Canada has yet to elect a candidate to the House of Commons, though they received just under a million votes in the last election. In order to change that, they'll be making a big push in British Columbia, with a message that most appeals to the age group that votes the least.

"I think B.C. is the province where breakthrough will happen by virtue of just how green people are," Adriane Carr, deputy leader of the federal Greens, said in an interview aboard a ferry traveling to Vancouver Island.

Carr was en route to party leader Elizabeth May's riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands for the

Greens' election kick-off. It's also where the party hopes to gain its first seat in the House.

"It's our number one priority to elect Elizabeth May in this election and ... Saanich-Gulf Islands [is] a very Green-friendly riding," said Carr.

The University of British Columbia graduate and former leader of the Greens' B.C. branch said the other major parties are only interested in gaining the most seats in the next election and not in working towards enduring solutions to problems such as environmental degradation.

"There's a huge difference between the Green Party and all the other parties. And fundamentally, it's because we understand that there are limits to growth, and the others don't," she said. "We understand that you've got to think long-term, it's not about thinking

about vested interest."

While the Greens have steadily gained voters in the past few elections, in order to finally win a seat they'll have to fight the notion that a Green vote is a wasted vote.

During the 2008 election, the Greens picked up 8.8 per cent of the vote in Vancouver-Quadra, which includes UBC, coming in at third place — just ahead of the NDP. Nationally, the party garnered 6.8 per cent of the vote and leader May, who came into second to Defence Minister Peter MacKay in Central Nova, beat the third-place NDP candidate by almost twice as much.

Carr will be once again running in Vancouver Centre, a riding where she picked up 18.27 per cent of the vote in 2008. She pointed out that Vancouver Centre, which includes downtown, the West End, Yaletown and parts of Kitsilano, has a demographic profile that is advantageous to the Greens.

She compared it to Melbourne, Australia

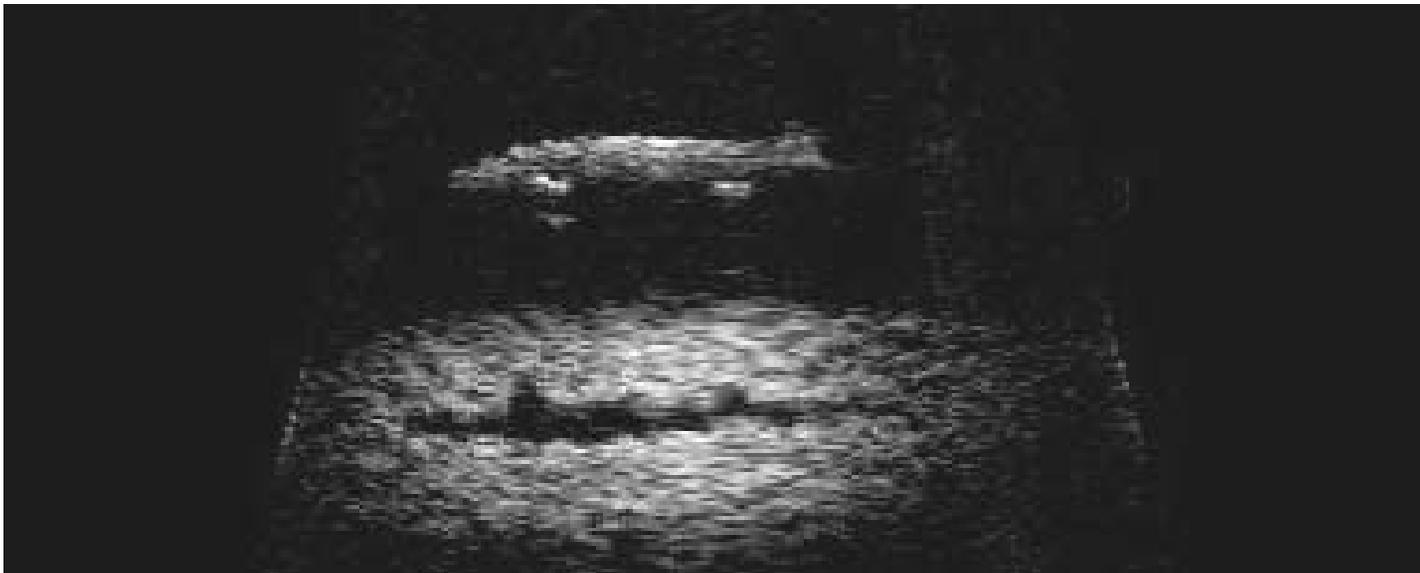
and Brighton, England — cities that have elected Green parliamentarians in the past.

"Melbourne and Brighton, just like Vancouver, are seaside ports, tourism-based economies, very strongly arts and culture and film-oriented [with] strong LGBT communities," she said. "It's a match in my mind."

But in order to make those kinds of gains, the Greens need to convince youth to actually show up to the polls.

"Vote," said Carr when asked what message she would leave students with. "They need to vote."

"If youth voted they would change politics in this country forever. Vote, and vote for who you really believe will best represent you. Don't listen to this 'I-think-it's-disrespectful' garbage that [it] won't count if you don't vote for a certain party. Of course your vote counts; every vote counts, it sends a huge message and it can elect something different."



Fraser River Sockeye and BCIT

Students hired for hydroacoustic data collection during phenomenal sockeye salmon run

**Joe Enns
The Link**

Every summer on the Fraser River, just upstream of the Mission Bridge, an aluminum boat known as the Rita slowly crosses the river from bank to bank. As she gradually skims over the same section of river over and over again, the constant hum of the engine is interrupted by the splash of jumping salmon and the occasional large splash of massive sturgeon.

Last summer, the river almost looked as if it was boiling as waves of migrating wild sockeye salmon made the tiresome, upriver journey to their freshwater spawning grounds just as their parents did four years before.

The Rita was not harvesting these salmon. Her sole purpose is to collect something else, hydroacoustic data. Hydroacoustic techniques using both mobile and stationary methods are a commonly used, non-intrusive way to provide reliable, in-season estimates for fish migration numbers.

From mid June until late September, the Pacific Salmon Commission operates a facility upstream of the Mission Bridge, including the Rita, as well as, stationary hydroacoustic equipment to provide sockeye and pink salmon migration numbers to fisheries managers.

“Our job is to collect the best hydroacoustic data to provide unbiased estimates to fisheries managers,” says Andrew Gray, the Hydroacoustic Biologist in charge of operating the facility. “It is then up to the fisheries managers to use all available data to set appropriate har-

vest rates.” Fisheries managers also use catch records, Hells Gate counts, and data from another hydroacoustic facility along the Fraser River.

Whether salmon stocks are dismally low or extremely high, it is consistently important to provide reliable migration numbers from scientifically based methods in order to manage stocks for different environmental situations.

One shore-based method involves using a dual-frequency identification sonar (DIDSON) mounted to a fish fence or

Each season, the Pacific Salmon Commission also hires a number of BCIT students from the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program, as well as, the Ecological Restoration degree program to operate the Rita and process the data gathered to get daily migration number estimates.

a tripod on the bottom of the river. The DIDSON can provide real-time images to a laptop computer that essentially look like ultrasound images of the river. These images are very useful considering that the murky, silt-laden waters of the Fraser River make it extremely hard to see fish.

The DIDSON images produced are vivid enough to distinguish individual fish, as well as, behavioral traits, and movement patterns. The multi-image files created from the DIDSON footage can then be viewed as if researchers were sim-

ply watching an underwater video clip. This allows employees to manually count salmon moving throughout the river.

The Mission hydroacoustic site has an ongoing relationship with BCIT. Students from BCIT’s Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program often tour the facility to learn how data are collected and processed. There are many lessons to be learned with regards to study design, fish biology, and hydroacoustic technology.

Each season, the Pacific Salmon Commission also hires a number of BCIT students from the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program, as well as, the Ecological Restoration degree program to operate the Rita and process the data gathered to get daily migration number estimates. Aside from the hydroacoustic facility, they also hire BCIT students and grads at their test fishery facilities and various laboratory positions.

Sustainable runs of wild sockeye and pink salmon are extremely important in BC in terms of ecosystem, cultural, social and economic use. Optimizing production and setting appropriate harvest rates is the fundamental role of the Pacific Salmon Commission. Through the Mission hydroacoustic facility, BCIT students are able to practice many aspects of their education in order to help provide reliable data to the management of this irreplaceable resource.

More information on job postings, contact information and in-season salmon migration estimates can be found at www.psc.org.



Executive Weigh In

Message from your
VP Student Affairs:
Nicola Gardner

It’s that time of the year again, the BCIT Student Association (BCITSA) is holding its elections for the upcoming school year.

Throughout the next two weeks candidates for the eleven executive positions will be campaigning around the Burnaby, Downtown, Great Northern Way, Aerospace Technology, and BMC Marine Campuses. All students are eligible to vote for the position of their respective Chair as well as the four Vice Presidents and the President.

Voting opens Friday April 8th at 9:00am and will be open until Friday April 15th at 12:00pm. Students can vote at their my.bcit.ca account by clicking the “vote now” icon in the right hand corner. Of the many candidates, the eleven who are successfully elected will represent the BCIT student body for the 2011-2012 school year.

It’s important for all students to familiarize themselves with the candidates and their platforms and exercise their right to vote. Students can read the candidates platforms in this edition of the Link and also come to the great hall on Wednesday April 13th at 12:30 to hear the candidate’s speeches.

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Earthquake Guide

A Quick Grade Nine Science Recap

Brenna Temple
 Link Editor

The Earth's Layers

Chances are you might only remember the outer layer of the Earth being the crust, probably because it reminds you of pizza or something. Check out the following for a quick crash course on the earth's layers.

The Crust

It sounds kind of boring but it holds our oceans and continents. Scientists think it's anywhere from 35 to 70 whopping kilometres thick.

The Lithosphere

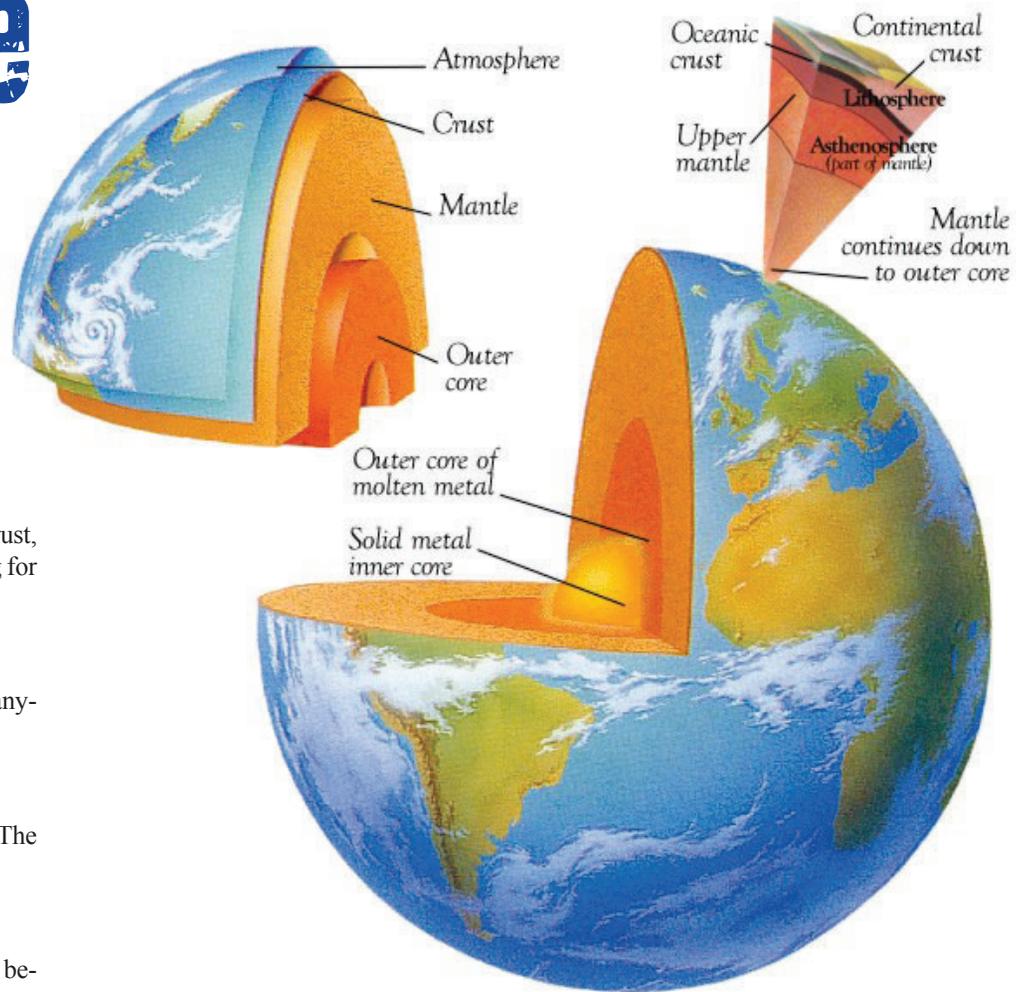
This is basically a fancy way to describe the combination of the crust and upper mantle. The lithosphere contains all of the moving plates.

The Asthenosphere

The asthenosphere sits right under the lithosphere and can be compared to play dough because it moves around quite easily.

The Mantle

Scientists say the mantle holds a lot of heat within the Earth. Separated into the upper and lower mantle, the whole area is probably about 2900 kilometres thick. Scientists believe the heat stored within the mantle is what makes the tectonic plates move.



The Core

Not much like an apple core because this kind isn't actually accessible. Scientists believe this is the last and innermost layer of the Earth—the outer core being around 2300 km thick and the inner core standing around 1200 kilometres thick. Oh, and scientists say it's probably made of nickel and iron.

Three Types of Faults

A fault occurs when the Earth's plates rub against each other causing a disturbance. The earth's plates are actually always moving, but at an incredibly slow rate. That's why earthquakes happen once in a while instead of everyday. Seismic waves then occur from a "focal point" forcing the earth to shake hard if they're high enough on the Richter Scale.

The Normal Fault

This one's easy to remember! Two plates of the Earth separate from each other, causing one to go upwards and the other to move downwards. Despite its deceiving name, this kind of fault is not the most common.

The Reverse Fault

This one is the opposite of the normal fault. Instead of the plates moving apart, they push into each other. The plate that moves upwards causes ground material to go on top of the other, creating a thrust fault. Ta da!

The Strike-Slip Fault

This one sounds a little more familiar, and it's probably because it's cited a lot for occurring at California's San Andreas fault. The two plates basically rub against each other horizontally in opposite directions while everything directly above the ground is torn apart.

Earthquake Kit Essentials

We all understand the need for an emergency kit during an earthquake, but not the extent of all the supplies we'd need. Check out the following list and get packing.

Water.

As mentioned in this issue's editorial, you should have at least four litres of water for each person per DAY.

Food.

Just don't stow away your cafeteria food. Obviously you need non-perishable items like juice boxes, canned fruits, and tuna. Remember to pack a can opener.

Two first aid kits

Make sure you have bandaids, Gauze, medical tape, scissors, tweezers, anti septic, safety bins, gloves, aspirin, and more.

Stuff you'd never think of.

A whistle so people can hear you, a wrench and maybe even a set of small tools, compass, matches, fire extinguisher. Batteries, a shovel, a radio, flashlights, a sleeping bag, and garbage bags.

Clothing.

Tough shoes, socks, long underwear for cold conditions. Rain gear, a hat.

Stuff to keep clean.

Toilet paper, disinfectant, deodorant, toothbrush, lip balm, and moisturizer.

Papers and things.

In a waterproof container, keep photo copies of your birth certificate, passport, bank account numbers, long distance telephone numbers of relatives, and anything else you deem important.

TSUNAMI:

Hearing this word evokes images of a single wave, but a tsunami just isn't so. Made up of a series of incredibly fast waves, this natural disaster usually happens as the result of an earthquake. However, earthquakes aren't the only tsunami causing culprits—volcanoes and landslides can cause super waves as well. When it comes down to it, a swift and prompt warning system is required to effectively evacuate people from a tsunami danger zone. It's something that the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami didn't come equipped with, and thus why about 300,000 people were killed. Experts claim that Vancouver wouldn't be prepared if the city was faced with a similar situation.



Keith Van
President

Dear BCIT students and friends, I ask for your vote to be BCITSA President from 2011-2012 to represent your interests to the current establishment at our school. I seek to advocate on your behalf and make BCIT

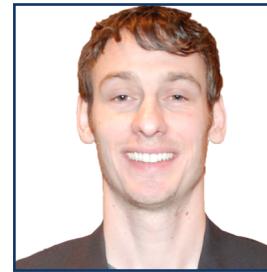
a school that can rival any other postsecondary institution. I will work to improve the collective student experience from registration to graduation. My campaign goals include: working to improve the Orientation program for incoming students; lobbying for better food, internet, library, and recreational services; expanding the student initiative fund; and developing leadership among student clubs and initiatives. I will work to make a BCIT credential the most valuable it can be by advocating changes in academic policies, accreditation, credential nomenclature, and expansion of program offerings. These are my promises, and I hope to fulfill them to the best of my capacity for the interest of all BCIT students. Please vote for me!



Nicola Gardner
President

As your current Vice President of Student Affairs I have had the privilege to represent many BCIT students and work on the issues important to them. During the past year I have worked on many initiatives around

campus including a formalized student complaint policy, chairing the student lounge improvement committee and increasing the amount of money for student bursaries. This year I have decided to run for the position of President in order to have a stronger impact on the BCIT community. I have several goals for the upcoming school year including daycare services for students, seeing through the completion of lounge improvements and ensuring the smooth implementation of the U-Pass at BCIT. I would love the opportunity to continue to work on these initiatives, so please consider me, Nicola Gardner as your choice for President.



Peter Switzer
VP of Finance & Administration

I am currently a second year Business Management student. Next year, I will be taking the Bachelor of Business Administration program and I would like to represent the

students of BCIT as the Vice President of Finance and Administration. My goal will be to provide leadership in and work closely with the President and Vice-Presidents in performing long-term financial planning and analysis aimed at identifying risks, opportunities, and options. I will promote a sound fiscal climate and encourage responsible stewardship and value utilization of BCIT resources. I will also further student relationships with their chosen industries, assist BCIT clubs to reach their goals, increase recycling options, and increase opportunities for the downtime we all desire. Please think of me, Peter Switzer, for Vice-President of Finance and Administration when you vote on April 8th.



Ricky Dasgupta
VP of Finance & Administration

I will provide leadership and vision on financial affairs of the SA. My involvement with Mindworks (a student led consulting service), SIFE, Financial Management Association

Tax Services, along with my education in Financial Management from BCIT and SFU has provided me with the knowledge and experience to develop a culture of informed decision making. My goal is to ensure responsible stewardship and "value for money". Other goals include ensuring a reliable system of internal controls are in place to adequately safeguard SA assets and provide accurate reporting on financial results to the executive team. There is a limited amount of funds. I will cut any excess spending and get the most bang for the buck. With the savings, I will work on providing more resources to students (scholarships, bursaries, and events). I believe, I will make an excellent VP of Administration and Finance. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Tara Johnson
VP External

As a 2nd year student of the Business Management Program, I have witnessed the importance of a strong relationship between the BCIT student body and the BCIT Administration. My name is Tara Johnson

and I am campaigning for the position of Vice President of External. At BCIT, I have participated not only in the Student Association as a Council Member, but have been heavily involved in other extra-curricular activities, such as participating in the student run club SIFE BCIT. Vice President of External will give me the chance to be involved in a very impactful position. I understand the value of cohesion with surrounding Universities and will be the voice for the BCIT students regarding issues such as tuition costs, and finalization of the U-Pass. If elected, I will represent all of the BCIT schools with honesty and integrity. Vote Tara Johnson on April 8th.



Tylan Fraser
VP of Student Affairs

While Currently on my way to completing my Diploma in the Business Management Program, I look forward to completing a Bachelor's of Business Administration next year. The business management

program has taught me valuable skills that I will be able to apply to my position, if elected, as VP Student Affairs. I heavily believe in a balanced lifestyle, unfortunately I am missing the one aspect that allows me to give back, a sense of goodwill. I have been looking for the opportunity to give back to my community. This position would allow me to aid students through situations they find too daunting to take on alone. I want to make it known to everyone that they can contact me anytime for help or advice. I would also like to help others with questions they may have about programs, funding, and future goals. If elected as VP of Student Affairs I will do my best to make sure that i'm here for YOU! This can be achieved through an open door of communication. Please feel free to contact me at [facebook.com/tylanfraser](https://www.facebook.com/tylanfraser).



Matthew Nolletti
VP of Campus Life

Over the course of my time spent at BCIT, I have experienced and adopted the true values that this institution offers. These values have led me to tremendous success both in and out of school. I have

learned that what the Student Association provides for students are services to aid with discovering these values, which ultimately make life around school a little bit easier. I have decided to run for this position as I believe that the experiences it will offer me will compliment my area of study, and will help further my career. Next fall, it will be my goal to teach students what the Student Association can offer them and their education at BCIT, and hopefully show them that it's not the load that breaks you down, but the way you carry it. Vote me as your VP Campus Life and we'll make next year one to remember!



Avinaash Kapil

School of Business Chair I will be entering my third year at BCIT in the fall striving for the Bachelors of Business Administration and I am a graduating student from the Business Management Diploma program. I have gained lots of

experience from my two years at BCIT so far through being a part of SIFE. The BMGT program has helped me be successful inside and out of school in terms of school work, time management and career development. I decided to run for this position to help students get the most out of their program at BCIT as well provide a voice for the students to be heard by the Student Association. Think of me, Avinaash Kapil, when you are voting for the Chair of the School of Business, who better than a Business Management graduate.



Gordon Newby

School of Business Chair I am seeking election to be the voice of the School of Business. Since September I have proudly been the representative of my set in marketing and seek the opportunity to further that passion! I have a new understanding of the power of networking and its relationship with success. As the chair of the School of Business, I will have the opportunity to obtain and share knowledge, convey important information, and offer support for fellow students. My campaign will focus on getting students "In The Know" and "Exercising Student Voice."

April 8 to 15 = VOTE at my.bcit.ca



Rohan D'souza

School of Business Chair
I have decided to run as Chair for the School of Business, not only because I believe, I can do a good job, but because I believe that I can use the job to expand student engagement at BCIT. As your Chair of Business

I would work to foster relationships with Staff at BCIT, improve scheduling of not only are classes but our exams and for Change in the School year to finish the same time as other Universities in Vancouver. I know I am asking for the vote of students who don't know me. Hopefully my platform has provided you with a good sense of who I am and what I intend to do.



Sean Hurtig

School of Business Chair
As a student and set rep in Financial Management, I've learned that being in the School of Business isn't easy; many students are here in the pursuit of success, but aren't sure exactly how to get there. I personally

follow the model of 'diving, surviving, and thriving' – BCIT isn't just about finishing homework and getting good grades, it's about doing something beyond that. I'd like to go far beyond simply surviving BCIT, and help my peers thrive and achieve much more with their diplomas and degrees. As Chair, I'll serve Business students with improved faculty-student communication, more in-school events, and more job opportunities. I'll also ensure that you'll stay informed about current services, events and deadlines, and help you with your post-BCIT journey by improving the level and quality of job-finding and volunteer services, to help give you the edge you need!



Laura Chow

School of Health
Science Chair

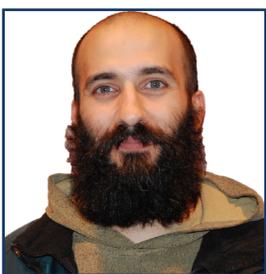
I'm seeking election to get more involved with BCIT's School of Health student body. I also want to help make students' experience at BCIT more enjoyable. I would like for BCIT's students to know that they have avenues to go when they have academic and non-academic issues—something that hasn't been clear to me over the current course of my education at BCIT. It's important that students feel like they have somewhere they can go to help with difficult situations and know that someone will do their best to make a difference. I also would like to promote integration and communication between School of Health programs at BCIT and increase involvement BCIT's social and intramural events.



Amy Erskine

School of Energy Chair
I was extremely flattered when the current Chair of the School of Energy, Andrew Io, asked me to run for his position. I was voted as the representative of my set this year; I am an experienced advocate for BCIT

students. My goal is to serve the needs of BCIT students as a group in a timely fashion. I have been a post secondary student on and off for nearly a decade, so I'm familiar with many issues that can arise in an institution such as BCIT. Additionally, last year I co-organised a very successful November cancer fundraising campaign for my department. Vote Amy Jean: Don't you worry about _____, you let me worry about _____!



Marwan Marwan

School of Computing &
Academic Studies Chair
To be successful students at BCIT, we need to work hard at learning new concepts and ideas, but more importantly we need a supportive learning environment. As students with

different needs and requirements, we expect to be treated equitably and fairly by our school and instructors. That's something that I strongly believe in, and will work hard to achieve on all your behalves.



Brian Harvey

School of Transportation,
Construction, & the
Environment Chair

I am driven to re-run for the position of Chair of the School of Transportation, Construction & The Environment for two main reasons. Firstly, now that I have the experience of doing the job for the past 6 months, I have learned where and when I need to apply my skills and time to the job at hand. Secondly, I have learned from listening to the student's issues throughout the year and a half of time at BCIT along with my own experiences and have come up with a number of goals that I did not have the input or knowledge of a means to go about correcting such issues. The goals I have determined are important to me and to others at BCIT are efficient and reliable printers, better satellite campus integration (including ATC), and better industry involvement at BCIT and with BCIT programs.



David Gordon

School of Transportation,
Construction, & the
Environment Chair

My reason's for seeking election are to do with making the experience at BCIT, for students, more enjoyable and more fulfilling. Campaign goals for

me are two key points, Promotion of Social and Physical Events and Bringing Professionals to the Students. At BCIT there is a lot of stress and students are under a lot of pressure in all of the schools. Believe me, I understand. Being able to time-manage, study hard, complete projects, show up for lecture and still have a social life and responsibilities is a lot to handle. As students we need to let off steam once in awhile and having options from physicals activities to social events is a must for success. Bringing professionals and ex-grads in to share experiences and knowledge is also important to me as it gives us as students, an idea of what the career we are actually getting into.



Michael Bailey

School of the Aerospace
Technology Campus

Why am I participating in this election? The reason is quite simple to provide the best experience possible for all students at the Aerospace Technology Campus. While in office I will

make myself available to all students and do everything possible to meet your needs. Along with this I will keep building on what the BCITSA has already been doing, and make sure that it benefits all the students at the Aerospace Technology Campus.



Keith Miller

School of the Aerospace
Technology Campus

I consider it a real privilege to be studying at a school that has programs and systems in place to let the voice of students be heard so that the school can be improved. After all, who better to take the responsibility for improving the school than the students? Naturally I am extremely excited to have this chance to make a positive impact on the BCIT community and give back to my peers who have made such a great environment in the school every day. In this position I would make sure that every voice at my campus can be heard and that real changes and real improvements can be brought to benefit the awesome people that make up this school.

Cup could make for historic season

One more trophy, the Stanley Cup, and the Canucks could be considered among great teams.

Chad Klassen
Assistant Editor

On the 40th anniversary, who could've envisioned the kind of a historic, record-breaking season by the Vancouver Canucks?

Maybe GM Mike Gillis who shaped the team that's ripping up the league this year.

Three keys signings and a couple of deadline acquisitions later, and the Canucks are Presidents' Trophy winners as best team in the NHL.

In a couple months, Vancouver could be remembered for years if the team can etch its name on the Stanley Cup.

Now before we trigger any riots in Montreal or dare cause outcry in the City of Champion, the Canucks don't come close to matching the accomplishments of those two former powerhouses. It's unlikely any team ever will.

But in a single season, they could play themselves into the conversation among some of the all-time great teams – again, granted they win the most important piece of hardware in June.

The team's got the NHL's top scorer and likely Hart Trophy winner in Daniel Sedin; reigning



The only thing missing from the Canucks trophy case is the Stanley Cup.

MVP Henrik Sedin who's second in league scoring; Ryan Kesler, whose 34 goals and great defensive play makes him the runaway nominee for the Selke Trophy; and finally an unforgettable one-two punch in net with Roberto Luongo and 15-win backup Corey Schneider, who've both put spectacular numbers.

It's been a mind-blowing sea-

son across the board.

In the process of racking up the most wins and points, they're first in almost every category imaginable – offensively and defensively.

Most goals scored and fewest against is most impressive on that list. Vancouver's led the NHL in those two key stat packs most of the year – a feat that hasn't been

done since the 1978/79 Montreal Canadiens, who ended up winning their fourth straight Stanley Cup.

A dynamic mix of top scorers and grinders has led the Canucks to the top in NHL scoring. If their twin status hasn't garnered them enough attention yet, the Sedin brothers are catching people's eye around the league as a dangerous

one-two scoring punch.

Goaltending and defensive depth have helped keep the puck of the net at the other end, even with the extraordinary number of injuries on the blueline.

Christian Ehrhoff is the only Canuck defenseman to play basically every game. The rest of the defensive core's been sidelined for an extended period of time, including Alex Edler.

But everyone's almost forgotten about him because the team hasn't missed a beat.

In fact, the Canucks have allowed fewer goals without Edler, averaging exactly two against. Last week the Canucks average a goal allowed in five straight games, three of which were against Western playoff teams.

During the first 49 games – when Edler was active – the team coughed up an average of 2.35 goals.

The special teams have also been brilliant, leading the NHL on both the power play (24.7%) and penalty kill (86.6%). That hasn't been accomplished since the 1984/85 New York Islanders, who lost in the second round.

Needless to say, it's been one hell of a season for the Canucks. The only missing is a silver Cup.

Phoenix may still have NHL team next year

Feels like the Coyotes are going to stay in the desert, at least for now

Chad Klassen
Assistant Editor

Call me a skeptic, but it seems hard to believe the Coyotes are going to end up anywhere but Phoenix again.

When they rolled into town a few weeks back, everyone remarked how Phoenix was making its final stop in Vancouver before their journey back to Winnipeg.

Yet I never really got the sense it was their last hurrah.

It feels like we've been in this situation nearing the last three off-seasons, wondering if Phoenix were going to finally lose the hockey team the city doesn't deserve.

But the move up north, or anywhere for that matter, hasn't come close to materializing.

The Coyotes are turning into, should I say, the Brett Favre of sporting franchises. From one year to the next – no matter how many rumours spring up – you never really know if a decision on relocation will come to fruition.

And now, Matthew Hulsizer is moving closer to buying the team, and that could mean the Coyotes will be roaming the desert for a little while longer.

Last week, Glendale unloaded half the bonds – \$50 million – needed to finalize the sale to the Chicago businessman.

Obviously the city has a vested interest in keeping the team around to ensure Jobing.com Arena is occupied. The \$100 million investment would give Glendale all the revenues from parking at the arena, which it currently owns but wouldn't if Hulsizer takes over.

If that comes to fruition, it will likely mean more hockey in Phoenix, as Hulsizer believes the situation can be turned around.

There's good reason to be hopeful, at least on the ice. The team is battling for the Pacific Division title – and home-ice advantage for the second straight year – as we approach the final weekend of the regular season.

Off the ice is a completely different situation. It's been a disaster financially ever since the franchise arrived in Phoenix in 1996.

They've averaged fewer than 12,000 fans the last two seasons, not staggering numbers by any means. Even with a competitive playoff team to watch, many of the tickets are still giveaways.

Through all of this turmoil, the Coyotes have lost approximately \$30 million a year during most of their time in the desert.

Yet Hulsizer believes it will eventually work with the right business plan, so you have to give it to him in the enthusiasm department. He's the type of owner the NHL has wanted in Phoenix all along.

Even with Winnipeg's True North Sports and Entertainment in the picture, ready to buy if the sale falls through, you better believe the NHL's going to fight tooth and nail to make sure Hulsizer gets the team.



Potential owner Matthew Hulsizer will likely keep the Coyotes in Phoenix if sales goes through.

A few good docs

Documentary guide

Julia Montague
The Link

Overpaid hollywood actors, elaborate sets...all tweaked and coached to imitate reality. All this fuss when our own reality is already pretty damn interesting. Yes, at times it can be depressing, but to avoid this reality you are really doing yourself a disservice and depriving yourself of some truly beautiful moments and stories.

And so, a little fodder for procrastination that won't erode your brain cells. Here are some great documentaries for any personality type.

For...

...the bleeding heart:

Burma VJ (2008)

Directed by Anders Ostergaard

I challenge you not to cry during this movie. Injustice, repression, human rights, and violence against peaceful protestors. This film has it all. Journalists in Burma operate illegally to get news of their country's plight out to the world against all odds and under extreme limitations. The true story behind it all is one of human strength and perseverance. As inspiring as it gets. A story whose footage was so hard to gather, that the very least you can do to honour this sacrifice is to watch and witness.

...the music know-it-all:

Look At What the Light Did Now (2010)

Directed by Anthony Seck

Fans of Leslie Feist are likely to have heard of this one, but anyone with any interest in music or art should check it out. The film follows the making of her gi-normous album *The Reminder*, from stages of songwriting, recording, photographing, filming, and touring. It shows how all of these elements combine to take a piece of music in the world of

overproduced and manufactured marketing, and bring it back to pure and simple art.

...those in search of endless winter:

Steep (2007)

Directed by Marc Obenhaus

This is the story of mountaineering and big mountain skiing from it's early days in Chamonix, through to it's evolution to current Redbull flying squirrel insanity. Amazing filmmaking and scenery combine with manic personalities make for some great vicarious living. And not to be missed, the requisite early 90's skiing gear for fashion inspiration.

...the history buff:

The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara (2003)

Directed by Errol Morris

In addition to the title, this film is a lot to take in. A fascinating account from behind the scenes of some of the most trying times in US history to date. But more than that, a look at modern warfare, and the destructive psychology behind it. As former US Secretary of Defence, McNamara was there for it all. In his own words "In the end it was luck. We were this close to nuclear war." Intense and intriguing storytelling that our generation should take responsibility for learning more about.

...the thick-skinned realist:

Restrepo (2010)

Directed by Tim Hetherington and Sebastian Junger

Follow a group of young US soldiers stationed at the deadliest camp in one of the deadliest places in the world. The

picture is a shockingly real one of beautiful rolling hills and valleys punctuated by unthinkable violence. What you witness are young men put into situations and under stress that the human brain is not physically equipped to deal with. These men, along with the Afghan villagers, put a human face to a conflict which too often feels far removed from our own reality.

...the nature and psychologically questioning:

Grizzly Man (2005)

Encounters at the End of the World (2007)

Directed by Werner Herzog

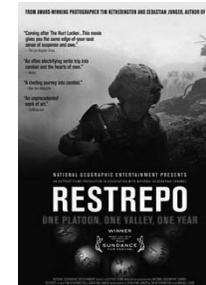
In discussing documentaries Werner Herzog must be mentioned. His constant ponderings of 'WHY??' and other 'wh' questions as he considers the psychology behind his subjects, human and otherwise, borders on hilarious but always informative. *Grizzly Man* follows the incredible story of a man who came to shun civilization in favour of the company of wild Alaskan grizzlies. Watch and choose, lunatic opportunist or inspired activist? *Encounters* looks at the unexpected life in Antarctica, from the muddy moon-like settlement, to the oddball people who call the continent home. After watching either, check out 'Werner Herzog Reads Where's Waldo' on YouTube. Hilarity.

...bloody well anyone:

The King of Kong (2007)

Directed by Seth Gordon

You could not invent a group of characters this strong. It tells the tale of the dark, behind the scenes world of 80's video gamers. The top-ranked of which assume rockstar status among their (very small) group of peers. Great comedy and suspense. Must see.



Artist Spotlight:

Jessica Rivers
The Link



Das Racist

Even as I write this, I'm kind of unsure whether I love or hate **Das Racist**. It goes back and forth, and this is evidently a common feeling as I read blogs and forums – nobody just tolerates this band, they are polarizing in the same way Kiss, The Smiths, and cilantro (I know, not a band) are. Sometimes it's hard to tell whether these guys are a legitimate musical group or just goofing around.

They released *Shut Up, Dude* and *Sit Down, Man* in 2010, both which garnered them attention in the music community as emerging, fresh voices in the rap community. But then again, they got their start with the internet sensation "Combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell" in 2008. Don't get me wrong, that song is catchy and hilarious, but it's no biting social commentary a la **Public Enemy**. But that's not what they're going for. It's probably best not to over-think these guys and just enjoy them for what they are.

Brooklyn boys **Heems** and **Kool A.D.** make unique songs with hilarious verses that are so simply clever it makes you wonder why nobody else has thought of it yet. They elevate the joke-rap of the likes of **LMFAO** by keeping the foolery within the realm of bearable. "You Oughta Know" on *Shut Up, Dude* is a good example of this; it's a bit silly but still makes sense and comes back to reality every few lines.

They have to be respected for the successes they've achieved while being fiercely original, and if you ever read or watch an interview with them, it's refreshing to see they're well-spoken, intelligent, and have a lot to say beyond "I'm at the Pizza Hut, I'm at the Taco Bell, I'm at the combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell..."

ITCHY ANSWERS

Answers to all your burning
Sex and Relationship questions

Drake Winters & Olivia Starling
The Link

Help. I keep having the same relationship over and over with different women. Every girl I date needs to be taken care of and I am done being a caretaker. I just want a healthy relationship. Why does this keep happening to me?

Let's start with a true fact about how this wacky universe we all live in works. Fact: Energy attracts like energy. Now let's apply this to you. Something you are 'sending out' is attracting needy women into your life. What is it? Also, why are you doing this? The very act of figuring out the answer to these two questions is the first step into knowing how to attract a healthy girl. If the action you are executing is yielding undesirable results, wouldn't it make sense to change the action? Duh! When you find out "what" you are doing and "why", you will have..... drum roll.....Awareness! Awareness is what separates us from apes. Unfortunately, not all humans choose to employ the gracious gift of awareness. Luckily we are also a little choosier than apes. LOL.

This will take some self reflecting, long walks on the beach and a bubble bath with Enya or Sara McLachlan playing in the background. Don't forget to turn off your phone and light those candles!

My brother has started dating someone on an adult virtual dating website. He barely even comes out of his room anymore! He says he is in love with this person. Should I be concerned? This sounds really weird to me, but maybe I'm just being judgmental. Do I need to set up an intervention, or is this just the next step in dating?

Your "brother" hey? We're just kidding. If it's really you, you can just tell us you know! Believe it or not peo-

ple are having virtual relationships more and more often these days. And the reasons for this are many. There is a complete misconception with some that virtual dating websites are for the socially inept. Or that they are weird and will corrupt you. These things are simply not true. These websites offer so many things to so many people!

First of all it is important to understand his interest in this particular type of site and the person he is dating online. Talk to him about it from a place of pure interest, not judgment or concern. Tell him you know very little about it. You would like to know more so that then you won't be scared or weirded out. Maybe he met someone from out of town and this is how they choose to correspond until they can meet again in person. Maybe he does have a hard time meeting people 'the old fashioned way' and someone turned him on to this site to help him!

In this crazy busy world we live in a lot of people meet online and foster relationships virtually because they don't have the time to do it in person. Some people like this way of getting to know someone before they take it to the next level. A lot of times they won't take it to the next level as they are perfectly happy in their virtual relationship. In their opinions they are getting everything they need and are having a healthy relationship.

There is no one way to have a relationship. You will

have relationships the way you do and he will have them the way he wants to. Unless he is actually harming himself in some way, an intervention is not necessary.

Perhaps encourage him to get outside every once in a while. LOL. Olivia and I have a friend who was turning a noticeable shade of grey from sitting in front of the computer for hours on end every day. He was madly blinking for the first few minutes, but then he was smiling and putting his face into that fresh air.

We just heard in the news the other day that a man married his full-sized body pillow girlfriend! Crazy? Maybe! But he fell madly in love with her and they now are husband and wife.

Another thing to consider is maybe you are jealous that he spends all his time on the computer? Ask him to hang out. Maybe he feels a bit neglected somehow and this is why he spends so much time on this site. There is also the strong chance that he really is in love with this person. Virtual love is still love! Hey you never know, you may just be invited to your first virtual wedding!

We love hearing from you. Email us your scratchy questions at: itchyanswers@hotmail.com



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11. Dead Child Star - This Is Easy
12. Sufjan Stevens - I Walked
13. Brasstronaut - Lo Hi Hopes
14. The Liptonians - You Know I Did
15. Titus Andronicus - Theme From "Cheers"
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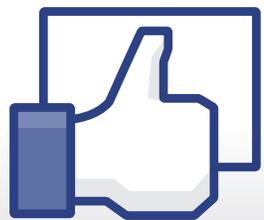
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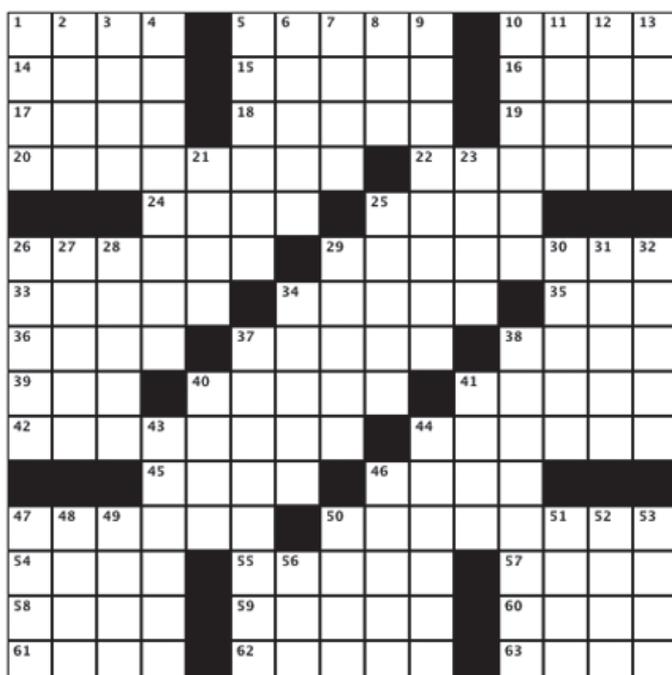
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1- Mardi ; 5- Leers at; 10- Attention-getter; 14- Priest of the East; 15- Check endorser; 16- Biblical verb; 17- Auth. unknown; 18- Blender setting; 19- Pulitzer winner James; 20- Inform; 22- Repudiate; 24- Chuck; 25- Broadway opening; 26- Literary ridicule; 29- Biased attitude; 33- Crazy as ; 34- Capital of Tibet; 35- Eye infection, pig house; 36- Beethoven's birthplace; 37- Stare angrily; 38- Boris Godunov, for one; 39- Chemical ending; 40- Render weaponless; 41- is human; 42- Resounding; 44- Female demon in Semitic myth; 45- Bandleader Puente; 46- Diving position; 47- Visible spirit; 50- Desiring; 54- Architect Saarinen; 55- Inactive; 57- With the bow, in music; 58- Citrus coolers; 59- Fluff, as bangs; 60- Work the soil; 61- Ascended, flower; 62- Conger catcher; 63- Mild oath;

Down

1- Delighted; 2- Hindu princess; 3- Old Testament book; 4- Authorization; 5- Resist; 6- Unit of magnetic field strength; 7- Harp relative; 8- Shoebox letters; 9- Pericarp; 10- Aspect; 11- Starch used in puddings; 12- Bouillabaisse, e.g.; 13- At that time; 21- Bereft; 23- boy!; 25- Fright; 26- Cavalry sword; 27- Home ___; Culkin movie; 28- Shades; 29- Graph; 30- Japanese immigrant; 31- Begin; 32- Incense gum; 34- Grassy plain; 37- Mouthpart of arthropods; 38- Put up with; 40- Single entity; 41- Polynesian carved image; 43- Idle; 44- Assessor; 46- Intrinsically; 47- Don; 48- Fix up; 49- Ancient Athens's Temple of ; 50- Distribute cards; 51- Not a dup.; 52- Arthur Ashe's alma mater; 53- Auctioneer's cry; 56- Born;

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