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Campus Events

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Wednesday, April 15

SA Executive Elections All Candidates Meeting. 11:30am. Great Hall, SA Campus Centre.

Nominations for the Laurie Jack Awards close. See the SA office for more details.

Campus Christian Club. 11:30am. SW1 2005. For more info 451-4568.

Legal Aid. Free Consultation. 1:30 to 3:30pm. By appointment. By phone consultation 432-8600.

Monday, April 20

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

Tues - Thurs, April 21 - 23

SA Executive Elections.

Tuesday, April 21

Toastmasters. Public speaking club. 7:00am. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

Weight Watchers. SA Boardroom Weigh-in: any time 11:30-12 Meeting at noon. Our rep will do weigh-ins after the meeting at 12:30 for those who cannot come before. For info call Charlene at 8335.

Wednesday, April 22

Campus Christian Club. 11:30am. SW1 2005. For more info 451-4568.

Legal Aid. Free Consultation. 1:30 to 3:30pm. By appointment. By phone consultation 432-8600.

Thursday, April 23

Earth Day Tree and Bush Planting at Guichon Creek near the SAC building (SE16). 11:30am.

Friday, April 27

Medical Sonography: Spring Break begins.

Tuesday, April 28

Toastmasters. Public speaking club. 7:00am. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

Weight Watchers. SA Boardroom Weigh-in: any time 11:30-12 Meeting at noon. Our rep will do weigh-ins after the meeting at 12:30 for those who cannot come before. For info call Charlene at 8335.

Wednesday, April 29

BCIT Quintathalon. 11:30-2:30. For more info contact Rec Services.

Campus Christian Club. 11:30am. SW1 2005. For more info 451-4568.

Legal Aid. Free Consultation. 1:30 to 3:30pm. By appointment. By phone consultation 432-8600.

Friday, May 1

Electronic Engineering Technology: Last day to withdraw and receive a 'W'.

Monday, May 4

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

Nursing (all levels) exams begin.

Monday, May 11

Nursing (all levels) Summer break begins.

Monday, May 18

Victoria Day. BCIT Closed.

Tuesday to Friday, May 19 - 22

Exams for most Technology students.

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Monday	12:30 - 16:30 17:30 - 19:30 18:00 - 20:00	Calculus, Stats. Electronics, electricity ETE Math, Physics, Elex.
Tuesday	11:30 - 12:30 13:30 - 15:30 16:00 - 19:00	Calculus, Stats. Math, Communications, ESL ETE Math, Physics, Elex.
Wednesday	12:00 - 14:00 13:30 - 16:30 15:00 - 17:30	ETE Math, Physics, Elex. Math, Communications, ESL ETE Physics, Math & Elex.
Thursday	13:30 - 16:30 15:00 - 18:00	ETE Physics, Elex. ETE Math, Physics, Elex.
Friday	11:30 - 13:30	Electronics, electricity

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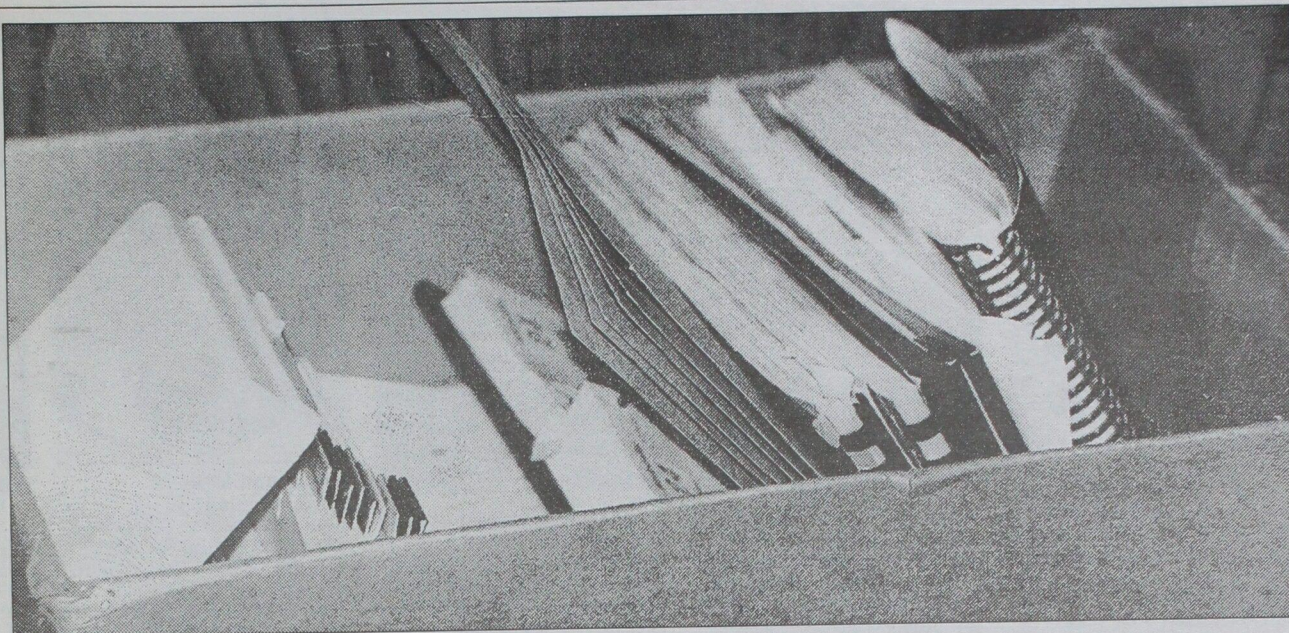
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Open House '98 a huge success

SEAN CONSTABLE
Link Campus Events Reporter

Open House was a huge success last weekend. The excitement built all week as several appearances on local TV and radio shows took place. Larry and Willy continued their stellar BCIT support Thursday morning as they talked Open House on their C-FOX morning show. Vancouver Breakfast also hosted BCIT Open House Committee members and several other radio stations including Z-95.3 and KISS FM also participated.

Friday morning, volunteers arrived early and began preparations for what many believe was the best Open House ever. By 8:30, school buses from around the Province were arriving and thousands of students began investigating the opportunities B.C.I.T offered them. Schools from Williams Lake, the Kootenay's, the Island and all points in between brought their students, mostly grades 11 and 12, to "the best" Open House Tour yet. Those words from Ashcroft student, Heather, who had lamented that UBC and SFU were boring and offered nothing more than a tour of the hallways as incentive to return for further studies. She liked the fact that at BCIT there were things to do and the programs had a "hands on" kind of feel to them.

Those sentiments were echoed by many other students as they absorbed more and more of the campus. At one point there were more than 50, bright yellow school buses parked in the lots. Students were given maps, itineraries and then pretty much free to browse the campus.

There were many highlights all day long for the youngsters, who seemed very interested in the program displays and activities. For most, especially the out of town students, this was their first impression of BCIT.

The first organised event of the day was a new environmental contest, held in the gymnasium. It featured 25 different items (all to be recycled) that teams of four or five had to put together to construct some

sort of person, animal or thing. The items ranged from toilet paper rolls and milk cartons to film cases, wire and egg cartons. There were over 6000 straws and 4000 yoghurt cups included in the assortment and the creations made ranged from a very sinkable Titanic to the on-air set of the Jerry Springer show. Another group from Parkland in Sydney, BC, actually used one of their members to create a living, breathing, Panther Cyborg! And a group from McRoberts in Richmond claimed to create a likeness of their teacher....Miss Dragonmare. (Oh, the glory days of high school!)

The Master of Ceremonies, Randy Friesen did an excellent job of entertaining while co-ordinating over 75 groups of young inventors. After the 20 minute time limit for planning and building the strangest creative masterpieces, awards were handed out for tallest, strangest, most group oriented and my favourite ... nobody knows what the hell it is...but you used all the stuff you had...so here's a prize!

IBM and TLD Computers donated a \$3500 computer package that was given away to one of the schools participating in the Environmental Contest. Columneetza in Williams Lake won the prize. Ajay Lai, Cortney Ruault and Danielle Pinette were the group that won for their school and all three were very excited. Their science teacher and chaperone Phyllis MacCloud said that the school had computers, but nothing like the Aptiva S Series they had just won. Phyllis also said she would see what she could do about arranging special user privileges for Ajay, Cortney, and Danielle.

Once the contest was over, students were invited out onto the field where they stood on the huge chalk marked letters of BCIT. Once all were assembled, a helicopter flew by and took pictures that will be sent to each school that came by for Open House and the pictures will also be used for future promotional purposes. BCIT Director of Student Services Jim Mitchell thought the idea was a good one and also said that he would like to see a

similar event planned for student orientation in September. Jim also thought that this Open House was very creative and positive which was a tribute to all the students, volunteers and the Open House Committee. He hoped that the initiatives started here, like the Environmental contest, group photo and the Let's Make a Deal game show, had the potential to grow and bring more "life" to campus.

The Opening Ceremonies took place in the Great Hall at 2pm and featured prestigious guests like MLA Joan Sawicki, Burnaby Mayor Doug Drummond and key-note speaker Peter Legge. The ceremony was handled by the Dean of Broadcast, Brian Antonson. Joan Sawicki arrived from Victoria just in time to congratulate the students of BCIT on their creativity and skills that were being showcased and she thought that we all should be proud of being here.

Student Association President Brent Bradshaw said that "days like today make you proud to be a student. The events of today are the success of tomorrow." Those sentiments were echoed by Mayor Doug Drummond who said that Burnaby "was lucky to have a campus like BCIT in their community" and also said that "this is a campus that is not just talking...but doing!"

Key-note speaker Peter Legge gave a rousing fifteen minute speech on some of the important steps in success. "The first step," he said, "is communication. Communication with friends, family and the workplace. Sixty percent of businesses succeed because of good communication and 60 percent of marriages fail because of bad communication." Peter also said that attitude will determine how successful you are going to be. He then proceeded to tell a couple of stories to illustrate his points. Peter also said that "BC is the best to live, grow and be educated on the planet Earth."

Peter is the President of Canada wide Magazines and Communications, which is the largest independent publishing house in Canada. His company publishes 17 magazines, including TV Week, has 107 staff, does \$25 million in sales and is 100 per-

cent B.C. owned. He has written three books himself and says that "people should consider their lives and contributions to society, because we have a very finite time on the planet Earth to make our mark...what's yours going to be." Peter has received the Order of the Red Cross, Citizen of the Year and the very prestigious Variety Club Award. He gives lectures about 100 times a year and will be off to speak in Bermuda soon.

The Environmental Awards were given out right after all the speakers had said their piece. The \$500 prizes were shortened from three to two with the extra cash being awarded to second and third place recipients in each category. Kirsten Westfal, Steve McDonald and Steve Svralco are sharing their first place prize for their Fish Wildlife and Recreation display on the effects of gravel mining and water quality. The model they designed will be used for years to come. Susan Joyce, Coral Losiak, and Cathy Choo won first prize for Chemical Sciences and their studies and display on testing absorbents to clean up water after oil spills. The results of their studies may be used by the Coast Guard in a technical report headed for Ottawa.

Saturday featured Ian Waddell, Minister for Tourism, Small Business and Culture. He spoke to a crowd gathered in the Great Hall about Aboriginal initiatives. The afternoon also featured a rendition of Monty Hall's, Let's Make A Deal game show. Prizes for that varied from Nintendo 64 games to a night at the Quay. There were also golf packages available or if you weren't so lucky, you may have traded your favourite ball cap for a rubber chicken. However fun was had by most.

So the millennium closes out with what many believe as the best, most entertaining, most interactive and most organised Open House of the century. The students of the future now have a model and some very high expectations to fill, when the new millennium opens with Open House 2000.

President



STEPHEN DIEBOLT

To gain perspective as to why all of our pictures are seen in today's paper; we are the candidates for the upcoming elections. I am Stephen Diebolt and I am running for President of the Student Association. The President acts as the voice of the student body to administration, government, and industry. I would like to represent the whole school and help strive to achieve our goals. As President, I will be available to all students to ensure our representation in the school. In short, I work for you next year. We spent a short time at BCIT. This year make your vote count by voting for Stephen Diebolt for President.



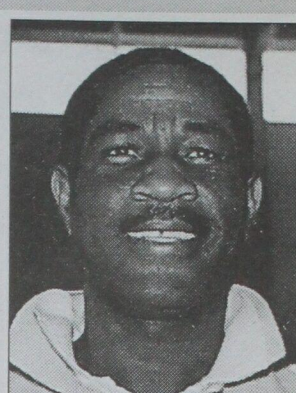
TREVOR FRIESEN

Vote Trev For Pres!
Why vote for Trev? Well, first of all I'll tell you that I'm not going to make any promises. This is because I'm not a very good liar (ask anyone)! I will tell you that I am the first year Tech Rep for Marketing, and I have heard the students concerns. As your president I will do my best to reconcile some of your views. I will be your link to faculty, and together, I think we can make this coming year a lot more satisfying for the students. Thank-you, Trevor Friesen.



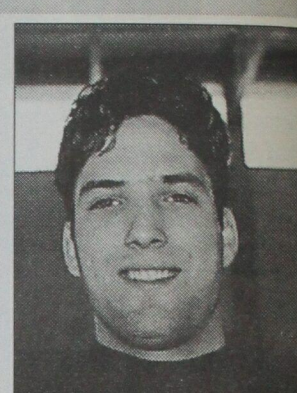
LIZ GAIGE

Concern for Students:
As a Vice-Councilor, I am aware of many issues facing students. Some of the most important include: fair testing, teacher evaluations and a possible three semester year. My foremost goal is to ensure that students have input into these issues. You have a voice—I want to make sure its heard loud and clear.
Qualifications:
After a few years at university and a few more in the work force, I have experience dealing with administration and negotiating with managers and employers. That and the fact that I enjoy meeting and talking to people will benefit both of us as I represent you on Student Council.



EDWARD HUMPREYS

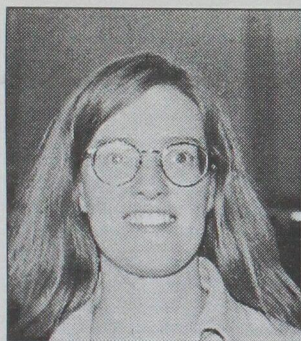
I am Edward Humpreys . I am running for the office of Presidency of the BCIT Student Association. I need your support to make a difference as to how BCIT is run.
It is a common saying, "I am not voting or I am not taking part in politics."
But what is politics?
In brief, it is the manner or ways in which men run societies, communities, states or nations.
If you don't vote you are saying that you don't care. But why? Is it because of our history? Is it because you are satisfied with your status or the the ruling group? Is it fear? But whatever your reasons, please turn out and vote. And don't forget me, Edward humpreys, at the polls. Together we can make a difference.



FRED MASSÉ

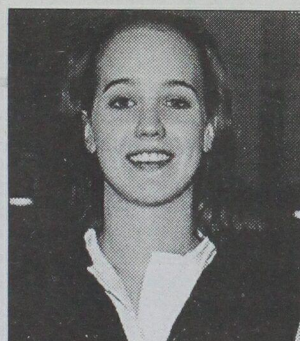
Hi my name is Fred Massé and I am currently a student in the Financial Management program. I would like the opportunity to serve the student body as their next president. I have decided to run for president because I feel that I am upto the challenge and feel that I have a lot to gain from this experience. Attending BCIT is an experience in itself but I feel that just attending classes isn't enough. I would like to get involved behind the scenes and pick up an experience that will prove valuable and last a lifetime. As president I feel I will be able to represent the student body and make the BCIT experience everything it should be for myself and for future students to come. If elected I vow to give myself fully and do the best job that I can. So remember vote Massé for President.

Vice President of Finance & Admin



BECKY ARMSTRONG

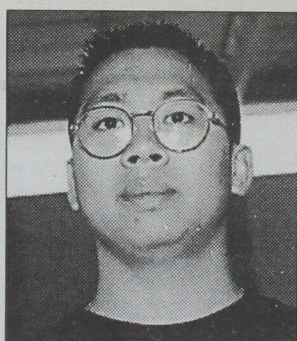
I am seeking the position of VP Finance & Administration because I feel that is important to get involved in student activities. As students, it is up to us to make the most out of our BCIT experience. While education is very important to every person on campus, it is also important for each of us to have fun at school. By being a part of the Student Association, I can help achieve this balance. My years of work experience as a manager, combined with my education in the Financial Management Technology, qualify me for the position of VP Finance & Administration. I look forward to meeting and working everyone on campus.



MELISSA TRACEY

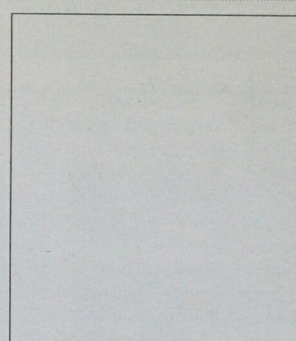
Let me start off by telling you a little bit about myself; my name is Melissa Tracey and I am a first year School of Business student. In my work experience as a Marketing Assistant and in the time that I have attended BCIT, I have learned a great deal about challenges and how to conquer them. The position of Vice President of Finance and Administration is a challenge I would like to accept. In the time that I have been at BCIT, I have gotten to know the student body and some of their concerns. I am very interested in seeing these issues addressed. If you want to have someone who you can express your concerns and see that they have been addressed, I am the person you want for this position.

Vice President of PR & Marketing



RAFAEL ATIENZA

Why I'm running for VP...
When I first came to BCIT, I didn't really know what to expect. I had heard that the only way to graduate was to sacrifice your social life, that the work load was overwhelming and that doing well meant earning an 80% GPA. And while all these things are true to some degree, I never thought I would be enjoying myself so much. The quality of classes, professors and students here are second to none. I truly feel as though I'm part of something larger and greater than myself. And this is why I want to represent BCIT as the VP of PR and Marketing. As the VP, I will make sure the community and industry give BCIT, as a whole, the recognition and job opportunities we deserve.



SANDEEP MANN

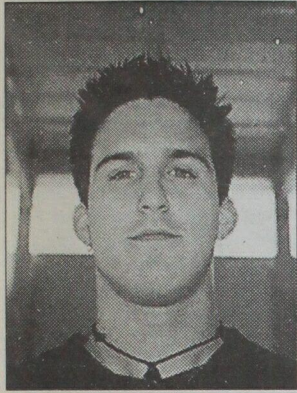
**Chair of Manufacturing/
Mech. Soc. & Proc. Energy
& Ren. Res. Soc.**



MEGAN HANACEK

Hi! I am running for this chair position because I believe I can successfully act as a liaison between students, faculty and the government body of BCIT. If I am elected, I am determined to dedicate a majority of my energy and time to this position in the coming year.
I have been a post-secondary student for the last five years (four years in the biochemistry program at SFU and this last year in the forestry program at BCIT). I am an active member of student life at BCIT; I am involved in student government (Vice Councilor and Set Rep), intramural sports and tutoring service. I believe my involvement in these various activities improves my communication skills and provides me with a greater awareness of BCIT affairs on campus. I believe I am an ideal candidate for this position. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the SA office. Thanks.

Campus Life Coordinator



SHAWN JAMIESON

I am a first year Marketing Management student. I am campaigning for the position of Campus Life Coordinator. It is the responsibility of the CLC to serve as Orientation Coordinator for next year's new students, to help coordinate and promote Recreation & Athletic Services, and to work on various other programs and events throughout the year. This year I volunteered my time in a number of different areas, was a member of the Recreation Council, and participated in a number of intramural activities. I have a strong understanding of what is expected of me should I get elected, and am confident that I would do an excellent job of fulfilling these requirements and representing my student body. If you have any questions please approach me at your convenience. Let's make next year even better!



NICOLE MISISCO

I am in the Marketing Management, Technical Sales program and I have found this to be something that will challenge and assist me in my future life-long adventures, and allow me to make BCIT a great place to be.

I know that I am the one for this position because when I was young I always enjoyed building something. This leads me to my plans for September, one of course is Orientation, if I am elected, and a mini concert with rising stars in the Vancouver music industry.

I would also like to hear from the student body, so then I can bring events to the campus or students to the events, and much more.

So on voting day, vote for Nicole Misisco, Campus Life Coordinator.

Vice President of Student Affairs

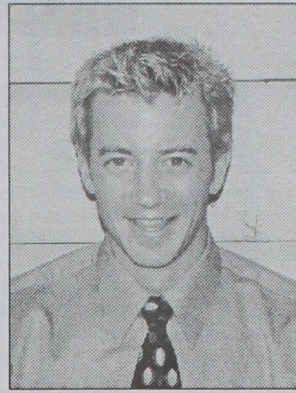


PAUL HENDERSON

I am 24 years old and have a degree in Communications with a minor in Political Science. I am currently in the Marketing Management program.

The quality of your education extends beyond the classrooms. It includes all facets of student life at BCIT. Quality of education is something I feel is extremely important and passionately about. That is why I am running for Vice President of Student Affairs.

The Student Association's representatives have to be accessible to those they represent, you. And I, in myself have a representative you can count on.

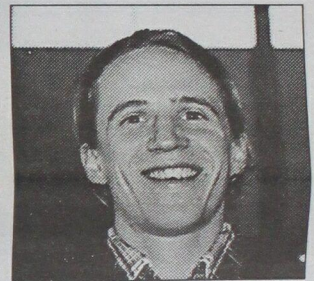


JOHN JERVIS

I'd like to introduce myself to you right from the start as a friend, someone who is highly motivated and interested in serving you best through your Student Association. My name is John Jervis and I am presently in first year Marketing Management, Real Estate option. What I can offer you is experience and insight, having worked for the past eight years in the construction industry as a tradesman carpenter and project manager. I am a very approachable person who is genuinely interested in listening to your concerns and strong enough to act effectively on your behalf. Your vote will give me the opportunity to take an active part in your Student Association, and to ensure continued exceptional service and support for you, my fellow students. When you vote, vote for an active SA, vote John Jervis for VP Student Affairs.

JENNIFER PERIN

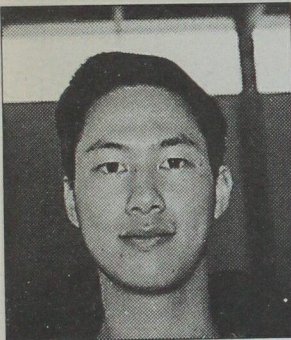
Chair of the Electrical/Electronics & the Computer Information Soc.



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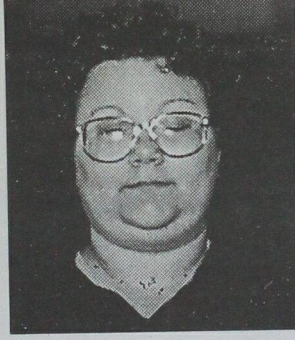
DAVE WILLIAMS

Chair of the Business Soc. & Health Sciences Soc.



REGINALD CHAN

Do you remember what Braveheart said to his men just before he was about to lead them into battle? "THEY MAY TAKE OUR WOMEN AND OUR CHILDREN, BUT THEY WILL NEVER TAKE OUR FREEDOM!!!!!" to vote for the candidate that you feel is right for you. If you want someone who will take a stand in the face of adversity, address those issues that concern you, and defend your right to good food in your homeland, vote for Reggie Chan: Business and Health Sciences Chair.

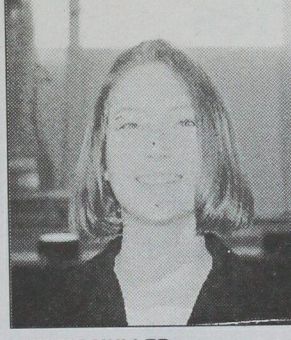


KELLY MONTGRAND

To become more involved in the school community I have decided to run for Chair of the Business Society & the Health Sciences Society. I know my employment history and education have prepared me for this position. I have previously held elected positions in High School and Chair of a local School Board. I have chaired and participated in many community-based groups. I believe a person should take an active interest in their community and facilitate changes from within the organization.

My work includes background in Health Services, both in dental field as an assistant and receptionist, and as nurses' aid in a senior's facility. As a Clerk/Administrator for a municipal government, I had ample opportunity to work with all levels of government. Presently, I work in the campus Employment Centre. I am a Set Rep.

I am well organized, a team player, articulate and motivated to work hard and produce results.

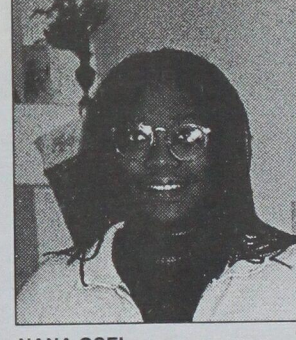


KIRSTIE MULLER

I'm a first year Marketing Management student, running for the position of Chairperson of the Business Society and Health Sciences Society. I have been a very active person at BCIT having been a set rep. for the past two terms and involved myself in many of the other events at BCIT such as, shinerama and open house. I am very eager to do so much more.

I understand how important it is for all of your needs, wants, and concerns to be heard and responded to in a timely and continuous manner, this I can do for you.

I can assure you I am committed and dedicated to you and the responsibilities of this position. I know it is one thing to promise this and another to really mean it and yet another thing to actually do it! So on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd cast your vote and allow me the opportunity to perform.



NANA OSEI

I am currently in my second year of the Environmental Health Bachelor of Technology degree program.

I am a mature, conscientious individual with a good background in effectively dealing with my fellow students and those in higher authority. As Environmental Health Tech. Rep. for the 97-98 year, I have been given a refresher on how the SA works.

If given the opportunity to chair the business society and the Health Sciences Society, my goal is to ensure correct student representation and participation when decisions are made pertaining to the new cluster. I also intend to continue with the work that the current chairs began this year but didn't get the opportunity to finish.

I hope to be given the chance to represent you in the SA for the 98-99 school year.

Voting

Tuesday, April 21

10am - 4pm

Wednesday, April 22

10am - 4pm

Thursday, April 23

9am - Noon

**Great Hall,
SA Campus Centre**

BCIT's Quintanthalon, SA's elections just some of what's still to come before the year ends

BCIT Medical Services

a confidential drop-in clinic for students

open 8:30am to 4:30pm from Monday to Friday located in the Student Activity Centre (SE16)

Armageddon! Well maybe not...but it is getting real close to the end of the year. Everyone is gearing up for finals... soon to be grads are getting ready to embark on a new career and first years are looking forward to the summer.

However, there are still a few cool things happening before the end arrives. Elections are swinging into full gear as next year's Student Association needs to be elected by you... the student body. The nominations are in and all the candidates are busy on the election trail hanging posters, making promises and giving out free stuff, all in an effort to win your support. Make sure you come out and vote. If you've had a set photo taken, you will be able to pick it up when you vote. Voting takes place in the Great Hall.

The 9th annual BCIT Quintathlon takes place on April 29th. The Quintathlon features five sections to the relay race. There is a three kilometer canoe course. It starts at noon at Deer Lake Park. Once the baton is passed from the canoers, there is

Campus Events Sean Constable

a 2.5 kilometer short run course that will end up at the CG Brown pool where the third leg of the relay takes place. Half a kilometer, or 21 pool lengths later, the baton will be passed to another runner who will race 4.5 kilometers to the mountain bike course that winds 5 kilometers around BCIT's fitness trail. Prizes include \$300 for first place, \$150 for second and \$75 for third. All

registrants receive a Quintathlon T-shirt. Teams consist of seven people, two runners, two canoeists, one swimmer and one cyclist. The team captain will assist the race marshals. If you register by April 17 the fee is \$96 per team. If you wait till late the fee is \$120. The field is limited to twenty teams, so register early.

There is also a bike polo tournament on May 9th. You can register at Rec. Services.

Frisky Frolics is a drop in program for those students who want to relax, have some fun or just let off a little steam. It takes place Thursdays in the Gym from 5:30pm till 7pm. They play a variety of games including trivial pursuit, around the world and indoor softball. Around the world is where you put your head on a bat, spin around twenty times and then have to run to a

pillion. Trivial pursuit is an energized, sporting variation on the original board game and indoor softball...is well, softball indoors. There are several other games to partake in, so check out Frisky Frolics Thursdays in the Gym. You can win prizes too.

There is a two day golf clinic at the Langley golf Course on Saturday, April 19th and 25th. The cost is just \$61 for eight hours. If your game is not that bad, you may want to try a one-day clinic, Saturday May 2nd. That one is six and a half hours of instruction for just \$51. Call Rec. Services to register.

There is excitement in the air... the end is near. There are all kinds of year end wrap-ups happening, give us a call at the Link to put yours in the Events column.

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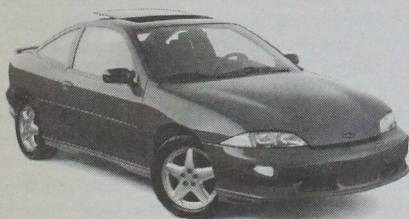
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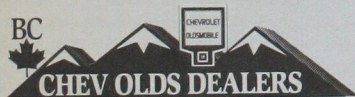
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Philip & Me: Michael Moore takes aim at corporate welfare

MONIQUE HARVEY
Link Film Reviewer

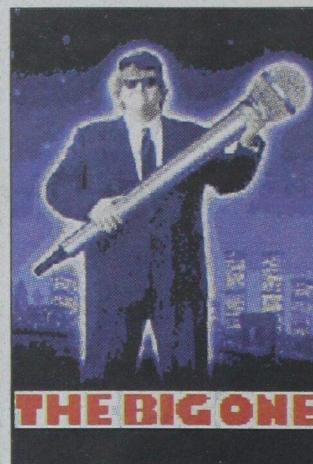
People who won't go to see Michael Moore's 'The Big One': Philip Knight and Roger Smith, CEOs; Nike aficionados, Tories, businessmen and business students.

People who will go to 'The Big One': leftists, people with a sense of humour, people interested in social causes, Michael Moore fans and business students with a social conscience.

Film Review
The Big One
Fifth Avenue Cinemas



Moore and Nike CEO Philip Knight.



THE BIG ONE

'The Big One' is Michael Moore's new slogan for a new America: a new nation that has forgotten its democratic roots, whose people desperately try to search out a living under the 20th century reign of 'King George' corporations. Forget "the home of the free and the land of the brave," think "don't mess with the Big One... or else!"

'The Big One,' a documentary that follows Moore's promotional

tour for his book, *Downsize This: Random threats from an unarmed American*, starts innocently enough. From its humble speculative beginnings about why Steve Forbes doesn't blink, 'The Big One' journeys to 52 cities across the US. On his trek Moore encounters those 'downsized' in America's 'booming' economy, employees at Border's bookstore trying to form a union in the face of hostile management, prisoners

who book flights for TWA, media 'escorts', businessmen extorting the need for profit and hostile security guards who protect the rich from the raga-muffins.

The big moment in 'The Big One' is Moore's surprise invitation to the Nike palace by its king-businessman Philip Knight. The subsequent meetings between the two men generate both frustration and disbelief.

Knight had read Moore's book, which cites him as a "corporate welfare mother," and felt it necessary to arrange a meeting. But why? What did Knight hope to accomplish? It becomes glaringly obvious that Mr. Knight cannot comprehend the plight of the poor in America and abroad. The sense of Moore's frustration is thick: I think he wants Knight to admit his business practices are wrong, but to no avail.

The Nike symbol, the obsequious check, marks in the boxes of consumerism, money, cheap labour, more money, big-business-is-good-business dogma, and greed. The act of wearing this symbol, to paraphrase a recent editorial in Simon Fraser University newspaper, *The Peak*, is tantamount to wearing a "Nazi swastika."

This may be an exaggeration, but the individual who wears Nike shoes or clothing chooses to ignore how and wear the Nike Corporation produces its products. Ignorance cannot be an excuse. It is well known that teenage girls in Indonesia work for 40 cents an hour, for 14 hours a day without rest. To wear a pair of \$100 Nike shoes is to realise that Nike paid only a measly 40 cents for its assembly. To wear Nike shoes is to support slavery. To wear Nike clothing is to say 'Yes' to human misery.

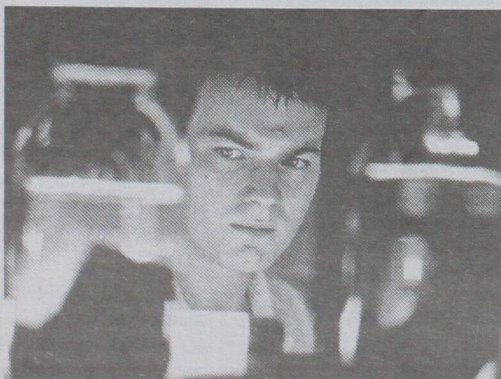
This rant is nothing at all like Moore's movie. It's a fun, witty, sad and touching tour across 'The Big One' — a country with a bleak future and big profits.

All alone in Nightwatch

DAVID LAI
Link Arts & Culture Editor

This is a Dimension Film, featuring Ewan McGregor (Trainspotting), Nick Nolte, Patricia Arquette (True Romance), Flirting with Disaster) and Josh Brolin (Flirting with Disaster). Nightwatch is a Friday night suspense thriller. Filled with suspicion, intrigue and fear, Nightwatch will have heebie-gebes running down your spine and give you sweaty palms, especially if you're not the type for murder and fear.

Film Review
Nightwatch
Opening April 17th



for the weak stomach or sensitive (un-numbered). It depicts the common, yet continuous violence and hatred against women, it's depressing and disturbing. And there a scene where Brolin is unnecessarily verbally intimidating, harassing and interrogating a prostitute about her stranger clients. Sometimes you wonder if those images are really necessary in this day and age (just take a look at the downtown Eastside). So, poor innocent McGregor, totally stressed out, has to deal with the bodies as they come into the hospital and the sickly clues that keep leading back to him, becoming a prime suspect. At first his best friend Brolin starts behaving suspiciously, and then the detective (Nolte). They both seem to make unannounced visits to McGregor at the hospital, and finally it boils down to losing a thumb, being subjected to problematic images and staying awake through the Nightwatch.

Ewan McGregor in the suspense thriller Nightwatch.



Royalty committing suicide

David Lai
Link Arts & Culture Editor

Known star, Mafia boss, Christopher Walken is kidnapped by five wealthy, immature, testosterone blinded private university students.

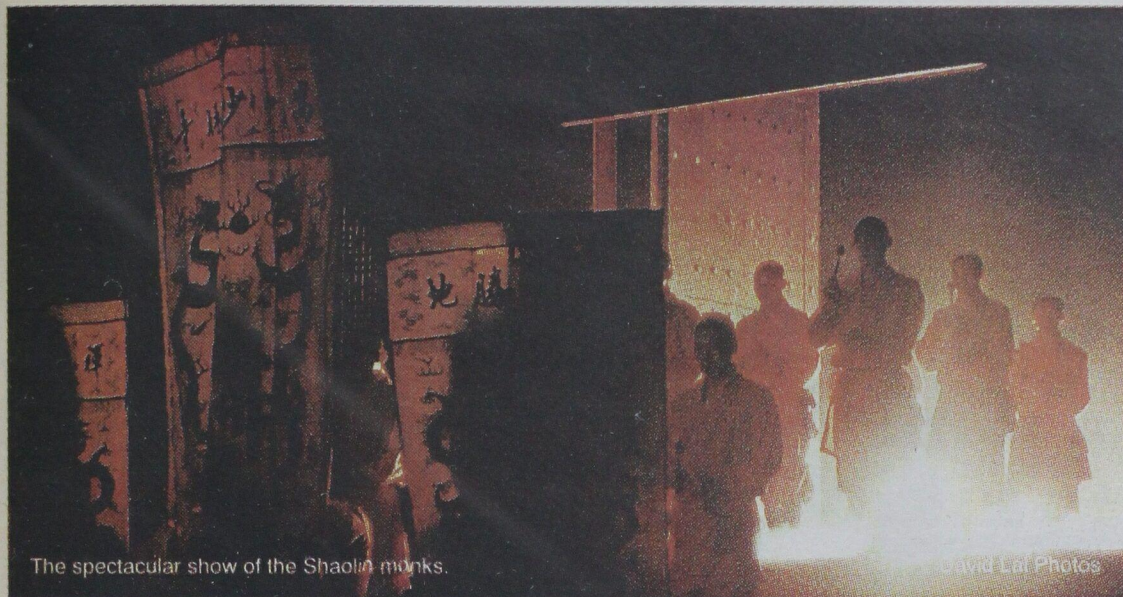
Film Review
Suicide Kings
Opening April 17th

Featuring Sean Patrick Flanery (Powder), Jay Mohr (Jerry Maguire) and Henry Thomas (E.T.) as some of the boys. The students kidnapped wealthy Walken in hopes of retrieving one of the boy's kidnapped sister, getting way over their heads. They decide to amputate Walken's finger,

as the kidnapers supposedly amputated the boy's sister's (Laura Harris) finger (though we never see her missing finger, even to the end). Laura Harris's kidnapers demand two million dollars ransom in return for the girl, another woman victim who seems to have become objectified. Denis Leary, plays Lono, Walken's man who shoots people without a flinch and shows ridiculous defensiveness for his \$1500 sting ray boots. This brings in comedy to the drama, and making it light hearted to watch. While the plot has enough twists in it, to keep the audience's attention and trying to figure out the culprit. This Dimension Film comedy-drama again entails someone losing a finger.

The film reminds me of "Usual Suspects", only with a younger, less experienced cast and a simpler plot.

The kids all come from wealthy families, yet all suffer from the disease of gambling and lose accounts in deals, becoming desperate for cash and trying not to lose face. Even though Walken's alcoholic liver is unable to process Vitamin K and is therefore prone to bleeding freely with a decapitated finger, there's not a single moment you think he'll die by bleeding to death. With enough suspicions, actions, brutality and humor, Suicide Kings is a card game where you try to out smart the jack. The king wins in the end, and only the jacks write their own suicide demands.



The spectacular show of the Shaolin monks.

David Lai Photos

Shaolin Kung Fu more than a spectacle

DAVID LAI
Link Arts & Culture Editor

This turned out to be the biggest spectacle performance I've seen in a long time. With seating on the floor and in the benches, this motor vehicle funded space was fuller than expected and with an unusual mix of crowd and culture. There were cute, playful children to grunting, beer drinking jocks and everyone in between.

Cultural Event Report
The Mystery of the Shaolin Kung Fu of China
at GM Place
Monday, March 30

These monks are from the Shaolin Monastery in Northern China. They have been exposed and exploited by talk shows to the Western world for our capitalizing entertainment. They performed with excellent serenity and agility in this totally foreign and artificial environment.

Unfortunately the venue and some of the audience took away from the spirituality and seriousness of these performers. Some people in the audience would make stupid wise cracks as the monks demonstrated some of their most concentrated physical accomplishments. The stadium had an annoying announcer the entire time and synthesized music played loudly to needlessly emphasize these monks performing with limitless endurance and control over their minds, bodies and spirits.

This ancient art of Kung Fu is more than 2500 years old and is an integrated discipline of the mind, body and spirit. It is more than a spectacle for our amusement or a base for many other styles of martial arts, it is a way of life.

The evening began with a lone small Buddhist child (Shami Shi Xiaofeng, eight

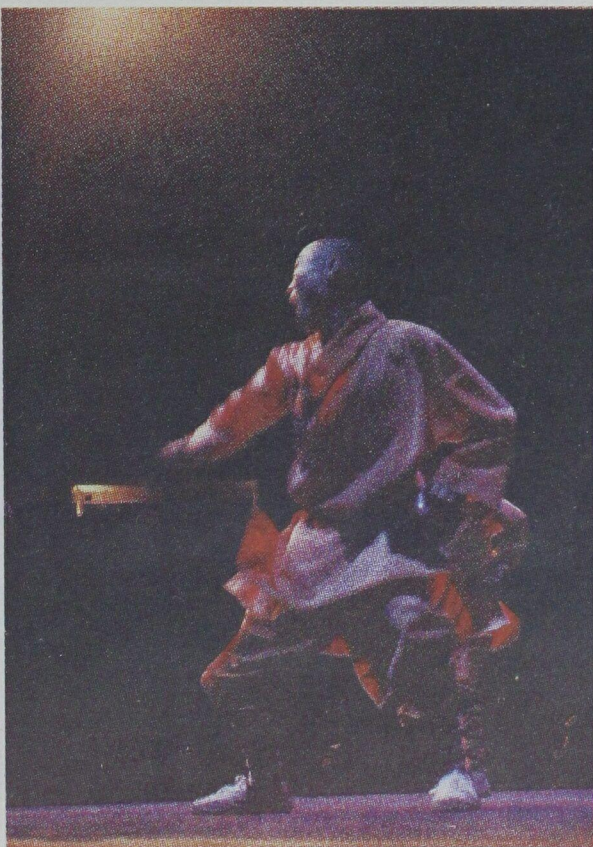
years old) leaping and dancing on the stage, with the lightness of a fairy, spreading magic sparkle dust and joy. Following came the older monks who have been training and studying for many years. They walked out in uniform lines from the representative monastery with their peers (the eldest being Honorable Superior Shi Wanheng, 78 years old) and gave respect and honor to the Buddha and higher spirits. The incense burning and the sound of bells made this moment very meditative and calming.

Tonight these monks demonstrated for us, on the spotlighted stage, everything from high flying kicks and the use of weapons to spontaneously choreographed assemblies of monks performing traditional exercises and incredibly dangerous, unthinkable physical feats.

There were monks walking up a ladder of swords, spinning on the tip of a spear on his stomach, breaking a metal rod over his head, ramming a monk's stomach (even members of the

audience came up to punch his stomach), laying on a bed of nails with another double sided bed of nails laying on top of him and then another monk on top and then a granite plate on top of him and finally a sledge hammer coming down and breaking the plate (a human sandwich of pain) and much more. Their flexibility is astonishing, there was a stage where the youngest and the eldest were the only ones on stage, and they show their comparable elastic flexibility (even with the wide age difference) to the amazement of the audience.

Mind over matter, all the monks advocate non-violence and their abilities are not for combat, but can be used if necessary. These monks are truly amazing and they all walked away with no injuries or pain, showing only the extreme serenity and peace of mind. I can't believe how so many people could just shake it off and joke about the power of the mind and these monks' dedication and way of life.



Annie: The musical's memories should have been left undisturbed

SAM TSE
Link Arts & Culture

The revival of *Annie*, the musical about a little red-headed orphan, was a good idea, but perhaps after twenty years, *Annie* should have been left alone in her heyday.

Theatre Review
Annie the 20th Anniversary
Queen Elizabeth Theatre
April 7-11, 1998

This musical always attracts crowds, young and old. The old seemed to understand historical events such as Roosevelt's new deal, while the young sat there, confused. But, in general, the crowd responded well, especially to Brittany Kissinger, the nine-year old who plays *Annie*.

Kissinger was perhaps not the best choice for the role of *Annie*. All she did was shout at the top of her lungs, when she was supposed to be singing. After a while, it got to be quite annoying, as it became pure shouting. Kissinger's "talent" managed to turn the character of *Annie* into a complete brat. Gone are the days when *Annie* had sweet innocence... gone are the days when little girls who played *Annie* actually had to act!

However, the highlight of the show was the presence of a little girl by the name of Victoria Pontecrvo. As the role of Molly, Pontecrvo was brilliant. She was charming and a bundle of joy to watch.

So, yes, songs like *Tomorrow and Maybe* should stay in the past with its glory.



Delta 72: Going to the mouth of the funky sound

The Link's Ann Behennah spends some time talking to Gregg Foreman, Singer for Delta 72

ANN BEHENNAH
Link Arts & Culture Reporter

Delta 72 have just released their new CD, titled "The Soul of a New Machine". They played at the Starfish Room on March 30. Their funky sound brings the roll and soul of classic rhythm and blues back into modern rock.

The following is excerpts from an interview with Gregg Foreman, the lead singer.

Ann: What modern bands have influenced you guys the most?

Gregg: The whole soul thing. Lots of R&B bands, The Wire, late 70's noise kind of punk rock stuff from New York. Anything that's kind of crazy but has a good groove you know. You can't take the punk out of the kid.

Ann: What sort of audience do you attract?

Gregg: All sorts of people - it really depends. This tour has been really good, we've been the main act and the turnout has been really good. All ages, from young to old. Our tour started in Alabama (which wasn't packed) but Dallas, San Deigo, San Fransisco, Sacramento have all been packed. Portland and Seattle were great, people going crazy, grooving, great tour as far as that is concerned. It was really rainy in Seattle.

Ann: Have you ever played in Victoria?

Gregg: Yeah, The Limit. Do you know it?

Ann: It's my favorite.

Gregg: Yeah, great club.

Different crowd, they didn't just stand around staring with their arms folded. They were really fun.

Ann: Why are you called Delta 72?

Gregg: 1972 is the year one of our members was born. Delta is the soul region in the States. The area where all this music is from.

Ann: How long have you been a band?

Gregg: Since late 1995. This is our second album. We haven't been together that long but we're going to start on our next soon. We've been touring for a while and this is the end of it. We're just going home.

Ann: Who's in your band?

Gregg: Sara Stolfa plays organ, Jason Kourkounis plays drum kit, Shane Travis plays trumpet and clarinet, Bruce Reckahn plays base, and I play guitar and I sing when I'm able. I dance around and play clarinet sometimes. That's the funky keyboard sound you hear on Stevie Wonder's "Superstition".

Ann: If you could be on any magazine cover, which would it be?

Gregg: Mad Magazine I guess, I don't know. I don't really like magazines. That would be weird, every time you go to the grocery store for a month you would see your face. Weird, you know. If it was just one cover, I don't think it would be too bad. Mademoiselle, Cosmopolitan I guess. How about you?

Ann: National Geographic. The title would be "Ann Behennah's



Vancouver"

Gregg: Who's Ann Behennah?

Ann: That's me.

Gregg: Oh yeah. What would you write about?

Ann: Cool things in Vancouver. Bad things too, like photo radar, rain, and how club clothes are too small.

Gregg: That's because models are too small.

Ann: Yeah....How did you guys start your band?

Gregg: We felt there was stuff lacking in the punk world, a lack of good rockin' stuff, live entertainment was severely lacking as far as we were concerned. Other than Beastie Boys, Beck and guys like Blues Explosion, there's too much pre-fab bands like Backstreet Boys. It's terrible, people buy anything these days.

Ann: Yeah, simpletons. Odd shopping mentality. Do you guys get interviewed a lot?

Gregg: Seem to only happen to

just generate press for the record. It's not about band promotion at this stage in the game. It was insane when we went to Europe. I was interviewed all the time. We played at a couple of festivals and it was just, like, out of hand. I had to get this like all day press thing and I was interviewed by translators. It was crazy, cool. I guess I was into it.

Ann: Do you have anything to tell me that you haven't told anyone interviewing you before?

Gregg: I have this reputation of being a young tough, but it's not so, you know? I got into a fight with the guy from Blues Explosion. But we're friends now. At another show, some guy threw a bottle at me so I kicked him in the head and he had to get stitches, but I'm not a violent guy. So I want everyone to know that I'm a perfectly well behaved young gentleman. It's society that made me this way.

Ann: Yeah, kick shit. Stand up for yourself. What's tonight's concert going to be about?

Gregg: Offbeat, edgy. I hope everyone has a good time and enjoys the show. I wish I could stop coughing though. My throat's dry.

Ann: I'll let you rest your throat for the show. Thanks!

Gregg: No, thank you for the interview. Hey, now that the interview is over, I've stopped coughing.

Ann: I'm still recording this Gregg.

Gregg: Oh! Ha ha.



Jonathan Richman charms the Starfishers

DAVID LAI
Link Arts & Culture Editor

It was Jonathan's only stop in Canada according to the tour schedule they were handing out as you entered this undersea world. His next hot spot, the following night, would be in Eugene, Oregon. So I understand why it was an early show, Jonathan is an early boy, early to bed, early to rise. If you love him, there's T-shirts, art prints and CD/tapes available, mentioned on the tour schedule.

Concer Review
Jonathan Richman
at the Starfish Room
Sunday, April 5, 1998

I was a little surprised at the turn out tonight, the Starfish Room was quite full even for a Sunday evening. Jonathan seems to have visited Vancouver every year for the past

few years. Starting from the early seventies with the Modern Lovers, Jonathan is still keeping the tours rolling and his songs charming.

Jonathan's music, mostly solo, with only a simple backup drummer, is hard to describe if you haven't heard him play before. Folk, reggae, unclean punk guitar riffs, and some really rough garage sounding chords. The people were standing, anxious and ready to "surrender to Jonathan" as soon as he took to the stage. He started playing just before 10 and everyone was immediately on their feet dancing and grooving to his soulful, catchy lyrics and hooting for his dance

action. In time, he shakes his hip, shows us his kick and swings his hand, receiving laughs and smiles. He enjoys performing and making fun of the rock star stereotype. Playing with a single drummer standing ominously in the background, Jonathan kept people's spirits high and faces

smiling. Originally from the Modern Lovers, Jonathan played some his own classics, such as 'Girlfriend', 'Pablo Picasso' and 'My Girlfriend Stands Up To Me Now'. These are excellent songs, with honesty and humor. His music is easy and down to earth to listen to, without the glamour rock insignia. I noticed there were the expected fans and surprisingly new listeners who had never heard of him before.

A wide range of tastes and styles in the crowd filled the Starfish. The newly converted and the long time fans all pleasantly enjoyed dancing and shaking to the rhythms, singing and laughing with the comical dance moves Jonathan gave tonight. For those recently converted listeners, check out some of this veteran performer's releases; Jonathan Richman and the Modern Lovers, Modern Lovers '88, Precise Modern Lovers Order and Surrender to Jonathan.

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Summer's sports are just around the corner

As the Vancouver Canucks put the finishing touches on another disturbing season the focus must change to greener pastures. Like the fresh cut grass of Nat Bailey Stadium or Swangard Stadium. The Vancouver Canadians get swinging for a new AAA baseball season. The Canadians of course are the farm team for the California Angels major league team. The team is blessed by playing in the prettiest little ball park on the continent, making it easy for five or six thousand people to venture out to the old ball game. The Canadians play a handful of Wednesday afternoon matinees all summer long. Voice mail runs rampant through-out the city on these game days as business people slip out of the office early to soak up the sun and the suds.

SPORTS Talk

Sean Constable

After a season of over-paying to watch the Canucks or Grizzlies stumble along with half efforts, its nice to be able to watch a game, park and buy a hot dog and a beer for less than thirty bucks. Vancouver is home to three other teams that don't get nearly the press, but work hard to attract the fans. Their product is entertaining and is easy on the budget. The effort is generally there, especially in baseball where the only way to the bigs, is to play hard here. The Canadians are playing in a revamped minor league system where the team plays in a two conference system, with each conference having two divisions. Omaha, Memphis, Oklahoma, and Nashville are all new teams that play the Canadians this year.

The 86ers are back from the dead as David Braley saves the city's soccer club. The 86ers welcome back Bobby Lenarduzzi as General Manager and the early season soap opera will be to see if Bobby and Dominic Mobilio can put aside their differences and have Dominic sign with the Vancouver squad. Domenic sat out several key World Cup qualifying matches last year, after having a falling out with the then National Team coach, Lenarduzzi. The National Team fell out of contention for next year's World Cup in France and the team's lack of scoring magnified the decision not to play Mobilio as the sniper was scoring goals for Vancouver instead of the Nats. as of press time Dominic still

had not signed with the club, and their first game is on Friday.

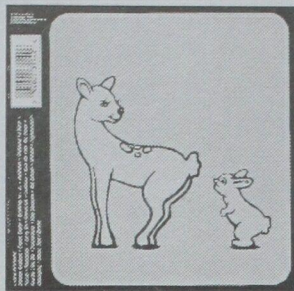
None the less, soccer is a great source of family entertainment and the 86ers are looking for more fan support. That adds up to value. The team and the players make concerted efforts to be fan friendly. The team holds training camp, here, at BCIT.

The BC Lions have added the league's two best defensive players from last year to their lineup and are looking to add to their backfield with another major signing in the next few weeks. Drummond, who played in Toronto two season's ago and led the league in rushing may sign here. Drummond's addition will help make up for losing Sean Millington to Winnipeg last month. The lions have the horrible habit of playing their home games

under the dome, where no one wants to go, but the team is bending over backwards to attract fans. The price is very affordable for taking the whole family to the game and the Lions throw in many extras. They have been working hard with stadium officials on cleaning up the drinking issues and they hold great entertainment before and during the game. Check out a pigskin Bar-B-Que before each home game. The on field product is exciting... CFL style. Unfortunately, the league off the field is run by dimwits that sink the image of the league every time they make a decision public. However the Lions now appear to have solid ownership in David Braley (saviour of the 86ers) and look like they have a stable on field program. Damon Allen is coming back at quarterback and some roster stability should be apparent this year. The Lions get a bit of a break as only four games are played in the heat of the summer at home. Attendance historically has been better after Labor Day. The Lions are also well worth supporting.

So this summer as you listen to Orca Bay fill your heads with more empty promises than an NDP election hopeful, spend some of that Orca Bay money on a handful of other sporting events. The Canadians, The 86ers and the Lions all create excitement. They may not have over-inflated salaries, but they pack a whole lot more heart into their games.

Spinnin' the discs



BRAN VAN 3000

Glee
(Audiogram)

A re-release of their album 'Glee', with four new tracks and a new cover. It is a large collective of tastes, sounds, voices and influences, a total funk monster of nine core players, always adding and transforming. Three female beautiful female vocalists and six eccentric fellas jamming to the times. It is quite remarkable they all keep time so well and don't miss the beat. There's a photo collage inside the booklet of musicians and friends. Funk, rock and roll, rap, hip-hop, and jam, BRAN VAN 3000 is growing popularity. Their last show at Richard's On Richards, January 30 '98, here in Vancouver was an excellent hit. A packed club of dancing, smiling, diverse ages, people grooving to the simultaneous beats and rhythms. This band is going through all the genres, creating their own, combining soul, ambiance, dub, folk and more. The VAN just keeps rolling along collecting and mixing soundscapes, styles, and expressing their mixed thoughts and feelings. "Together with everything and nothing between us you are the whole goal soul me you universal"

David Lai



CURVE

Come Clean
(Universal Music)

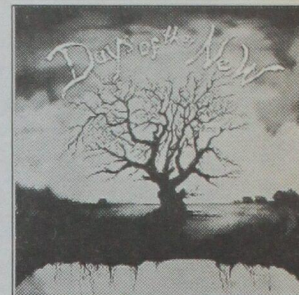
Remember that leather store you ducked into a while ago on Granville Street? You'd just been ejected from the Rose and Thorne for causing a disturbance at the pool table, and you had to get your head together before you went home to face your room mates' backpacking buddy who

had just shown up fresh from the Australian outback. There was this music cranking out of the speakers that reminded you of the acid scene in Midnight Cowboy. It wasn't until you read a little review in *The Link* that you wearily remembered the whole night.

This CD is an ode to standing at a bus stop in the pouring rain without an umbrella. Should you try to hitch a ride? Endeavor to recall your last Macro lecture? Remember your name? Keep listening.

I don't even recognize the instruments these guys are playing. But wait: Is that a drum machine? Or the sound of my beating heart? Maybe it's just my pounding head. According to their bio, Curve became "emotionally messed up," and went underground back in '94. For intensive shock treatment in an anonymous outpatient program, I would guess.

Tom O'Leary



DAYS OF THE NEW

Self Titled
(Outpost Recordings)

Times were, the band you listened to, defined you. Maybe it's my 'Burb roots showing, but I don't remember there being so much music to listen to. Rap. Hip hop. Tribal. House...

That said, you should have a listen to 'Days of the New' self titled debut album. Demographically, it should fit quite nicely into the dying hours of a Broadcast Journalism kegger, and our comrades fixing airplanes out at the hangar might want to throw this into the ghetto atop the Snap On chest.

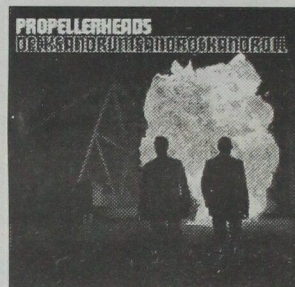
Produced by Scott Litt, the man behind REM's "Monster," this CD is the product of a quartet of teenagers from Louisville, KY. Very clean. Very tight. Imagine an acoustic Metallica fronted by Jim Morrison.

Litt's production gives "Days" a remarkably mature sound. It's nice to hear a new band that can actually play their instruments. Most of the tracks feature three or four acoustic guitars intricately woven between solid rhythm lines and delicate motifs.

Lead guitarist Todd Whitener says of his band: "We've always wanted to do stuff that was really wild, stuff that pushed people's imaginations. But it's not like we go out of our way to be weird or anything."

Save me a spot in front of the bong next Friday night. I'll bring the CD.

Tom O'Leary



PROPELLERHEADS

Desksanddrumsandrockandroll
(Dreamworks)

After seeing these guys tear it up on the decks, hammer it through the drums and still rock and roll, I felt propelled to possess a copy of their debut album. All the way from the UK, Alex Gilford and Will White are musical and technical wizards in their field. It is rare to experience a duo perform techno, hip-hop, and rock and roll all in a single hour. Filed as electronica, the Propellerheads had everyone's heads spinning faster than the desks. Fast, upbeat samples, live drumming, keyboarding, some MCing and scratching makes this album a killer at No. 2 on the British album charts. Desksanddrumsandrockandroll has guest appearances by De La Soul, Shirley Bassey and the Jungle Brothers, contributing to the diversity and range of audio levels to fully fill you with jive and hop. The Propellerheads are great as rave, background or direct concentrated listening. A mind-blowing album, check it out.

David Lai

Escape BCIT.....

APRIL 16, THURSDAY
Enforcers (drum 'n' bass)
 at Sonar

Face To Face
 at The Rage

DJ Honda (hip-hop disk jockey)
 at Richards On Richards

APRIL 17, FRIDAY
Mystery Machine with Semisonic
 at Starfish Room

Rusty (all ages)
 at The Palladium

APRIL 18, SATURDAY
The Bo:Teki Band
 at The Whip, 209 East 6th Ave,
 info: 874-4687

Utopia 420
 (International Hemp Festival)

at the Palladium

Spun Bearing 3
 (Indoor Street Skate Course,
 Bands & Prizes) from 10-10 at
 Minoru Arena, 7551 Minoru
 Gate, Richmond, info.:214-7716

APRIL 19, SUNDAY
Jazz Is Dead
 at the Vogue Theatre

APRIL 20, MONDAY
Kronos Quartet
 at the Chan Centre (UBC)

APRIL 24-25, FRI. & SAT.
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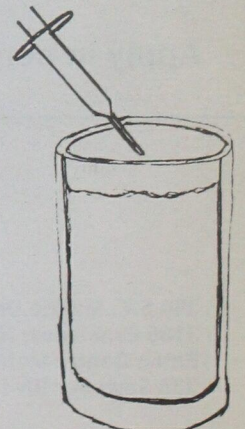
Getting drugs From drinking water

CORINNA NETHERTON
SA Environmental Education

Pharmaceutical drugs have been detected in European water supplies, according to the March 21 issue of Science News. German studies have proven that the drugs are originating from human wastes. Up to half of prescribed drugs may be excreted from the body in its original form or as another biologically active form. In some cases up to 90 percent of the drugs originally ingested find their way into drinking water, lakes, rivers and streams.

The highest concentration level is caffeine excreted from regular coffee drinkers. Other drugs include cholesterol-lowering drugs, antibiotics, analgesics, antiseptics, beta-blocker heart drugs, and drugs to control epilepsy. In Switzerland, clofibric acid, a drug used to lower cholesterol, was found throughout Switzerland's waters. Considering that this drug is not manufactured in Switzerland, it could not have come from an industrial accident or spill.

According to a Swiss scientist, Hans-Rudolf Buser, the drug is thought to come from human wastes. Some chemicals can be converted back into their active form through chemical reactions that occur in the environment. The active form through chemical reactions that occur in the environment. The trace levels of these drugs in the water could alter the ecology of the environment as well as creating an antibiotic resistance. More research is needed for testing drugs in water considering there is a lack of data for gauging the potential toxicity of pharmaceutical drugs to humans, wildlife or aquatic ecosystems.



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If you are, you and your employer should know that the B.C. government is raising the minimum wage to \$7.15 per hour on April 1.

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Why raise the minimum wage? Because Premier Glen Clark, the Minister Responsible for Youth, and the B.C. government promised young people that the minimum wage rate would stay current. Raising the minimum wage to keep pace with inflation is part of that responsibility.

Any questions? If you need more information on the minimum wage, overtime pay, statutory holidays, or any other labour issue, call toll-free: 1-800-784-0055. Or visit the Youth website: www.youth.gov.bc.ca



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On Earth Day, change something in your life to become more environment-friendly

Do it on Earth Day. Mark it on your perpetual calendar. Earth Day falls on April 22 every year. It's an event/celebration that first started 28 years ago in 1970 as a student-led campus movement as a call for the need to conserve and protect the Earth's natural resources. About 20 million people took part in that first event. Twenty years later, the event had grown to more than 140 countries and over 200 million people.

This special day can officially lay claim to be the most recent annual global celebration event started in this century. It's probably celebrated in more countries around the world than Valentines, the last big cultural day instituted this century.

Earth Day is a personal kind of day where people look outside their usual focus of attention and look at the planet as a whole, the present state of the world, the possible futures, how they fit in, and then do something positive.

It's about recognizing that we all breathe the same air, share the same water. It's not the only day that we should do

our best for the natural environment, but it is an excellent time to pause and recommit to what should be an ongoing effort. Since the first Earth Day, treatment of the environment has been improving.

But this is not the time to stop. Humanity continues to take more from the earth than it's giving back, destroying more habitat than it saves or creates, forcing extinct more species than ever.

Half of the net natural output produced by Earth's natural systems is now used by humans, and yet we don't include natural ecosystem services of an estimated US\$33 trillion a year in our growth economy.

We're certainly not winning the battle as larger forces come into play like disruption of

earth's climate system and the life-protecting ozone layer. 1997 broke the record as the hottest year on record. World population stands at close to 6 billion, about 104 species are lost to extinction every day.

It's estimated there are 10 years until 1/3 of all species will be gone.

We could fill newspapers with facts and figures, but in the end, when it comes to the environment, individuals count the most. A lot of environmental damage comes not from big catastrophes like tanker oil spills or nuclear accidents, but from the daily actions of individuals.

Make an Earth Day pledge yourself to change or upgrade

some part of your lifestyle to become more environment-friendly. Start with some simple changes. Carry your own reusable mug instead of using disposables, and changes. Carry your own reusable mug instead of using disposables, and cycle, carpool, or take the bus instead of driving. **REDUCE** your consumption, especially of highly packaged and short-lived items. Use rechargeable batteries. Recycle everything possible, and dispose of toxic materials responsibly. Use non-toxic, biodegradable cleaners at home. Switch to energy and water efficient appliances. Be active and vocal in the community.

At BCIT, we always do something special on Earth Day. Last year, we opened Canada's largest composting wormbin. This year, we're planting shrubs and trees along Guichon Creek here on campus along with the kids from Child Care, and launching the first annual BCIT Earth Day Award called the Earth Apple. Please join us at 11:30 a.m. at the creek beside the tennis courts on the south side of the Burnaby campus on Wednesday, April 22.

Contact the S.A.'s Environmental Action Centre at 451-7060 for more information.

Take alternative transportation on Earth Day (alternative to the SOV — single occupant vehicle — walking, cycling, transit or carpooling). Call 451-7060 to register and you'll be entered into a draw to win a free lunch for two from Restauraonics

Join us and the Child Care kids for **treeplanting and bush planting** for habitat enhancement at 11:30 a.m. at the Guichon Creek 'duck pond' on Earth Day.

BCIT President will present the **'Earth Apple Award'**

Day long event at the Vancouver Public Library

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What to do for Earth Day at a technical institute:

1 Think about the following in relation to your particular technology:

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Sustainable activities

1. Use materials in continuous cycles.
2. Use continuously reliable sources of energy.
3. Come mainly from the qualities of being human (ie. creativity, communication, movement, appreciation, and spiritual and intellectual development).

Non-sustainable activities

4. Require continual inputs of non-renewable resources.
5. Use renewable resources faster than their rate of renewal.
6. Cause cumulative degradation of the environment.
7. Require resources in quantities that could never be available for people everywhere.
8. Lead to the extinction of other life forms.

From Guidepost for a Sustainable Future

2 Check out the following on the WWW:

GNET: Global Network of Environment & Technology
<http://www.gnet.org/>

EcoNet's Sustainable Development Resources
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Earth Vision
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3 Think about the implications of this:

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