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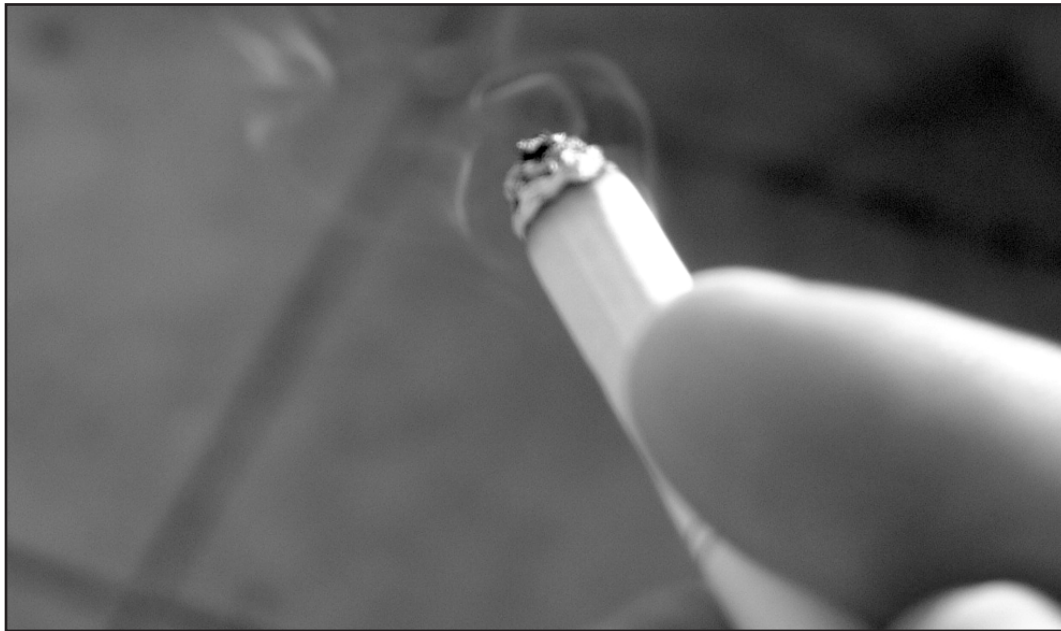


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Accepting Our Vices

Avoiding reality through consumable goods (or bads)



BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

We all have vices, something we turn to to escape the things we face in daily life. Some people go for bike rides, some people do drugs, some people eat, and some people pray. Whatever it takes to get by.

I smoke. I'm not a proud smoker, though. In fact, I'm very self conscious about it. While in one breath having a cigarette seems to miraculously bring balance to my world, in another breath it makes me think of the horrible things smoking does to your health.

What I don't like is the way my clothes smell, the smell on my fingers, the messy butts laying about any given street, the burns in my clothes and upholstered chairs, the way I sound like Tom Waits by 2:00 in the afternoon, and the way my breath smells when I go to talk to someone after smoking. It's repellent. But could I stop?

Doubtful.

No one starts out in life as a smoker. I watched my dad smoke all my life and I found it disgusting and I hated the way my clothes smelled when I lived in the basement of par-

ent's house. I love my dad, but the smell of the cigarettes on everything I owned always bothered me. This went on for 18 years.

But there was almost a natural predilection to me smoking. I have played in bands for a long time, and in my off time all I do is go to smokey clubs and watch bands play. We went to the Railway Club not so long ago to see Carolyn Mark and Her Boyfriends, and this band called Jon-Rae and The River opened for them. Jon-Rae was astounding. This band was wicked cool. So immediately following the set, we headed outside for a smoke and who did we run into but Jon-Rae himself. So we sat around for a bit with a beer in one hand and a cigarette in the other and talked about music and shows and plans for the future, it was really cool.

Here is where I realised something: smoking, for me, is a total social vice that at some point turned delinquent and crept into my regular life. Damn you nicotine!

What started out as an excuse to hang out with someone on a break at work has now ballooned into an all out addiction with looming health problems on the horizon.

I'm young yet, so I don't worry about things like lung cancer, heart disease, liver failure and brain tumors. Which is totally bogus, because these are the things that sneak up on you when you aren't looking. The bottom line is that I should be taking better care of myself, however I use my lifestyle as an excuse to not do anything healthy. Right now I only worry about getting to talk to rock stars after the show and which brand of cigarette tastes the smoothest.



**On The Cover:
the S.S. Tye**

In a brief conversation with 1st year Engineering Instructor Russell Oye, we learned a little bit about the ship donated to BCIT.

Bill New, formerly of Coast Ferries, donated the Tye to BCIT from her home at the Vancouver Marine Heritage Society on Sept. 24th this year. The ship was given as a training vessel for the mariners attending BCIT programs at the PMTC campus.

She was originally built as a mine tender in 1944 and ferried mines out to US naval destroyers. When she returned home in the 1950's, she was refitted with new navigational equipment and had her hull elongated to perform the necessary duties of a coastal freighter. The Tye, at one point was a herring processor and did runs up the coast of BC with supplies for logging camps, like food, fresh water, and fuel.

In 1994 and 1995 the Tye went through a bridge upgrade with digital charts, GPS tracking systems and modern navigational equipment as well as an engine and generator refit.

Eventually she will be used as part of the classroom training sessions where cadets will get to hear in class what they must do, see first hand how a ship operates, and then get to pilot the ship themselves.



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Pacific Marine Training Centre

BCIT more than a trades and tech school

BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER
AND SHAWN EDSTROM

Nestled near the Lonsdale Quay in North Vancouver sits the home of one of the most beautiful campuses in the Lower Mainland. The Pacific Marine Training Centre (PMTC) is a satellite campus for BCIT dedicated to educating new sailors and experienced mariners alike.

Entering the building is a treat. It is set up on three levels, called decks to simulate a ship's environment, and each deck contains different classrooms based on the courses offered. On the second deck we were first introduced to Captain Phillip Durell (see photo, top right) who was running a radar simulator course for experienced mariners.

"It's a five day course for expert navigators... we run them around Bowen Island and I can change everything from the weather conditions to the amount of nautical traffic to the number of targets [destinations] that the navigators must pilot to," said Durell, sitting at the helm of the simulator. Students are challenged with passage planning, executing the plan, navigating around other traffic, diverging from the plan and then getting back on course. From the simulator, Capt. Durell can cause malfunctions on the ships or help students in the use of Vancouver Harbour Patrol or other ship's captains.

Next we were off to the first deck where the marine engineering offices are as well as the safety and emergency systems are taught. Here, engineering students learn to work on all the parts of different vessels. We headed into the machine shop and had a look some of the huge engines and generators that the students were working on.

Also on the first deck, we spoke with Serhat Beyenir in the Propulsion Plant Simulator, which essentially simulates a working engine room with noise pumped in via a set of speakers and working diagrams of the insides of a ship.

The first deck is also home to a gym and a rigging room, where students learn how to tie all the necessary knots they will need for mooring boats and ships (see photo, bottom right).

Back on the second deck are map rooms completely outfitted with charts and other navigational equipment. As well as learning on all of the simulators and precise navigational equipment, students are taught theory and traditional methods of navigating the sea. On a desk in one of the rooms there was sextant that is used to chart one's position according to the sun.

We also had the opportunity to talk to Malcolm Fiander, a second year Nautical Sciences student in

the the four year cadet program at PMTC.

"The cadet program... gives you a Transport Canada recognized diploma, which is a fast track to becoming a first mate when you finish the course," said Fiander. He stresses that the term "cadet" is in no way related to the military designation and that PMTC is strictly a learning centre for merchant vessel crewpersons.

The cadets have a unique comraderie in their program, similar to the sets here at BCIT. They all dress in uniform around campus and most of them participate in the same programs, plus they go to sea together.

"It's like a co-op program," said Fiander, "only we have two semesters on land followed by a semester at sea." The cadets go to sea three times for six months over their four years in the program.

"Last time I was out, we were on a 280 metre coal ship for 52 days," said Fiander, noting that he only saw port nine times in the six months he was gone.

While at sea the cadets take care of everything above the hull, including mooring the ship, hauling lines, keeping the ship clean, fixing rust problems and checking the paint. While in port, they have to watch who is boarding the vessel, signing the appropriate paper work for the cargo the ship is taking on board or off-loading, and documenting all of the transfers of dangerous goods.

"One of the most important things we do while in port is maintain the structural integrity and balance of the ship... we have to watch the amounts of ballast water and evenly distribute the weight of the cargo so the ship has no stress on it," said Fiander.

When asked why he wanted to become a sailor, Fiander simply said, "It's an exciting prospect to go to work everyday and have a dynamic, 360 degree office to work in. And I love the outdoors." Plus the money, the time off and the overtime are reasonably good perks, if you don't mind being at sea half the year. The majority of mariners are paid in US funds and when you are on a ship there is no where to spend your money.

For the program, Fiander hopes that BCIT can implement a working relationship with companies that need competent sailors. There is a prediction that in 10 years, roughly 20-40,000 officers will be needed worldwide to staff nautical operations. The program at BCIT is the only one like it in Western Canada, so it is a valuable resource for out sailors of the future.

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IEL Team at BCIT Looks Into Web Attacks



BY: WINSTON TONG

Some of you might agree that Internet is the place for information, entertainment, meeting and chatting with people, split second news, realtime stock market quotes, and other valuable information.

The Internet is the one and only place where the whole earth can access information without restrictions or limitations. However, this digitalutopia became a "virtual armageddon" on October 21st, 2002.

"Hackers distributed denial of service attack (DDOS) to clog the heart of the Internet. That attack used a constellation of hijacked computers to unleash a surging wave of bogus data traffic aimed at the 13 root-level domain name servers (DNS) that function as the authoritative directory assistance for the Internet. Taking down these geographically dispersed servers, three of which are located outside the U.S., in Sweden, Britain, and Japan, would be the digital equivalent of turning off the traffic signals in Manhattan at rush hour."

It was the first time in history that hackers tried to take down all 13 root-level DNS servers at once. The function of the root DNS servers translates Web addresses like

www.bcit.ca to a corresponding numerical IP address. The DNS servers are the Net's basic traffic directors, sending information to all other servers about which web sites are available and what specific Internet protocol addresses (the numbers that servers use to identify one another) are being used. Victimized servers include U.S.

Department of Defense Network Information Center in Vienna VA; U.S. Army Research Lab in Aberdeen, MD (U.S. nuclear research lab); VeriSign Global Registry Services, Herndon VA; VeriSign Global Registry Services, Herndon VA; Autonomica Stockholm, SE; Reseaux IP European - Network Coordination Centre London, UK; WIDE Project Tokyo, JP.

"It was the single most elaborate and focused attack on the DNS network that we have ever seen," said Tom Ohlsson, vice president of Matrix NetSystems Inc. The attack was activated by commanding the hacked computers to overflow the 13 root servers with ICMP (Internet Control Message Protocol) messages. ICMP messages are data packets that contain information about control, error, and other network minutiae.

The ICMP overwhelmed the targets with bogus ping queries, eventually clogging the pipe and effectively making the target computer inaccessible on the Net.

The attack was digitally equivalent to 50,000 phones to dial 911 at the same time, therefore actual users were unable to reach the Websites. According to Web security firm, Matrix NetSystems, seven of the servers were affected enough to have periods of "zero-reachability."

As of October 30th, FBI investigators are still trying to track down sources and information to find the responsible hackers who are still unknown and at large. Computerworld.com defined this attack as "Net's Vulnerability Exposed."

According to Eric Byres, a professional engineer and research team leader of the Internet Engineering Lab (IEL) at the BCIT Technology Centre, "the hackers are getting progressively more clever. It's a game to most of them, but they may do something that is life-threatening by mistake and people with malicious intent now suddenly have all these tools."

"The last time it was done, it was a 13-year-old," says Mark Rasch, an executive senior vice-president at a Net security firm Solutionary in Omaha, Neb.

Fortunately, the security specialists quickly reacted by advising its clients to temporarily switch traffic from those ISPs affected by the event. The service was restored within hours and no further damage was done.

Thank goodness for people who know how to handle computer attacks.

Got comments? Feedbacks? Or just want to teach me how to play Backgammon? Email me at happyface0007@excite.com.

resources:

<http://www.matrixnetsystems.com>

<http://computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,75454,00.html>

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What's New at the BCIT Library

BY: KENDALL HARRIS

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BY: IAN "SMALL HANDS" GIESBRECHT AND SHAWN "DR. TEETH" EDSTROM

Costco Wieners Make Mouths Water

Big, satisfying tube-steaks in a wholesale environment

They say that size doesn't matter when it comes to wieners. Well, "they" obviously must be stupid because nothing beats sticking a giant, giant wiener in your mouth. This week, we your fearless wiesearchers decided to go for size, and ventured to the outskirts of Burquitlam (Burnaby) to our local Costco.

We don't think we can state enough how huge these wieners were. Have you ever been to Costco and sampled their wieners? They're massive. Notice the scale in the picture. That is Ian's hand beside the wiener, and the wiener for once, is bigger than his hand! This was definitely the Dirk Diggler of the hot dog world.

Wiener Provider Description: Coscto – the world's best place to get a free meal. Sample booths on our visit included English Muffins, pepperoni and cheese kits, cheese and crackers, barbecued pork roast and coffee. The only problem with Costco is that you need to pay that stupid membership fee just to get in the door. Luckily, Shawn has been a blessed member since 1986, when he was just a wee lad.

Resemblance to Human Flesh: 7 – These wieners were kind of pale, reminiscent of that crazy uncle we all had who went to Puerto Rico for too long every summer.

Condiment Selection: 10 – Not only could you garnish your meat-tube with the traditional ketchup, relish, and mustard, there were onions, sauerkraut, and jale-freakin-peno peppers! Peppers! What is this, Subway?

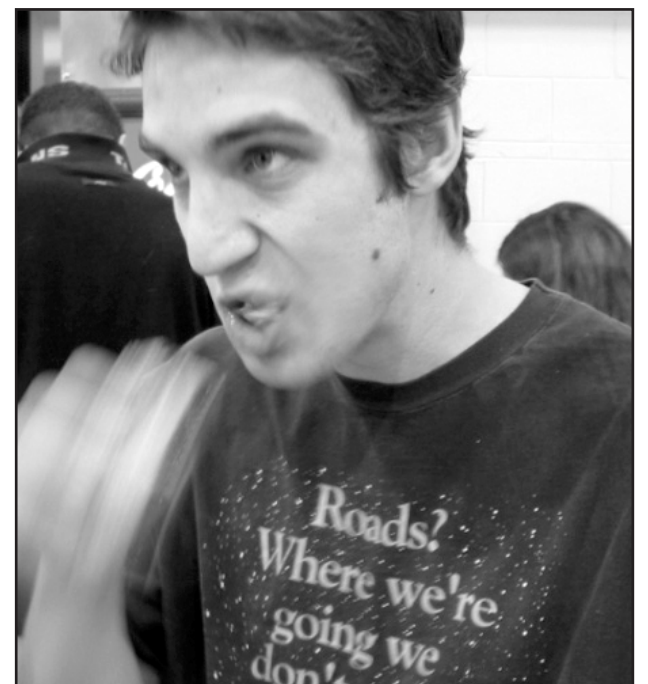
Ratio of Wiener to Bun: 12 – This wiener was way too friggin' big for the bun. 9 inches of pure meat is quite a hefty helping for two young men from Kamloops.

Value: 8 – \$1.99 for a massive hot dog and refillable pop. We aren't sure if you're supposed to get refillable pop, but we took it regardless.

Beverage Selection: 5 – Let's hope you like pop, because that's all Costco's giving. Not even any iced tea! For shame Costco, for shame.

Skin Quality of the Wiener: 9 – There were virtually no eruptions, lesions, or unsightly marks on the sausage.

Overall, we give Costco 8.5/10 for their giant wieners. One of their major downfalls was that Ian found two gristle chunks buried deep in his wiener. Do you see what lengths we'll go to to serve our public? We'll risk choking on the bone of a pig/cow/whatever the hell they put in those things just to make your life easier. You're welcome.



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Vancouver Fashion Week Reviewed

A new annual event elicits creativity in clothing

BY: KENDALL HARRIS

The colorful, vibrant clothing on display during the recent Vancouver Fashion Week proved that there is more to fashion in this city than fleece, jeans, and runners.

Local models paraded the creations of about 50 designers down the catwalk at AuBar on the evenings of Thursday, October 24th and Friday the 25th, with the 10 best designers showcased on the final Saturday evening.

The elegant, downtown AuBar was a fitting locale to showcase the varied talent of Vancouver's young fashion scene. The bar was transformed into a mini-Milan, complete with flashing cameras, broody models strutting their way to the end of the catwalk, stylishly dressed audience members sipping fancy drinks, and most of all, clothing that was pure art.

But before the sartorial showcase could begin, there was controlled chaos backstage as the models lined up for hair and makeup. The team from Avant Garde Hair Salon created a variety of over-the-top hairstyles, most of which included added hairpieces or wigs. Makeup artists created a variety of looks: there were Cleopatra eyes, rhinestones glued to eyelids, sparkly red lips, and dark, smokey eyes. The long hallway leading up to the stage was lined with packed clothing racks, and models with wild hair and makeup styles, but still dressed in streetclothes, double-checked the outfits they were scheduled to wear. Designers ran around doing last-minute fittings, and the Event Coordinator, Jamal Abdourahman, popped in



periodically backstage to check on things and give directions.

AuBar was standing room only, as spectators waited for the show to begin. The lights went down, the music started, and the fun began. There were some incredible pieces, and a wide range of styles. There were Chinese embroidered silk bodices, paired with denim or chiffon skirts, outfits made entirely of woven rubber bands, t-shirts held together with hundreds of safety pins, lots of baby T's, and some very expensive-looking pieces with Native American totem stylings.

A few outfits elicited audible gasps of approval from the audience: one was a full-length red velvet dress, paired with a long denim jacket lined with the same red velvet, another a dress with a red Chinese embroidered top, and a long, black, silk skirt lined in red.

Jamal Abdourahman promises to make Vancouver Fashion Week an annual event. With such promising young designers on the horizon, this will be welcome news to many.

Senator Paul Wellstone: One Good Politician

BY: MAIRIN COOLEY

We are living in a time where looking south for answers to our world problems is now considered a joke. There was a time when people feared being leaderless, now we see that it is much worse to be poorly led. By this I mean our American oil crusader, George W. His approach to international affairs is startling.

However, before this article takes a sour turn, I want to describe for you one man who did make a great difference in his state and throughout the country. Senator Paul Wellstone, a left-wing liberal Democrat, from the quiet state of Minnesota. Sadly, he was killed in a plane crash with the greater part of his family on Friday, October 25, only days

before his potential re-election.

A passionate man, he has always followed his convictions. He even risked ruining his re-election campaign this year when he publicly opposed George W. Bush's fight on Iraq by voting against the military invasion during a senate meeting. Years earlier, Wellstone also opposed the first Gulf War resolution giving Bush's father, former President George Bush, authority to wage the 1991 war.

Aside from his powerful views on international affairs, Paul Wellstone also had a prominent voice demanding social reforms. "Are single women with children deadbeats? This bill assumes that they are," Wellstone cried before the Senate measure that would cut back the social aid given to struggling, single parent families.

He stood for changes that would end bankruptcy laws that were providing large companies with what he called "special-interest giveaways." To many, he was known as "the first 1960s radical elected to the U.S. Senate."

To many, this means very little. Nevertheless, for all the cynics who believe that we are doomed, please acknowledge that there are great people out there who are driven to change the world for the better. Even in the unlikeliest of places such as the US Senate.

I am ending this article with a quote that incited passion in me, even on a rainy Sunday morning. A simple but commanding plea: "Mr. President, we must not, we must not rush to war."



Drugs and Bugs

Let the education begin

BY: ZAC WHYTE

Recently several people have been talking about a drug called Ecstasy. Isn't this stuff totally done yet? Apparently there is still a dizzying amount of curiosity revolving around this and many other hard drugs on the market. I don't have a PHD, but I have done some research in the past.

I had a hard time writing this article about drugs because of all the stigmas that surround the word. We have been conditioned by conservative society to turn a blind eye, to stay away from the suspicious characters that live next door, and to forget about how Meth makes your veins disappear. Why don't they teach you the real facts in school, when you are like, ten? They seem to tell you about menstruation and sex with no problems and the fact that "alcohol is bad," but "it's ok for your parents to drink." What the hell kind of attempt at education is that anyway? Drugs are such an efn' mystery that people need to be all sneaky and shady about it just to have a few simple questions answered! It's really weird when you think about it.

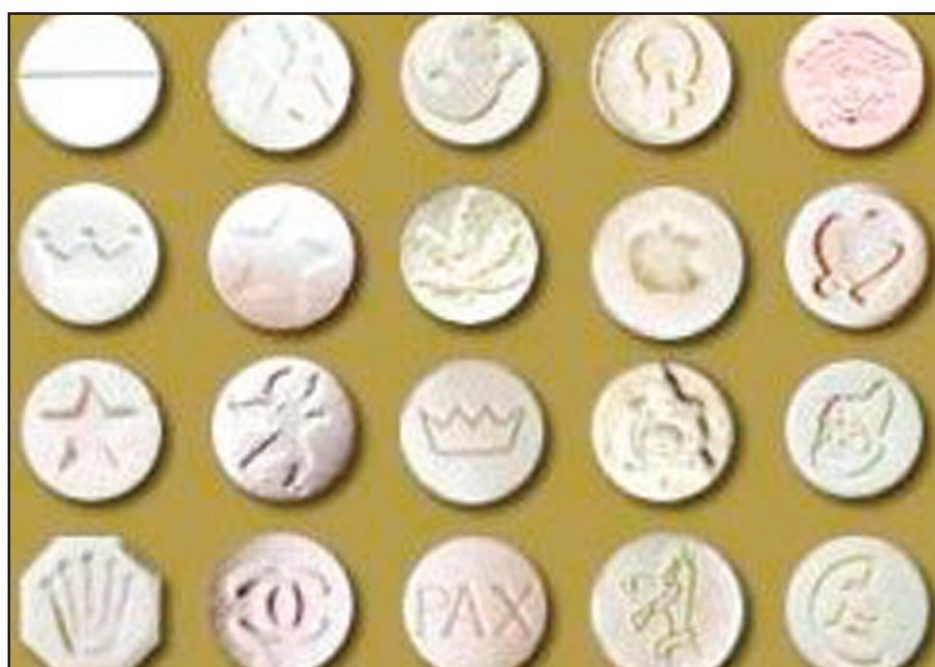
The problem we are facing is that the average person is totally freaked about asking anything regarding drugs. So they just go do them anyways to see what all the fuss is about.

"I saw Johnny Depp rip a barrel through a C-note in that movie BLOW. He's cool and it looks easy enough." Unfortunately, this is how North America's population is being educated on drug use. The fact that your teacher said you should stay away from strange



looking cigarettes in grade five just goes right out the window in grade six. I even remember smoking pencil shavings to be like James Bond; the black powder in my wooden gun suddenly ignited; I started a grass fire and instead of loosing my lungs, I lost my eyebrows. Ya, exactly, education is needed for everything or you learn it the hard way. In the case of hard drugs we are talking about the "tingles," followed by either death or at the very least your brain turning into a piece of cheese toast.

If you are taking little pills on weekends or snorting them on Tuesdays without understanding the word methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), maybe you should have a conversation with a reliable source. Not your dealer per se, but perhaps someone who is a retired user. Contrary to popular belief, purity in ecstasy is never really an issue. If it has battery acid, that's really bad, but straight up MDMA is just as messy as cut MDMA. Not to mention noticeable depression, anxiety, holes in the brain, memory loss and



out-right feeling like shizay for days, months and even years. Cell phone radiation is bad enough without all that on top of it.

I really couldn't give two berries about how you want to run your life. All I want to say is, if you have a question about drugs, ask it! There is a ton of non-bias info on the net. For starters check out www.erowid.com it has a selection of everything you can fill your body, brain or spirit with. The site is thorough and it covers all the beats. Keep in mind that there is the occasional yahoo that writes "ya, giver!" in there so be aware of it.

The other way to find out the effects of drugs is your doctor. The ol' patient/doctor relationship is confidential, by law, so use it! You trust them with a rubber glove so why wouldn't you trust them with questions about their old days in pre-med? Keep your eyes open for small information sessions around the community and hopefully soon around the campus.

Drop into an AA meeting or better yet a Narcotics Anonymous meeting, there are a lot of answers at one of those. Besides, if you start using drugs you are bound to end up there anyways. Just be respectful and remember where you are; put a couple bucks in the hat too for your coffee.

There is a ton of garble out there surrounding the world of drugs. The fact is if you're lazy about your education with them you might end up like a buddy of mine. He still can't feel the toes on his left foot and he has no feeling in his lower lip. Six months ago he took ecstasy for the first and last time. Holes in the head, probably! Did he have a good time? Ya, but he would rather have his health back. You figure it out. Don't whine about it to me when you defecate all over your life because you tried some drugs. It is your choice so use your brain while you still have it.

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Are you renting an apartment, or living in student housing and shopping, preparing and cooking your own food? If so, please consider participating in a national focus group on Food Safety.

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Jackass: The Movie



BY: IAN GIESBRECHT

Call me juvenile, call me unrefined, call me immature, call me Ishmael. You can call me anything you want as long as it's not "late for **Jackass: The Movie.**"

The number one movie in North America is an hour and half of idiots doing stupid stuff. It's based on the short-lived but popular MTV series of the same name. The show never had a plot, so why should the movie? **Jackass: The Movie** features stunts and grossities that would make your mother wince.

The funniest parts of the film to me aren't the gross-out skits (eating your own urine mixed with snow, snorting wasabe, pooping in a toilet in a plumbing supply store) but rather the absurdities that these guys come up with. For example, the budget was big enough for the boys to fly to Japan and cause trouble in the land of the rising sun. So what do they do? Dress up in panda costumes and hit each other into stuff on the street.

Stupidity sells tickets

All the TV series culprits are here, led by Johnny Knoxville. Steve-O, Wee-Man, Bam and the others open the film in an oversized shopping cart charging down a hill all set to the tune of Orff's Carmina Burana. Not since KMFDM sampled said opera has poor Orff rolled over in his German grave.

There's a fairly simple litmus test that will tell you if you should see this movie or not. Do you have the mentality of a twelve year old boy? If the answer is yes, go see **Jackass**.

The thing is, twelve year old boys really shouldn't be seeing this kind of stuff. I mean, a guy shoves a toy car up his bum, for fun! I remember being twelve, and I did everything I saw in the movies. Like one time I watched Total Recall so I went to Mars and ended up in this bar with a three-breasted prostitute. Then I ran out of air, but it was OK because Arnold saved the day. So, parents be warned, your children are dumb and will try to do anything regardless of warning!!!

I actually felt dirty and stupid after seeing this movie in a way, but in another way, I felt awesome.

Now let me introduce my fifty star rating system for film. Basically it's the same as, say, a 5-star rating system, but way cooler because fifty is a larger number than five.

I give **Jackass: The Movie** 10/10 for answering the question: "Would you rather eat your own poo or drink your own pee" for all of us; 10/10 for having a midget kick himself in the head. Words can't express how funny that was; 1/10 for showing gross head stitches; 7/10 for use of the word "gummer;" 5/10 because this thing is winning so many Oscars. 33/50 for **Jackass: The Movie**.

Ghost Ship

A horror movie in a time of horror...



BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

Picking up the Georgia Straight (Volume 36, Number 1818, October 24 -31/2002) last week I was surprised to see an article on Ghost Ship written by the normally sound and informed voice of Ian Caddell. The major problem with the review is that there is barely any mention of the movie itself, simply social commentary on an interview with the movie's star Gabriel Byrne.

Caddell discusses with Byrne the state of horror films in today's market and relates sparse information about the film to the way we view the horrors of our daily lives, including terrorism, fear, and greed. In fact, there is more information about Gabriel Byrne's 1993 Oscar winning film In The Name of The Father than there is about Ghost Ship.

Basically, Ghost ship is a pretty standard horror film. At points in the movie I would comment to my friend "hey, that guy's head is going to fall off," and sure enough, it did. Predictability is normal in films like this. At some points, the movie had the audience laughing aloud, which is also reasonably normal for horror films. What Ghost Ship lacked was in fact horror.

The premise of the film is that a Canadian pilot (Desmond Harrington) finds a mysterious ship in the Bering

Straight near Alaska and hires a rag-tag, motley crew salvage team (lead by Byrne and Julianna Margulies formerly of ER fame) to go and salvage the ship.

This is where all hell breaks loose.

The ship is full of lost souls, the patrons of the ship's past. Some of the ghosts are good; some of the ghosts seduce the members of the crew and push them down elevator shafts. Margulies's character is aided by the ghost of a small British girl (Emily Browning) named Katie who helps her discover the true nature of their Canadian pilot friend, who turns out to be evil. For full details on that, go see the movie.

As an aside, if Ghost Ship is a mirror of our current societal fears, according to Ian Caddell of the Straight, why do Americans insist on portraying Canadians as evil?

Hmmm...

I found Ghost Ship to be more entertaining than scary or horrific. The crew was very comic book with no character development and the foreshadowing was all completely obvious. One thing Ghost shipped lacked was a jump factor. There was not a single scene that startled me. There was some gore, some maggots, and some evil plotting, but overall it was just another horror film. Kudos to the production team for getting the funding necessary for this one.



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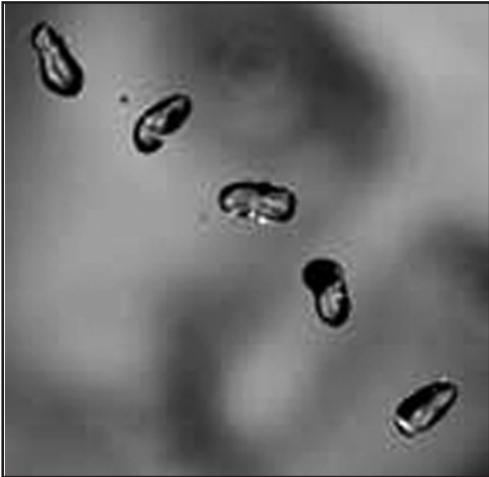


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Ear Candy

occasionally pleasantly aural...



Peter Gabriel
Up
Geffen Records

BY: IAN GIESBRECHT

It's been exactly a decade since the release of **Peter Gabriel's** last official studio album - *Us*. One would think with an album title such as *Up*, we'd be treated to a bunch of up-tempo, powerful poppy songs from the former lead singer of **Genesis**. For the most part, *Up* is down, but this doesn't make it bad at all.

Gabriel, now a man of at least 100 years, has always been on the outer fringes of pop and with this record has reestablished himself in that position. The album begins with "Darkness," a track that juxtaposes loud abrasive sections next to laid back melody. Next is "Growing Up," which is an obvious choice for the next single. This hook-

laden number features the middle-eastern influence that **Gabriel** so often dabbles in, in combination with sampled beats and grinding guitars. This is cutting edge stuff here, which shouldn't be surprising to anyone familiar with the man's work.

The first single from *Up* is "The Barry Williams Show," a heavy-handed commentary about daytime talk shows. It's an odd choice for leadoff single...even though it is catchy, it's probably the weakest track on the album, and seems a bit dated. Most of the tracks on *Up* approach the 6-7 minute mark, and take most of that time to fully develop.

They're well-written, dense songs, especially "I Grieve" which turns from beautiful ballad to funk at the drop of a high hat. It might just've been the ten year wait that made this album so welcome to my ears, or maybe it was the fact that someone is still willing to put out a daring pop record such as this. I don't think this is the last thing we'll hear from **Gabriel**, and hopefully he'll continue to embrace 21st century ideas and keep pumping out more of these songs.



LL Cool J
10
Def Jam / BMG

BY: JAY SELINGER

Ladies Love **LL Cool J**... demanding lyrics, powerful beats and the confidence of *10* men has enabled James Todd Smith to build a musical empire.

But does **LL Cool J** still have what it takes to make his new album *10* a fan favourite? **LL Cool J's** tenth album cover is definitely true L style, layin' down the flex. However, even as one of the few hip-hop stars that can lose his shirt on his videos, **LL** has lost a little of his hard edge on this album.

The overall album is pretty good, but where the old L conquered his competitors with overpowering lyrics unstoppable by the likes of Canibus, the new L has let his

backbeats overshadow his lyrics on a few different tracks.

His songs relate increasingly to the money he can spend and the cash he has made. The music on the disc is quite varied, some great, some filler.

L comes hard with some of his combative, lyrically masterful rhymes on a couple of tracks on this record. "10 Million Stars" hits with beats that take you back to L's earlier days shadowboxing in the basement. L uses his star power to bring **Amerie**, **P Diddy** and **Dru Hill** onto this album, laying clean tracks like "After School" and "Amazin."

My favourite jam on this album has to be "Big Mama," which carries you back through family and his climb to fame. It's got one of the best flows on the disc, and **LL** puts together some real nice heartfelt rhymes.

10 measures out at about an 8, but is definitely an asset to any good record collection.



Thursday
Five Stories Falling EP
Victory Records

BY: SHAWN EDSTROM

Five Stories Falling, a lyric from a featured song and the title of the new EP from New Jersey-based emotional driven hardcore (edhc) band **Thursday** is freaking amazing!

This disk is the third release for **Thursday** and the last on Victory Records. The band signed with Island/Def Jam Records back in the early summer and had to release one more disk to finish up their contractual duties with Victory.

This CD is also the debut release for the newest member, the recently added keyboardist Andrew Everding. This offering features five songs, four of which are live

versions of songs off their CD *Full Collapse* and one new song. The four live songs were recorded at their hometown Vans Warped Tour show back on August 9th.

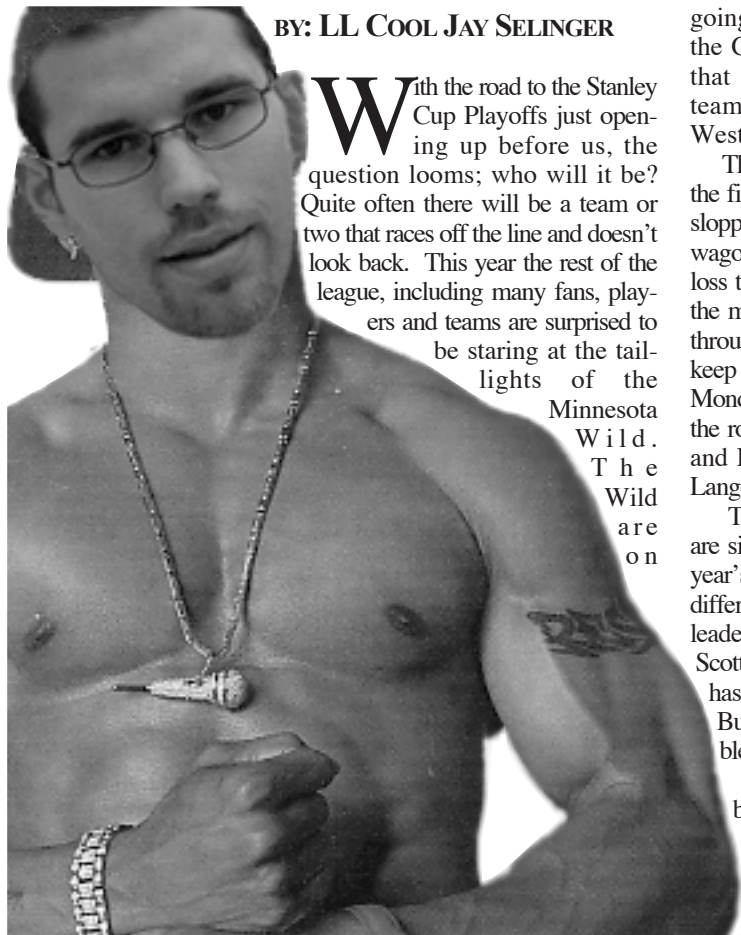
The new song, "Jet Black New Year" is a hard-hitting song that takes up where *Full Collapse* left off. This song is soon to be a favourite of **Thursday** fans all over as it features the same conviction and heart felt emotion that all their music consists of.

One of the neatest features of this cd is the liner; it features a story from each of the band members all relating to something with New Year's, whether it be past New Year's experiences or the upcoming New Year. This CD is a must for **Thursday** fans, but could maybe be missed for people not completely into the band; it is more a bonus for fans than anything.

If you want more info on Thursday you can check out their website at <http://www.fullcollapse.com/>

Third Man In

Keeping track of the road to the Stanley Cup



BY: LL COOL JAY SELINGER

With the road to the Stanley Cup Playoffs just opening up before us, the question looms; who will it be? Quite often there will be a team or two that races off the line and doesn't look back. This year the rest of the league, including many fans, players and teams are surprised to be staring at the tail-lights of the Minnesota Wild. The Wild are on

going, or if they will suffer the same fate of the fast start of the Calgary Flames last season. Again Calgary was a team that started out on fire, but with the coming of winter the team was quickly extinguished, and joined the rest of the Western Conference in a tight battle for playoff contention.

The Vancouver Canucks, who had that same fire through-out the finish of last season, have let down a lot of fans this year with sloppy, lackadaisical play. The crash of people falling off the bandwagon could be heard across the Lower Mainland after their 5-1 loss to Colorado. They fought back hard the next game, handing the mighty Wild only their second loss. The team needs to fight through all 3 periods in order to bring the fan base back onside, and keep the wins coming. We'll see how they handle themselves on Monday, when they once again take on the Colorado Avalanche on the road. The Canucks just completed a deal sending Jan Hlavac and Harold Druken to Carolina for Marek Malik and Darren Langdon trading skill for strength. Time for retribution boys.

The Detroit Red Wings, the only other team that beat the Wild, are sitting in 10th place this year. That's quite a far cry from last year's dominating performance. This can be blamed on so many different factors, but who wants to hear excuses. Steve Yzerman's leadership and dedication is sorely missed, and the backbone of Scotty Bowman has been replaced by Dave Lewis. Curtis Joseph hasn't had quite the support he needs from the team's defense. But the Red Wings are a team full of stars who should be capable of putting their game together and battling out the wins.

Another large surprise this year is the scoring leader board. The Pittsburgh Penguins are having a great year (7-2-2), led by Captain Mario Lemieux's 27 points through just 11 games. Mario's quick hands and direct passes have put him high atop the stats list, towering over the rest of the league. He's followed on the points leader board by teammate Alexei Kovalev, who in part to Lemieux's 20 assists, has potted 10 goals and contributed 8 helpers of his own for 18 points. Martin St.-Louis of the Tampa Bay Lightning rounds off the top three. Also with 18 points, if he stays healthy and keeps it up, he should easily destroy last year's 35 points in just 53 games.

November is a crucial month for NHL teams. Decisions are made concerning the rest of the season, leading to trades and movement around the farm teams. Enjoy the action and keep your sticks on the ice.

a tear, topping the NHL standings with an impressive 8-2-2 record.

Where did this Minnesota team come from? Where is the team that finished 23 overall last year? In the new world of hockey, it takes teams putting together multiple scoring lines and a great team chemistry to attain success. With points coming from 18 different players, the Wild have their confidence and they're having as much fun playing right now as they had playing Minor Hockey. The challenge in this league is consistency. The next few weeks will show whether the Wild have the ability to keep such a great pace



CFML HOT 20 COUNTDOWN

Artist	Song
1. Supergrass	Grace
2. Sam Roberts	Brother Down
3. The Doves	There Goes The Fear
4. Weezer	Keep Fishin'
5. Gavin Rossdale	Adrenaline
6. Coldplay	In My Place
7. Sheryl Crow	Steve McQueen
8. No Doubt	Underneath It All
9. David Usher	My Way Out
10. The Tragically Hip	Silver Jet
11. Danko Jones	Sounds of Love
12. Jimmy Eat World	Sweetness
13. U2	Electrical Storm
14. Queens of the Stone Age	No One Knows
15. Teegan and Sara	I Hear Noises
16. B.R.M.C.	Love Burns
17. Holly McNarland	Beautiful Blue
18. Stone Sour	Bother
19. The Shining	Quicksilver
20. Green Wheel	Breathe

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Link Classifieds

The wonderful team of Franco and Muhammad have made a new drop box for Classified Ad submissions in the Great Hall (it's the giant pink box by the pillar) so please, make use of it. Link Classifieds are free to students, if you have something to sell, we will help you.

OK, one more thing: no more souls for sale in the Classifieds section. It has come to my attention that this sort of thing is unethical, so please, just stick to material goods from now on.

As always, please e-mail your classifieds to the me at geoffrey_gauthier@bcit.ca or slip them under the door in SE2, 285, or use the pseudo-fantastic new drop box. No more than 30 words

per ad. Please get your ads in to the Link office by Friday, Nov. 15th for the next issue where your ad will run for two weeks. For more information, call Geoff at (604) 432-8974. Good selling!

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This Week

Wednesday, November 13 How to get an "A" in Credit

Location: Town Square D
Time: 1:30 - 2:30 PM

BCIT is offering a FREE seminar to students and staff about using credit wisely. Industry experts from the Bank of Montreal will provide information on topics such as
* What is Credit?
* How can I build my credit?
* How to use credit to build your good credit rating
* Budgeting and financial planning

Resources about credit will be provided to seminar participants, including web addresses for credit rating agencies and where to get more detailed information.

Please note that the Bank of Montreal is **NOT** selling or marketing its own products at this seminar. Information provided will be generic and offered in the best interests of the seminar participants.

For more information, contact Sherri Magson at smagson@bcit.ca.

Friday, November 15 LAST DAY TO REGISTER - Ski Trip to Big White

Haven't heard about the trip? Here's some info:

WHAT: Ski Trip to Big White
WHEN: December 13-15, 2002. Don't worry, it doesn't happen until AFTER you've written your last exam. We'll hold the bus for ya!

Here's what you'll get, starting at **ONLY \$244** per person:

- Two (2) nights accommodation at the Best Western in Kelowna, (where there's a pool, hot tub, exercise room and restaurant)
- Continental Breakfast at the hotel on Saturday & Sunday
- Roundtrip transportation on deluxe motorcoach
- Two (2) lift tickets to Big White
- VIP pass to "Gotcha, The Club" plus transfers (must be 19 + years of age)
- Movies, beverages, and prizes en-route to Kelowna
- Coupons for discounts on restaurants, retail and rentals
- Your trip hosted by two Destination Snow guides (2 per bus)
- And a whole load of FUN!

For more information, go to www.sa.bcit.ca and click on Events, then Ski Trip.
Want to register? Go to Rec Services in the Gym (SE16).

Friday, November 15 - LAST DAY FOR Cypress Mountain Season Passes

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL MOUNTAINS! BCIT Recreation Services is selling the following seasons passes for Cypress Mountain at reduced rates. All prices are based upon selling a total of 20 passes. Passes must be purchased by November 15th.

Passes are available to all BCIT Students, Staff and their friends and families.

Payment may be made by Visa, Mastercard, Cash or Debit.

Prices:

Category	Pass type	Group Rate from BCIT	Regular Price	You save
Downhill	Full Privilege	\$514	\$815	\$301
	DayNiter	\$331	\$525	\$194
	NiteTimer	\$284	\$450	\$166
	OneNiter	\$175	\$175	still a great deal!
Cross Country	Full Privilege	\$183	\$290	\$107
	Starlite NiteTimer	\$ 99	\$205	\$106
Snowshoe	Full Privilege	\$ 30	\$ 70	\$ 40

Description of passes:

Downhill	Full Privilege	Valid open to close, 7 days a week
	DayNiter	Valid open to close, Monday - Friday
	NiteTimer	Valid 4:00 PM to close, 7 nights a week
	OneNiter	Valid 4:00 PM to close, one specified night a week
Cross Country	Full Privilege	Valid open to close, 7 days a week
	Starlite NiteTimer	Valid 3:00 PM to close, 7 nights a week
Snowshoe	Full Privilege	Valid open til dusk, 7 days a week

For more info, call 604-432-8287 or to purchase a pass, go to the Rec Services office in the Gym (SE16).

Upcoming

Thursday, November 21 - Blood Donor Clinic

Give the gift of life - donate some blood today.

Location: Town Square A/B (across from the Rix)
Time: 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM

NEW: Don't wait in line! **PRE-BOOK** your donation appointment by calling 1.888.2DONATE. For eligibility criteria, call 604.707.3438 or 604.707.3439.

Please have a meal before donating blood and remember to **bring ID** with your **FULL NAME, SIGNATURE & PHOTO.**

Wednesday, November 20 - Canucks vs. Chicago Blackhawks

Tickets are only \$35, available from the BCIT Student Association office in the Great Hall, 8 AM - 4 PM, Monday - Friday. **CASH ONLY**, please.

Saturday, November 23 - Big Two Tournament

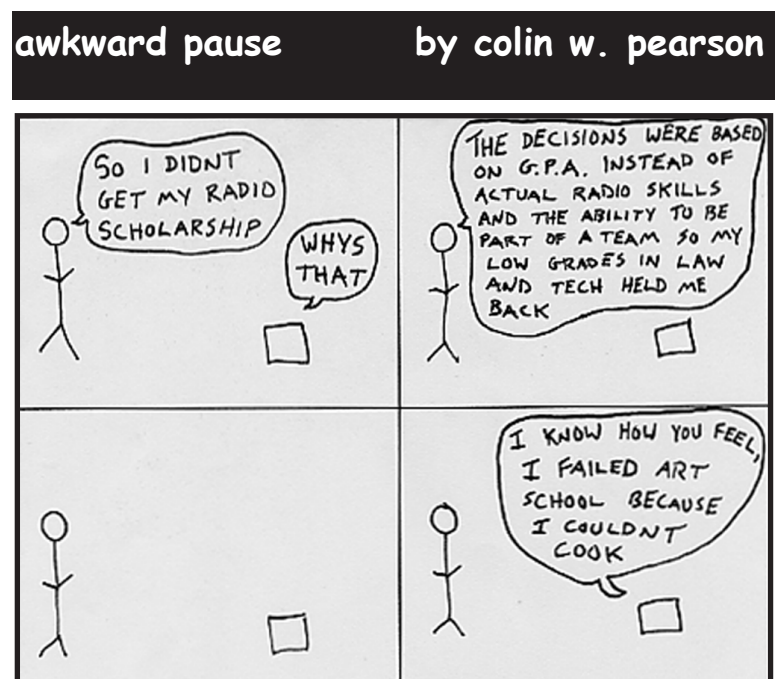
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Cost: \$10 before November 15
\$12 after November 15

Participants are guaranteed to play two rounds each. A barbequed lunch will be served.


PRIZES

1st place: \$100 2nd place: \$50 Consolation 1st place: \$50 And more!

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