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Wednesday, October 10

Loonie Toons (\$1 feature film). 11:30am - 2:30pm. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

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

Monday, October 15

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

Tuesday, October 16

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

Wednesday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 20

Relaxation Massage. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

October 22 - 24

Voting in SA Referendum on Health and Dental Plan. 8am - 4pm. SA Offices.

Tuesday, October 23

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

Wednesday, October 24

Fall Awards Ceremony.

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

Thursday, October 25

Blood Donor Clinic. Town Square Conference Room A & B. 9am - 4pm.

Friday, October 26

Electronic Engineering Technology: Term A Courses end.

Monday, October 29

Electronic Engineering Technology: Term B Courses begin.

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

Tuesday, October 30

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

Wednesday, October 31

Hallowe'en.

Nursing: Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' on transcript.

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

Friday, November 2

Level 1 Fee Deadline for winter Term of Full time Technology Programs for January 2, 2002 start.

Nursing: Level 1 Fee Deadline for winter Term of Full time Technology Programs for January 2, 2002 start.

Monday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 6

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

Wednesday, November 7

Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' on transcript for Fall Full Term courses.

Technology Entry: Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' on transcript.

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

Sunday, November 11

Remembrance Day.

Monday, November 12

BCIT Closed. Day in Lieu of Remembrance Day.

Tuesday, November 13

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

Wednesday, November 7

Electronic Engineering Technology: Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W' on transcript for Fall Full Term courses.

Loonie Toons (\$1 feature film). 11:30am - 2:30pm. Contact Rec Services for more information at 604-432-8287.

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

Monday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 22

Recreation Council Social.

Bi-curious? Bi? Gay? Club Vancouver, Bathhouse for Bi and Gay Men. Rooms, lockers, steam, showers, snack bar, videos. 24hrs, 7 days. Students 1/2 price all the time with valid student ID. 339 West Pender St. 681-5719

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NOTICE OF

THE BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
REPORT ON AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AUDITORS' APPOINTMENT FOR 2001/2002

October 29th, 2001
S.A. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STUDENT ASSOCIATION
CAMPUS CENTRE BUILDING
TIME: 5:45 PM



Marie Hagenrights
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KIM CHOINERE PHOTO

Translink makes massive cut to GVRD buses, more cuts to service possible in the near future

JESSICA JOHNSTON
AND PAUL DAYSON
News Editor, the Peak
Managing Editor, The Link

Next week bus service in the Lower Mainland will be massively cut, and according to TransLink, these cuts could be just the beginning if the company fails to resolve its current "financial crisis."

"The cuts that are coming on October 15 were debated, we heard from public delegations, the board decided last March 31 - they are done. They cannot be reversed at this time," says TransLink spokesperson Ken Hardie. "There will be perhaps three times that size of cut to the system if the region decides that there is to be no more funding for the public transportation system."

The cuts that come into effect on October 15 will be extensive. Most significantly, there will no longer be late-night service leaving downtown Vancouver - the last bus for every route will depart downtown at 1:40 a.m. In addition to the elimination of late-night service, cuts will affect 41 (primarily suburban) routes.

The upcoming cuts to service were negotiated following the NDP government's failure to implement a proposed vehicle levy previously promised to TransLink. Now the company has two options for generating additional revenue, says Hardie - another fare increase or by appealing to the GVRD or the provincial government to raise taxes.

According to the group Better Environmentally Sound Transportation the average annual increases under these proposals are:

- gas tax: \$30-60 per year
- property tax: \$22 per year
- transit fares: \$125-250 per year (\$250-500 including last summer's fare increase)

David Thompson, executive director of B.E.S.T. said, "Last summer's fare hike already cost transit users \$125-250. This proposal would double those costs. Transit users would be paying an increase of eight times what car drivers would pay and twelve times what property owners would pay. And transit users - often students, the elderly and lower income people - are the least able to pay any increases."

Failing these increases, however, TransLink could implement further cuts to

make the amount of service reflect TransLink's current financial situation.

"Unfortunately, there's no tooth fairy, there's no magic money tree that we can go to... it comes down to a very clear choice, you either pay more to keep what you've got or you keep your money and get less - that's what it comes down to."

Thompson says that more funding is needed, but disagrees about where it should come from. "We agree with the need for more revenue for the system. But it has to be spread out more. It has to be balanced. In the long run, TransLink needs to look at parking charges, road and bridge tolls and other sources," Thompson said.

In the short term, TransLink is required by law to balance its books. Thompson continued, "the BCAA suggested advancing the current schedule for Provincial gas tax transfers to the Region. We agree completely with this idea. The transfers are going to happen anyway, so let's use them to help address the current crisis. And let's be realistic about the gas and property tax increases."

"The gas tax hike would be cheaper than a cup of coffee a week. And regional property tax contributions to transportation are a fraction of those in other cities in Canada. They can both be afforded," he said.

Those who are affected by the cuts may be comforted to know that decisions regarding what service would be cut were based on public input. Brenda Jones, also a TransLink spokesperson, adds the cuts are "disappointing" but says that "we really reached out to various organisations and we tried to be very aware of when shifts end for various organisations and when they start - we did some consultation on that."

Jones notes that the reduction in late-night service is not as bad as it sounds, - "the last bus will leave downtown at 1:40 a.m. and those buses connect into other bus networks in Burnaby and Surrey and all that kind of stuff, so those buses are continuing on and many of those buses will run until 3:30 in the morning," she says, "so we almost have 24-hour service we're just cutting back when the service is leaving downtown."

B.E.S.T. will be holding a public forum on the proposed fare increases on the evening of October 17th at SFU Harbour Centre.

Referendum on Health plan set for Oct 22-24

CAMERON RANKIN
Link News Reporter

The Student Association is asking students of BCIT to approve a Medical/Dental plan for full time students.

The SA will be holding a referendum October 22-24.

The SA began examining the possibility of a medical plan after a group of students did a feasibility study for for a class project last year which produced promising results.

"Putting this plan into place will help students who don't know what is covered under the BC Medical and what isn't," said SA president Brent Morris.

There will be two questions on the SA referendum:

1. The Health Question: The proposed health Plan would provide most full time BCIT students with extended health benefits at a cost of \$98 per year. To cover premium and administrative cost adjustments, this fee may increase up to four percent per annum. The fee would be assessed to all eligible students at the time of registration. Students with comparable coverage may opt-out of this plan. Are you in favor of the Student Association implementing such a health plan?

2. The Dental Question: The proposed Dental plan would provide most full-time BCIT students with Dental Benefits at the cost of \$108 /year. To cover premium and administrative cost adjustments, this fee may increase up to four percent per annum. The fee would be assessed to all eligible students at the time of registration. Students with comparable coverage may opt-out of this plan. Are you in favor of the Student Association implementing such a Dental plan?

Voting will take place between the dates of October 22-24 at the Student Association offices.

Our students are being asked to vote on a plan that includes extended Medical and Dental benefits; it will not replace the regular BC Medical Card. Some of the features of the plan are:

- 80 percent Coverage on prescriptions

with a drug card that you can take to your pharmacists

- 80 percent Coverage on Medical
- 70 to 80 percent coverage on Dental with regular checkups and polishing being covered once a year
- Private tutorial service if the student is confined to home or hospital due to illness or injury for 15 consecutive school days.

The Health plan does not include optical coverage.

The plan will be mandatory for all full-time BCIT students. There will, however be a clause in the contract for students who have Extended Medical from another source to withdraw from the plan. Students will have a month from the time the plan is implemented to withdraw from the plan. You will be eligible to be enrolled in the plan if:

- you are a member of the BCIT SA
- you are in an applicable program
- you meet the full-time criteria for your program
- and you are residing in Canada

Students can add their family to the health plan for an attitudinal cost ranging from \$98-\$147 per family for Health and \$108- \$304 per family for Dental.

If the referendum is successful The BCIT student Association has chosen to work with an consultant (Gallivan & Associates) to administer the Medical plan.

The consultants will establish a Students Benefits Plan Office on campus. There a Student Service Co-ordinator will deal with any matters in which students require personal attention.

There will be information Booths on various days and locations throughout campus, if students wish to research the Medical plan themselves Gallivan and Associates have they can find the information on the net at: www.gallivan.ca/studentnetworks/bcit/faq.html.

If their is a yes vote on the referendum, the Student Association will attempt to implement the plan for the winter semester of 2002. "This is a very important issue at our school," said Morris, who encourages all full-time students to vote at the referendum.

Gallivan & Associates will be staffing information booths to inform the students on the details of the health and dental plans on the following dates at these locations:

Date	Time	Place
October 15	10:30 AM-2: 30 PM	SE6 (Lobby near cafeteria)
October 15	10:30 Am-3: 30 PM	SW1 (second floor)
October 16	10:30 Am-3: 30 PM	SW1 (second floor)
October 16	10.30Am-2: 30 PM	SE6 (Lobby near cafeteria)
October 16	10.30Am-2: 30 PM	NE1 (Cafeteria)
October 17	10.30Am-2: 30 PM	NE1 (Cafeteria)
October 17	9:30 Am-3: 30Pm	Great Hall
October 18	9:30 Am-3: 30Pm	Great Hall
October 18	10.30Am-2: 30 PM	SE12 (Cafeteria)
October 19	10.30Am-2: 30 PM	SE12 (Cafeteria)
October 19	9:30 Am-3: 30Pm	Great Hall

CanWest Global donates the funding for a new Television news centre on campus

AMY LAPSLEY
Link News Reporter

CanWest Global is donating money to the BCIT Broadcast and Media Communications Program to build a new television news centre at BCIT.

David Asper, an executive with CanWest Global, was at BCIT on Wednesday to make the announcement. The 300,000 dollar donation will be used to build the Global Television News Centre of Excellence.

Brian Antonson, associate dean of Broadcast and Media Communications, says that the new facility will have a "huge impact" on the Program. With the new building, television news will have its own space, freeing up space for a separate radio newsroom as well as an on-line newsroom.

"Over the years, Global has been very supportive of our program. They made a commitment to the CRTC that with the purchase of the WIC operations, they would put a million dollars in the local education market. We put forward the concept of the Global Television News Centre of Excellence and they liked it," said Antonson.

According to George Orr, a Television News instructor, government cutbacks to education are making private donations increasingly necessary.

"Education is not growing in BC anymore, so the only way for educators to move forward is to find resources outside of the taxpayer", he said.

The Centre should be open in the fall of 2002.



KIM CHOINERE PHOTO

BCIT's new smoking policy: smoke away from the doors

BRUCE MCTAGGART
Link News Reporter

BCIT just got a lot tougher on smokers.

Effective September 1, 2001, smoking will be restricted to outdoor locations away from entrances, windows, eating areas, thoroughfares, fresh air intakes, and areas where smoke could be drawn into buildings. In addition, smoking is also banned from the inside of all vehicles and from all covered areas.

This means that it will no longer be enough for smokers to go outside and loiter near the door. They will have to go and stand out in the rain.

Jerry Moss, vice president Student Services and Educational Support (check title) said that the new policy was in response to complaints that the areas around some doorways were full of smoke. This forced non-smokers

to pass through the smoke to enter the buildings.

Asked about how the new policy would be enforced, Mr. Moss said, "We aren't running a police state here. The purpose of the new policy is to let people know what appropriate behavior is."

The most common reaction amongst students to the new policy was "Policy, what policy?"

When the policy was explained to them, reaction around campus was mixed but mostly supportive.

Courtenay, a student in Environmental Health said, "Maybe this will help me quit smoking. The policies fair, non-smokers shouldn't have to put up with my smoke."

Jeremy Cranston in Geographical Information Systems said, "Great, now that we have reduced smoking through a clean air policy, we should ban cars from the campus to further clean up the air."

Services agreement could be dire for post-secondary education, critics charge

VINCE TEETAERT
Central Bureau
Canadian University Press

WINNIPEG
A growing number of academics say they're worried a relatively unknown trade agreement could have severe implications for post-secondary education.

David Robinson, associate executive director for the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), says the General Agreement on Trade in Services, or GATS, could impact everything from representation on universities' boards of governors to how the government spends money on post-secondary education.

"We don't know what the full implications will be and what really scares me is the Canadian negotiators don't know either," Robinson said.

André Lemay, a spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, says GATS is like other trade agreements, only instead of trade in goods, GATS governs trade in services.

Lemay says fears over the agreement's effect on education are unfounded. The country will always have the option to keep education off the trade table, he said.

"Canada can exclude services from GATS."

Lemay adds that Canadian trade negotiators are not including education or health care in discussions.

Ian Boyko, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, says Canadian ministers can't guarantee education won't be affected.

"The federation is skeptical when [Trade Minister] Pierre

Pettigrew says education won't be on the table," he said.

GATS critics like Boyko point to Article 1.3 of the agreement which stipulates services can be exempt if the services are supplied "in the exercise of government authority" or "supplied neither on a commercial basis, nor in competition with one or more service suppliers."

Robinson says colleges and universities aren't exempt under these criteria. He says universities' growing reliance on private funding has created "quasi-private" institutions that could be included under GATS rules.

"It becomes muddled. It is not very clear [if universities] as they exist right now would be protected," said Robinson.

Boyko and Robinson also have concerns over Canada's stance at the negotiating table.

Many education leaders say Canada has been pushing for a broad agreement, one that could see Canadian corporations doing business in other countries in the field of education.

Lemay says Canada would benefit from an agreement on services. He points out that trade in services has been growing faster than trade in goods.

"Services should become part of the World Trade Organization and we should have a set of rules," he said. He adds the rules are important to level the playing field which would benefit a country like Canada which has a "medium economy."

But Robinson insists Canada can't sign a services agreement like the GATS and expect that education will be exempt.

"[Canadian trade officials] want to have public education here in Canada but have it commercialized everywhere else," Robinson said.

HR Food Bank drive held for Thanksgiving, another planned for before BCIT's Christmas break

BRUCE MCTAGGART
Link News Reporter

Students in Human Resources, Financial Management, and Management Systems got together to organize a food bank drop off in the Great Hall for the week of October 3 to 10.

Interviewed as she set up the collection box, Shellaina Herrick said their effort was triggered by

a feeling that it would be nice to do something positive in response to the events of September 11. The food was to be donated to the single mother's charity run by the YWCA and the hope was that most of the donations would be received in time for Thanksgiving.

The SA is planning a Christmas food Bank drive for November.

BC treaty referendum sparks debate

KEVIN GROVES
The Martlet, University of Victoria
Canadian University Press

VICTORIA

A controversial storm is forecasted for British Columbia this spring as the B.C. government and First Nations head for a showdown over a proposed referendum on treaty negotiations.

"Aboriginal rights are recognized and confirmed by Canadian law," said Lana Lowe, a member of the University of Victoria's Native Student Union (NSU). "It seems that the sole purpose of a treaty referendum is to foster popular support for violating the constitutionally protected rights of aboriginal peoples in B.C."

Despite a recent decision to drop a court case challenging the Nisga'a Treaty, B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell promised to hold the province-wide vote based on concerns that aboriginal land claim treaties create a third order of government in B.C. (other than provincial and federal) and violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The NSU says its members are suspicious of the government's interests.

"A treaty referendum is a divide-and-rule strategy that violates human and constitutional rights in order to eliminate the possibility of local control over land and resources," Lowe said. "They can then be handed over to big business."

Critics worry that a referendum could further bitterness between aboriginals and non-aboriginals, as well as increase economic uncertainty, particularly in forest communities affected by a 19.3 per cent softwood lumber tariff.

"It's just the wrong way to go," said New Democrat MP Jenny Kwan. "If the [Liberal] concern is that there needs to be more process then there needs to be further consultation, which they have decided to

reject."

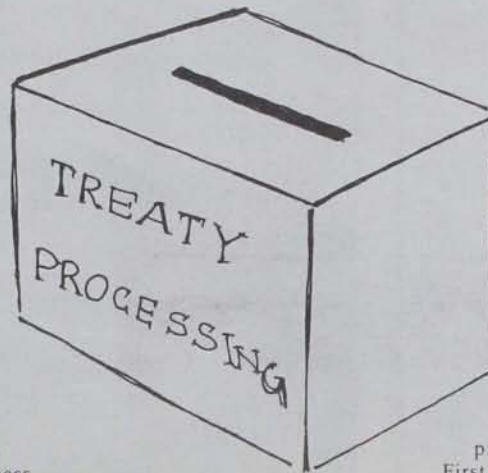
Joe Foy, a member of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC) warns the consequences of the referendum could be severe.

"We should all remember what happened to Japanese-Canadians in the Second World War," Foy said. "The Liberals seem serious about this referendum and they should give the public some indication about where they're going with it."

Others worry that the B.C. public may favour the government in a referendum simply out of a lack of awareness of the issues involved.

"We don't know the degree to which the general public has an understanding of the land claim process," said Bill White, UVic's Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

Courses devoted to aboriginal awareness were cut in 1981, White said, and little has been done to educate the public about aboriginal affairs since that time.



To date, B.C.'s treaty process with First Nations is a lengthy, six-stage affair. First Nations must initially submit a statement of intent to the B.C. treaty commission, which is then followed by negotiations to ensure the new treaty will be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

By April of 2000, 51 B.C. First Nations representing more than 70 per cent of the aboriginal population in the province were at various stages in the treaty negotiation process.

To ratify the Nisga'a deal, the province's former NDP government held 450 meetings with advisory groups and the public, while a legislative committee held 31 public hearings on the agreement-in-principle in 27 communities around B.C. The final debate on the treaty lasted 116 hours.

Last March, the legislature conducted a lengthy debate on a motion opposing the

use of referenda to deal with First Nation treaty rights. Speeches from both the NDP government and the BC Liberal opposition presented widely differing viewpoints.

"It is absolute nonsense to pretend that treaty rights aren't minority rights," said then-NDP Premier Ujjal Dosanjh. "Of course they are. They are fundamental to our relationship with B.C.'s First Nations. I would ask: why is this, of all issues, the one where [the B.C. Liberals] choose to hold a referendum?"

But Geoff Plant, now attorney general with the B.C. Liberals had strong criticisms of Dosanjh's speech and suggested that the treaty process to date had denied the public a wider say in how it should be organized.

"Those words say that it would be wrong to use the vehicle of referendum to ascertain from the people of British Columbia some input into the guiding principles that should affect the treaty mandates of the government," Plant said. "I oppose that because I believe that there is a use for the referendum process in this province."

The B.C. Liberals are now in the process of drawing up the questions for the referendum and members from the NDP were asked to sit on a committee that would decide on the questions. Both Kwan and party leader Joy MacPhail refused.

"We felt that the decisions of the committee would be predetermined, so we decided not to participate," Kwan said. "Instead, we have created an alternate committee to promote how the province could engage in treaty negotiations."

Government MPs remain quiet about what questions will be asked.

Neither Plant nor John Les, B.C. Liberal MP for Chilliwack-Sumas who heads the referendum committee, could be reached by press time.

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Blanche van Ginkle and Ursula Franklin.

Lorenzo Marcolongo Photo

Blood Donor Clinic

Town Square Conference Room A & B
Thursday, October 25, 2001
9:00am - 4:00pm

Who can donate?

Healthy individuals weighing at least 110 lb. who are in good health and free from most medication.

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Important:

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Bring identification with you.

Free juice and cookies.

If you are unsure if you can donate -
call the Blood Service at 879 6001 (24 hours).

Retired U of T profs demand compensation for years of alleged wage discrimination

KIM EDWARDS
The Varsity,
University of Toronto
Canadian University Press

The University of Toronto discriminated against its top female employees by paying them lower salaries than their male colleagues four retired U of T professors have alleged.

"The university has unduly enriched themselves and benefited from what they didn't pay us," said Blanche van Ginkle, the university's former dean of architecture.

van Ginkle, along with Ursula Franklin, Phyllis Grosskurth and Cicely Watson were in court last week seeking to represent 108 retired professors and librarians in a class-action lawsuit. The suit would demand compensation for the wage disparities and would allow the four women to represent others with concerns instead of each retired professor individually taking the university to court over matter.

Justice Arthur Gans presided over the hearing.

Mary Anne Eberts, the women's legal counsel, argued that the case should be tried as a

class-action suit because the cost and burden of filing individual lawsuits would be too difficult for all of the elderly women involved.

Angus McKinnon, who represented the university, challenged the claim by saying there is no historical gender-based discrimination at U of T and therefore no basis for a class-action suit.

In 1973, the University of Toronto reviewed women's salaries to find there were economic disparities between men and women, which the university then moved to address.

However, a few years later, disparities arose again.

The university adjusted salaries again in 1989, but the women who wish to be viewed as a class for this case never saw a pay increase because they retired before 1991, before the wage and pension adjustment kicked in.

"When the salaries of the women were reviewed by the university, they were found to be much too low. There was determined to be systemic discrimination against women," said van Ginkle about the salary review.

"I made \$35,000 in 1977. I was hired by the university to run the [architecture] school. I wasn't

a nobody," said van Ginkle.

She adds that after the 1989 review, wages began to drift apart again.

Younger academics, van Ginkle said, have worked hard to eliminate wage disparities.

"When you look at assistant professors, it's a different story. That, I assume, is because the younger generation, thank heaven, is more aware and more aggressive," she said.

"I have a huge amount of respect for the particular women involved. They did a huge amount to promote women in academia," said Angela Hilliard, a U of T vice president.

"However, you have to think about the implications. Does the university adjust salaries only for current employees or also for previous employees? I think it has implications not just for U of T but for all employers. I think they're very complex issues," Hilliard said.

The verdict will not be announced for several months. The women involved say they will rally public support in the meantime.

Vancouver's Rogue Folk club suffers in aftermath of the Translink strike

BRUCE MCTAGGART
Link Arts & Culture Reporter

The lower mainland bus strike of last summer is still having a negative impact on the community. The Rogue Folk Club, one of the best providers of live music in the area, is on the verge of folding.

The club has been forced to send out appeals for cash donations. They have had to cut back on concert dates, and have had to share mailings with the Performing Arts Management Program at Capilano College.

The Rogue has been providing top notch music from around the world for 14 years. Run entirely by volunteers, concert prices are generally between ten and 20 dollars making them one



the best entertainment values around.

This summer the Rogue put on six shows in a row that lost money. This has never happened before in the history of the club and can be blamed on the lack of bus transportation. The day after

the strike, the club presented a concert with Dougie MacLean from Scotland and it sold out.

Performers from all over the world have praised the Rogue Folk Club as being unique in providing a community based, non-profit, concert promoter. Where else can you go to see a concert, meet the performers, and buy their products which they will gladly autograph.

For those of us who are short of funds, the Rogue trades volunteer help running the concerts for free tickets. They also throw in dinner.

If the Rogue disappears, Vancouver will have lost a unique asset that provides some of the best night life in town.

Undertaking Daddies bury Kim Barlow's performance

BRUCE MCTAGGART
Link Arts & Culture Reporter

It must be hard to be the headline act and have the openers give a better concert. That was the case September 29th at the Capilano College Theatre.

Concert Review
Kim Barlow with the Undertaking Daddies
Capilano College Theatre
September 29

Both acts come from the Yukon, but beyond that they don't have much in common. Opening were the Undertaking Daddies, four middle-aged musi-

cians who dress like 1930s gangsters and play bluegrass and blues. These guys are tight, and their set went like clockwork.

The Undertaking Daddies write much of their own music, using their own experiences for inspiration. They are just wrapping up a tour back east to promote their latest album, 'Post Atomic Hillbillies'. If you get the chance to see these guys, I heartily recommend them.

Tight is not how I'd describe Kim Barlow's set. In fact, I would describe it as the worst organized set I've ever seen. During the first song the monitors weren't working properly, and we were treated to having

two sound men wandering around the stage tracing wires while she performed.

Barlow writes and plays rock folk. She was playing with some Vancouver studio musicians with whom she had recorded a CD, and I felt they could use some practice together. She has a nice voice and is very talented with the guitar, banjo, and cello. Her lyrics are great, especially the song about aging couples called 'Give Me a Kiss You Dirty Old Bugger'.

It may be that she was just having an unlucky night and I dare say I will probably go and see her again.

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Students condemn anti-Arab backlash

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University students are reporting threats and intimidation against Arab students following the terrorist bombings in the U.S. three weeks ago.

"A friend of mine, an Afghani friend, has had serious problems," Abdel Razzaq Takriti said at a rally against war and racism outside the U.S. Embassy in Toronto on Tuesday. "I have been hearing people saying racist things." "It's disgusting for me," he said. "And I'm afraid. I was even afraid of coming here tonight."

Racism against Canada's Arab community has ballooned in the last two weeks.

A Montreal mosque that was firebombed only hours after hijacked planes crashed into New York's World Trade Center is perhaps the most horrifying incident, although many more threats and attacks have been reported.

In Ontario, a Hindu temple was burned. At McGill University, medical student Ali

Hashemi woke up Sunday morning to find his car vandalized. One of the windows was broken and on the body of the car in permanent marker someone had written, "Arab go home," and "You don't fucking belong here."

Jehad Aliweiwi, a former York University student and now the executive director of the Canadian Arab Federation, said his organization had received more than a dozen threatening phone calls in the days following the hijackings.

Aliweiwi said the federation had considered holding a peace rally. It never materialized, he said, because many Arabs in the local community were afraid to march in public.

York professor Himani Bannerji lamented the tragedy in the U.S. may fuel racism against

Arabs for some time.

"A life of terror is in store for a lot of people in this part of the world," she said.

Demonstrators at the Toronto rally said threats and attacks on Arabs must stop. Many carried

signs with slogans like "Condemn scapegoating of Arabs" and "Stop anti-Muslim hate."

Similar to the dozens of recent peace marches across the country, the Toronto rally urged

the U.S. and its allies to look for a different response to the attacks than war.

"I'm trying to join with other people and raise a voice of sanity amidst an insane moment of tragedy of horror," said Sean Whitney, an activist with Mobilization for Global Justice. "That voice of sanity has to say no to war — that bombing inno-

cent civilians is not going to rectify the situation. It's not going to bring justice."

Whitney said the biggest struggle should be to attack the oppressive poverty around the world, particularly in the Middle East, which he believes is the soil from which terrorism grows.

Native leader Rodney Bobiwash equated war against humankind with a war against common sense. He made a plea for peace and solidarity, noting that regular citizens would benefit little from an attack on Afghanistan.

"We just don't want more people to die. It looks like that's what's going to happen and it looks like Canada's going to support the United States as a part of NATO in potentially bombing Afghanistan. That would be absolutely horrifying," said Catharine Grant, a history student at York.

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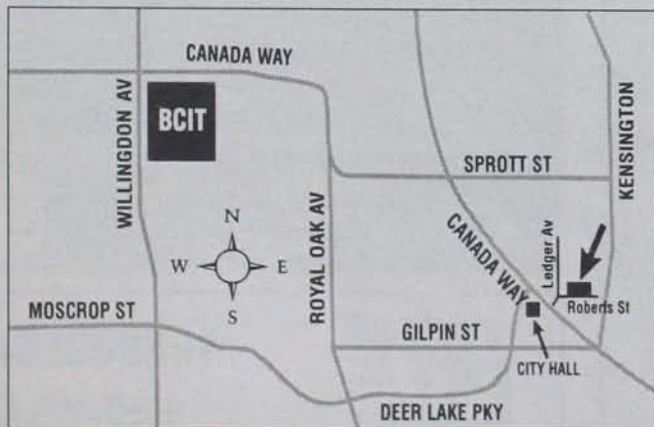
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