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**Screw
Vancouver Art
Gallery. Pack a
lunch and a pipe
as we explore
the streets in
search of what
Vancouver has
to say about
herself.**

**By Rein Klassen
Link Staff**

Ironically, a while back, I found myself staring blankly at the concrete wall outside my basement suite window and all I could think of was filling that naked wall with something... my name, piss, the word *fuck*, *Metallica*, socialist propaganda, anything.

All of my ideas streamed from my subconscious, which was great fun, as I have become far too accustomed to filtering my thoughts so as not to offend. Anyways, as I was saying... the walls outside my place were beckoning me to leave my mark, and I wondered, was mine the same compulsion that made Neanderthal Man immortalize his harvest on the walls of his cave? It was a rather powerful experience considering I often cry when I watch Oprah.

So I got to thinking that although the walls have changed, perhaps the urge that our ancestors felt to express themselves a millennia ago is still the same today.

And if that equation holds water, then we're not one-off in thinking that, although our accessories have changed, we, as a species, likely have not. Refreshingly, for a fleeting moment, I felt more like a genitally fixated animal trying to survive and less like a mammal-bot with a culture program downloaded from the internet. It was perspective on the largest scale.

So I pose this question to you: If we are really champions of free speech, why are we so quick to condemn what has been a cultural practice since prehistoric times? When a person is driven

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See you next year

Thanks to everyone for reading; see you in September



By Geoff Gauthier
Link Staff

This is it – the last Link of the year. It's simultaneously the happiest moment of the year for me and the saddest. I'm glad I don't have to work from 9:00 am to 1:30 am every second Monday, but at the same time I'll miss taking off early on Wednesdays to play intramural ice hockey with the trades guys.

My personal schedule aside, it's never easy putting out a newspaper to the busiest population of students in the Lower Mainland. I know that when you have a minute to spare, your nose is buried in a book, not this paper. A social life - forget it. Entertainment - maybe in the summer. So why

do we have a student newspaper? Because it's the only place on campus where students can voice their opinions on subjects that matter to them. Plus, it's the only campus newspaper in BC run by professional staff.

I'll say this to anyone who will listen: The best part of my job here is when I read a national publication, watch a newscast, or hear a radio interview conducted by one of my former Link writers. I love to see people that worked for me go on to be successful media personnel - in a way, that is how I measure my success.

Yes, BCIT is mostly responsible for training the media of tomorrow, but there is one key element left out of the equation - print media experience. When journalists head out into the real world, they are most likely going to be working for a company that owns a radio station, a televi-

sion station, and a newspaper. If you have newspaper writing/research/layout skills you're one step ahead of your classmates. And that's where the Link comes in - we offer you that advantage. Plus, Gil and I are pretty cool.

We can't run this paper without you. 2005/2006 was a good year, but we can always use improvement. While I hear praise for articles from time to time, I still hear that we need to do things differently more often. I need you to tell me what it is you want to see in your school paper. Events? Set projects? Interesting students? Email me - I need your input.

This past year was pretty awesome for the paper. We had really large, strong volunteer base and lots of advertising sales. Next year we're moving to a bigger, more visible office in the Great Hall (now you don't have to walk down a dark corridor to a back

room to volunteer for the paper) and we're hiring for two more paid student positions.

If you're around next year and you're interested in the Link come by and see us. The door is always open. We'll be in SE2 281, right beside the SA Council Chambers.

Before I sign off for the year, I'd like to throw down huge thank-yous to everyone who wrote for the Link this year. Thank you for cranking out copy in your grossly limited spare time. You all rock.

Special thanks got to Tara Williams who wrote at least one article for every edition of the paper. Love him or hate him, Ryan Malzer also helped us out tremendously earlier in the year. And let's not forget Shawn Edstrom and Flip McGern for bravely asking people their thoughts each edition.

Well, that's it. Adios, amigos!

AIM: creating a positive community for the last four years

AIM (Association of Interactive Marketers) is an initiative that was spearheaded in 2002 and has molded and supported students of BCIT for the last four years.

They have created a positive and amicable reputation within the business environment by creating links between students and industry professionals, and encouraging non profit events that support their local community, like the Dr. Peter's Centre. Their success has been achieved through their passionate and eager society

members that are keen on making positive changes within the business community.

Currently they are involved in organizing their annual charity golf tournament, AIM to AID, which will be held on April 29, 2006. AIM to AID is geared towards supporting the Dr. Peter's Centre, a facility that offers 24 hour care and support to individuals within the lower mainland suffering from HIV/AIDS.

This centre is dedicated to giving strength and hope to individuals that are struggling with

HIV/AIDS, while maintaining a healthy and safe environment. Only through sponsorship and donations like the annual AIM golf tournament have they been able to continue their success and care.

This venture, AIM to AID, which began in 2003 has raised over \$11,000. This one day event allows industry professionals, students and faculty to enjoy a game of golf, an evening dinner and gain prizes for a great cause.

To contribute to not only a genuine cause, but also support

a team that is eager to be making a difference within their community, visit their website, www.aimbcit.com to find out more information and get in contact with them.

AIM is dedicated to improving and keeping up to date with their changing environment through variety of initiatives. They encourage and welcome you all to join them during their weekly meetings, Thursday's at 7:00am in the SA Chambers to get involved and become the person that makes a difference.

enjoy your summertime



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Welfare practices in B.C. are hurting, not helping, says report

By Bryna Hallam
CUP British Columbia
Bureau Chief

VICTORIA (CUP) -- Getting on welfare in B.C. is no easy task.

Just ask Jack. The 20-year-old, who prefers not to use his real name, is living on the streets of Victoria. Since he is unable to prove he has worked 840 hours over a period of two years, he has not been able to get on welfare. Though he may fall under one of the many exceptions to the rule, he says he will not apply again.

The so-called two-year independence test was one of many changes to welfare that came into effect in April 2002. Other changes included the introduction of a three-week wait before a "take-in" interview can be conducted, the implementation of a 1-800 line for initial enquiries, and a compulsory online orientation.

According to Bruce Wallace, the changes had only one goal: to reduce the number of people on welfare in B.C., and ultimately reduce the ministry's budget. To do so, asserts Wallace, the gov-

ernment has deliberately made accessing welfare difficult.

It's worked, too—since the Liberals were elected in 2001, the number of people on welfare has fallen by 100,000, or about 42 per cent. The steepest declines were in 2002 and 2003, after the reforms were implemented. The government has trumpeted the reduction as a success, claiming it means more people are being "diverted" to employment.

But Wallace, one of the authors of Denied Assistance, a report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group, questions that assertion.

"Is helping fewer people really a success story?" Wallace asked before pointing out that the number of people leaving welfare—presumably for employment—has not changed. "This is about less people being able to get on welfare in the first place."

The report, based on government documents gained through freedom of information requests and interviews, examined the impact of the reforms. It found that fewer people are receiving wel-

fare, due largely in part to the new eligibility criteria and application process.

Instead, people are being diverted to homelessness, charities and other survival strategies, including relying on survival sex.

This trend, says Wallace, has been seen throughout the province. According to Vancouver's 2005 Homeless Count, the number of homeless people in the city grew from 1,121 in 2002 to 2,174 in 2005. Nearly half of those people were in shelters, the rest on the street.

In 2004, Kelowna, with a population 105,000 the largest city in B.C.'s southern interior, found there were more than 400 people living on the streets or shelters during the city's Census of Homeless People.

The government has defended its policies. The independence test, for example, "promotes self-reliance through employment and discourages dependency on income assistance," wrote then-Minister of Human Resources Susan Brice in a March 2005 letter to the Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria.



Even in the face of the report, the ministry remained steadfast, with Employment and Income Assistance Minister Claude Richmond rejecting suggestions that welfare policies are to blame for the increase in homelessness.

"It's a phenomenon that is increasing continent-wide in every city, large and small," he told reporters.

According to Richmond, 46,000 people have left welfare and found steady employment since 2001.

"Their claims of success are based on a total lack of evidence," said Wallace, adding research for

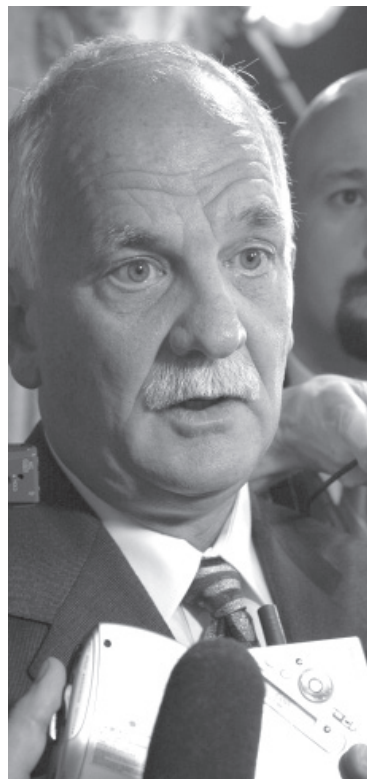
Denied Assistance found that no surveys or follow up have been done to determine what happens to people when they do not receive welfare.

The report calls for a number of changes, including the elimination of the three-week wait and the two-year independence test, which can delay or deny assistance to people regardless of their need.

Wallace also calls for a change to the way people think about welfare. "We need to stop thinking of welfare as the problem," he said, "and recognize poverty as the problem."

Pot not a Conservative priority

Tougher sentences on the way, but medical marijuana still okay



By Nadya Bell
CUP Ottawa Bureau Chief

OTTAWA (CUP) -- The Conservative government wants people to do more

jail time for marijuana offenses, but they won't be repealing the country's medical use laws.

Conservative Justice Minister Vic Towe said they will not criminalize medicinal pot, but have no intention of supporting the decriminalization of marijuana.

"All we have said is that marijuana is not a priority issue for us," Towe said in a scrum after the throne speech on April 4. "If there is appropriate medical use of marijuana we will not change that."

Stephen Harper told the Canadian Professional Police Association on April 3 that he will introduce mandatory minimum sentences for drug dealers and marijuana grow operations.

He also said he would not re-introduce the Liberal government's decriminalization bill. The liberal bill had been in the works since Chretien's administration.

"If we legalize drugs like marijuana, it will make it easier for our children to get hold of it," Harper said during his speech.

"That is why my government is opposed to legalizing drugs -- especially because of the damage it can do to our cities and our communities because of increased addiction and crime."

A national awareness campaign to discourage young people from getting addicted to drugs is also part of the conservative strategy.

But these measures may not be the right way to go about reducing crime. Kirk Tousaw from the B.C. pot party says the Conservative government is going in the wrong direction with its drug strategy.

"It is easy to appear to be tough on crime, talking about punishing people more harshly, but in reality those kinds of policies and prohibition in general aren't tough on crime, they increase crime and make our streets and towns less safe," Tousaw said.

Tousaw argues that the prohibition of marijuana is causing many of the problems associated with the drug, from turf wars

between drug sellers, to the easy access for minors, and the possibility of adulterated products.

"Mandatory minimum sentences and this so-called get tough approach which has been

on display in the United States for at least the last twenty years have failed there to make any positive impact," he said.



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Great tournaments of history

France '98 and Korea/Japan '02 and a farewell from Christian



By Christian Basantes
Link Staff

France 1998

Hello soccer fans, here we go again with the review of another great tournament, this time we stop in France 1998. Before I go into details of this tournament, what happened after Mexico 1986? Well, four years later in Italy 1990, Germany got its third world title, and in USA 1994, Brazil was crowned world champion for a fourth time.

The 16th FIFA World Cup France 1998 was the first tournament with 32 participating countries. FIFA made this decision be-

cause of the political changes that happened in Europe and the expansion that football experienced in the 1990s. The 8 groups of 4 countries were spread out throughout France in the ten wonderful stadiums, with the opening game and the final held in the new Stade de France.

The opening round gave us the elimination of Spain. In the first game, they lost 3-2 with Nigeria. Later a tie with Paraguay 0-0 made things more complicated and the last victory over Bulgaria 6-1 didn't help too much. Spain was sent back home early.

In Saint Etienne, England met Argentina in an epic match for the 2nd round. A memorable 1st half had a penalty for each team in the first 10 minutes, Michael Owen's goal of the tournament that gave the lead to England, and Javier Zanetti's goal to equalize 2-2. After the break, goals were replaced by high drama, David Beckham saw a red card for kicking out at Diego Simeone, Sol Campbell's "winner" was disallowed for a foul on the keeper, then extra time came, and finally the penalty shots. Carlos Roa, the Argentinean goalie, saved England's fifth and final penalty from David Batty. Argentina qualified to the quarter finals, while England had been eliminated.

Host nation France, meanwhile, were making their way slowly but surely towards their date with destiny. After getting a perfect first round record, they faced a stubborn Paraguayan resistance. Laurent Blanc scored a golden goal in extra time to claim the French victory. In quarter finals, Italy was the next step, and this time, with the "champions luck," the posts denied Roberto Baggio to score for Italy in the dying minutes of extra time. Finally, France won 4-3 in the penalty shots and therefore the Italians' dreams were ended again.

In the semifinal, the hosts met a surprising Croatian squad. Entering their first FIFA World Cup since the former Yugoslavia was divided into separate states; the Croatian legion upset Germany 3-0 in quarter finals with an astonishing performance by the golden boot winner Davor Suker. The same Suker gave them the lead after the break against France. In the second half, right back Lilian Thuram chose this moment to score his first, and second, international goals to give France the lead and a place in the final against holders Brazil, who had overcome Chile (4-1), Denmark (3-2) and the Netherlands (4-2, in penalty shoots) in the previous rounds.

On July 12th 1998, "the day of glory arrived," to borrow a line from France's national anthem La Marseillaise. Brazil, cup holders from USA 1994 met France in the final match. Zinedine Zidane



scored with an excellent header in the 27th minute the first goal for the French. Before the break comes, Zidane scored again with another header and France was leading 2-0. The Brazilians couldn't recover from the first goal; in addition, its best man, Ronaldo wasn't in good form. In the second half France controlled the Brazilian attacks in a good way, despite Marcel Desailly's expulsion in the 68th minute. Close to the end of the match Emmanuel Petit scored the 3rd goal in a counter attack. The final whistle from Moroccan referee Belqola, was the signal for the "Blues" to celebrate a well deserved victory. The Champs Elysées were filled with over a million "revelers" dancing through the night. France had beat Brazil 3-0 and had won its first World Cup. (Allez Allez la France!)

Korea - Japan 2002

The 17th FIFA World Cup was the first of the 21st century and the first being played in Asia. From the beginning, there were big surprises. In the opening match, the debutants Senegal beat the holders France with an impressive 1-0 victory. The "Blues" never recovered from the loss. A tie with Uruguay (0-0) and a loss with Denmark (2-0) sent France home early without even scoring a goal. Senegal made it to the 2nd round and beat Sweden 2-1, and then a loss to Turkey 1-0 sent them home in the quarter-finals.

Europe got its revenge in the "Group of Death," as England and Sweden eliminated the super favorites Argentina. In the "anticipated final," Argentina faced England in Sapporo, Japan. David Beckham scored and gave the victory to his country forgetting the upset from France 1998. Argentina only tied with Sweden 1-1, and therefore they also were sent home earlier than expected. (What a big disappointment!)

This was a well planned tournament for the Korea Republic. Their goal was to improve their records at any cost and they did it. However for its people it was a "dream" to see them as part of the top four at the end. In the 2nd round they faced Italy and got a great 2-1 victory from Ahn Jung

Hwan's golden goal. In quarter finals, Korea met Spain in a polemic match. After 90 minutes, the score ended 0-0. During extra time, Fernando Morientes scored a golden goal for Spain, but the referee denied it in a polemic decision – another official blew the play dead claiming that the Spanish player who crossed the ball to Morientes had gone over the end line. No goal. In The penalty shots, the Koreans got what they wanted, a 5-3 winning and the pass to semifinals.

In semifinals, Germany did what Portugal, Italy, and Spain didn't - score on time and beat them 1-0. However, this didn't ruin the incredible enthusiasm of the Korean people, who flooded the streets like a sea of red during and after every match. The other hosts, Japan was busy having a party of their own. The Japanese fans, no doubt, helped their team on the way to a first ever victory at the finals against Russia (1-0). Japan reached the 2nd round where they met Turkey, but they didn't have what the Koreans had, luck, and they lost 1-0 saying good bye to their dreams.

After a full month of passion, with unexpected heroes and unexpected victims, the tournament ended with a fair World Champion. The Brazilian captain Cafu, who played his third final in a row, received the FIFA Cup confirming that Brazil had won its fifth World Title. In addition, Brazil completed the extraordinary record of winning the FIFA World Cup on every continent that was hosted so far. (Good one!)

Farewell

And with that, my job here is done! It has been a great pleasure for me to write about my favorite sport: football and my favorite tournament: the World Cup. I just hope this new tournament will be one of the best ever, with exciting and great matches, and whoever wins be a team that truly deserves the title of World Champion.

I also hope that all of you enjoy this competition coming and good luck to the teams you are supporting. Remember, June 9th is the day when the fun starts, take care and see you next time everyone, Good bye!

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Are you listening?

It's getting close to the end of the year and my window of studentdom is quickly closing. On one hand I am really glad to have it all done, as we work so hard here as students. On the other hand I'm sad that this amazing journey through my BCIT student experience is almost over.

Let me share with you some of why I love this school so much. Sometimes I'm not even sure why I love this place. That is until I stop and take a look at everything that I have been a part of. For me, my experiences here were about getting connected and learning about all of the great things that this Institution and the Student Association offer to students.

In my first year, as many of you can attest I'm sure, I really didn't get involved. I thought I needed to stay focused solely on my academics to get through to my goal. But then I hooked up with the SA and I learned that I can have my academics and all the other stuff, too. I learned about networking, and taking control of my time. I've had the opportunity to work and learn from so many great people, and in the end, this is why I want to share my experiences with you.

I want to tell you to take charge of your time here and take advantage of all that is



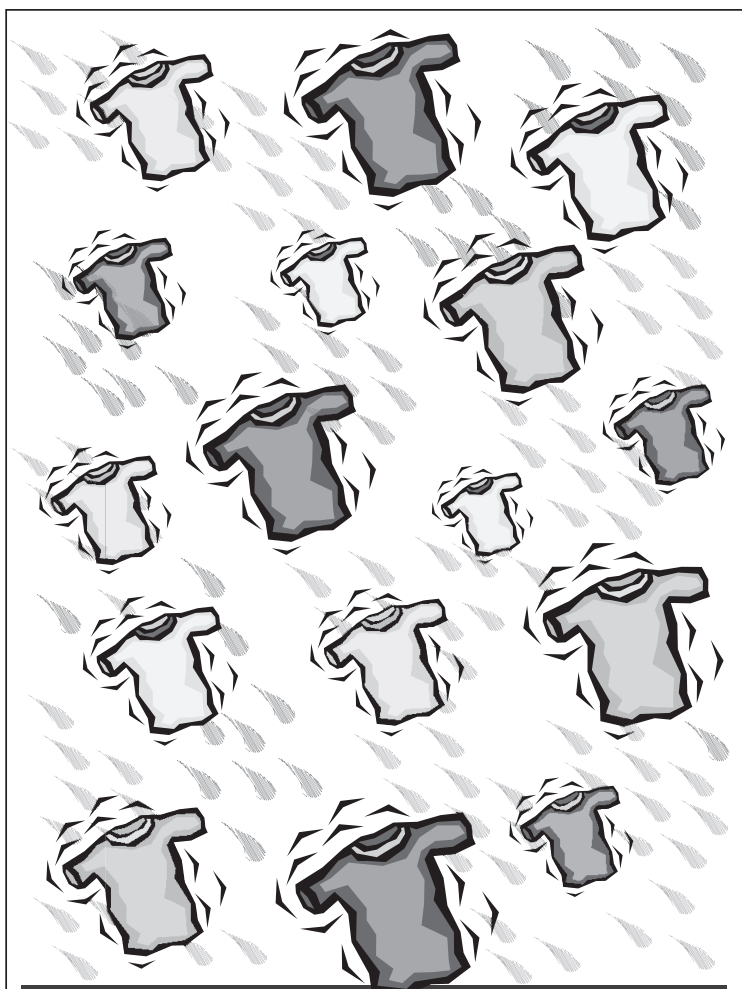
Christina Bell (right) with VP Campus Life Grace Budiono (left) and VP PR & Marketing Andrea Charlton (middle)

here for you. I know that you're going to say that you "just can't manage the time right now." I promise that you won't regret it. I sure don't! It's like everything just fell into place for me this last term and all of that hard work started to pay off for me - even before I graduated.

Your time here is so limited. I know at first it seems that you will be stuck here and overwhelmed forever, but it is over so quickly. BCIT is hard, but it is fun, too, and so worth your while. So, I challenge each of you to create your own legacy here. I did. And it was so worth it!

See ya!

Christina Bell



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"Mattish" - Vancouver



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"Colourpiece" - Burnaby
All photos taken by Rein Klassen

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“Surely, true graffiti kids will agree with me when I say there should be an acceptable standard for *what* gets put on a wall, and *where* it goes up.”

to express their thoughts artistically, how can we, as a society that only benefits from the collective, intervene? Do you have any idea what it is like to be creatively possessed? Such a phenomenon is likely the zenith of our minds' ability. How fucking cool is that?

OK, I know what some of you are thinking... what about the tagging that has become an epidemic on buses, walls, windows... Christ it is everywhere! They're all wannabe's obsessed with their immortality as far as I am concerned.

Surely, *true* graffiti kids will agree with me when I say there should be an acceptable standard for *what* gets put on a wall, and *where* it goes up. Our homes should not be canvasses, we want to be inspired, not pissed off. But really, have industrial parks, and back alleys ever been areas we really give a shit about? How on Earth, at a time when shit is going down like it is, could turning those places into art galleries, quality or not, possibly hurt anyone? What if graffiti kids were throwing up *Monet's* all around town? Christ, we'd act like we were special.

To be fair to those opposed to Graffiti, I got in touch with Vancouver City's Chief Engineer on the issue, and he gave me the *straight up* on what graffiti means to tax payers.

Uh... yeah, tax payers fork out about **\$650,000** a year to combat graffiti, and that is just for the City of Vancouver. In 2002, the City of Vancouver launched an *Anti-Graffiti Strategy*, which was to be implemented over the course of two years ('02, and '03) and it outlined a five pillar approach, which, I was told, is the current basis for dealing with the problem. The five pillars are:

1. Leadership – focusing on start up, collection of data, and implementing the removal of graffiti from city owned property. In all, totaling **\$467,900**.

2. Prevention – focusing on education, publicity, and the expansion of a city wide mural program. In all, totaling **\$98,000**.

3. Eradication – focus-

ing on the removal from private property, and the enforcement of a *Free Paint Program* (Vancity will provide free paint for those who do the work themselves). In all, totaling **\$152,200**.

4. Enforcement – targeting commercial and private property vandalism. Totaling **\$129,100**.

5. Community Empowerment – covering an expanded community *Paint Out*, costing **\$17,400**.

I am a realist, and I know that as it stands graffiti is still a problem. But city council will not win. I can guarantee it. Shit, if the Roman Empire couldn't stamp it out, can we?

This entire effort cost **\$1,203,100** for those two years (I bet it costs us a few grand a year to maintain, too) and has anything really changed? Not really. Oh, except now kids are turning to markers for quick fixes everywhere, and that where graffiti once was, there is paint, which has been haphazardly applied by the artless... good job, guys!

I understand the initiative, but I don't think it is going to make a difference. Why? Well, there's no mention of collaborating with graffiti artists. Mural programs are nice for elementary school kids, but that isn't what graffiti kids, with skills, are about. Their art form is one of independence, rebellion, and respect. No amount of government funding will ever reconcile that with *family values*.

Until they are recognized, and included in the development of their abilities, we will continue to waste our time and money. So let's be big about it, and start giving respect where respect is due, and let's start demanding good work from these little shits while we are at it. As you'll see, there are some good pieces out there and all things considered, who'd really mind if it meant a shift from vandalism to art form.

Over the course of a couple of sunny Saturday afternoons, I scoured our industrial parks, and back alley's and this is what I found.

Enjoy.



“Hieroglyphics” - Vancouver



“Beast Train” - Vancouver

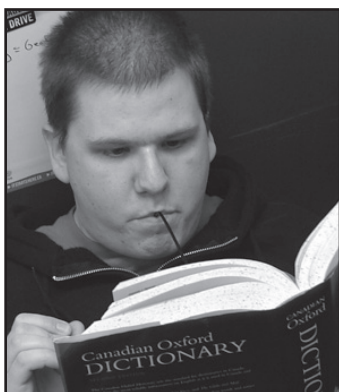


“Event Horizon” - Burnaby

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The Link asked it's employees:
"What are you up to now that there are no more editions of the Link?"



Shawn E.
Link Student Editor

"I'll be catching up on the English language, as it is my only."



Gilbert M.
Link Ad Sales Coordinator

"Watch reruns of the Flintstones... man, that Barney cracks me up."



Geoff G.
Link Managing Editor

"Totally NOT following the Backstreet Boys around on their summer adventure tour. Nope. Not going."



Flip McGern
Link Resident "Badboy"

"I'm going to space camp! One small step for the Link, one large step for Flip McGern."

The Order of the Serpentine

A Brotherhood and a cleansing ritual

By Tara Williams
Link Staff

When I walked into The Link office to receive my final assignment for the year, I was met with a new challenge. I was presented with a fluorescent orange press release, which began "The Order of the Serpentine reveals secret shame-shedding ritual," accompanied by a small sample bottle of bright yellow Axe Snake Peel body-wash. A shame shedding ritual, this could be interesting.

At further analysis I encountered a detailed description of a sacred scrubbing ritual unveiled by the brotherhood calling themselves the Order of the Serpentine. So what exactly is this sacred ritual?

The brotherhood states, both within the press release and on their website, that this ritual will help the "many thousands of well-intentioned young men across Canada [who suffer] from the shame of questionable hook-up[s]." A spokesperson for the Order of the Serpentine articulates that "our goal is to demonstrate to young men across Canada that, while it is not always possible to avoid a questionable hook-up, it is possible to overcome the shame they cause and to achieve

Clean Body, Clean Conscience by following our Sacred Scrubbing Ritual." I had to ask – is this a joke?

Sure enough I checked out the brotherhoods' website, www.orderoftheserpentine.com and the brotherhood even has a secret handshake, oath to sign and even points you to where you can join up (at Whistler from April 18-24)! The brotherhood assured through multiple mediums here that that if you want to shed the shame from questionable hook-ups, all you have to do is perform the sacred scrubbing ritual every day.

As for the actual product, which I got my boyfriend to try, it is a refreshing change to many of the male body-washes that are available on the market. Often I find that body-washes and co-

lognes are much too strong, overpowering the natural air and making it difficult to breath.

Some of the Axe deodorants are like this, and in fact their Axe Re-load body-wash is also very potent. The Snake Peel body-wash is, however, a subtler scent that has aromas of citrus and tropical fruits like lemons and papaya. Another "plus" this product has to offer is the exfoliating beads that leave your skin very soft after use, which the brotherhood claims is part of the daily cleansing ritual.

Whether this product will leave you with a clean body and a clean conscience after a questionable hook-up is arguable. I do however believe that this body-wash really works to cleanse your skin and leaving you smelling Axe fresh.



Thanks, Tara, now let me be alone with my shame - GG.

INTERESTING FACTS By Paul Gill

None of the Beatles knew how to read music. Paul McCartney eventually taught himself.

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What to watch this weekend

Harry Potter is dark, Brokeback Mountain is not what I expected, and I thought Geisha's were Japanese...

By Tara Williams
Link Staff

Memoirs of a Geisha
Director: Rob Marshall
Major Actors: Ziyi Zhang, Michelle Yeoh
***.5

For anyone who has read this book, the movie is a great supplement. Despite the blatant Hollywoodization of the story, the beautiful cinematography and the decent acting lend themselves to a good flick.

If you haven't read Arthur Golden's book *Memoirs of a Geisha*, you may find the movie slightly hard to follow. One pet peeve of mine about this movie is that all the major actors cast in this movie are Chinese. This just points to Hollywood's incapacity to tell the difference between people with Asian origins. I think that this was an oversight on the part of the casting director. And despite *this* major error, the movie was actually a picture worth seeing - if you've read the book.



And one for the kids...

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
Director: Mike Newell
Actors: All the regulars from all the other Harry Potter movies

If you're looking to watch this movie with your kids and they get scared fairly easily, I suggest you skip it. This movie incorporates the fantasy of Harry Potter despite shortening the content a great deal.

For those of you who haven't read the books, but just enjoy watching the movies, this is a much darker tale than the movies that precede it. Definitely suitable for an older child audience, the twists that happen at the end are surprising and the suspense created throughout keeps you guessing.



Brokeback Mountain
Director: Ang Lee
Major Actors: Jake Gyllenhaal, Michelle Williams
***.5

Not the movie that I had expected after all the hype surrounding it. I enjoyed the story, but failed to see why it was any different than any other love story. Perhaps as a youth of today who fully accepts peoples' choices in regards to their sexuality this movie didn't surprise me at all.

That said, I did think that it was a beautiful love story about two star-crossed lovers who were not allowed to live together or acknowledge their love to the rest of the world. Also the cinematography in this movie is gorgeous. If you're looking for a love story to watch with beautiful scenery this is a great movie to rent.

The single life

Online dating: fact or fiction?

By Amber Howlett
Link Columnist

When it comes to the cyber cesspool of online dating sites, how do you choose the right one? Where do you begin and what are your chances of finding true love? Or even forget true love how about a true profile?

I've done a little exploring online now that I'm newly single; with a little persistent push from my friends, however. Now I'm not going to lie to you - it is a little addicting and definitely entertaining, but if you're online to find love what are the chances? I have been online for about five days now and I've encountered two men that have admitted that their pictures and profiles are fakes. Let's think about this - these are the guys who are *actually* admitting it. Imagine all those who aren't.

I understand that everybody is looking for somebody. But you truly don't know what you're buying into with the keyboard between you and your potential soul mate. After you weed out the perverts, the people you're not interested in, and the ones that are old enough to have created you, you're left with a small number of people you hope aren't yanking your chain. Now I'm not saying it's not an easy way to meet



people, but I haven't heard of to many successful online hook-ups.

There's also the question of safety. Some will say it's safe because you're in the comfort of your home, but others will debate that. If you do follow through with meeting up with your online lover, make sure you take all of the necessary precautions to watch your back.

Also, please remember that shirt you bought last year online and how it didn't look the same as it did in the picture and it definitely was two sizes too small. Not everything is as easy as clicking a few buttons. Maybe love's one of those things.

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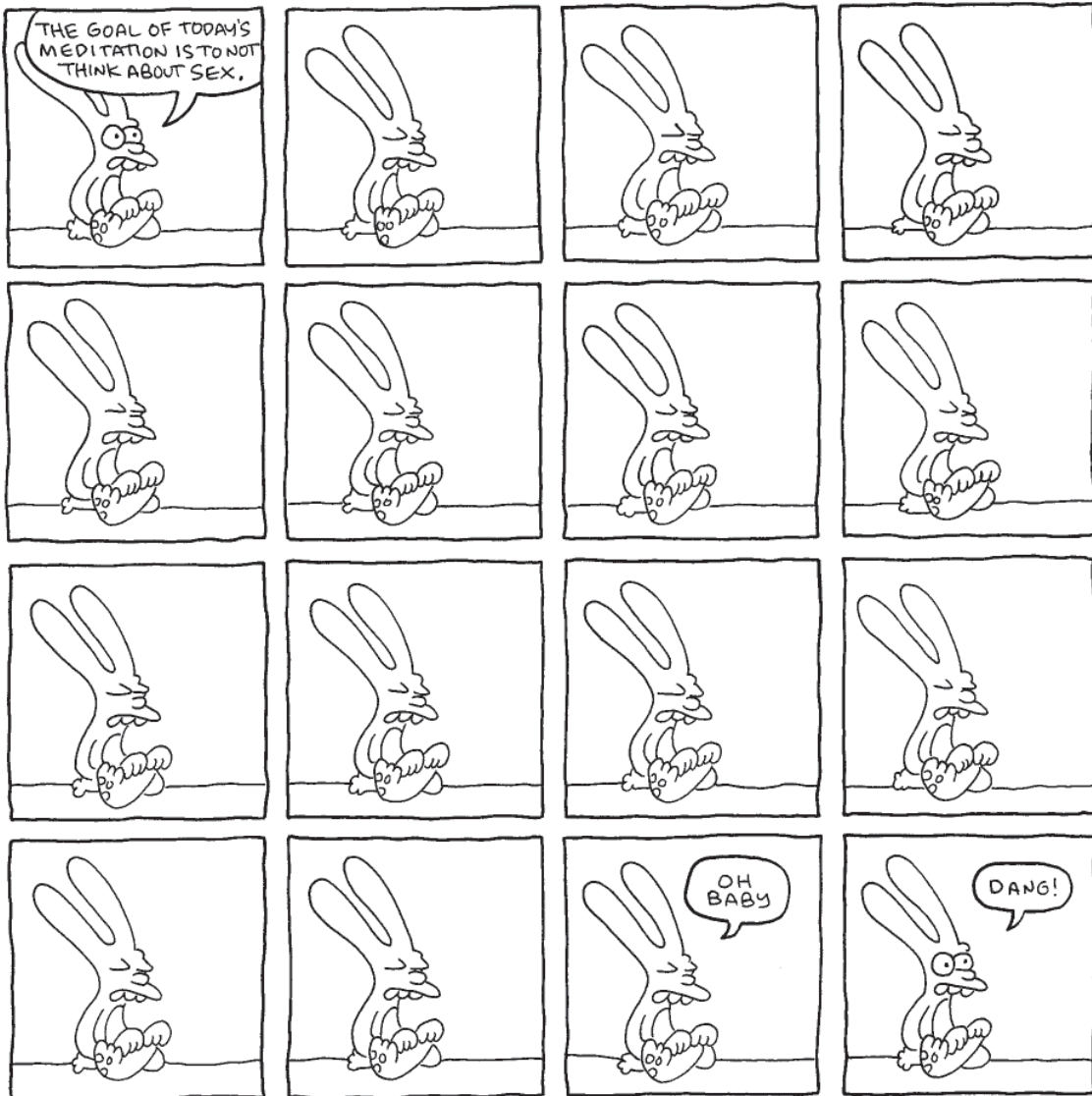
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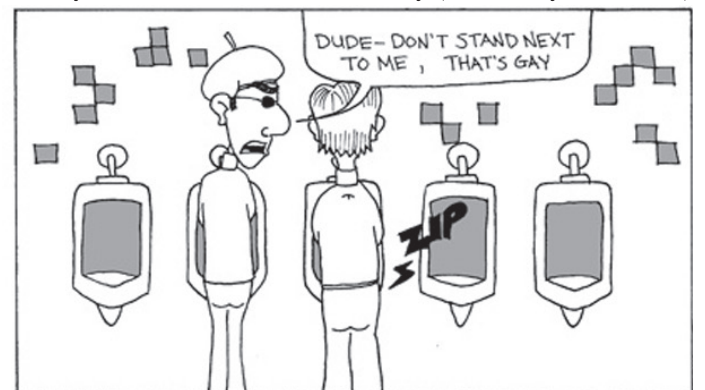


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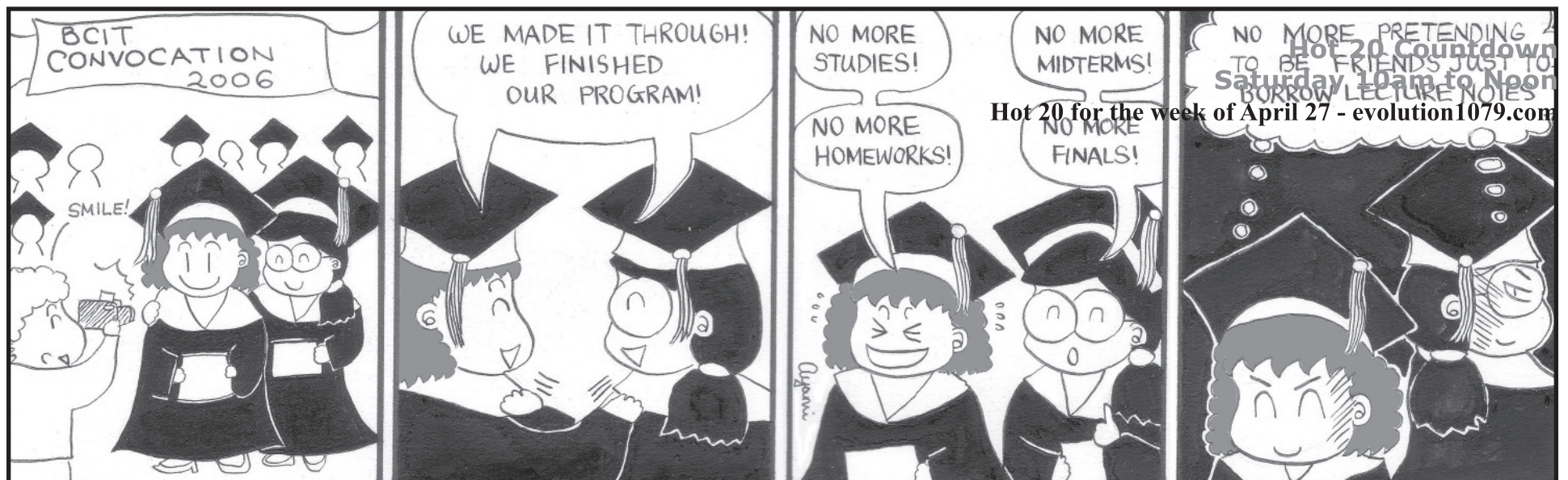
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I saw you in the SW1 computer labs, you were looking at WOW Forums, we smiled at each other. Come see me at the link office - Flip McGern

Hey weather man, wats up with the rain? How can you do this to me after the sun has been out?

Hey man, are you ready for exams? Easter is done and although we haven't had a long weekend in

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forever, you have to let it go and come to terms with the fact that it's over! Get to studying if you want to graduate.

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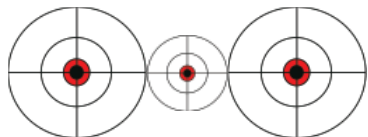
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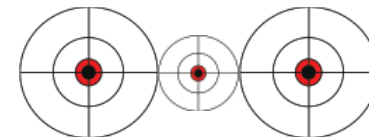
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Crossfire!

Which nation will dominate in World Cup action?



Representing Europe: Geoff Gauthier, Link Managing Editor

The European contingent getting ready to take the field in Germany is going to dominate in World Cup (WC) action - if not purely with skill, then with sheer volume. Europe is providing the competition with 14 teams. The rest of the world is providing 18.

Advantage 1: Home turf. Germany, an integral part of Europe, is hosting the WC for this year. Since 1930, six of the 18 world cups have been won by home teams. One third of all World Cups in history have been won by home teams. This bodes well for a club sporting superstars in the form of team captain Michael Ballack, soon to be of Chelsea, and forward Miroslav Klose of Werder Bremen.

Advantage 2: France. My favourite team (they are the best by far) has a lot to prove after their horrible showing against Senegal in 2002. Zinedine Zidane, Thierry Henry, Lilian Thuram, and Fabian Barthez are coming back to lead this team to victory.

Advantage 3: The numbers game. As I have already mentioned, Europe is sporting 14 teams in World Cup action this year.

Advantage 4: Premier league sweetness. Guess what Latin America and Africa? They don't show your games over here in Canada because no one cares about your cut rate leagues. TSN and Sports Net Pacific carry English Premier League footy, which is fun to watch and

is also the place where most Latin American players play.

As I like to do some Saturday mornings if I'm either A) still awake or B) feel like getting up early, I take in a couple of French League matches on the old TV5. Yes, Latin America you provided us with Pele, the greatest footballer ever to take the pitch, but since "The King" who have you to cheer for on a world stage? Nada!

And don't even get me started on Africa. The only time I ever get to see them play is in World Cup action every four years. And they usually lose out pretty early.

Advantage 5: L'histoire! No one can argue that Europe is the birthplace of football. This sport comes from a country whose supporters will kill each other in an argument over a pint. Celtic and Ranger; Man. United and Chelsea; Juventus and AC Milan; Marseille and Lyon, Ajax and Feyenoord - all great battles throughout the history of the sport that are rivaled by no African or Latin American teams.

Maybe it's easy to pick Europe as the dominant force in the WC. Latin America is easy to pick on based on their football superiority complex. Africa is tough to defend against since, in the football realm, it really does remain a dark continent. Europe does, after all, have the largest representation of any nation. Moreover, Brazil's win in 2002 should never have happened. 2006 belongs to Europe - the FIFA World Cup needs to be brought back home to the land where it was created.

Representing Africa: Gilbert Matembe, Link Ad Sales

And we are back! Only this time, to my surprise, the underdogs are representing Africa. I'm referring to the FIFA 2006 World Cup (WC) finals taking place in Germany. I'll be discussing Africa in general and the reasons why they are going to dominate the tournament.

The teams that are representing Africa are Tunisia, Cote D'Ivoire, Angola, Ghana and Togo. The reason I say they are underdogs is because only one of these teams, Tunisia, has participated in the WC finals before.

The usual favorites like Nigeria, Cameroon and Egypt didn't make it this time meaning that they have had their share and now the underdogs need to shine.

Take Angola for instance, this is their first WC finals appearance after six attempts. They defeated Nigeria in the CAF Africa Cup of Nations to qualify for the world cup finals, showing that they are more than determined to take it to another level this time around. I believe that after six attempts of trying to get this far, they aren't going to let it slip out of their hands so easily.

Then we have Ghana from West Africa. Also, this is their first WC finals participation. Ghana, however, has produced some of the world's greatest players like Abedi Pele and Anthony Yeboah. Although they have no big name players this time round, they have a very youthful and disci-

plined team. With a captain like Appieah and Chelsea player Michael Essein (Most expensive player in African history), Ghana's mid-field is a force to be reckoned with. We also can't forget the new enthusiastic teenage player, Tagoe, also referred to as the Prince of Goals. Ghana has won four CAF titles. This is a showcase of how far they can go and what they are prepared to do this time in the FIFA world cup finals.

Tunisia has appeared in three world cup finals. This time round, they didn't have to compete to qualify for their place in the FIFA world cup finals in Germany. This is sheer proof that they are going on a rampage to show what they can do to the world on a soccer field. They are being coached by the former French coach, Roger Lemerre. This is giving them a feel of what the Europeans have to offer - especially the French. Considering that they appeared in the FIFA world cup in Korea/Japan and were a big threat, Tunisia is a team to be reckoned with as well.

For Cote D'Ivoire and Togo, they are showcasing for the first time in the World cup finals this year in Germany. They have made numerous attempts to gain entry to this prestigious world stage and this time they are here to show what they can do now that they have made it to the finals. This is where they will show that as fate has it, it was meant to be.

All I can say is that it's about time, therefore, lookout world because Africa is "acoming."

Representing Latin Am.: Christina Basantes, Link Staff

I'm going to mention some reasons why the next World Champion will come from the Latin American continent. Here we go! Nine of the World Cups played so far have been won for Latin American countries: Uruguay in Uruguay '30 and Brazil '50; Argentina in Argentina '78 and Mexico '86; and Brazil in Sweden '58, Chile '62, Mexico '70, USA '94, and Korea/Japan '02. The Europeans are down with eight titles and the Africans have never won an absolute competition.

The best two players ever come from Brazil and Argentina: The "King" Pele from Brazil, and the "God" Diego Armando Maradona (Argentina).

Latin American players are well demanded in the best European leagues. The America Cup, the continental tournament, is practically a meeting place for agents and talented young players that negotiate millionaire contracts for teams like Manchester United, Real Madrid, FC Barcelona, and Bayern Munich. Simply, we have the best football talents in the world.

Currently, the best player in the world and FIFA Golden Ball is a Latin American player Ronaldinho, the Brazilian talent who plays for FC Barcelona - Spain. He is having a great season with his team FC Barcelona.

The talent of Ronaldinho is simply out of this planet and in Germany 2006 that will be showed

again.

In addition here are some players that are part of their National Teams that will play in Germany 2006, and right now, they are "key men" of their teams:

Brazil: Roberto Carlos, Ronaldo, and Robinho (Real Madrid CF - Spain), Ronaldinho, and Slvinho, (FC Barcelona - Spain). Dida, the goalie, and Cafu, the captain, (AC Milan - Italy), and the goal machine Adriano (Inter - Italy).

Argentina: Roberto Ayala and Pablo Aimar (Valencia CF - Spain), Juan Roman Riquelme (Villarreal CF - Spain), Hernan Crespo (Chelsea - England), and the young and great talent Lionel Messi (FC Barcelona);

Paraguay: Diego Barreto (UD Almeria - Spain), and Roque Santa Cruz (Bayern Munich - Germany);

Mexico: Jared Borgetti (Bolton Wanderers FC - England), and Rafael Marquez (FC Barcelona - Spain); **Ecuador:** Antonio Valencia (Recreativo Huelva - Spain), and Ulises De la Cruz (Aston Villa - England)

Maybe Paraguay, Mexico and Ecuador have little chances to win the World Cup, but in the last tournaments the Europeans have had hard times playing against them. Paraguay was a hard opponent for France and Germany in the last two competitions.

Mexico was able to beat Croatia 1-0 and tie with Italy 1-1 in 2002, and Ecuador got its only victory in the 2002 tournament against a European team, Croatia 1-0. Therefore these countries are not a walkover.

