

# Letters

## Selling Science Dimension

We are a new computer and science store here in Vancouver. We can carry your publication. How much do you charge? Do you have a buy-back option if we don't sell the stock?

**Adriane Polovic**  
Rhapsody Publications Inc.  
Vancouver, B.C.

*At present, Science Dimension is distributed free, directly to subscribers. However, we are studying the possibility of offsetting some of our costs with a subscription fee. Ed.*

## Kudos

I have found the first issues of *Science Dimension* to be very interesting and very informative. I am sure the following issues will continue this way. You and your staff are to be congratulated on such a fine start.

**R. Michael Shields**  
President  
Shields Industries Ltd.  
Vancouver, B.C.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate you for the publication *Science Dimension* and for supplying it to our high schools.

One of my goals in science education is to assist teachers to find applications of science to problems in technology or in everyday living. I feel that *Science Dimension* will be a step forward in this endeavour.

I assume that it would be appropriate for me to inform all high schools that this publication is available free of charge and that they can order it using a copy of the order form which is found in the magazine.

**Truman Layton**  
Consultant, Science  
Halifax, N.S.

*We not only deem it appropriate, we thank you for assisting us in this endeavour. Ed.*

I read recently your article "The Eggs Have It" in *Science Dimension*; it has now been circulated to my graduate students to indicate what might be done with a concept and/or technique to make it understandable to others outside of their discipline. I just want to congratulate you and thank you for your article; I regret that certain aspects of my own discipline (Plant Protection) are neglected to the point that they receive little attention or sympathy from the public.

**Blair H. MacNeil**  
Professor of Plant Pathology  
University of Guelph  
Guelph, Ont.

I have just read the latest issue of *Science Dimension* and I am impressed with both the format and content. A "popular" science magazine that is of interest to both layman and scientist is especially welcome in today's world of computers and biotechnology. I would greatly appreciate it if you would add my name to the mailing list of the magazine.

I do research in Churchill, Manitoba, in the summer and I was pleased to see the article on the work being done at the Churchill Rocket Range. I pass by it many times on my way out to the research station where I spend my time. My fieldwork has brought me in contact with polar bears many times, and I was thrilled to see the polar bear on the magazine cover.

**Dawn R. Bazely**  
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Toronto, Ont.

## Reprints of Science Dimension

Our school wishes to purchase reprints of articles found in your periodical over the years. Please advise if this is possible and of the cost. Thank you.

**Lillian Johnstone**  
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Swan River, Man.

*Science Dimension does not offer reprints of past articles for sale. If, however, you let us know what articles are needed, we'll see what we can do. Ed.*



## It's TRIUMF, not UBCUMF

I was interested to read the article "Pions Against Cancer" in the latest edition of *Science Dimension*.

However, may I remind you and your headline/caption writer that the 'TRI' in TRIUMF refers to the three founding universities in this collaborative project, the University of Victoria, Simon Fraser, and UBC, and that a fourth, the University of Alberta, became a partner in TRIUMF shortly after its inception. The fact that the accelerator is located near the UBC campus does not make it "UBC's TRIUMF"; and the "new tumour therapy at UBC" is actually performed in the TRIUMF medical facility built and supported by the B.C. Cancer Institute. Much of the pion-channel design work for this facility was undertaken by a member of this Department, Dr. Donald E. Lobb.

Approximately one third (24 persons) of the Physics Department staff at the University of Victoria is associated in some way with TRIUMF and it becomes discouraging for them to read repeatedly (this is by no means the first time) that the scientific community in Eastern Canada views it solely as a UBC operation.

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## SIMFAC

In a recent issue of *Science Dimension* you describe a simulator, SIMFAC, used by Dr. Sally Ride and other astronauts, which was designed and built in the SPAR Aerospace facility. SIMFAC was in fact designed and manufactured by CAE Electronics Ltd., St. Laurent, Quebec, under contract to SPAR. The Hand Controls and Displays and Controls Panel used by Dr. Ride to control the CANADARM were also supplied by CAE. The two bits a ride coin slots shown in your sketch are obviously a post delivery modification.

Otherwise, I commend you on a very readable and well presented publication.

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