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THE TECHNOLOGIST'S LUST SONG

In this theatre there is no laughter,
Only dull faces and dull pens.
The interface has corroded;
There is no-one here who sees.

We have all failed in tension
When the techniques are hidden.
We lost our heads
In a maze of passages,
Searching for Reynold's lost number.

Our circuits are overloaded
We slowly burn out
Or are broken in half
By internal self-regulators.
The fluid flow in our veins is green,
Our souls are measured in dollars and cents
With little margin for error
With little margin for feeling.

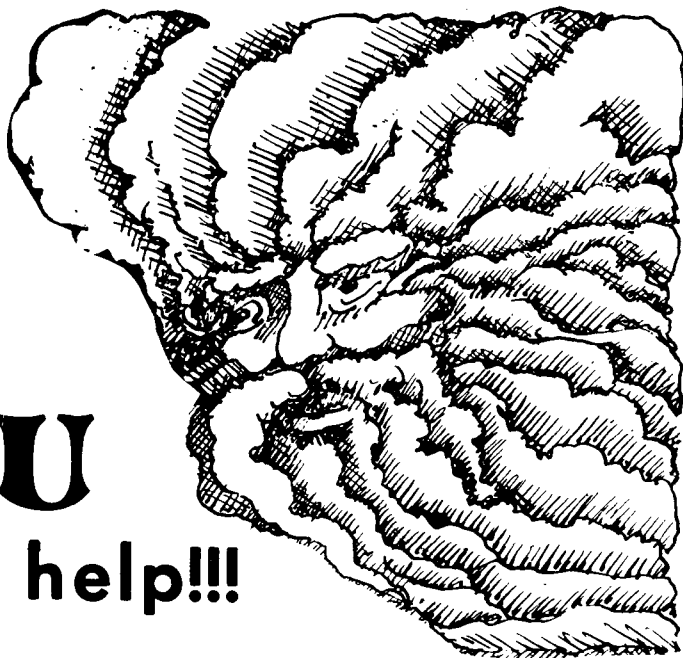
The agony is ecstatic
The temperatures drive us mad
As molden we are cast
Into someone else's ready mould.
My heart sings a song of lust
For greaseful machines and gorgeous markets.
A am happy.
Are you?

by Jack Smugler

TIME TRACES A WEB OVER ME

Time, time, time, time,
Time traces, time traces,
Time traces a web over me
Of gooey crap and slimy muck.
Time traces, time traces
With a skeleton hand it clutches my throat
Time, time,
Time traces a web over me.
My warm body, confused mind
Covered, covered!
Time traces a web over me
Spinning a tale of horror in life
Of jackals, and vultures
And werewolves and vampires
Disguised in bodies like mine.
Eyes that look the other way
Mouths that joy in sucking blood
Asses looking to shit on me
And words that seek to trap me
In their web, their web,
The sticky web, the gooey web,
The web over me
That time is tracing,
Tracing, tracing,
Time is tracing a web over me.
Tracing and laughing
Laughing and laughing
Laughing at the fabulous joke that is me.
Me, me, me, me
The sound means nothing.
Me is hollow, me is empty
And time is tracing a web over me.
A web over me,
Time traces, time traces,
time, time, time, time.

Jack Struggler



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Dear Sylvester,
about my life;
when I might have danced,
I only stood
and tapped my foot.

- Su

It's raining
The ocean fleet
in harbour safe
The wind is like
an orphan waif.
The people sleep.

-CM

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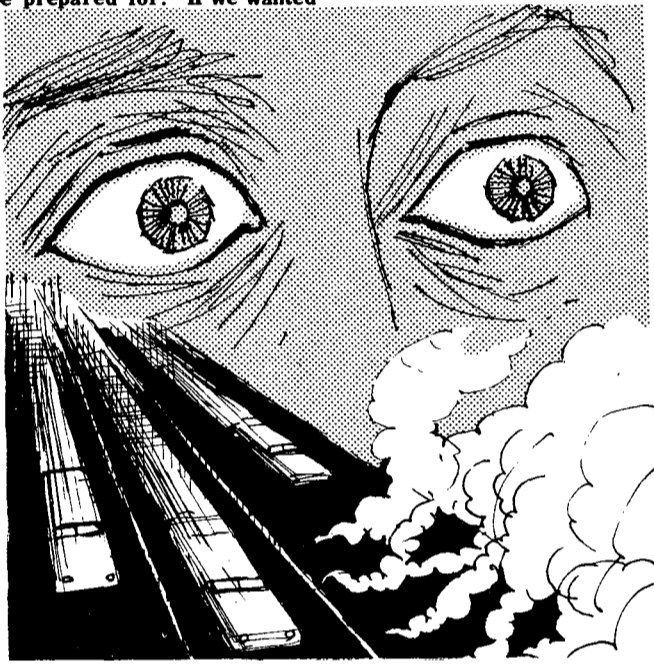
'Tie or Not to Try Tie' that he has programmed into Deborah Little has gone far enough. It has got to be the most tiring crusade that any self-styled freedom fighter has ever lead. I for one, cannot wait for the opportunity to vote 'For' the present regulations, and I honestly believe they will be overwhelmingly upheld by the student body.

Why do I believe this? Because as Miss Little so aptly put it, we are a factory, but as you know, this was common knowledge before any of us came here. It is not only an academic factory, but one that gives us a practical, technical training which makes us more readily adaptable to the real world. By this I mean the world that most of us are going to enter is one of suits, ties and conventions which we should be prepared for. If we wanted

a total academic education, we wouldn't have come here, but would have gone to university where we could experience jeans, T-shirts, one thousand people and the odd dog per lecture hall, the impersonal atmosphere of twenty thousand lethargic bodies drifting by, and the opportunity to take four years of so called "education" that leads to a high percentage of unemployment.

Finally, I would plead with the editor and writers of The Link to publish an open-minded, unbiased, decently presented sheet, and let Jack Smuggler have his fair space, but for God's sake, don't permit the foam from his babbling lips to overflow to every other article.

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HOCKEY

Next weekend the Cougars play their first regular season games at home in the beautiful new 4 Rinks Complex. On Friday, February 2 at 8 p.m., they will host the first place Cariboo College from Kamloops. On Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m., the Cougars host Selkirk College from Trail, and on Sunday, the same clubs meet

at 12 noon also at the 4 Rinks. So come on everyone, let's get out and cheer on the high flying Cougars in College hockey this weekend. Your support is needed as the club has had good support for their exhibitions against SFU. Okay Kamloops and Selkirk, Our Cougars have something for you. GET FUCKED!!!

WANNA FIGHT?

BCIT's Debating Team is looking for those interested in debating the subject: "Capital punishment in Canada should be permanently abolished." Contact before Friday, Feb. 2nd.

Bill Challenger Admin 2nd year, or 738-0480

George Hanrahan Instructor, local 222 or Rm. 261

- or leave message in SAC offices.

- tournament is Feb. 16th & 17th, here @ BCIT.

OPEN HOUSE NEWS

TO: ALL TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE HEADS
FROM: Sue Chaworth-Musters

The Invitations Committee would like to hear from each technology as to their lists of invitations. Each Division Head, and Each Department Head will also be submitting lists, but we would also like to hear from you in case you have particular suggestions. Please group your lists into three categories.

- 1/ Top Priority i.e. Scholarship donors, guest lecturers, large or small companies that repeatedly hire BCIT grads, and those large companies that do not hire BCIT grads, advisory council
- 2/ Important i.e. those companies and VIP's whom you would like to attend - those you wish to promote BCIT to, and those new companies that you would like to attend OPEN HOUSE.
- 3/ Extras i.e. If we have enough invitations we will send out invites to these people so that your technology gets a good share of VIP's.

N.B. These lists must include name, position, company names and address.

Please leave these lists and/or messages addressed to me at the S.A. office. Please be sure INVITATIONS COMMITTEE is written on the top. Also include the name and phone number of a tech rep with whom I can get in touch with re INVITATIONS.

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To: Heads of OPEN HOUSE TECH COMMITTEES
From: Wayne Kossowan - Publicity Internal

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST CONTACT THE ROOMS COMMITTEE BEFORE YOU PLAN YOUR PROJECT. (IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO). THIS IS TO MAKE SURE THE AREA YOU ARE PLANNING TO USE HAS NOT BEEN ALLOCATED TO SOMEONE ELSE. ALSO, THE SIZE OF YOUR DISPLAY AREA MAY BE LARGER THAN THE AREA ALLOCATED TO YOUR TECHNOLOGY.

ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR ROOMS, PLEASE CONTACT ME OR A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE. THIS WILL GIVE US AN IDEA OF WHAT IS GOING ON AND TO PREVENT DUPLICATION OF PROJECTS. INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS ARE WELCOME FROM SETS, BUT PLEASE TRY TO KEEP WITHIN YOUR TECHNOLOGICAL FIELD, AND TO MAKE TO DISPLAYS AS INFORMATIVE AS POSSIBLE.

COMMITTEE PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW BUT THE TECHNOLOGIES CONTACTED HAVE COME UP WITH VERY INTERESTING PROJECTS. AT THIS POINT, THE FIRST YEAR TECHNOLOGIES SEEM TO BE OUT DOING SECOND YEAR. SO LET'S GET GOING SENIORS, WE CAN'T BE OUTDONE BY ROOKIES, EH?

Committee Members

Wayne Kossowan	Health 1
Marlene Wiche	Health 1
Terry Palant	Engineering 1
Doug Wright	Engineering 1
Rick Nister	Business 1
Ken Ryman	Business 1



Support Your Teams PUPPET SHOW?

TO JACK'S NEWSPAPER: WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO KID?

It was with dismay that I read the most recent issue of The Link. This was the capping of five months of reading the most poorly written, presented, and edited newspaper that I have ever had the misfortune to run across. But in condemning the newspaper, I believe congratulations are in order to one person. That person? Jack Smuggler, of course!

Last year Jack nearly cut his own throat when he attempted to throw out the dec-

ision to hire an editor who had not previously attended BCIT. Well, he failed, but in his failure he found that the new editor was a person that could be easily influenced. At first she could hardly bring herself to print one of his letters, but now it would seem that she is being totally manipulated by Mr. Smuggler.

The issue of dress regulations only goes to show how far this situation has gone. I mean, really Jack, are you sure you don't write and edit every article in the rag and just put other names on them? And you, McMurtrie and Little, how

can you let yourselves be directed so obviously! The way you have let yourselves become just so many puppets to Smuggler's boring, one-track mind is truly laughable. What is it like to have someone else think for you - and actually have yourselves believing that you are not publishing a platform for Smuggler's carcass flailing? Just reread your last effort (?) and try to make up your own minds as to how much thinking you are REALLY doing for yourselves.

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OPEN HOUSE - MEMORANDUM

Please give us an indication of your technology's Audio-Visual equipment needs for Open House. All equipment will be brought through this committee so that all Tech's will be dealt with fairly. This information is needed as soon as possible preferably, before January 31, 1973.

AL ZANATTA
Equipment Chairman

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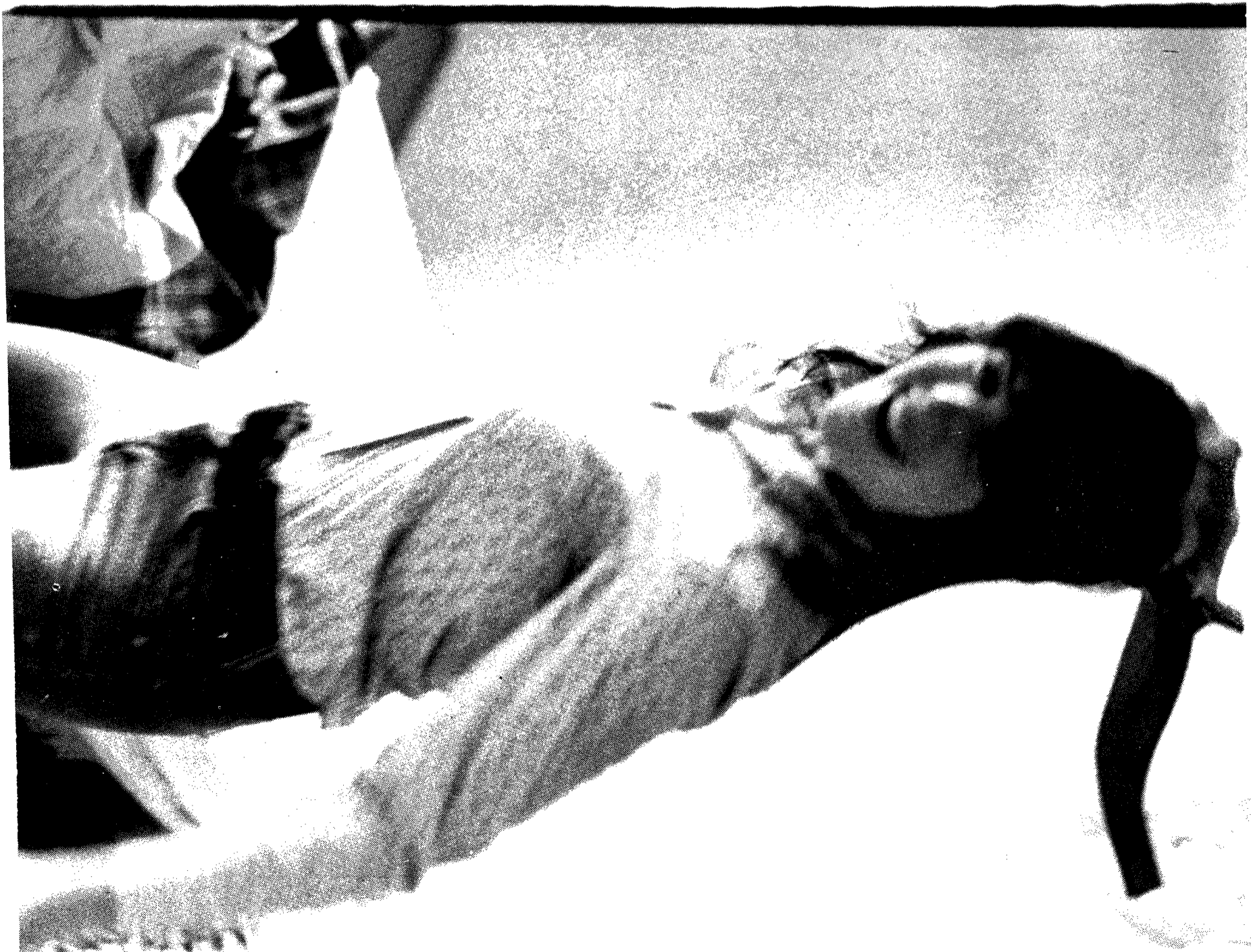
Jack Smugler

Multiple Reactions



dan mcCalliffe PHOTOS







When it's your turn Act Naturally



In This Corner

by Roger Morier

In 1962, seventy-five well-known scholars of American history were asked to rate the presidents up to John Kennedy.

The preponderant opinion called five Chief Executives "great" in this order - Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson and Thomas Jefferson.

Of these five, three - Lincoln, Roosevelt and Jefferson - were the subject abuse during their presidencies.

One, Wilson, was sharply repudiated by the Senate and then the voters and lived out his final days in near-disgrace.

The two Chief Executives deemed to be failures by a later generation - Ulysses Grant and Warren Harding - were enormously popular during their Presidencies.

History is almost always kinder to a President than his contemporaries have been.

In the case of Lyndon Johnson, they could scarcely have been less kind - for just as Lincoln, Roosevelt and Jefferson came under heavy criticism during their terms of office, so did Johnson.

How one man, in 1964, could receive from the American electorate one of the largest pluralities in presidential history; and yet, a scant four

years later refuse to run for the same office due to the increasingly vitriolic attacks against him is some sort of a mystery.

During the campaign of 1964, when LBJ and the nation knew as each day passed that he would win the election hands down, the President would occasionally ask visitors: "Why don't people like me?"

One guest, too old to be concerned about preferential treatment by the White House, replied: "Because, Mr. President, you are not a very likeable man."

It is strange and somehow sad that the man Lyndon Johnson who wanted so much for people to like him as a person and a president should have been forced to live out the last four years of his life in virtual recluse.

Johnson had become a "non-person" after January of 1969 - it was as though Lyndon Baines Johnson had gotten aboard Air Force One on January 20 and flown off into the Texas sunset, never to be heard from again.

As last years Democratic National Convention, huge posters of famous Democrats were prominently displayed about the convention hall. Conspicuous by its absence was a poster of LBJ.

And yet, I wonder why. For surely despite his record in Viet Nam, Johnson will come to be regarded in the years ahead as a "great" president ranking with Roosevelt and Lincoln and Wilson.

What are the indicators to assess a presidents just place in history? One traditional gauge is the enactment of major legislation.

By that measure, the Johnson administration was conspicuously successful. Medicare and federal aid to education broke through long-standing barriers. Three far-reaching civil rights bills went beyond anything since the Reconstruction.

A series of laws aimed at slum renovation and consumer protection were progressive and long overdue. The various anti-poverty programs were the beginning of a necessary break with the dole approach.

Indeed, some of Johnson's domestic programs may set patterns for the future.

In the foreign field, Viet Nam overshadowed significant achievements - and it may be several years yet before the final verdict on that conflict is known.

Agreements with the Russians and the beginning of the process that has lead to

realistic arms control were steps in the right direction. The Glasboro summit meeting with Aleksei Kosygin helped to start this movement.

It has been said that Lyndon Johnson, the President of the United States of America in this 1960's - this was the time when the man, the office and the country all had a rendezvous with tragedy.

I think not. Certainly LBJ was not perfect, he had personality flaws, but like some of his predecessors, they will become less significant a decade hence, and even more so, a decade after that.

I feel that while today Johnson is chiefly remembered as the man who got the USA so deeply involved in Southeast Asia, he will come to be remembered and known as the man who moved America ahead, farther and faster than any other President.

Viet Nam was a great blot on his "Great Society". He wanted to avoid war. Lyndon Johnson says: "Vietnam has been the most frustrating of all the crises I have faced... the last thing I wanted was to become a wartime president. But history determined that I should face the awful choice of intervention or retreat in Southeast Asia. I could not

escape or delay it."

History will forgive Lyndon Johnson for his actions in Viet Nam. And it will praise him for his incredible, imposing legislative record as congressman, senator, vice-president, and finally chief executive.

It's been overlooked, but will surely be rediscovered soon, that in the first 14 months in the White House after assuming office upon the death of John Kennedy, Lyndon Baines Johnson had either initiated or put through more legislation embracing more domestic reforms than any president in American history.

After his defeat at the polls in 1968, President Johnson said: "People will look back on these 5 years as some of the most important in the nation's history." Of that, there can be little doubt.

Perhaps the first eight years of the 1960's can best be summed up by a magazine article title - it reads "The Kennedy Legend and the Johnson Performance."

assembled thoughts

by: DAVE GREGSON

As a member of the BCIT Student Association, I have watched with fascination the anti dress regulation campaign taking place in the school newspaper. However, this fascination soon turned to nausea as I tried to decipher the logic behind the thoughts of that papers major columnist. In short, I feel he is trying to pull the wool over your eyes by out and out misrepresentations.

At the outset of the portion in question of his latest rambblings (Jan. 18, 1973 issue) he states 'Unfortunately, council saw fit to change the intended wording of the referendum'. I ask you, unfortunate for whom and who's intended wording. Looking through the minutes of that meeting, I find that the vote to change the wording of the referendum was passed almost unanimously, (guess who voted against it). I have also been told that this person was one of the members of the committee of three who originally set out the wording in question. It is indeed unfortunate when a democratic majority does catch you up as you try to enforce your will upon them. Especially when you're trying to railroad it through so legitimately.

This article then proceeded to elaborate upon an alleged scheme by certain factions within BCIT to discredit the referendum by making it democratic (my wording, not his). Being alumni myself, I feel I am still very much a part of this institution and that I always will be. The value of my Diploma and my two years here mean a great deal to me and wouldn't particularly like to see their value tarnished. This leads me to question just who is making a mockery of the democratic process. I say it is the person who considers

it unfortunate when a majority decides he is wrong or the person who cries foul because the opinion of the whole has to be considered and not just the opinion of one portion of that whole. You might liken it to a political party being able to chose which riding it was going to hold the next election in.

Now that I have (hopefully) discredited some of this persons' literary style, I would like to proceed with an analysis of the situation from which his article was spawned.

Idealism in itself is the most healthy asset a person can have. However, to be idealistic, a person must survive in a world of not ideal people. This art of survival is called realism, a trait most evidently lacking in some of the philosophy discussed upon the pages of last weeks () paper. (Fill in your own definition).

The purpose of ANY educational establishment is to improve a students mind such that they are better equipped to survive in society as it exists now, and not how it exists in the mind of an idealist. It is only in this manner that a person can get to such a position as to start implementing their own idealistic ideas in an effective manner.

From this it is a simple manner to see that situations which for a person to function in an environment which is basically hostile to him, that person will be far better equipped in that big, mean, bad world where nobody gives two shits whether you live or die.

It sounds lousy, feels lousy, and is lousy, but, that is the way it is and you sure in hell aren't going to do much about it by chipping away at the bottom of the pyramid with some well worn rhetoric.

COUGARS ROARING BACK

Hockey News

Last weekend the Cougars visited Kamloops to the British Columbia Festival of Sports Hockey Tournament. With eight teams entered, the Cougars started off slow by bowing to Malaspina College in the opening game 6 - 2 on Thursday. The greenshirts came up stale for this one, but the snarl was taken out on the rest of teams.

On Friday, BCIT knocked Selkirk College (one of the favourites to win) out the tournament by a score 5 - 4. On Saturday morning, the Cougars took it out on Prince George defeating the club from up north by a score of 17 - 3. Every member of the club, including goalie Mike Fraser got in on the scoring. On Saturday afternoon, the Cougars were in the Consolation final against Vancouver City College. The score was tied 4 - 4 after 2 periods, but in the 3rd period, the greenshirts wanted the bronze medal badly enough to score 3 unanswered goals and win 7 - 4. Fred Parent scored the picture goal of the tournament and Mike Fraser kicked out 50 shots as the BCIT Cougars won our college that bronze medal. It was a great team effort. Get behind your hockey club, league play continues this weekend.

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THOUGHTS

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TIME

Time is a continuous traveller
Moving on and on
As if there were no cares or worries
Or anyone singing songs.

Jonney was a traveller
He wandered all around
But then one day he found his girl
And now he's settled down.

Time is still a moving thing
Every moment carries on
It never stops to rest or wait
For even a second long.

Time is such a wanderous thing
It never stops to play
It never has such time for things
As it passes every day.
Time is such a steady thing
It moves at a constant rate
It may seem fast; It may seem slow
But never early; never late.

JIM BATES

IT'S RAINING

It's raining
In Stanley Park
The people walk
beneath umbrellas
The cold Pacific at their feet
The dark wet trees
are their retreat
They breathe in
the salty wind
clean and sweet
Throughout Vancouver
the shoppers meet
They bump along
the crowded street
and stop
In bright, huge stores
and coffee stalls
And all the time it's raining
In Gastown
the flutist plays a straying beat
The youngsters gather
on the street
Through cold, the rain
the music's playing
The sky is dark
the seagulls call
For night is near
The day is complete.
Their wings and gray
against the sky
as they speed west
in retreat.
In Stanley Park

INDEED

Indeed
To talk of the marriage pretence
And the pretence
Of need
Is to talk of wandering people
Lost in relationships that
Lead
To nothing worlds and places.
And to stop somewhere
Is to understand someone
in need
While facts are force-fed fibres
Of living, loving blame they
Feed
To undernourished, starving souls
And minds and people . . .
Can two walk together?
Lest they be agreed

- CM

Dear Sylvester,

Say goodbye to peace my love.
We've sold it to the U.N. for three thousand
cleansed consciences
They are giving it out in tin cups
to the starving and oppressed.
Too bad their bloated stomachs can't accept it.
The ambassador from Red China
Suggests that we send flowers and a message of
condolence
To the Pakistani people.

I think I'll donate my whole garden
it gives me hay fever anyway.

-Su

WAITING

I thought I saw
a glimmer
of affection in your eyes.
Or was it just the light?
Sitting, hoping
Wishing
all will work out right.
It seems I care too
much
then have to bear the pain
of someone else
just casting it aside
as friendship.
Love never does
give up
I'm told.
But forever is a long, long
time.

TELETHON COMING

VANCOUVER--Two performers who've become great British Columbia Favourites on the Variety Telethon will be back for the 1973 fund-raising spectacular, scheduled for February 10-11 on the full B.C. Television Limited network.

They are Leonard Nimoy and Blake Emmons.

Many others will join them for the 20 hour show broadcast live and in color over Channel 8, Vancouver, Channel 6, Victoria, and more than 35 satellite and repeater stations throughout the Interior and Vancouver Island.

The show will also go to Prince George

And, for the first time, it will start in "prime" evening hours - going on the air at 9:00 p.m. PST, Saturday, February 10. It runs through until 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Previously the Telethon had gone on the air shortly after 11:00 p.m.

Nimoy, who gained fame as a member of "Star Trek" stars on network TV in the U.S. and later on "Mission Impossible," before gaining a lead role in a Broadway stage hit which kept him away from the 1972 Telethon here, will be making his fourth appearance in five years for the Variety Club of Western Canada.

The Telethon is the major fund-raising function of Tent 47, the Vancouver chapter of Variety Clubs International - a chapter whose activities and support for Handicapped and Needy Children extends more widely each year, reaching into Kamloops, Kelowna, Vernon and other Okanagan areas, Price George and Terrace, as well as the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

Last year, when Blake Emmons was perhaps the most popular of all performers on the Telethon, viewers pledged \$190,000 and actual contributions exceeded 95% of that total.

Major project currently under way under Tent 47 auspices is Variety's Treatment Centre for Children in Surrey, where more than 170 crippled children will receive treatment under direction of the Lower Fraser Valley Cerebral Palsy Association. Funds raised last year enabled the club to commit \$225,000 toward construction of the first two phases of the centre - a physiotherapy centre and hydrotherapy pool. The completed centre is expected to cost \$600,000.

Council Briefs

The wheels of work have finally started to produce some material decisions as far as BCIT student council goes.

The meeting last Tuesday night showed some real progress on the part of both the student representatives and the Executive.

It was disclosed that Education Minister Eileen Dailly had paid a surprise visit to the Institute December 27 and that members of council had put together a hasty presentation concerning the need for residences on campus but the presentation that was given was last year's. As a result a new presentation is being formulated and will be again presented sometime this term.

If the scheme is approved this year it will take at least two years until the final completion of the residences so members of the Executive are looking for temporary alternatives to the problem. Several members of the executive visited the Willingdon School for Girls since they had heard that the complex was being phased out by April. After visiting the complex they were impressed and have sent a letter to Rehabilitation Minister Norm Levi asking for usage of the Willingdon School for Girls.

The SAC pub will start issuing a new color of beer token starting February 1, the old orange tokens will not be accepted after the January 29 pub.

Pub manager Robert Simmons explained that the new color would be used as a precautionary measure as some students have secured tokens the same color as the present orange ones and the pub staff goes through such volume in one evening that it is impossible to stop and check each token to see that it bears 'Sac Pub'.

Only 34 members of council were present at the meeting which did not warrant a quorum so the Executive was asked to vote. Presidents and vice-presidents of techs take note.

BCIT now officially has a Whistler Lodge after council approved an expenditure to buy a prefabricated lodge which will comfortably house 20 people. The lodge is located on Whistler Mountain and the Student Association has been paying taxes on the land for the past three years.

BUSINESS VIEWS

It is unfortunate that we, the student body, are only exposed to con bias on the tie issue, namely Jack Smugler's and Debra Little's articles. The basic ideology behind their arguments is that our civil rights and freedom of expression are oppressed by the administration and the faculty and we are their by-products sold to business. If you honestly feel this way, then it's time for you to get out, and get out fast or you're really screwing yourself. Now let's be realistic. What are you at BCIT for? I can only assume, with a few exceptions, that all of us are here to receive a post-secondary education in a designated field of your choice, and hopefully after completion, secure employment in this or other related fields. Sad as it may seem to some people, we are all products packaged for various business, but so are graduate PHDs', Engineers, doctors, plumbers, carpenters, etc. If you can not conceive this or will not, then I feel very sorry for you because you will be struggling with reality for the rest of your life. For most people, what happens at BCIT will determine and shape their future.

Presently a greater part of this package is academics. Few will argue with the statement that education doesn't just happen in the classroom, and that the teacher's

responsibility goes beyond teaching his academic subjects. Everything that transpires on a campus has an educational impact. If we are truly preparing ourselves for the future, we have a responsibility not to create an artificial environment; such as disregard for dress standards, namely the tie. By

creating this artificial environment, a smooth transition is difficult. Once we leave this campus, we assume the responsibility we seek, and obviously you will have to conform to the morals and disciplines of society. Why make your life's burden any harder than necessary?

The issue seems to be that little piece of cloth around your neck is strangling your civil rights and freedom of expression. If this bothers you, then why wear pants or shirt, and so forth. This might sound ridiculous, it is, the whole issue is, there shouldn't even be any issue. If the tie, such a small trivial thing, is infringing on your civil rights and freedom of expression, then how will you be able to handle real problems? BCIT has built up a reputation not only because of our dress code, but also because of our academics. A radical change, as advocated by a selfish few who only give a dam about their unrealistic ideology, will be detrimental to all students, not only this year, but in years to come. The outcry is, "But we're the only

educational institute with dress standards; we should be like the rest." For the most part the rest are with patched-up jeans and old army shirts and jackets. How much is there to be said of this dress standard? As for the outcries, they are something you'd hear from a little child. BCIT is a unique school in many respects, especially dress standards, then why make hamburger out of us to finer prospects. When Ryerson, Sait and other educational institutes dropped their dress standards, so did their hiring, like thirty to forty per cent average and has taken them many years to overcome this mistake, and even today they are still below what they should be. BCIT enjoys an average ninety per cent hiring rate, a drop of thirty to forty per cent will undoubtedly place many of us out of work. Is this what you want?

As for BCIT being unique as opposed to SFU, UBC and other regional colleges, don't take my word for it, just get off your apathetic ass and phone your future prospective employers. Not just one, but many, and fine out what excellent prospects BCIT students make. Right, you are a prospect if you like it or not, get used to it. If your life's determination is to make a radical change of societies dress standards, then become a designer, or get into business and make appropriate changes according

to your whims and fancy. Most of you will say this is impossible, then I say you're full of bullshit. It's already come true with many businesses but when they are hiring THE TIE, is still the acceptable factor within the dress standard. This does not mean that part of the dress standard is jeans, but a suitable replacement for the traditional suit and ties.

Something else I have noticed that Engineering and Health students have a misconception of the word "Business." In our western society, every aspect of this society is based on business. If you are managing your company, or work for a large conglomerate, whatever the field, all operations are based on business principles. Governments, Federal, Provincial and Municipal, are also run on accepted business principles. Everything you own, everything you do, is based on a business transaction. Sounds like we're slaves to it doesn't it? Yes, we are, but we sure do enjoy the little goodies we can buy. Then if we're dissatisfied, then we can always go back to the bow and arrow and the wilderness - whatever is left of it?

As for the Engineering and Health students who figure they'll never wear a tie, the rest of their lives, except at weddings and funerals. Who are you trying to kid? Most of you will accept employment

with firms where the tie is mandatory, not as a company rule, but as a social rule.

For the others who are in the field, if you have any ambition whatsoever to assume a responsible managerial position, you'll be wearing that damn thing unless you are perfectly happy in your primary position for the next twenty to thirty years. Which I doubt very much.

As for appropriate dress, the following is a conclusion from Clothing Behavior and its affect on Personality Characteristics, Social and Academic Achievement. From the studies cited, it would appear that appropriate clothing behavior and personal appearance on students for the basic reason that these standards are critical predisposing factors for future success in an individual's chosen career pattern. This is substantiated by also by various studies done on the subject.

In conclusion, Don't be hasty to vote yes or no or not bother at all. Find out first from reliable sources, and consider your future not only this year, but in years to come.

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