

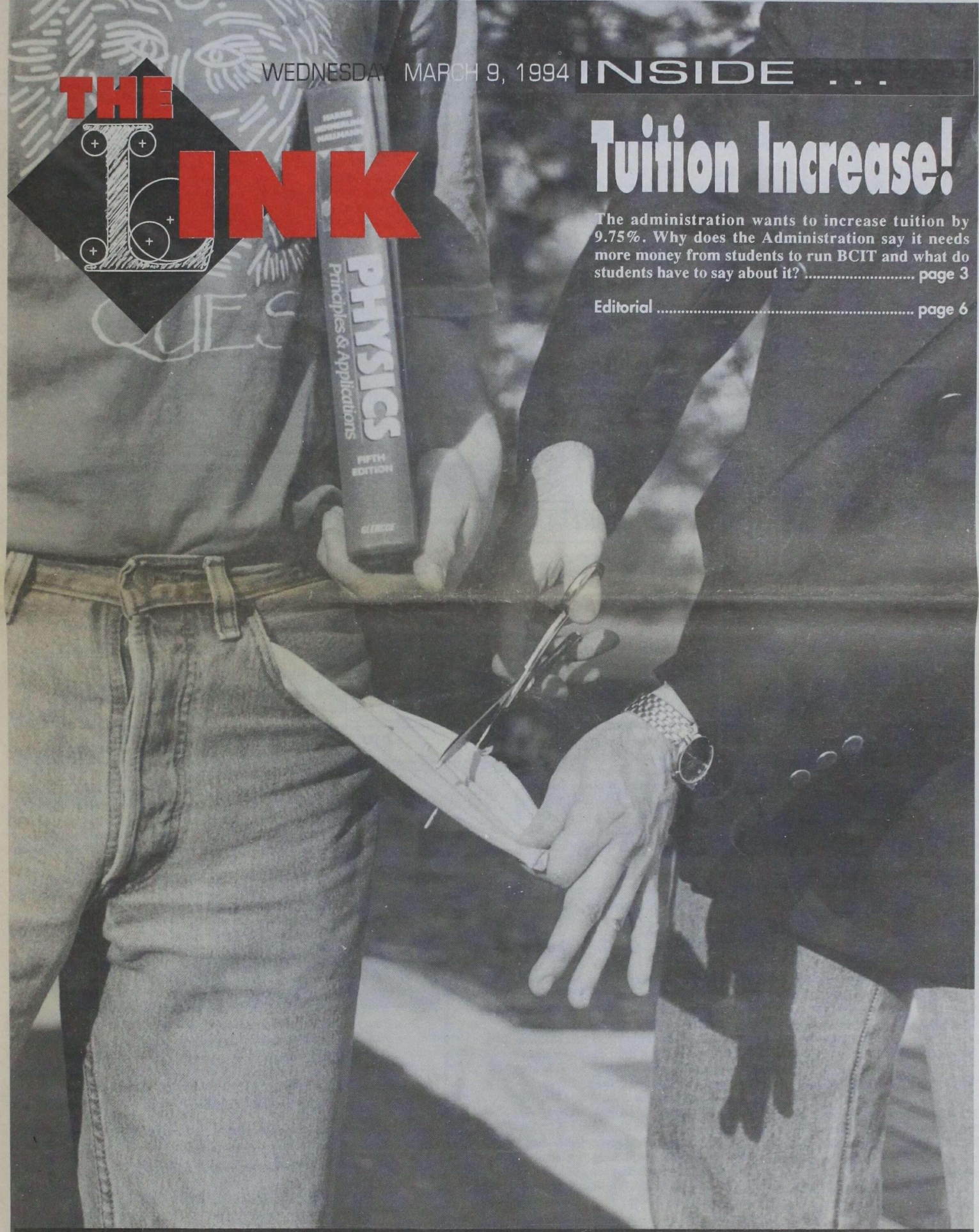
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THE **LINK**

Tuition Increase!

The administration wants to increase tuition by 9.75%. Why does the Administration say it needs more money from students to run BCIT and what do students have to say about it? page 3

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Cougars go down clawing

by Trent Houg

The Cougars volleyball season came to an abrupt end last Friday evening at Trinity Western University.

For only the second time in BCIT history, the male Cougars were playing in the provincial championships. What had appeared to be a Cinderella season, turned into the ugly step-sister as Selkirk waved their magic wand and the Cougars were eliminated in the opening round of play.

The blue and white machine from BCIT drew Selkirk College in the first round of the provincial play downs. The team from Castlegar dominated the match, as they had there way with the Cougars beating them three straight.

A bright spot in a rather disappointing end to the Cougars season came when middle blocker Doug Wallace was selected to the tournament second team all-star

squad.

Wallace will probably be back to join the cougars next season, but two solid players will be moving on. Power Hitting forwards Brian McLeod and John Zuk will be lost to graduation. Cougar coach Fred Lafleur will be hard pressed to replace the two talented players. "We don't really do any recruiting like some of the other bigger colleges do" said Lafleur. The Cougars don't expect to lose any players from their current roster besides McLeod and Zuk. "We will be even stronger next year" said Lafleur.

The Cougars finished fifth overall in the tournament, as Malispina went on to beat Okanogan college to capture the provincial title. Both Malispina and Okanogan college will advance to the national championships in Calgary next weekend.

SAFETY, PROTECTION, SECURITY

What to do when the earth starts quaking

by Anna Goater

When the earth stops being your best friend and behaves more like a demented roller coaster, clear thinking may not be easy. To know what to do in the event of an earthquake, advanced planning is a good idea.

At BCIT, a lot of computers and light fixtures are around. Special care must be taken in the event of falling glass and heavy equipment being thrown about in an earthquake. Some things to look out for are:

- doors may violently swing back and forth, and frames may bend, jamming doors closed.
- ceiling light fixtures may drop to the floor
- freestanding book shelves and cabinets may fall
- objects attached to walls, like clocks, and shattered glass, may fly across the room
- electricity may go out, eliminating lights, telephones, elevators, heat and air conditioning

During the Earthquake

The earth is shaking!! Remain calm and take cover underneath sturdy desks or tables. If no cover is available move to the closest interior wall, but the important thing to remember is to protect your head and neck. Falling glass from windows and overhead lights, and objects falling

from shelves will pose a serious hazard, so stay in a protected area. If you happen to be outside when the earthquake hits, don't enter any buildings.

Don't use elevators in an earthquake or if there is a possibility of aftershocks. If you are in an elevator, you are probably better protected than most people - the elevator will not fall down the shaft, and nothing heavy can fall on you. If power fails, the elevator will stop, and lights will go off. Don't panic and be patient. Each car will be contacted as quickly as possible and you will be advised on when and how rescue will occur. Listen to directions from emergency response personnel.

After The Earthquake

Be prepared for aftershocks. Even though it may seem safe, don't return to classes until authorized by the BCIT Emergency Response Teams. If someone is hurt help them as much as you can, but if it's serious, wait until the Emergency Response Team comes. If you are trapped in a building for a day or so, water can be drunk from water heaters and toilet tanks. If possible, keep some food in your locker, just in case. You may never know when you might need it.

The most important thing to remember is not to panic. Earthquakes are easily survived if you know a few simple emergency procedures.



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CAMPUS EVENTS

Campus Events is a calendar column open for the advertisement of events and functions on all of BCIT's campuses. Submissions should be dropped off at *The Link* offices or sent through campus mail. Deadline for the next paper, published Wednesday March 23rd, is Thurs. March 17th.

Monday, March 21

GALA-BCIT. Regular meeting of people who are interested in improving the experience of lesbians, gays and bisexuals at BCIT. Come to share your ideas and meet some new friends. Everyone welcome! Let's plan some fun for this spring!
Held in the regular room. 12:30 - 1:30. Call Gordon (BCIT 434-5734,

local 5301, or home 538-8686) for room location and details.

Following meetings to be April 4, 18 and May 2.

Tuesday, March 22

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Tuesday, March 29

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Administration ponders 9.75% tuition increase

by Paul Dayson

The cost of an education at BCIT could be on the rise. Again.

On Wednesday, March 16 the Board of Governors will be discussing a tuition fee hike of 9.75 percent. This would be the second year in a row tuition fees have risen by this figure—for a total of 20.45 percent over two years.

Student Association president Lyle Boivin said his initial reaction is that the increase is "outrageous".

"Obviously a 9.75 percent increase is like a gouge in the students' bodies," he said but added that he won't be able to say why the administration is contemplating such a large increase until he has met with them on Friday, March 11.

According to Gerry Moss, Vice President of Education and Student Services, the institute is dealing with increased cost in a number of areas—such as security, employment equity, operating costs for new buildings, the rising cost of utilities and equipment—which are beyond its control.

The institute "doesn't want to lay increases on the backs of students but choices are limited," said Moss. "BCIT is not standing still and we have to update equipment and facilities."

"We will keep operating at a level that brings the right people in," he said.

The increase in tuition is expected to bring in approximately an extra \$900,000 to the institute. Other increases in revenue are expected to come from an increase in the number of FTE's, or full-time-equiva-

lent students, in both new and existing programs.

(Students carry about 20 percent of the cost of their education, the other approximately 80 percent is funded.)

BCIT's tuition hike parallels increases expected at BC universities which Moss said vary with each institution—but are around ten percent on average.

"We will keep operating at a level that brings the right people in"

- Gerry Moss, VP Education and Student Services

Boivin said, "The institute has got find ways of increasing their revenue besides going after students. Always passing the buck on for students to pay is not acceptable."

According to Moss, traditionally it has been services to the students, such as counsellors, that have gone first when an institute, like BCIT, has had to make large cuts.

2nd year Civil and Structural student Tim Austin said, "fuckin' great as long as that goes into improving our equipment. I don't mind paying for my education. I just don't want to see them increase their [staff] wages. I don't mind paying more as long as I get more services."



Can British Columbians afford it?

BRIAN RICE PHOTO

Federal budget could spell tuition increases for students in three largest provinces, including BC

by Simona Chiose and Michael Mainville

OTTAWA (CUP) — Students in three of Canada's largest provinces— British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario — can expect "substantial" tuition fee increases in the wake of the federal budget, provincial officials and student leaders warn.

"The budget is really the worst potential that could have occurred," said David Scott, policy advisor with Ontario's Ministry of Education. "We're going to have to look long and hard at tuition hikes."

The federal budget continues a five per cent cap on increases in provincial transfer payments (which pay for schools and hospitals) to Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia begun by the previous Conservative government. And the transfer payments,

with the exception of funds for health care, will be frozen completely in 1995-96.

"This does not bode well for Canada's colleges and universities," said Carl Gillis, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, in a press release. "For students it means higher tuition fees and a further decline in the quality of education."

By freezing funding at 1993-94 levels for the next three years, the federal government will remove \$2 billion from projected transfers of funds to the provinces for welfare and education programs.

The freeze on payments to the provinces is expected to save the federal government up to \$466 million in 1995-96 and a minimum of \$1.54 billion the next year.

Ontario's Scott said that an earlier estimate of tuition hikes

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- Carl Gillis, CFS chair

being limited to seven per cent would have to be revised.

"That was based on erroneous information. Our decision on tuition hikes was contingent on knowing the financial health of the province. Now we can determine what funds will be available for colleges and universities," said Scott, adding that a definite hike has not been decided yet.

The budget did not address the future of the Canada Student Loans program. The maximum

weekly allowance of \$105 has not increased since 1984, despite the rising cost of living and increasing tuition fees.

Gillis said the government does not seem to have realized that students cannot pay higher tuition and that current levels of student assistance are inadequate.

Gillis, however, praised the Liberal government's decision to restore \$20 million in assistance for aboriginal students that had been cut by the Conservatives.

MP Chris Axworthy, NDP critic for training and youth, says the federal budget poses grave dangers for the future of post-secondary education.

"I think it's incredibly shortsighted," says Axworthy. "It won't improve the situation."

Axworthy says problems facing post-secondary education cannot be solved without more

funding to the provinces. He says barriers such as student unemployment, inadequate loan programs and tuition hikes are making Canada's colleges and universities less accessible.

"Students are being squeezed three different ways," says Axworthy.

The federal budget also includes previously announced measures like a national service youth corps, the Canada Youth Corps, to be funded at \$25 million in its pilot year and a national apprenticeship program targeted at college students at a cost of \$96 million in its first year. During the budget speech, Finance Minister Paul Martin also said that funding for councils and agencies which provide money to universities for research in social and natural sciences will not be reduced.

Mandarin classes' popularity surges

by Julie Lee and Bianca Zee

VANCOUVER (CUP) — On the streets and in the shops and restaurants where Cantonese was once the major language spoken by Chinese-Canadians, Mandarin has suddenly taken over.

Increasingly, people are speaking and learning Mandarin, the language most commonly spoken in mainland China and Taiwan. But why so suddenly?

"Mandarin has overtaken Cantonese because the big China market has become very sexy and the hot spot for doing business," said Sue Hooper, director of the Asia-Pacific Foundation.

Economists predict that China will have the world's largest economy in 30 years. And within five years, 100 million people in China will have higher incomes than the average Canadian.

"Anybody who wants to do anything important in Asia needs two things: English and Mandarin. Mandarin can be understood in many regions and not just China," said Yvonne Li Walls, director of Chinese Culture and Communications at Simon Fraser University's Lam Centre for International Communications.

The surge of Mandarin-speaking immigrants from Taiwan to Vancouver, which began five years ago, offers another incentive to learn what has been dubbed the language of the 21st century. Already, the language has washed ashore in publishing.

With 4,000 reporters worldwide, the Taiwan-based World Journal, the world's largest newspaper, publishes 10,000 copies of a Vancouver edition daily. It covers news catered to a Taiwanese-Canadian readership with its Chinese sentences styled for Mandarin diction.

And nearly 50,000 Taiwan residents have immigrated to Canada, now at a rate of more than 5,000 per year, according to Ted Liao of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. Taiwan is the third largest source of immigrants for Canada behind Hong Kong and India.

"Rising immigration is mostly because of the investment appeal

of Canada, but partly due to educational opportunities," Liao said.

"Many Taiwanese find the Canadian [education] system more creative than the Taiwan system."

At present, Mandarin is a highly popular subject, taught in both English and Cantonese at night classes sponsored by the

Vancouver School Board.

"Vancouver has over 200,000 new Chinese immigrants and it is very important to respond to client needs," Hooper said. "Students want to become competitive when they graduate."

For those discouraged by the difficulties in learning Mandarin, Walls said that if taught correctly, the language should not be

difficult to learn.

"It is a fallacy that Mandarin is difficult," said Walls. "22.5 percent of mankind speaks it so it cannot be that difficult. Also you do not need to conjugate verbs or distinguish between tenses, like in English."

Anti-gay law proposed in Washington

by Tanya Storr

VANCOUVER (CUP) — In the 1992 US general election voters in Colorado passed Amendment Two, a measure that made discrimination on the basis of sexuality legal. A Colorado district court has struck down Amendment Two, but now right-wing fundamentalists in Washington state are proposing similar discriminatory initiatives.

Washington Initiatives 608 and 610 seek to deny civil rights protections to gay, lesbian, and bisexual people. Currently, the groups behind the anti-queer initiative are circulating a petition. If they can get 182,000 signatures of support for their campaign, the initiatives will go to a statewide ballot in November.

Robert Harkins, a member of the Washington Citizens for Fairness, said the anti-queer initiatives could "put the state into the business of discrimination."

In concrete terms, if the anti-queer initiatives become law, queers could lose their jobs, housing, custody of their children, and adoption rights. If queers were fired or evicted on the basis of their sexuality, they would have no recourse in court. In addition, queer curriculum would be banned in schools and higher education.

"Sure, I can tell them fags a mile off — any real man can!"



Furthermore, Initiative 610 includes a clause stating that queer teens should be removed from their families so as not to influence their siblings.

Although there are currently very few laws in place to protect queers in Washington, Harkins said employers and landlords are hesitant to discriminate against people on the basis of their sexuality. Harkins feels that the scenario will be very different if the initiatives are passed.

"These initiatives would ensure that no individual could be protected on the basis of sex-

uality. If passed, they would create a public carte blanche for employers or landlords to discriminate against queers."

Harkins feels confident that the initiatives would be overturned in court, as was Colorado's Amendment 2, but he is very concerned about the hatred behind the initiative drive.

"There has been a concerted effort of right-wing fundamentalists across the US to push these types of initiatives. The groups behind the initiative drive have not been successful in their attempts to influence members

of congress directly, so they have followed the petition route, the only avenue left open to them."


Harkins and other concerned Washington residents, including church groups, queer organizations and many other organizations, have formed a broad coalition to oppose the initiatives.



"We're fighting it at every level because we don't want discrimination and we want to send a strong message to these people," he said.



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NORPLANT

Birth control or social control?

MONTREAL (CUP) — Women in Canada will soon be offered another option for birth control — a reversible, long-term and, according to the manufacturer, very effective option at that.

Cause for celebration? Not quite, say women's groups in the US, where Norplant has been available since 1990.

"Right now the negative aspects of Norplant outweigh any positive ones," says Charon Asetoyer, executive director of the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center in South Dakota.

"Women's realities are different from ideal clinical settings. Doctors need to get out of denial and look at that, rather than just at how Norplant works."

Asetoyer's main problem with Norplant is that it has been prescribed to many Native American women without adequate counselling and with varying degrees of consent. Also, it is being forced on women with 'questionable lifestyles' — women with chemical dependencies or women who are on welfare. Asetoyer doesn't want to see Norplant taken off the market, but rather hopes to ensure that it is no longer used against certain groups.

"Norplant is being used as a quick fix for social problems. It is a band-aid treatment which masks the issues that are related to this kind of behavior [chemical dependency, etc.]," said Asetoyer. "Contrary to what people think, there is a domestic population policy and Norplant is the perfect vehicle for this."

Population Control In Disguise?

Norplant is covered under Medicaid in the US, meaning that low-income women on social assistance have as many birth-control choices as women who are better off financially.

The issue is, however, not so simple. The costs of insertion and removal of Norplant are often not covered, and women who cannot afford to pay for removal are denied this procedure. Because of this, they are left to deal with unpleasant and possibly unhealthy conditions.

"It's not a rare occurrence. Many clinics refuse removal unless medically indicated," says Luz Alvarez Martinez, execu-

by *Liz Unna*
The McGill Daily

tive director of the National Latina Health Organization in San Francisco.

In the US, Norplant abuses appeared almost immediately after its arrival on the market in December 1990. In January 1991, a judge in California ordered an African-American woman charged with child abuse to have Norplant inserted as an alternative to jail.

Since then, 13 states have tried to introduce legislation mandating Norplant for women on welfare, with the underlying theory being that Norplant is a perfect 'tool to fight poverty'.

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- Charon Asetoyer, executive director of the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center

David Duke, ex-Ku Klux Klan front-person, introduced a bill in Louisiana which would pay "a cash bounty to any poor woman who would accept Norplant along with her welfare payments."

"The message," says Martinez, "is if you're poor, you have no rights. You may not have children. It's horrifying."

Hormones for Kids

Another major concern of women's groups in the US is the frequent use of Norplant among teenagers. As teenage pregnancy rates are soaring, Norplant is recommended for teenagers who often forget to take the pill. Because it is illegal to test the drug on people under 18 years of age, there is no way of knowing what the full effects of the hormone will be on an adolescent body.

"They're pushing it as a quick fix. When you put something in a teen's arm and tell them they can't get pregnant, it's like a free-for-all," says Lisa Diane White,

communications coordinator of the National Black Women's Health Project (NBWHP) in Atlanta.

As Norplant offers no protection from sexually transmitted diseases, White wishes condom-use was encouraged over Norplant insertion among teenagers.

The NBWHP is also concerned about the link between Norplant and poverty. As it is a drug that has recently been approved in the US, the ways in which it affects women's lives need to be closely monitored through close patient/doctor contact.

"Black women, particularly when they're poor, traditionally do not have ongoing relationships with their doctor," says White. "Who has time or money to come back every month for a check up? If you're working at a minimum-wage job and you don't show up, you don't get paid."

Remedies?

To counter the use of Norplant as a punitive measure and as a means of fertility control, many women's groups in the US are lobbying their state governments to draft protective legislation for women.

"We [the National Latina Health Organization] are involved in working towards prohibiting any legal system from sentencing women to Norplant, and towards setting a minimum standard of information to be given to the Norplant user," says Martinez.

This group is also lobbying to set up a registry for women on Norplant to chart possible new side-effects which may arise among American women. "Side-effects are showing up that are not listed by the manufacturer, such as strokes," says Martinez.

Another recommendation is that the cost of insertion and removal be covered in one all-inclusive fee, so that women can have it removed whenever they want. "It is basically forced temporary sterilization if Norplant is not removed at the woman's request," notes Martinez.

With Norplant soon to arrive in Canada, health care providers and advocacy groups here should turn their attention southwards to avoid any potential abuse of the drug. It remains to be seen whether Norplant will fare as badly here as it has in the US.

What is Norplant?

MONTREAL (CUP) — Norplant consists of six small silicone-coated rods, which are inserted into the woman's upper arm for a period of up to five years. The rods each contain 36 mg of progestin, a synthetic hormone which prevents pregnancy by inhibiting ovulation and thickening cervical mucus.

"This drug is just a different delivery system of a drug that's been on the market for years," says Joanne Ford of Health and Welfare Canada, referring to oral contraceptives ("the pill"), which contain estrogen in addition to progestin.

Norplant is effective 24 hours after insertion and is immediately reversible after removal. Insertion takes place in the doctor's office using a local anesthetic and requires between five and ten minutes. Removal takes a bit longer.

According to the World Health Organization, about four out of every 100 users of Norplant are likely to become pregnant, with the effectiveness gradually decreasing in women who weigh over 154 pounds.

Norplant isn't recommended for women with acute liver disease, breast cancer, and blood clots in the eyes, legs or lungs. The most common side-effects are breakthrough bleeding, sometimes constant bleeding, weight gain and nausea.

There are also reported cases of the capsules traveling inside the body and keloids, or scar tissue, forming at the point of insertion. The long-term side effects have not been accurately documented, according to several women's groups in the US (see accompanying article).

Finland was the first European country to market Norplant in 1983 and many nations have followed suit since then. Groups such as the US Population Council (not-so-fondly referred to as the Population Control Council by certain women's groups) have undertaken widespread Norplant insertion projects in third-world countries, India for example.

"It will be available in Canada sometime in the first part of March," says David Chown, director of Government Affairs at Wyeth Ayerst, Norplant's sole distributor in North America. "We will be selling it for \$450, which is very competitive in terms of the US price (\$US 350)."

The price does not include insertion or removal, and will not be covered by the provincial health care systems. Whether or not Norplant will be covered in Canada for people on welfare, as are oral contraceptives, remains to be seen.

If it is, Norplant will only be available to women on opposite ends of the income spectrum, those on welfare and those in high income brackets.

EDITORIAL

Tuition increases pressure on students

Tuition fees may be on the rise. Again. 9.75 percent on top of last year's increase.

As always everyone is blaming someone or something else. The institute is wasting its money frivolously or is getting greedy; the provincial government is not coming through with the funding needed by post-secondary education institutions; the federal government has not delievered with its transfer payments to the provinces for education, healthcare and the like; or the nebulous economy, inflation and the increased costs of running the institute are at work. Really, you can pick and choose among the finger pointing and find grains of truth in them all.

This is however of little solice to the students who are going to pay for it. For them the price is a tighter budget stretched possibly to the point of abandoning the hopes of the education and training which they need in today's world.

In the end, as a student loan's buying power spirals downwards, which British Columbians will BCIT train? Maybe, what we should be asking ourselves is what are the social costs of continued increases in tuition and can we as a society afford them?

CLARIFICATION

'A REAL campus radio station where students play music they LIKE'. So read item seven on our list of things BCIT needs (Editorial, Feb.23). Staff at CFML, BCIT's radio station operated by Broadcast Students, took offense. Many felt that this statement was a slight against them.

It wasn't. We respect the professionalism Broadcast Students display at CFML. We also admire their hard work and dedication to the station.

But CFML isn't campus radio. Campus radio is controlled by students, not necessarily those studying broadcast. It's rarely professional, always raw and often plays music you won't hear elsewhere.

Item seven merely stated the possible demand for such a station at BCIT. And with the talent available in Broadcast, we think such a station would serve the campus well.

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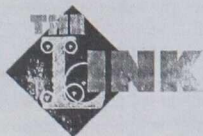
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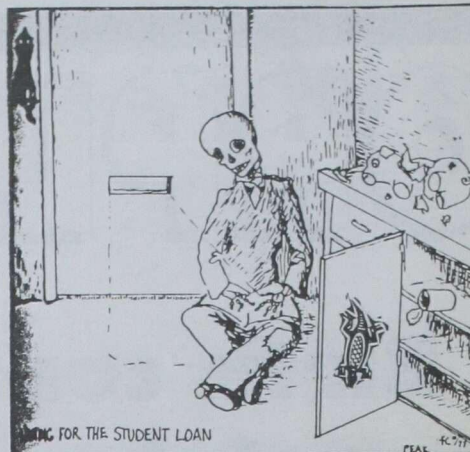
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Link's credibility questioned

In the Feb 23, 1994 issue of *The Link* there is an article that I submitted for publication. The title shown is not the title that I had submitted with the article. *The Link* staff changed it from my original "Let's set the record straight!" to read "10 percent figure questioned".

Considering that my article was questioning the credibility of *The Link's* research you would think that they would not want their integrity to also be put under suspicion. Not only did they change the title (maybe it is against *Link* policy to use the word "straight" in their newspaper) but they also removed the references to my research. (maybe so they could put the article under the heading of OPINION to give the impression of homophobia rather than letting the statistics speak for themselves or maybe it was for damage control so the readers would question the credibility of my research). Whether it is a hidden agenda or some other reasons for their actions it merely seems to justify not only my original question of *The Link's* credibility but now also their integrity as a "newspaper".

Gordon Thiessen

Ed. Note: headlines must be written for size when doing the design of the paper and any unsolicited material considered a letter or opinion. This is the same for The Link as The Vancouver Sun or New York Times. Nor do these publications print footnotes.

Thiessen used Moral Majority for facts

I am writing for the first time as a reaction to the Opinion column by G. Thiessen on page 5 of *The Link*, Feb. 23 1994.

LETTERS TO THE LINK

That was not an opinion, but a standard issue bulletin from the Moral Majority that I've read many times.

From the opening statement about safety in numbers they go on to prove that this segment of society hardly exists at all.

I hope that one of you inquiring minds will find out why people need large numbers to be safe.

After proving that there are such small numbers of gay people, what then?

Don't small numbers of people deserve human rights?

Since there's so few of them does it matter if we get rid of all of them altogether?

Who would bother (or dare) raise their voice against the wrath of the moral majority to protect the interests of such a small pathetic group compared with our might?

Ross Henry
4th year Electrical

Link disappoints non-reader

I want to express my deep disappointment over *The Link's* Feb. 9 sexuality issue. I didn't want to poison my mind by reading it, but I have read *The Link's* Feb. 23rd feedback on that issue.

Homosexuality issues have been over-represented in student newspapers while, there are many other important subjects which can be covered. I believe that racial diversity is a source of strength and enrichment to all of us but, such sexual diversification causes moral corruption and break up of the family structure, not to mention STD's.

You have gone against CUP's statement of Principles by publishing an issue that was in poor taste. For the future, I remind *The Link* to be more informative rather than simply provocative.

Souad Kalmoni

CFML upset by "REAL" reference

I was heartened to see that our campus station, CFML, had received the honour of a mention in the latest edition of your paper: (Editorial: The Top 20 Things BCIT Needs) Number 7 of the Link list was a criticism of CFML. I suggest the comment merits a second look.

Unlike CTR and CJSF, CFML is student operated, and therefore, only BCIT Broadcast students receive on-air time. I recall a conversation with a member of the Student Association, who thought enough of his marketing skills to suggest he should be given free reign to host his own show on CFML. As you know, our CRT license stipulates a certain programming format be followed.

As for our music format, admittedly, I don't always tap my foot and sing along to every song I play while I'm on the air. Like other radio stations, our marketing strategy is to put our audience's needs ahead of our personal tastes. Besides, CFML is more than just music. It is news, sports, interviews and features, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To excel in BCIT's Broadcast Communications Programs takes hard work, creativity and dedication. The hard work it takes to keep CFML up-to-date, informative and entertaining, is owed some regard.

New listeners, input, and suggestions are always welcomed at CFML. As a member of the print media, I'm sure "The Link" can appreciate the need to provide useful and timely information. As student broadcasters look forward to working with you to help serve the BCIT community better.

Darcie Burnett
CFML 104.5 FM Cable

Homosexuals 10% or 1% who cares? And why not

LINK (Feb. 23, 1994, page 5) carried an OPINION column authored by G. Thiessen that presented an apparently balanced, impartial, even scholarly (eight studies cited) examination of the incidence of homosexuality. The piece bristled with statistics. A rational person might have concluded that perhaps one percent of the people he encounters are gay.

This "one percent context" is an interesting one. It is safely "on the margins". As long as we don't go out of our way to mingle with them, a chance encounter, in class, at Taps, in the gym, is highly unlikely. The risk of one of them witnessing our anti-gay joke is low. The chance of one of them raising hell about it is almost nonexistent. One percent is also, coincidentally, the rate of some serious medical disorders: one percent of our population is affected by schizophrenia and a further percent by epilepsy. At one percent, its awfully easy to lump homosexuals in with others that society keeps at it's fringes. It appears, therefore, unreason-

able to demand individual rights for a minority that forms such a tiny fraction of the population.

But this rational person has trouble with both the statistics and the motivation of the person presenting them. First, the statistics. What I did was trot into the Main Library and scan their newspaper clippings for articles on the research cited by Mr. Thiessen. Interesting ... He did not lie: percentages for people reporting themselves as "homosexual" ranged from less than one to slightly more than six. Nor did he tell the whole truth. Even fairly superficial reports cautioned that there are problems when you try to measure the incidence of something that is widely stigmatized (for example, rape or homosexuality). For starters, people tend to under-report: they lie because they don't want to be seen as one of the "damaged" group.

The way the information is gathered also has a marked effect. We might expect that the studies that involve per-

sonal interviews would be more revealing, but this is not the case. Researchers are caught between the gains in accuracy that may come when their subjects have an increased distance and anonymity and the distortions that may result from certain people not mailing back their surveys.

Although this is probably not an example of Will Rogers' "lies, damned lies, and statistics", the percentages reported in these studies are far from the facts that Mr. Thiessen would like us to swallow.

The collective scientific wisdom now appears to say that somewhat less than five percent of the population is homosexual. Although not ten percent, this is a far cry from the bottom line of about one percent that I think is implicit in Thiessen's bald, uncontexted data.

I said I suspected Mr. Thiessen's motivations. If he read the original studies, he reported results but suppressed the conclusions. If he read the news reports as I did, he edited out the cautionary notes and the three to five percent estimate. If these

details weren't in Mr. Thiessen's sources, then who edited them and why? And what can I think of an article that ends with inflammatory allegations of Kinsey-paid pedophiles sexually stimulating two month old infants for up to 24 hours? Whether or not this loaded image discredits Kinsey's research, it certainly, if indirectly, makes an ungrounded connection between homosexuality and pedophilia. It reinforces the myth that gays are a danger to our children.

Personally, I don't care how many homosexuals there are as long as I can treasure the same expectation as any heterosexual person: to experience love as deeply as I can, in my body, my mind and my spirit. No person has the right to make that more difficult for me.

p.s. Thanks to Mr. Thiessen for his reminder (a quote from a forthright gay politico) that "a maturing political movement is best served by credibility, not numbers games".

Gordon Handford

OPINION

What's up with the Broadcast Centre?

by Steve Everitt

In the past couple of weeks, some sweethearts from the Broadcast Technology, have decided to attack *The Link* with Top 10 and Top 20 lists. These lists have been posted up in their building, with the assumed intent of discrediting our staff and paper. I think they're supposed to be funny as well, but I'm not sure because they didn't make me laugh.

So where did this all begin?

Well, in our last issue, our editorial was a Top 20 list of things BCIT needs. #7 stated: "A real campus radio station where students can play music they like". This alludes to the fact that the type of music on CFML (our campus radio station for those of you who didn't know) is not determined by the students.

The "Hot 30" lists they send to our office include college rock favorites like Michael Bolton, Rod Stewart and Kenny G; people who must be pleased that we pad their pockets.

The intent of our statement, was a wish for the FREEDOM of CFML staffers to play what they wanted. I guess that the Broadcast Top 20 "Bandits" need to take a remedial reading course.

The worst thing about this whole incident, still remains to be discussed: their lists. So let me discuss a few of the entries.

Mandatory remedial reading courses to staff members by Engineering Tech students.

I'm not sure if this is a suggestion or a cut down, but I suggest that we lock the "bandits" in a room with an Engineering set and find out.

More lesbian articles involving use of digits, toes, small animals.

I'll assume that they're homophobic

and that tolerance to them is merely a measure of how much they can drink.

Turn each Link issue into a place mat used at the Campus Cafe.

They used this one on both lists. I guess it's hard to come up with original ideas when they're literally putting their heads together.

Print Link articles sideways... sell them at Chinatown as quiche recipes.

Racists. Need I say more.

Writers and editors who can contribute to a magazine that is actually informative to a BCIT student.

Well, we are students, not professionals, and we do try hard every issue to print interesting articles. If they

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think they can do better, I invite them to come to the office and write 2 or 3 articles every issue for a year, along with all their school

work. Or are you chicken?

Piece together paragraphs from different articles... making a sequel to that "Fun With Your Fingers" article.

The staffer that wrote that article, was also a Broadcast student, and I'm sure that the "bandits" knew that.

Personal attacks on a classmate are sickening. Or maybe the concept of masturbation is their ONLY form of sexual gratification. I hate to even think about how many copies of our Sexuality Issue they have under their beds (complete with pages stuck together).

Now I know that the entire Broadcast Tech is not responsible for the lists, but merely a small, rodent like, bunch. The students in this program are as valuable to our school as every other Tech. I do hope that the majority of Broadcast students are not willing to let this minority speak for them, because they have spoken; loud... and clear... and ignorantly.

Undersatnding Chaos

by Adrian Bolden

Those who know me know that I am interested in chaos. There are several reasons for my interest, one of them is that simple situations can be completely unpredictable, another is that the math for these situations makes really neat pictures when they are plotted.

A dynamical system is defined as a system with several variables that interrelate. A simple dynamical system given a little time erupts into chaos.

A question. What is the most complicated system you can think of? Your brain? Your body? How about the Earth. Imagine how many different variables interrelate in each of these systems, it is mind boggling.

Our best and fastest computers cannot even accurately predict the weather for the next few days. One weatherman is quoted as saying; 'our computers can accurately predict the weather, as long as nothing unpredictable happens.'

There is an effect known as the 'butterfly effect' which explains the unpredictability of the weather. Conceivably a butterfly flapping its wings in southern India could effect our weather here. A drop of rain may fall in a different way, or a tornado may choose to decimate a trailer park instead of a forest.

So what does this mean to us? Well it means that our dull repetitious lives can actually turn unpredictable really quickly.

For instance, the Virgin Islands bobsled team at the Olympics. After entering a corner too high, the driver tried to correct, but in fact made the problem worse. What happened was an example of positive feedback leading to chaos. The sled exited the turn upside down.

Just as it is possible to get chaos from apparent order, the reverse is true too. In computer simulations a random series of numbers is operated on by an algorithm creating a pattern. These pat-

terns are infinitely detailed and can contain miniature pictures of the whole pattern.

The characteristic of self similarity is what makes something fractal. The term was first coined by Benoit Mandelbrot, who is one of the great pioneers of fractal imagery and theory. His book 'The Fractal Geometry of Nature' is basically a theory of everything. Mandelbrot explains how fractals can imitate reality. The computer simulations of landscapes, moonscapes, and islands, prove that his fractals are very real things in our world.

This is all very interesting, but these are only computer models of limited scope. What about more complex examples. Well there is a problem., imagine trying to re-create a computer model of air flow over a wing. Each molecule of air would need to be entered into the simulation. This is nearly impossible. However, we could build a wing blow some air over it and measure the flow. If we are looking for a pattern in turbulence we can measure the intensity of the flow over time. After we have collected this seemingly random data we can fiddle with it on a computer using a graphics program and some complex math.

The pattern that emerges from seemingly random data shows that the underlying pattern in many natural systems, as well as economic systems, is either chaotic or fractal. This information can be very useful for a scientist or an economist trying to predict a system. This should also be a warning to us. If we keep miss-treating our world, our only source of life giving materials, we will surely destroy ourselves. But what's new, people have been predicting this for years. Unfortunately no one has predicted that an infinitesimally small change in a system can lead to total chaos.

King Apartatus shaking the Vancouver dance floor again

by Bryan Raiser

Flipping through the Georgia Straight the other day I noticed that King Apparatus was coming to town. This was not a shock as this band appears in Vancouver every few months. The shock was they were playing the Commodore. As they said during the show "we're sick of the Town Pump, the dance floor is just too small."

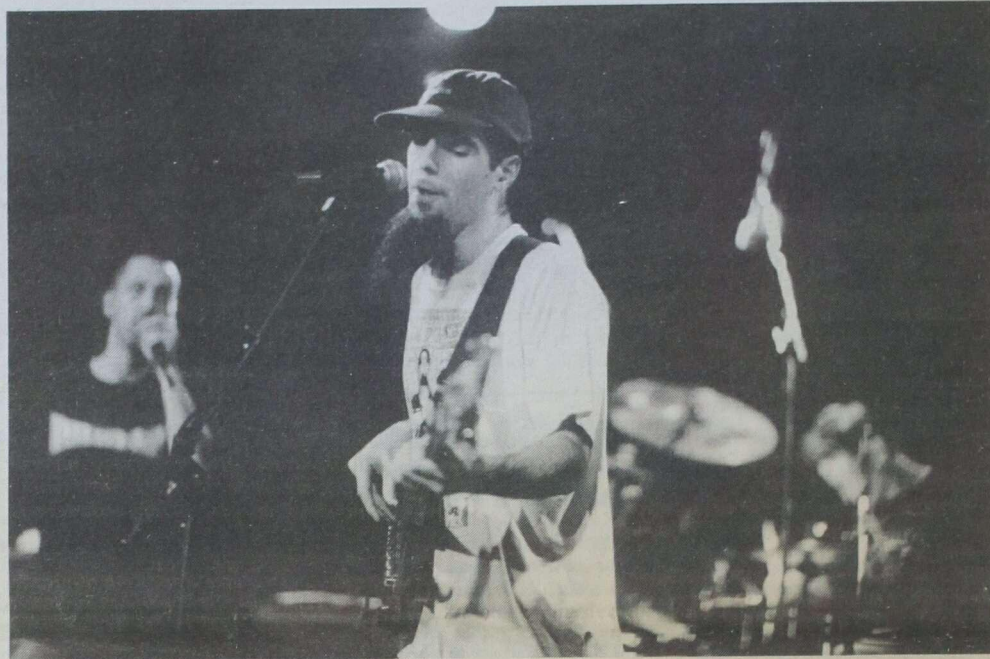
CONCERT REVIEW

King Apparatus
The Commodore Ballroom

They certainly needed the whole floor on Saturday. The show began, as advertised, with 'the dance hall reggae beat' of the Bounty Hunters:

Unfortunately this Vancouver band was just another 'I love pot, so let's get baked and try to talk like were from Jamaica' band. I could just imagine them hoping the audience was too cooked to realize we're ripping off UB40.

They however were soon forgotten as King Apparatus took to the stage. This Torontonian ska band wasted no time to hit the audience with their high energy rhythms. It's been quite some time since I've seen a band who can get the whole audience hopping on the floor. I had high expectations for this band and was not disappointed in the least. I strongly urge anyone interested in a really good time to see them next time they're in town.



JAMES 'BIZI' DITTIGER PHOTOS

The fresh new face of Vancouver's Music

by Kelly Head

One of Vancouver's newest and freshest bands, Dear God, held their CD release party at the Hungry Eye.

CONCERT REVIEW

Dear God
The Hungry Eye
Saturday, February 26

Dear God's debut effort, titled "Real Horrorshow", is a strong and aggressive collection of 11 songs. The band's lead singer, Vic Wayne, has beat everyone to the punch and come up with a label or should I say anti-label for Dear God's sound, "It ain't pop. It ain't grunge. It's just gaunch." Gaunch, well I don't know how descriptive that might be to someone who hasn't heard the band's music, but once you've heard them, the term fits.

Hard driving, yet intelligible, rock is also another way to describe Dear God. Unlike a lot of grunge, Dear God's sound is tight rather than loose and distorted, and the lyrics can be heard and understood. The fact that the lyrics are comprehensible is a serious selling point for the band. This is not true for all bands!

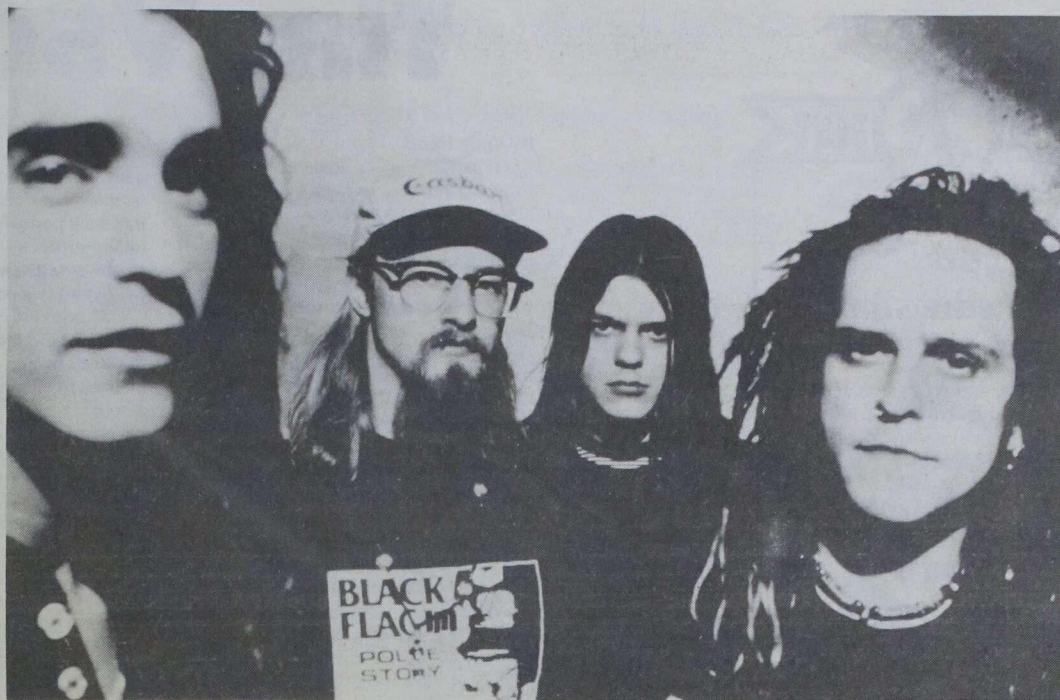
Vic Wayne is a great songwriter and uses a wide range of moods and themes, from media sensationalism to capital punishment, in his writing.

After the opening band, Illicit, had cleared the stage after an absolutely painful set, Dear God took to the stage around 12:30. Opening with "Setting", off the new album, Wayne and company (Steve Monteith- guitar, Reece Terris-keyboards, Matt Holden- Bass, Glenn Kruger- drums), had little trouble getting the crowd on their feet.

As can be expected with a CD release party, for a debut album, the band did not stray too far from anything you could find on "Real Horrorshow", but the performance was great. The stage presence was excellent, and the band looked like seasoned professionals rather than relative newcomers to the scene. Dear God will be a name that will become more well-known to you in the near future, so if you can figure out what "Gaunch Rock" is, and you like a great live show, be sure to check out Dear God.



JAMES 'BIZI' DITTIGER PHOTOS



No boys like the Doughboys

by Steve Everitt

Anyone who's followed the Canadian music scene over the last ten years, should know who the Doughboys are, have heard their music, and has probably seen them play. Until 1992 they were on a small Los Angeles label, but that year saw them sign to A&M, and in mid-1993 they released their current album, *Crush*. The A&M deal has "helped get our records into the stores", cites lead singer John Kastner. Well it has helped, because they're up for a Juno for Best Hard Rock Album versus the likes of Rush and The Doors, oops, I mean, the Tea Party.

"We already lost", says John, "and just the fact that we were even nominated for a Juno is kind of comedic. The fact that people like that would take notice of our band, I mean that's flattering, but we don't expect to win." They seem resigned to the idea that Rush is going to win, and they don't have a problem with that.

Last Thursday, they played a sold out show at the Town Pump, and I spoke to John and guitarist Jonathan Cummins just before the show. I've seen their videos before, but I guess I didn't realize how long Kastners' dreads and Cummins' goatee were. Those two elements alone speak for the type of energetic, wild band that they are.

Beneath the hair, lies a realistic attitude about our generation in Canada. "Were all mid-20's, fucked up kids that grew up in the seventies and listened to Kiss", says Kastner. "You don't really feel any affiliation with anything", adds Cummins.

Some of the songs on the new album deal with the feelings of alienation and isolation, two common feelings among our generation, which the media has named "the X Generation".

"Nowadays, you spend 20 years learn-

ing and you get out and you're no further ahead than when you started", as Kastner puts it, hitting the pulse of both their music and the people who listen to it.

Crush is a blend of strong pop, and jagged, frantic punk overtones; the type of music that draws you in with its hooks and then, when you're trapped, it crushes your head with a wall of guitars.

Take a song like *Neighbourhood Villain*, with its hypnotic, brooding opening, that lashes into a hard guitar segue, then leads you to a poppy, harmonic chorus.

Shine and Fix Me, are both tunes with some great hooks, strong harmonies, wailing guitars, and notes like bricks that threaten to flatten your nose.

LINK: What kind of goals do you have as a band and personally?

CUMMINS: Well, we make records, and we document things, and basically our goal is to put out another record once we've finished the last record.

KASTNER: The Rush afterlife is always a goal. Be able to make records consistently and have fans consistently buy them. The reality of that is very slim, because not very many bands can do it, which is why I do hold so much respect for Rush.

CUMMINS: It's not like you can look down the road ten years. At best we look down the road until the tour ends, and then deal with life at that point.

KASTNER: The life that we lead on tour is so fucking frazzled as it is.

LINK: So life is still changing for you?

KASTNER: Every week. Last week we were in Jamaica, this week were in Edmonton, next week were in Helsinki. It's such a fucked up lifestyle we lead, that

it's hard to grasp life in general.

CUMMINS: When you're on tour, you leave your life at home. When you're on tour you can't escape the band.

LINK: So, do you miss that privacy, that downtime?

KASTNER: Oh yeah, but we try to remain humble about it. When we're on the road, we try to be happy with it, and when we're in the studio, we try to be happy with that.

LINK: I guess you guys have learned discipline over the last seven years.

CUMMINS: You have to, otherwise you crack and you lose it.

KASTNER: We saw it happen to a guy in our band; it happened right before our eyes. When we go on tour, we're on a different continent every two months, a different country every three days. That's really fucked up; you can't understand anything, everything's changing, from your surroundings to the money in your pocket.

CUMMINS: On tour you priorities are like, making sure you have enough toothpaste. It's ridiculous. That's the mindset you get into.

LINK: Well how's the mindset when you're playing one of your older songs for the 300th time? Is that difficult?

KASTNER: Oh fuck, let me tell you! We just started playing songs off *Home Again* in the last three weeks after two or three years off.

CUMMINS: If we had to go up on stage right now, with no audience and play one of those songs, it would be like, blaaaahh... but when you have a kid right in front of you, singing along the words,

you get rejuvenated.

LINK: What about your lyrics? I value the words I write, how do you feel about yours?

CUMMINS: Well you have to live with them for a long time, so hopefully there's something behind them. Some people listen to the music, and some people listen to the lyrics. Some of the lyrics aren't decipherable. I think it's a positive sounding record, but when you dig into the lyrics, it's anything but uplifting.


KASTNER: Like listening to Kiss lyrics when I was 14, a song like *Room Service*, thinking; wow, what a great idea! We'll phone up and we'll get tons of room service, they'll show up and we'll have a party! I never thought it was about prostitutes and hookers! (laughs) If I'd have known what they were talking about, I would have grown up a different person!

...

The Doughboys live is some kind of a spectacle. To the crowd in the fully packed Town Pump, they punch out a hard, fast set, rife with entertaining little asides, and enough jumping to qualify the band for the Olympics. Kastner spends half the time, about three feet off the stage; legs pumping, hands hitting the guitar, and dreads flying everywhere.

Peter Arsenault, the bass player, threw down a strong rhythm, joined by Ed Dobek on drums, who I think is from Junior Gone Wild, and was sitting in for the evening.

The Pump is a great place to play because of its intimate, small setting; the band is literally next to the crowd. This worked great for the Doughboys, because the energy on stage transferred directly out to the crowd. A show that was definitely not a disappointment.



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The VSO?

by Kelly Head

Finally! You've made it out of small town BC for your two year stint at BCIT. Vancouver, bright lights, big city. The usual Friday night statement of "there is nothing to do" changes to "there is so much to do". Some will see concerts, while others might go to a Canucks or Lions game, some may just take in the sights.

CONCERT REVIEW

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra in "A Musical Celebration of East and West" The Orpheum
 Saturday, February 26

Two years is not a very long time to take in an entire city and what it has to offer, therefore one must be selective when it comes to their extra-curricular activities. This past Saturday evening I attended the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, and I highly recommend you add the VSO to your must see list.

The VSO!?!? you say, I don't even like classical music! Perhaps you find

classical music a little boring or monotonous, but to see the amazing brilliance of so many musicians creating, in my opinion, such powerful and stirring music, is a totally different experience than riding in an elevator listening to the best of Muzak.

Saturday's performance was billed as, "A Musical Celebration of East and West", where the different musical styles of Western and Eastern countries were blended together in an outstanding performance.

Samuel Wong, Conductor, led the symphony through six passages of beautiful music, each high-lighted with stellar solo performances by a variety of VSO guests including, Wong On-yuen, Libby Yu, Sincere Lam, and Du Jing-jing. The audience rose to it's feet no less than three times after the final passage.

Neither my guest nor I are experts of classical music, generally we don't listen to it very often, but we both loved the concert. If you have the time and the money (tickets start at \$14.50), I recommend you check it out.

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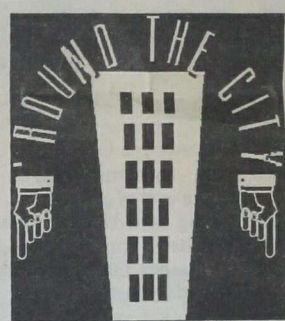
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70's Disco Night
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JAMES
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 Sunday, March 13, doors 8:30

Scotland's James have been pushing the walls of British politics for many years and have finally landed in Vancouver. Should be a great show.

The Pogues are coming, The Pogues are coming

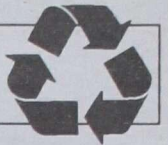
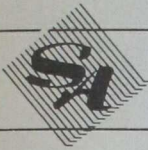
by Kelly Head

Hot on the heels of their new album, Waiting for Herb, The Pogues have embarked on a lengthy tour. Vancouver has the pleasure of having The Pogues play two nights, March 24 & 25, at the Commodore Ballroom.

With the recent departure of lead singer, Shane McGowan, Spider Tracy, has been promoted to fill McGowan's shoes, and does it rather well. From the first single, Tuesday Morning to Modern World, a song that has a strong Clash flavour to it, The album is the best effort from the band in years.

The shows are bound to sell out so get your tickets soon.

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Polluting the air

Believe it or not, the air quality in Vancouver is better than in other cities in North America.

The Greater Vancouver Regional District identifies and measures pollutants in the air like nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide and ozone, 24-hours a day providing us with the Air Quality Index—which tells us how many impurities we breathe on a daily basis.

And for now the index tells us we are breathing safe air.

Relief. We're safe to continue driving our cars, spraying pesticides and burning toxic waste materials into our air. Right?



KAREN ODENWALD

Wrong! Don't get a false sense of security. Pollutants in any amount are toxic to us and to the environment—causing diseases to us and to the environment.

So where does air pollution come from?

Here's a few sources: industry, toxic waste sites, and toxic waste burning. The biggest source in the Vancouver area is however motor vehicles—our cars. Your car.

Your car? Surprised? What's just one more car? We wouldn't want to inconvenience ourselves and take the bus to work or school.

One more car is noticeable, and measurable. You know all those "go green" signs out there. They're serious because the air pollution we are creating is a serious problem.

That is why the GVRD has a plan, called the Air Quality Management Plan, to reduce emissions in this region by 50 percent by the year 2000. So they need your help. Carpool to school or work, use transit, ride a bike or even walk.

What are you waiting for?

The reason we feel so lost with the environment is we—the general public—don't know enough about it.

What are you waiting for? Educate yourself!

Find out what is happening in your community, go to the library or attend meetings of the GVRD (it's in the phone book).

Then take action. Do your bit and help others to do theirs.

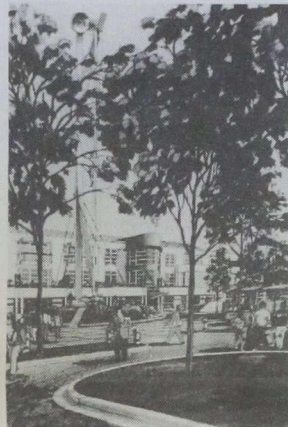
**RECYCLE
YOUR LINK**

Wood Recycling Program Running

After months of planning and organization a waste wood recycling program for Carpentry and Joinery students is finally up and running. The program started in early January and involves collecting scrap lumber in specially coloured "Wood Only" bins.

So far the program has collected over 100 cubic yards of material. Depending on the quality of the wood collected it can be used to make new wood panel products or can be ground into a hog fuel.

The program is not only valuable from an environmental perspective, but also in terms of training for students. Wood will soon be banned from landfills in the GVRD. This will effectively force workers on new construction and renovation projects to separate wood and other materials for recycling.



Op Man Students Propose Recycling Construction Waste from new Student Centre

Three 2nd year Operations Management students have just completed a directed studies project that assesses the potential for recycling construction waste generated on campus and have recommended that a pilot recycling

project be run during the construction of the new Student Centre.

Under the sponsorship of the SA Recycling Department, Cham Tan, Grant Le Huquet and Tom Nakatsuka examined the types and quantities of wastes generated during seismic upgrading, roofing work and new construction projects. Their study determined that there is excellent potential for not only reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill, but also to reduce waste disposal costs.

Because so little information exists about the quantities or costs of construction waste (Physical Plant does not keep track of this information), the students have recommended that during the construction of the Student Centre a pilot project be run for separating and recycling wood, metal, gypsum, cardboard and possibly other materials. The three students will be making a formal presentation of their findings to representatives from Physical Plant and the Recycling Department on March 9th.

Office Clean-ups Boost Recycling Figures

February could be a record month for the Recycling Program thanks to the massive amounts of paper being collected as staff and instructors clean out their offices and prepare to move into the new SW2 connector building. Some departments have been in the same location for over 20 years and are discovering literally tonnes of old course and reference material that has been archived and forgotten.

The Communications Department and Computer Systems are just two groups who have been taking advantage of the special pick-up service offered by the Recycling Department. So far nearly 4 metric tonnes of old material has been collected for recycling and many areas are still in the process of sorting and packing material.

Unfortunately, the Reduce and Reuse message has been lost in the recycling frenzy. Perfectly good file folders, envelopes, and 3 ring binders have also been collected in large quantities from some of these areas. Anyone interested in using the salvaged material is asked to contact the Recycling Department at local 8288.

KUDOS & COMPOST

4 cubic yards of Compost to BFI for their poor job of maintaining their Cardboard Only recycling containers on campus. Not only are they colour coded improperly, but half of them aren't even labeled Cardboard Only. No wonder they're full of garbage.

Kudos to Rhonda Reed and the School of Business Tech Reps for supporting the Reach for Unbleached paper project. Now these are the Leaders of Tomorrow.

Heaps of Compost to the students and instructors in the Automotive and Heavy Duty areas for their pathetic job of recycling cardboard, oil filters and antifreeze. Your area is a mess. Get with the program!!!

Kudos to the Campus Environment Committee for using unbleached recycled paper for their last set of minutes and meeting notes. This sets a great example for the rest of the campus and supports markets for recycled paper.

Kudos to all the Carpentry students who been participating in the waste wood recycling program. So far nearly 100 cubic yards of scrap lumber have been removed from landfill. Keep up the good work and look forward to some self-tipping bins in the near future.

Kudos to Arlene Schieven, Tourism Instructor, for using unbleached paper for handouts for her second tourism class. Thanks for supporting the cause. From Karen.

Extra heaps of Compost to the "developmentally challenged" individuals responsible for vandalizing and destroying the recycling signs in the breezeway. Grow up and get a life!! From Tim Reeve.

Kudos to Jasmine Buksh, 2nd year Tourism, for taking some initiative to reduce waste at her geography presentation last Thursday. Even though the food was on paper plates, the glass was recycled. Thanks for making an effort. From Karen.

Kudos to most of the instructors in the Communications Dept. for taking advantage of the Recycling Departments special pick-up service by recycling nearly 2.5 tonnes of old material.

Heaps of Compost to the Communication instructor(s) who couldn't take a few extra moments to separate the plastic overheads from the paper. This contaminated a significant amount of the paper collected in your area and was generally a pain in the ass for the Recycling Assistant.

Send your Kudos and Compost to the Recycling Department and be automatically entered into our monthly draw for a free backyard composter and other cool prizes. Include your name, program and phone number.

Meet Leaders of tomorrow at BCIT's Open House '94

Over 100 student displays, hot air balloons, logger sports, skydivers and a 30th anniversary celebration will be just a few of the highlights at the British Columbia Institute of Technology's Open House '94, held April 8 and 9.

Every two years BCIT opens its doors to over 50,000 guests. The student organized open house features musicians, clowns, Instant Science Center, Imagination Market, Marsville, Vancouver 86ers and an alumni reunion. One of the best parts is that parking and admission are free.

Open House invites you to get involved in all the events. You can make a space ship at the Instant Science Center, investigate Martian habitats at Marsville, come close to actually feeling the flames in the fire simulator or deliver a newscast from the Broadcast Center's television studio.

Open House '94 will be a lot of fun and promises to be very useful too. For those interested in starting a career, Open House '94 is an excellent opportunity to see what BCIT is all about. You can meet the instructors and students and see the equipment and facilities. Attending Open House gives you the information about career choices that a course calendar just can't do. For employers, open house provides a first hand look at what students in your industry are learning about. For families, open house will be economical, fun and educational.

BCIT is one of Canada's leading institutions in the delivery of advanced technology training in engineering, electronics, trades, business, health sciences and computers training. Every year from around the province, there are about 8,000 full time students and 20,000 part time students.

More complete details of open house events are:

FOREST FIRE SIMULATOR: Part action movie, all role playing, BCIT's \$300,000 forest fire simulator is about as close as you can come to actually feeling the flames.

Working two laser-disc players packed with video footage of actual fires and ear-numbing state-of-the-art digital sound effects, controllers can put fires big and small on the screen. Role-playing fire bosses respond and deploy their forces to fight the flames.

MARSVILLE: The Cosmic Village — The purpose of Marsville is to create for young people a positive vision of the technological society of the 21st century and their role in making it a reality.

Beginning in mid-January, student teams research Mars and develop life support systems for their settlements. April 8 and 9, during open house, the students from the participating schools meet to actually construct their Martian settlement. On the 16th there will also be a video link, via satellite, with the other Marsville students in Edmonton and Toronto.

INSTANT SCIENCE CENTER: SCIENCE WORLD's Instant Science Centre is a collection of hands-on exhibits demonstrating some of the basic principles of science. The exhibits cover topics including the human body, mirrors, problem solving and illusions.

The Instant Science Centre promotes investigation and deduction. Modelled in the style of exhibits at SCIENCE WORLD, the displays give everyone a chance to learn by experimenting and predicting results.

IMAGINATION MARKET: Enjoy the space theme by and make spaceships or other alien creations. Saturday, April 9th from 11 AM to 5 PM in the SAC (Student Activity Centre).

YOWZA AND TICKLES: Meet a family of clowns who will entertain and delight children of all ages with their slapstick skits, face painting, balloon animals and silly ways. All day Saturday in the SAC.

ALUMNI BARBEQUE AND REUNION: Meet your old friends and make some new ones, enjoy the music and eat some food. Saturday, April 9th between 11 AM and 5 PM at the Town Square on campus.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: Enjoy the music of the Euphorics - Vocal jazz and accapella or Tropical Heat - reggae band.

VANCOUVER 86ers: Meet and get autographs from your favourite, local soccer heroes.

LOGGER SPORTS: Enjoy the show as loggers compete by climbing poles, rolling logs and chopping wood.

OPENING CEREMONIES: The ceremonies will commence on Friday, April 8th at 10:00 AM. There will be visiting dignitaries, a ground breaking ceremony for the new student activity center and cake for all.

STUDENT DISPLAYS: In health sciences see the brain mapper or the cardiology unit. The Broadcast Centre houses a radio station and two television studios. Aviation has a cutaway helicopter or check out the robotics automation. The plastics department will be in full operation making bottles, toys and more. These are just a few of the student displays that will open to enjoy. Also make sure you see the displays in marketing, operations management, computers, multi-media, engineering, mechanics, electronics, financial management and much more.

Volunteers will be required to assist in helping Open House '94 to run smoothly. Besides the open house committees everlasting gratitude you will receive an open house T-shirt and other goodies for your assistance. Some of the types of volunteers required are tour guides, parking attendants, child care workers, clowns, information booths and much more. For more details call 432-8272.

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