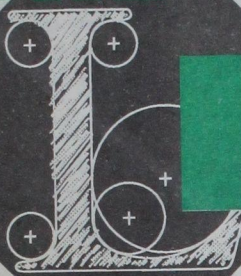


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Report paints bleak picture for students

SAMER MUSCATI
Canadian University Press

OTTAWA

Times are tough for university students in Canada, and according to a new report by Statistics Canada, the future does not look any brighter.

Tuition fees have more than doubled over the past decade, and student leaders fear that the situation will become bleaker as financially strapped universities desperately find ways to cut costs and increase revenues.

Last year alone, tuition fees for university students nation wide increased on average by 7.3 per cent. Alberta and Ontario led the way with average hikes of 10.7 per cent, and 9.8 per cent respectively, according to Statistics Canada.

In British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, fees rose between five and six per cent, while in Atlantic Canada, the hikes ranged between six to eight per cent. Quebec fees rose on average only 0.3 per cent, despite massive hikes in the province's previous five years.

The figures come as no surprise to Michael Mancinelli, national deputy chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students. He says that if current trends continue, only the rich will be able to afford a decent university education.

"It's a pretty bleak announcement," said Mancinelli. "There's no cause for optimism. The hikes will have repercussions which will result in a system of elitism that will reduce accessibility to universities."

Federal Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy told the Canadian University Press that the tuition fee increases "is a constant problem."

"What we're now trying to do, is to provide a solution," said Axworthy. "We've introduced a new student loans and grants program, and we hope to be in a position to continue to provide



The Future.

more assistance to students who need it."

Under the Canada Student Loans Program announced in August, a new student debt strategy will provide \$50 million in extra grants by 1998-1999 to students with special needs.

"I hope that we will be able to raise that [amount] substantially," Axworthy said.

Axworthy says that there is not a lot more that he could do to help students since ultimately each province decides how much funding it will pro-

vide it's universities.

However, as part of last year's federal budget, the Liberals created the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST) -- a cheaper, no-strings-attached replacement for current federal transfer payments for health, welfare, and education.

And the federal government plans to cut \$7 billion in transfer payments to the provinces by 1998.

Guy Caron, chairperson for the CFS, has said that the CHST will shoot tuition fees through the roof.

The CFS have planned numerous campaigns to raise awareness on the CHST and its ramifications on post-secondary education.

Mancinelli says that the new grants the federal government are dishing are only a drop in the bucket, and are a cop-out. He says that the government's priorities should be reducing the heavy debt-loads that students must carry from high tuition costs and unemployment.

The Statistics Canada report also shows that tuition fees have soared in every province since 1986, and have far outstripped the rate of inflation. While the inflation rate went up 34 per cent from 1985/86 to 1994/95, university tuition fees increased by 134.4 per cent during the same time period.

The biggest jump occurred in Quebec, where fees have more than doubled since 1990.

The document states that a decline in federal and provincial funding has increased the importance of student fees as a source of income for universities. However, it does not draw any implications or conclusions on the impacts to students due to a lack of hard evidence, says the survey's manager Mongi Mouelhi.

Staff member assaulted

A female BCIT worker was assaulted at approximately 6 p.m. last Friday at the north end of Staff Lot 7. She was not physically harmed. She has returned to work and is receiving counselling following the incident.

Two BCIT bike patroller who were near by at the time of the assault were alerted by the woman as the suspect fled. A male witness to the incident stayed with the woman while the bike patrollers alerted BCIT Security and chased the suspect for some distance. The suspect was not apprehended. Another witness contacted BCIT Security using a nearby emergency phone.

Burnaby RCMP responded to a 911 emergency call from BCIT Security and are continuing their investigation into the incident.

The suspect in this assault is described as:

- white male
- approximately 6'1" to 6'2" tall
- shoulder-length blond hair
- early growth blond mustache
- scruffy appearance
- white t-shirt
- dark coloured track pants (possibly grey)
- unshaven
- age: late 20's
- may have a recent cigarette burn on face

Anyone with a any information on this assault is asked to immediately contact BCIT Security at 432-8507 or 451-6875.

BCIT Security reminds both employees and students to be aware of safety issues and to take the usual safety precautions. BCIT's Safe Walk Program will provide security escorts to parking lots and other areas on campus.

Call the Safe Walk Program at 451-6875.

(The above is an allprofs note issued by the BCIT President's Office on Nov. 20th.)

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Interested students should submit a cover letter and resume to: BCIT Student Association Work Study Program, 3700 Willingdon Ave., Burnaby, BC, V7K 1M7 or call Anna-Lisa Jones at 432-8549 for more info.

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Wednesday, November 22nd

Overcoming Procrastination. Counselling Services workshop. SW1-1125. 12 to 1:30pm.

Talk & Slide-show by Finn Donnelly on his 1325km swim down the Fraser River. SW 1205. 12:30-1:30.

Thursday, November 23rd

Toastmasters Int'l Sunrise Club. Your ability to communicate effectively is directly related to your success & happiness. Come & enhance your future. 7-8:15am. SA boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

"Go Fish." Video showing by Take Pride: BCIT's group for lesbians gays, bisexuals & friends. 4-6 pm. Call Gordon (451-6922) or Mark (432-8964).

Hearts & Minds: a coalition of queers on campuses. (lower mainland lesbian, gay & bisexual campus group) Meeting. Lanagara Students' Union

Building, Langara College. Call Gordon (451-6922) or Mark (432-8964) for more information.

Tuesday, November 28th

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Take Pride: BCIT's group for lesbians gays, bisexuals & friends. 4-6 pm. Call Gordon (451-6922) or Mark (432-8964)

Friday, December 1st

World AIDS Day.

Monday, December 4th

Student Association Council Meeting. 5:45pm Council Chambers, SA Campus Centre

Tuesday, December 5th

Toastmasters Int'l Sunrise Club. Your ability to communicate effectively is directly related to your success & happiness. Come & enhance your future. 7-8:15am. SA boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

Wednesday, December 6th

Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

Thursday, December 7th

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Friday, December 8th

Last Day of Classes before exams.

This calendar column is open for notices of events on all BCIT campuses.

Submissions can be faxed to 431-7619, sent by campus mail or dropped off at The Link office in the SA Campus Centre.

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SA will sell butts at T'N'T

After five years absence, the cigarettes are back

GREG NESTEROFF

The Link

Cigarettes will soon be available in the new Campus Center T'N'T store.

The Student Association Executive voted 8-2 in favor of making the product available at their regular meeting, Nov. 6.

"It will give access to students to pay much less for cigarettes, closer to off campus prices, plus hours that are more serviceable," SA Executive Director Stephen Miller said.

The amount of funds expected from the sale isn't known, but Miller said the vote came after numerous requests from students, not because of financial considerations.

Tobacco products were available in the T'N'Ts until five years ago, when they were taken off the shelves at BCIT's request. The reason wasn't available at press time.

The SA does, however, garner tobacco funds from vending machines in the Student Activity Center, although specific amounts were not available. Store prices would be cheaper than the machines, although only the Campus Centre's Convenience Store will have them.

Miller said they should be available within the next few days. Their sale complies with the BCIT Clean Air Policy.



Another extremely informal Link Great Hall poll showed mixed reaction.

"That rules!" said Andrea Milne, first year Financial Management when informed. "That's excellent. Outstanding. I'm in favor." She's also a smoker.

"People who smoke once in a while will begin buying them more often because they're cheaper," countered another Financial student who didn't want to give his name.

"[Their sale] doesn't really matter to me," said Jim Tam, a

first year Robotics student. "It's good for smokers, but I'm a non-smoker, so it doesn't make any difference."

In a related aside, at the Nov. 20 SA meeting, council agreed to begin renting videos from the Campus Center T'N'T.

There will be about 100 recent titles to choose from, and rates will be competitively priced.

The SA plans to buy the videos about four weeks after they're released, for \$50-60 each.

Another dynamic year ahead for BCIT's Student Marketing Association

SONJA LAMMERS

The Link

The Student Marketing Association (SMA) is up and running with a dedicated and hard working executive board in place. The SMA is a chapter of the British Columbia American Marketing Association (BCAMA).

"Our main objective is to recruit new members and to open up opportunities to meet people in the local business community through special events," said Craig Mitchell, vice-president of Membership.

On Nov. 8 the SMA held their first presentation.

The featured speaker has climbed K2, the world's second largest mountain peak and was part of a Mount Everest expedition. His multi-media presentation held in SW1 1205 and related his mountain climbing experiences to the personal challenges that most of us face in our careers. Join us for this dynamic motivational speaker, Matt MacEachern.

Memberships into the BCIT SMA costs \$30 (US) per year and includes free entrance to all of the SMA's special events and sponsored speakers, discounts on BCAMA events, BCAMA's newsletter and a years subscription to Marketing News.

In February, the SMA will host "Career Night." Open to both members and non-members, this event will introduce students to the art of networking techniques, on how to approach a company that you are interested in working for and how to get that important first interview.

Professionals who are members of the AMA will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

The SMA is open to your suggestions and ideas for speakers and special events. For more information contact James Walker, co-president at 942-1124.

Student Association Notes

GREG NESTEROFF

Unofficial copies of the Student Association's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995 were handed around during the SA's regular meeting Nov. 6.

Representatives from the Price Waterhouse firm answered questions about the report, which showed the SA in very good shape. "It's a pleasure to read," one of them said. They also congratulated the SA on the new building, telling them they were definitely the envy of a lot of other campuses.

Other equally engaging items:

- The meeting doubled as the Annual General, which meant little other than president Mike Bretner had to give a year-in-review report. "Last year was a very good year," he said. "It began good, and ended even better." Specifically, he pointed out the success of the tutoring program, daycare (which the SA is looking at relocating and expanding) and the new campus building.

- The SA has lowered its price for laser printing, in response to a campaign by BCIT administration. Two weeks ago the institute began offering the printing at 10 cents a copy. The SA Desktop Publishing service adjusted its price, and put up posters advertising such alongside each of the institutes'.

- Two of this year's Laurie Jack Award recipients are SA executive members, and the other a former one. president Mike Bretner, Student Affairs vice-president Vivian Farkas and Scott Wakeland, a member-at-large last year, will each receive \$250 for their outstanding contribution to BCIT life. Laurie Jack was president of the SA 1971-72 and killed in an airplane crash in 1975 (not hit by a bus in 1972, an odd rumour that's been floating around). His parents and the SA jointly sponsor the award.

- Trades chair Russ Hudson introduced his vice-chair, auto mechanics student Stacey Busch — notable because she'll probably take over his position when he finishes his program in December.

At the Nov. 20 meeting, the following items got kicked around:

- Illegal student parking continues to cause problems.

Presently, vehicles found improperly parked are given a penalty-free courtesy warning,

ticketed \$15-20 on second offense, and ticketed and towed on third offense.

BCIT director of security Gord McLean recently put in a request to council to forego the courtesy warning, because he said the number of parking infractions was alarming. He said at the start of the year, 100 warnings were issued per day, while now it's down to 35.

Council decided to keep the warning for the time being, because most people were not re-offending.

Executive director Stephen Miller and business chair Chris Tilden will explore the matter further.

Vice-president Of finance Rosa Sorace asked about the viability of a parkade similar to UBC's, but was told it's out of the question, because, Miller said "it would take 100 years to recoup its cost because we charge so little for parking."

Prices are \$1 per day in most places, and \$1 per two hours in a few zones.

- Shannon Cooper, co-ordinator for BCIT's Open House '96 did a presentation to council on the state of the project.

The event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13 of next year. This year's themes are "In Touch With Tomorrow" and "Get In Touch"

Cooper said the main thing that will distinguish this Open House from others is that they'll make the school more the focus of the event, where in past years, certain gimmicks have been played up.

- In his report, Miller said that BCIT vice-president Of finance Clayton McKinley is budgeting for a 15 per cent tuition increase for Sept. 1996.

Still, the increase could be anywhere from 10 and 25 per cent for full time students and up to eight per cent for part time students.

Scott Wakeland has been hired by the SA to investigate the issue and represent their interests, because, Bretner said, it's a complex issue that requires a lot of examination.

Tuition from part-time studies now accounts for more BCIT revenue than from full-time students.

Next meeting is Dec. 4 in council chambers, now under the extremely cool giant SA logo.

Look at the career advantages of volunteering

ANDREA COBHAM
The Link

One of the biggest complaints today that job applicants have, is that they were turned down for a job position due to a lack of experience. The on-going cycle of trying to get this experience but being rejected because a person doesn't have the skills, is a very frustrating, yet realistic problem facing a large number of applicants today; especially students. One solution to the problem is volunteering.

In the past few years, more and more employers have been recognizing the fact that high-school and even university graduates may have text-book knowledge in certain areas, but most don't have the practical hands-on-skills that can be implemented right away in a work position. It is partly due to this reason, that many schools have implemented co-operative terms and programs into their curriculums. These programs give students an opportunity to gain some skills in a position of their interest that they probably would not have been able to obtain in any other way. This is also why so many technical schools, like BCIT have opened up and have begun offering programs that give students "job-ready skills for the future." Sometimes, however, even that may not be enough for employers.

Everyone knows about volunteering, but not enough people manage to see beyond the fact that you are working and NOT getting paid. What many don't realize is that it presents an opportunity for a person to work in a field of their choice doing basically whatever they want - and in most cases - whenever they want. During this time, they are receiving something invaluable for both themselves and for prospective employers; simply put, it's experience. Another added bonus to volunteer positions, is that in many cases — depending on the type of position, experience is not necessary as volunteers can be trained on the job.

According to workers at Volunteer Vancouver, some of the main reasons why people volunteer are:

- They are looking for work and need experience to get hired
- They are looking to change careers and want to gain insight and experience in other fields
- They are looking for new skills to offer both current and future employers

This summer, a work-study student was hired by BCIT to do a research paper on student participation and the value of improvement through becoming involved in extra curricular activities. For the survey, past alumni, five school deans, personnel companies, and companies that graduating BCIT students may look to for job opportunities were interviewed on their opinions, and the results were all

extremely consistent:

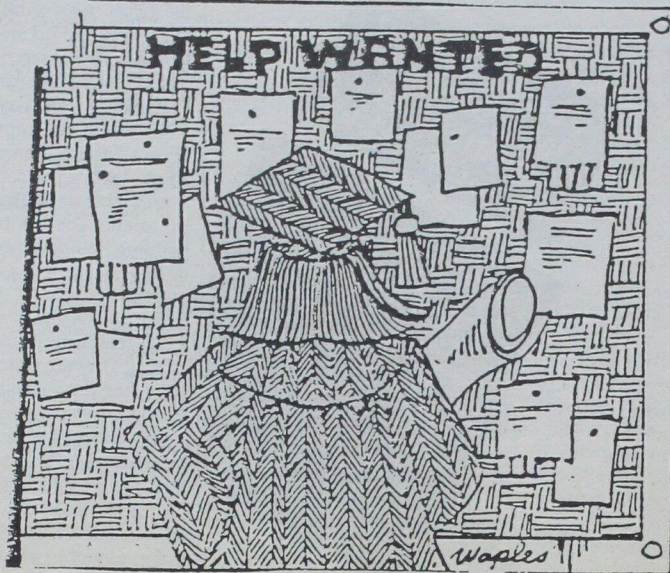
The majority of the alumni (72 per cent) felt that their extra involvement while attending school helped them in attaining their current jobs because it offered:

- Direct work experience
- Something to make them stand apart (on their resume) from other applicants
- Leadership skills

One of the school deans that was interviewed, Mr. Harrison (from BCIT), was quoted as saying that in his opinion and from his experience, "Employers are looking for an employee who has good communication and team work skills and that these skills can be gained or enhanced through involvement." He also mentioned that students can improve their marketability and that most employers like to see a well balanced student with other interests besides school.

All of the personnel agencies and companies that were contacted had the same positive view on involvement and agreed that any extra involvement a job-applicant had obtained would be an asset to future employers. In many cases, the employers interviewed said that they would choose an applicant with the extra skills and experience gained through their past involvements over those without those skills. Some of the main benefits to employers that the companies shared with the survey on extra involvement were:

- Makes an applicant more marketable
- Shows employers that an applicant is a team player



Graphic/The Carillon

- Builds character
- Shows employers that applicants are well-rounded (a benefit in most employers eyes)

Browsing through various employment publications, especially within mid-level management positions, more and more of the job descriptions are stating that specific schooling levels and designations OR related knowledge and experience gained in other circumstances are favourable to the employers. Many seem to be straying from the strict educational qualifications that have been required in past years and are beginning to lean towards more practical skills as being acceptable criteria for evaluation.

Another side to volunteering, is the opportunity for personal growth and development that it can provide. In this area, there is also the sense of self-worth that can be experienced by that of giving one's time to those in need, and it can also be a way to fill extra time during weekends or evenings.

Where can students go to find out more about volunteering? The first place is right on campus. Beginning this September, a Volunteer Information Line was established which provides through its 4 option menu a list of volunteer positions available on campus. Interested students can dial 451-6915 and then choose option #4 for the menu of volunteer positions. The 4 main areas are:

- 1) Open House openings
- 2) Student Association Special Events and Public Relations openings
- 3) Environmental Education and

Tutoring openings
4) Recreation and Athletics openings

Students can also go to Employment Placement Services (EPS) located at SW1 Room 1100. This centre not only provides student with current job postings, summer employment opportunities and career search information and help, but they also provide a job board where volunteer positions are posted.

According to Amanda Hill, an Employment Officer EPS, employers on average are looking for job applicants with relevant experience and she agrees that students with work or volunteer experience would have a definite advantage over other applicants in any job competition because of those skills.

She recommends that students take advantage of any co-operative or volunteer positions available to them and to also consider gaining experience through summer job placements that would offer career-related skills for students — even if it means taking a cut in pay.

Another place that students can contact, is Volunteer Vancouver or their local volunteer centre. In most cases, a person can make an appointment to go in and be interviewed by a counselor about the type of situation they would like to work in, and the counselor can then search their database of all potential openings and give the volunteer a list of contact names and locations for the opportunities.

For further information on organizations that use volunteer services, the Volunteer Vancouver Library and Resource Centre, located at #301-3102 Main Street in Vancouver, is open to the public and provides information about various volunteer programs and services, and sources of volunteers among others. While these services are mainly utilized by non-profit organizations who need access to the information sources, potential volunteers may find the information useful in their search for a volunteer position.

Volunteering can have a great impact on a person both through personal growth and development, but also through the value that this type of work will provide to future (or current) employers. As the business world changes and the trends in employment continue to focus on the diverse aspects that employees are expected to bring to their various job positions, it is going to become increasingly more difficult for job applicants to 'land' the positions they are seeking. This is especially true for students who are fresh out of school or training and do not have the skills or experience that employers are looking for.

Volunteering is one of the most effective ways to gain this experience and knowledge, and may just be the 'edge' that can land the first job that progresses us towards the career that our education has prepared us for.

After its referendum Quebec is reducing the number of immigrants entering the province

SAMER MUSCATI
Canadian University Press

After blaming Quebec's narrow referendum loss on the "ethnic vote", Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau's Parti Quebecois are allowing less ethnics into the province.

Quebec will be accepting less immigrants in 1996, while immigration in the rest of the country is expected to rise, Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi announced in the House of Commons Nov. 1.

The province has cut its quota for next year by one-third, from 40,000 to 27,000 immigrants and refugees. Canada however, is forecasted to take in between 195,000 and 222,000 immigrants and refugees for 1996 — an increase of 5,000 people, according to an annual immigration report released by the minister.

Under the Canada-Quebec accord signed

in 1991, the province advises the country on how many immigrants it wishes to receive.

Quebec is the only province in the country that has sole responsibility for the selection of immigrants destined to that province.

"Canada needs immigrants," Marchi told the Commons.

"Immigrants as well as refugees become some of the best, brightest, most self-motivated and hard working Canadians."

"These are the people who will work with us to build a stronger, more economically-dynamic country."

Roger White and Pam Cullum from Citizenship and Immigration Canada could not explain why Quebec unilaterally decided to decrease immigration.

Earlier in the week, Marchi criticized Parizeau for his referendum-night comments, but would not say whether the drop in immigration was related to the political climate in Quebec.

Meanwhile, many liberal backbenchers

expressed outrage at Parizeau's refusal to apologize for his controversial referendum-night remarks on Nov 1.

Liberal MP Nick Discepola, told the Commons "when [Parizeau] announced his resignation as premier, he did not even have the decency to apologize and in fact repeated and attempted to justify what he had said."

"We want to say today that Canada is, and will always remain the country of all Canadians."

Despite the protests, a feisty Bouchard paid tribute to the ex-premiere in the Commons, under a barrage of heckles.

"A little respect for a great man who is leaving politics, if you please," Bouchard said. "There is no one here worthy of holding a candle to him."

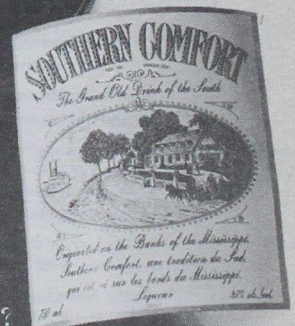
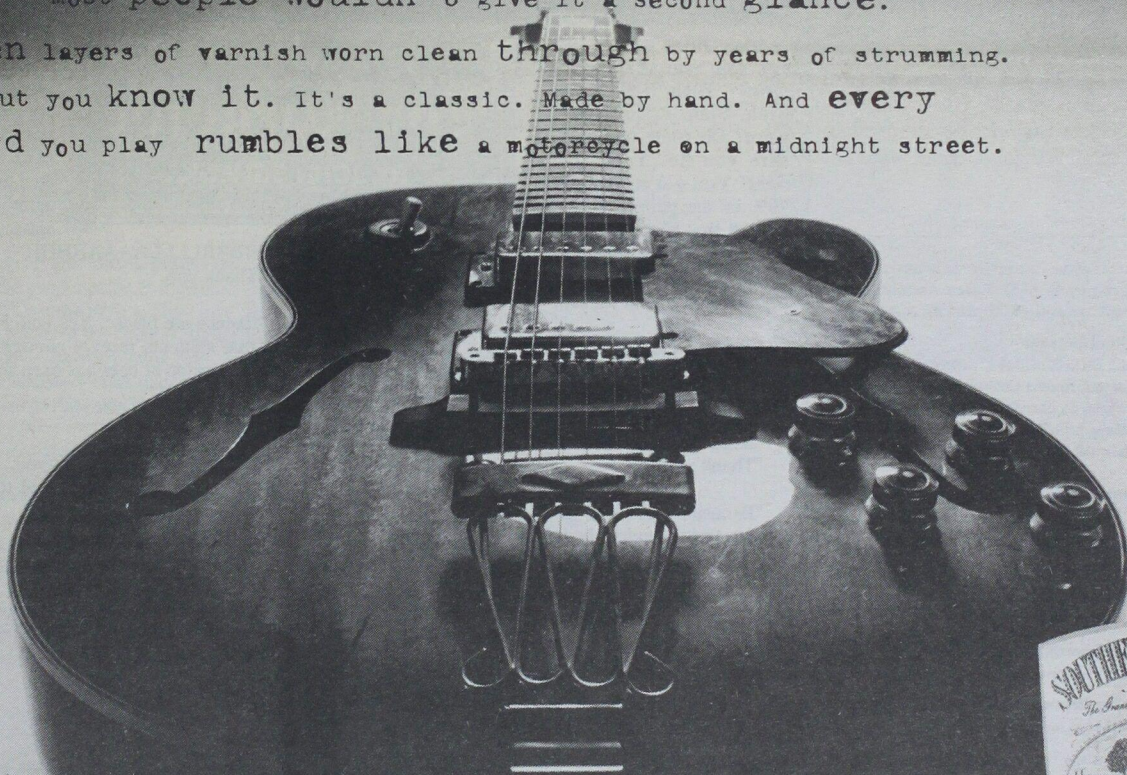
Prime Minister Jean Chretien challenged members of the Bloc Quebecois to stand up if they were in agreement with Parizeau's referendum-night statements, but no one did.



Most people wouldn't give it a second glance.

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Go in' South Tonight?

Drawing the (mud) bath

Our drinking water comes from three "protected" valleys just north of the North Shore Mountains — the Capilano, the Seymour and the Coquitlam watersheds. Usually our water is of very high quality compared to the rest of the world, but recently heavy rainfall and two major landslides have caused our drinking water to become muddy with silt for the longest period of time in recorded history.

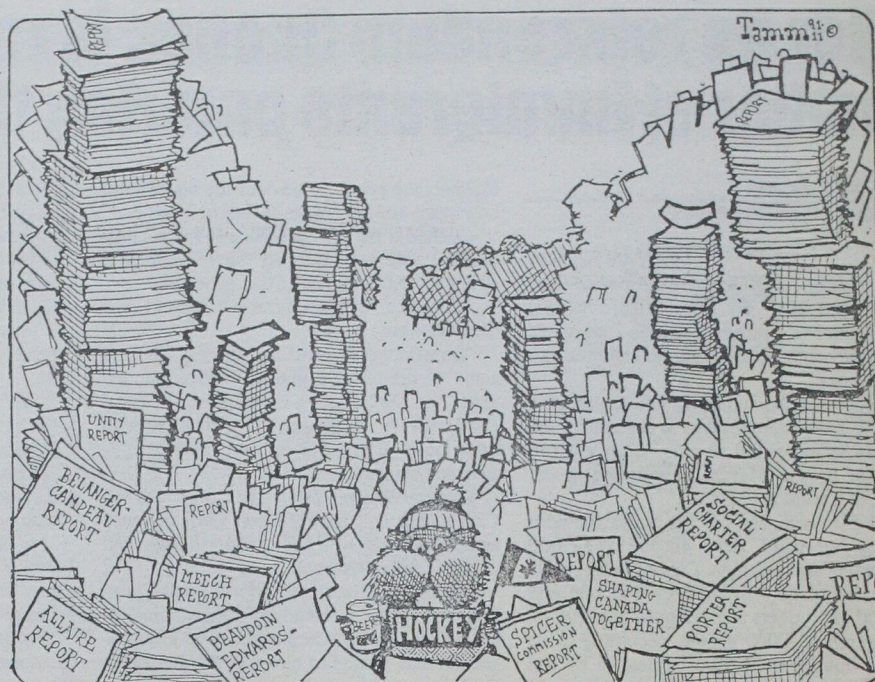
While this might be good news for some businesses — with sales of bottled water going through the roof — it begs the question: why are we buying water?

Landslides occur naturally in the steep mountain terrain, but man has had a hand in them too.

We are buying water because over the last 30 years, the Greater Vancouver Water District has allowed logging and road-building to get at some of the best timber in our watersheds. Over 4,000 hectares have been clearcut over that period. The combined area logged in this century amounts to almost 45 per cent of the forested landbase. That's a huge area laid bare to the elements. The worst source of silt-laden run-off (after landslides) is from over 300 kilometers of roads built across steep mountain slopes, for the most part, to access the cutblocks for logging.

And the price for this logging will be felt beyond the supermarket shelves. Soon we in the Lower Mainland may be faced with buying more than bottled water — a one billion dollar tax bill soon to build a filtration plant to clean up the water.

Vancouver's early pioneers would be shocked to find us paying anything at all for good, clean water.



OPINION

Blah, Blah, Blah - shhh - did you hear that? Listen closely. Blah, Blah, ...Blah, Blah, Blah. Recognize the voice? Oh come on now I'm sure you do. Yeah that's right! You got it. It's about 90% of the people walking around this bloody campus. Everyone has got something to say about something - but what are they really saying? I decided to find out. My search began at the top.

The Darkside

BY JOHN SCHENK

"Excuse me please. Yes you. Could you tell me please why the hell students, the people who pay your stinkin' salaries, have to walk twenty minutes just to pass your fancy automobiles on the way to classes?"

"BBBBLLLLAAAAHHHH." "Thank you."

"Excuse me please. Yes you. How the hell can you say that students receive enough financial assistance when the price of beer has risen so dramatically?"

"\$\$\$Blah\$\$\$" "Thank you."

"Excuse me please. Yes you. Who is in charge of the thermostat controls around this campus and why the hell does he have no arms?"

"Brrrrlaah." "Thank you."

"Excuse me please. Yes you. Where the hell did you come up with these prices for books and what do you plan to do with the profits you make this year alone?"

"Bla la la la la." "Thank you."

"Excuse me. Yes you. Just who the hell do you think you are anyway and is it not true that you voted for Mulroney?"

"FUCK OFF!" "Thank you."

So there you have it folks. All those questions we've all blah been asking blah blah ourselves have once again blah blah blah - AHFFF - run it's contagious.

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Paying through the nose for the Grey Lady

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The Link

Now hear this. Seven-fifty is a bit much to pay for a newspaper. Any newspaper. Even the Sunday edition of the *New York Times*.

The *Times* is available from most 7-Elevens, and finer newsstands and bookshops, throughout the lower mainland. Its current price, however, is only slightly less than it costs to see a movie.

The paper's promotion department, I'm sure, would argue it's a great deal, since it takes roughly the same time to read the paper as it does to see a longish film. (As would another ridiculously expensive paper that isn't half as good, the weekend *Toronto Star*, which sells for the incredibly inflated price of five dollars, jacked up from the Ontario equivalent of a dollar-fifty.)

The Grey Lady is a strange publication.

As the 'paper of record,' it takes great pride in designing dreadfully ugly front pages, that harken back to the 1870s. They also haven't caught on to that downstyle thing in headlines and insist on referring to people in stories as 'Mr' and 'Ms.' I suppose they think it boosts their credibility.

But aside from those things, it's nicely laid out, and they have some amazing reporters and some wonderful writers.

I used to buy it at the 7-Eleven on Willingdon, nearest BCIT. The first couple weeks, I dug deeply into my pocket to pay the four dollars listed as the price on page one. Yet, I felt it was worth it. At 350 pages plus the magazine supplement, it guaranteed an afternoon's worth of reading. Then, someone at the check-out counter wised up.

Most stores attach a sticker to their papers or have it stamped with the proper price, if it differs from the printed one. This store didn't. They just had a list of the actual prices at the counter, figuring you wouldn't notice — among paying for your milk, nachos and slurpee — that they'd billed you 88 per cent more than you'd planned on paying.

I read somewhere that if an item has a certain price on it, which the store clearly placed on it, regardless whether it was a mistake, then they're obligated to sell it for that price. Nonetheless, I have not used this little-known piece of legislation to my advantage yet, if in fact it exists.

Anyhow, one day I went in, bought a few items, including the paper, and as I've described above, noticed my bill was a bit higher than expected. The clerk explained to me that the Sunday *Times* was seven fifty. My eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

"It went up
three bucks?" I said,
incredulously.

"No, it's always been like that," he said. "But I've been paying four for it!" I whined. He examined the paper. "They must have been charging you the American price. It's supposed to be seven fifty."

I stumbled out of the store in a haze, eyes glazed over. Why would anyone charge seven dollars for a paper? Was it printed on gold?

I found out later that the story is this: the western distributor for the *Times* contacted the 7 Eleven chain earlier this year, and made a pitch about having them sell the paper. It was up to individual store managers whether they wanted to. Most did.

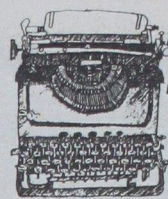
Seven-Eleven headquarters then instructed each store to sell the Monday through Saturday editions for \$2 each (\$1.87 plus tax), and the Sundays for \$7.49 (\$7 plus tax). Six to eight copies of the weekday and Saturday editions are dropped off at each store, but only two or three of the Sunday, because distributors know that only dumb schmucks like me spend money on a newspaper that costs seven and a half dollars and weighs six pounds. Many stores also leave the Sunday copies out all week to give it a better chance of moving.

And as near as I can tell, you can't get it cheaper anywhere without crossing the border. Seven-fifty with tax is the standard price at Bollum Books, Book Warehouse and Smithbooks, among other places. The *Globe & Mail* which has some sort of distribution deal going with the *Times*, also has their papers stamped \$7.50.

Now, I'm not all *that* cheesed with what I consider to be highway robbery. I still go to the Willingdon 7-Eleven on Sundays, where the service is friendly. And the BCIT library subscribes to the Sunday edition of the *Times*, so I can still check it out without having to pay for it.

But when I used to buy my own copy, I'd lay it on my bed, put on a record, maybe drink a can of pop. It was a fine way to spend (read waste) a Sunday afternoon.

Sometimes, I guess, the best things in life are \$7.50.



Letters to *The Link*

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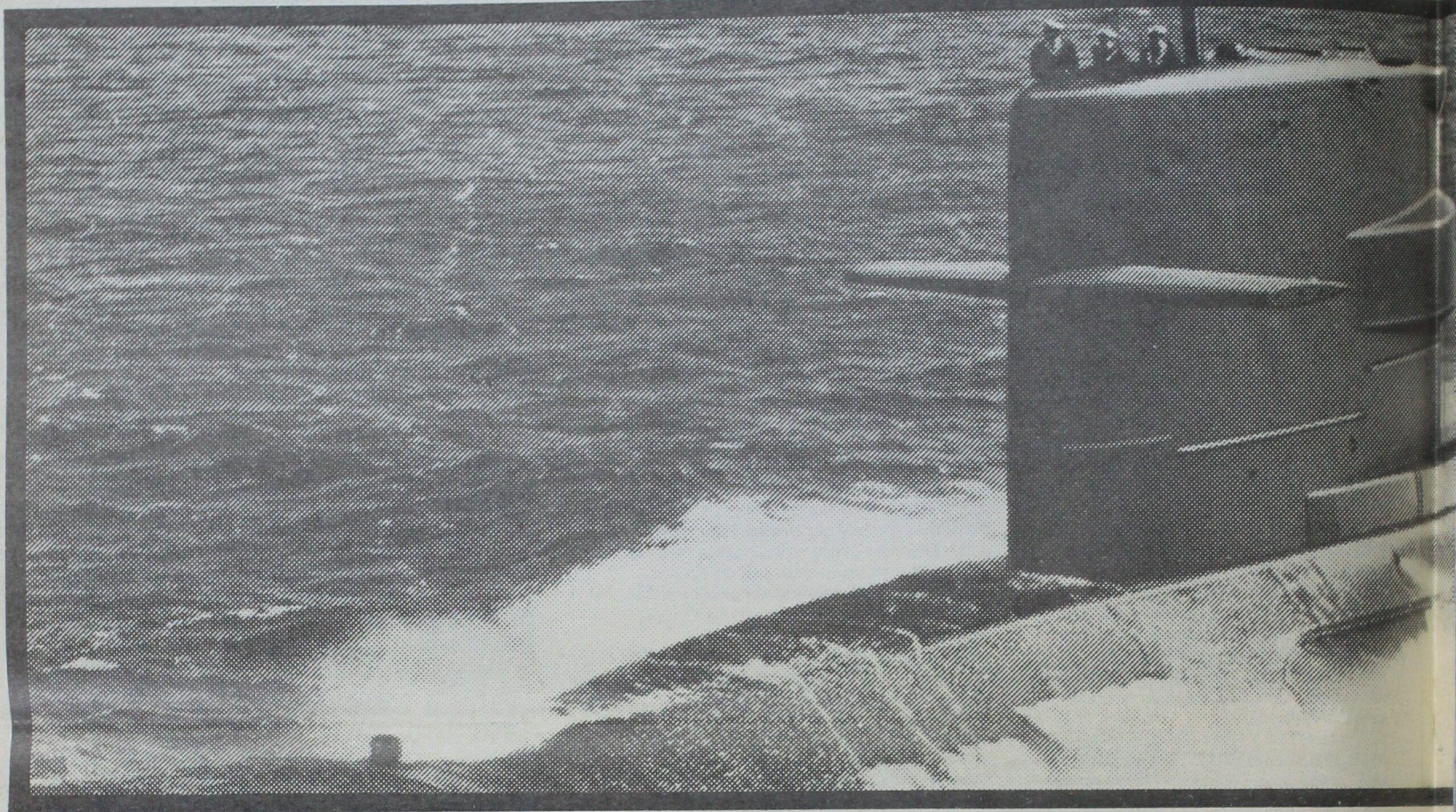
IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG to do your Christmas shopping in Lynchburg, Tennessee.

Every one of our stores can be found on the town square, so it doesn't take much walking, either. (This gentleman found everything he needed in Tommy Sullenger's place.) All of us at Jack Daniel Distillery hope you're getting to everyone on your list in timely fashion, and remind you that gift boxes of our rare Tennessee Whiskey are sure to please. Happy Holidays!



JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY





WARNING NUCLEAR SUBS AT V

SARAH O'DONNELL
Canadian University Press

VANCOUVER

For the past 30 years, the nuclear threat has floated beneath the surface of Vancouver's Georgia Strait despite the city's declared nuclear-free status.

British Columbian peace and environmental groups say it is time for the American military to get its nuclear toys out of Canadian waters.

Since the mid 1960s, the federal government has allowed the American navy to test their nuclear submarines at the Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges (CFMETR) in Nanoose Bay, approximately 15 miles west of Nanaimo, on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

That agreement is up for renewal next year, and B.C. peace and environmental activists are urging the federal government to drop its plans

to extend the arrangement for another ten years.

Michael Candler, coordinator of the Nanoose Conversion Campaign, says CFMETR is a relic from the Cold War era.

"People here do not believe in nuclear power, and yet the federal government is forcing us to live with a threat of a nuclear accident in our waters," Candler said.

An average of one American nuclear submarine visits CFMETR every nine days, where the U.S. navy uses the facility's underwater test range to test its sub warfare technology.

Data collected at CFMETR, for example, was used to design the naval version of the cruise missile.

Although CFMETR is maintained by the Canadian government, Steve Staples, coordinator of End the Arms Race, says 75 per cent of the testing is done by the American navy who do not have to take any

responsibility for their actions in Canadian territory.

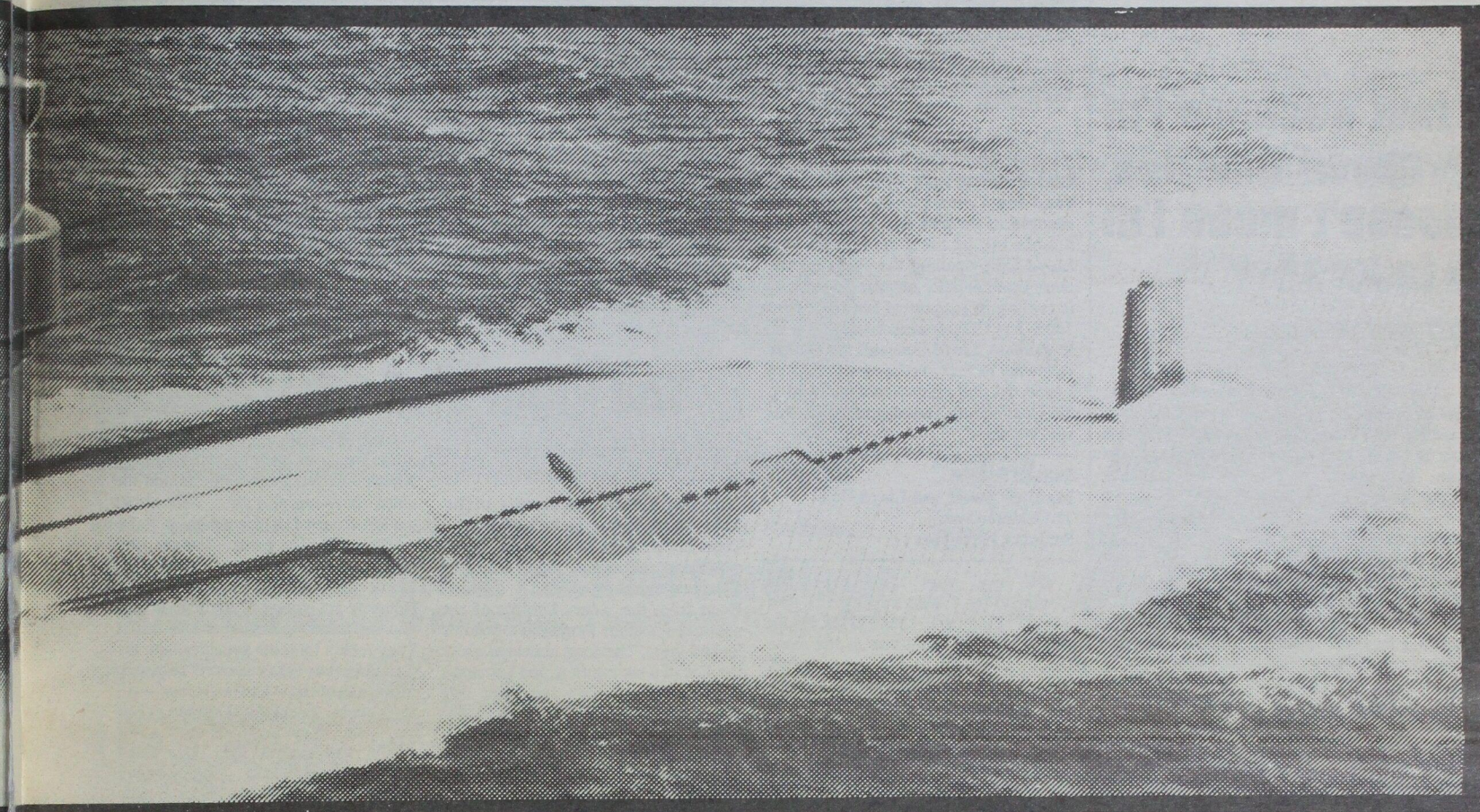
American ships are exempt from Canadian environmental laws, and Staples says torpedoes have been known to go haywire and run completely off course during tests.

"There have been cases where torpedoes have washed up on shore," Staples said. "They've lost them and they've washed up on someone's beach front."

The hazards posed by nuclear-powered subs in the Georgia Strait go beyond an occasional stray torpedo. Several million people who live in Victoria, Nanaimo, the Sunshine Coast, and the Lower Mainland are put at risk of a catastrophic nuclear accident everyday.

"What we're primarily afraid of happening would be a leak of radiation; a fire on board one of the subs that resulted in the release of a radioactive cloud," Staples said.

Depending on wind conditions, Staples says



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such a cloud could kill as many as one million people in Victoria or even more if it were to blow over Vancouver.

In its own nuclear-emergency response plan, CFMETR admits the possibility of "a release of radioactive particles into the atmosphere in the form of radioactive cloud."

Candler says the base tries to downplay the risk, and hasn't even considered the effects on the surrounding civilian population.

"The worst thing that they could possibly think of in terms of an accident was [a radioactive cloud] that went 550 metres from the accident," Candler said.

"After Chernobyl, where the radioactive clouds went all around the world, to say that it's only going 550 metres is ridiculous."

Candler says the 550 metre estimate happens to coincide exactly with the distance to the nearest building at CFMETR.

"It was a paper exercise -- it has nothing

about helping people outside the base gates. They say that's not their responsibility."

The risk of a nuclear submarine accident is not just hypothetical. According to Staples, more than half of the nuclear power submarines at CFMETR have experienced accidents at some point in their career, leaking radioactive water or having small fires on board.

The most recent accident occurred when the Nemitz, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier, came up the Georgia Strait trailing a jet fuel spill three kilometres long and 100 yards wide.

"They didn't even know about it until a reporter was flying overhead in a helicopter ... and said 'What's that big oil spill behind the Nemitz?' The captain on board didn't even know about it," Staples said.

As the CFMETR agreement comes up for renewal in 1996, both Candler and Staples are lobbying the federal govern-

ment to end the US testing and make the Canadian public aware of the nuclear machines in their waters.

Under Candler's coordination, the Nanoose Convention Campaign aims to end all weapons testing in Georgia Strait, to end the agreement between the United States and Canada that allows the U.S. to perform weapons testing in the Strait and convert the facility at Nanoose Bay to peaceful, environmentally-secure uses.

"Last year Canada cancelled cruise missile testing and [the federal government's] stated reason was because the Cold War is over," Candler said. "Now we need to say the Cold War is over here, too."

Candler's message to the U.S. military is simple.

"You should thank us that we put up with you for 30 years," he said.

"Now please get out."

"Just because I'm dressed like this, doesn't mean I'm a federalist"

STEPHEN PETTIT
The Link

At a Billy Bragg show you get an evening full of music and personal and political commentary with many comical insights. On this tour he has no backing musicians so it was just him, his guitar and amps on the big Commodore stage Wednesday night.

Concert Review
Billy Bragg
The Commodore
Wednesday, November 15th

Bragg hasn't played here for four years and in the interim has become a dad which means that some of the lyrics in his earlier material were no longer relevant. This doesn't necessarily mean that he can no longer play those songs, he just has to update some of the lyrics. For example, in "A New England" he changed the line "but all the girls I loved in school are already pushing prams" to "all the guys I knew at school say doesn't Bragg look cool pushing a pram".

He played quite a few of his old classics, including, "Milkman Of Human Kindness," "World Turned Upside Down," "Levi Stubb's Tears" and "Greetings To The New Brunette" but he also threw in seven or eight new songs.

He played the new songs to prove to the audience that "I haven't been sitting idle for the past few years". The new material sounded good, there wasn't anything too exciting but this didn't matter so much because it was good to hear the older songs in the original solo format. Also, the new songs were part of his encore deal with the audience — "if you want to hear some more of the old ones you'll have to listen to a few new ones as well".

He was onstage for almost two hours of which he spent about a half hour conversing with the audience. Topics this night included the US Government shutdown, the premier's resignation, junk bond dealers and of course, football (soccer).

Never one to shy away from political commentary he tossed out the referendum issue in the song "To Have And To Have Not" by throwing in the word federalist as noted in the article title. At the Montreal show he said separatist instead of federalist.

This was an excellent show and he left saying "see you next year" when his new CD is due to be released.

Matthew Sweet, Lloyd Cole: 100% fun ?

STEPHEN PETTIT
The Link

In 1990, Matthew Sweet played bass guitar on Lloyd Cole's first solo album after Cole had split with his backing band the Commotions. A lot has changed in the past five years and this double-bill at the Commodore saw Lloyd Cole opening the show for the more commercially popular Sweet who is touring in support of his successful 100% Fun CD released earlier this year. Regardless, Lloyd Cole still has a large following of fans and he rarely tours so I expected that many would show up at the Commodore Saturday night for this sold out show.

Concert Review
Matthew Sweet and Lloyd Cole
The Commodore
Saturday, November 11

On my way down to the Commodore I was hoping for two things. First, that Lloyd Cole would play a set that was close to the same length as the headliner, and, second, that the two would share the stage at some point during the show.

Well, you don't always get what you want. Cole's set was about half the length of Sweet's but they did play one song together during the headliner's encore which I did not recognize.

Lloyd Cole played four new songs and did a cover of the Lou Reed song "New Age" but also pleased the crowd with some older classics from his Rattlesnakes album, including "Perfect Skin", "4 Flights Up", "Forest Fire" and "Are You Ready To Be Heartbroken?". In a moment of self-deprecation, Cole introduced what he considered to be "a pretty good song from a bad album" which I assume was off the Don't Get Weird On Me, Babe" CD. He and his band played a short, solid set of music which got the dance

floor bouncing and left most of the crowd wanting to hear more but with the parting words "I'll see you at the bar" he left the stage.

Half an hour later Matthew Sweet came on and enlivened the crowd with his power-pop songs.

He was in a good mood and told the audience that it was good to be back in Vancouver as he hadn't been here for awhile (maybe he forgot about the Another Roadside Attraction tour last summer).

His band played well together but, unfortunately the vocals were somewhat muddled in the mix.

His hour and a half set included the songs "Girlfriend", "We're the Same" and "Sick of Myself."

Most of the crowd seemed to enjoy it but by the midway point I was getting bored because all the songs started to sound alike. Matthew Sweet put on a good show but overall it would have been better if he and Cole had traded places on the bill.

The Night of the Grizzlies

JUDY WINTER
The Link

It was a dark and stormy night. Somewhere a dog barked...No, wait. There are no dogs at GM Place. But it was a dark and stormy night when the Grizzlies met the Lakers. Wow! Even from the scary heights of the nosebleed section Benjamin's deltoids looked great. The court appeared about the size of a boxing ring and I couldn't help but wonder how heavy the big sign thing was, hanging from a few cables in the centre of the stadium. It offered great close-ups and helpful tips like Let's make noise for the Grizzlies..

Twenty thousand people were cheering, including a fiesta of men and women in sombreros and serapes, and four men in trapdoor p.j.'s who jumped up and down for two and a half hours. Spotlights coursed over the crowd and music bammed. Beer and hot dogs. High energy hip hop cheerleaders (no pompoms). Daredevil gymnasts throwing themselves through the air, jumping off trampolines and slamming the ball through the hoop from five feet above it. The Grizzly Mascot roller-blading around the court on time-outs, jazzing to the

music and stirring up the crowd. And a really cool sax player named Kirsten weaving her tunes around the court between periods. Talk about getting a crowd up for the game.

Oh, yeah. The game. For the first half it was really exciting, because the scores were so close, but the Grizzlies began to get sloppy in the second half and the Lakers got sharper and faster. They took a lot more penalties than the Grizzlies but they looked so much more aggressive and efficient with their shots, especially the three pointers. The Grizzlies missed quite a few of the free throws they were given but the Lakers didn't. Big Country came out, lumbered around for a while and actually jammed in for two points. The Grizzlies didn't look like a team with a single brain yet, but maybe it was the jet lag from their arrival home at 3am the day of the game. Too much hesitation gave the Lakers time to get their defense ready. But that's showbiz. The coolest heads win.

I can only imagine how exciting it would be to see a Grizzlies game where the Grizzlies won. I got my money's worth just from the entertainment.



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From left to right: Gavin Hope, Garth Mosbaugh, Arnold Robinson and Claude Morrison—The Nylons.

Silky smooth Nylons back for Christmas

An interview with Garth Mosbaugh, a tenor with the Nylons

NOEL DIGUANGCO
The Link

The world-renowned a capella quartet are appearing live in concert at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster on November 26. I thought it would be a good time to find out more about the group. I had the opportunity to talk to Garth Mosbaugh, one of the newest additions to the group.

Your concert will have a Christmas focus. Garth, what stirs the Christmas spirit within you?

Garth Mosbaugh: All the usual stuff. It's something that happens and then it's everywhere.

How did the Nylons name come about?

The music the group started out with was fifties-oriented and several fifties groups were named after fabrics like chiffon.

With the addition of Gavin Hope and yourself, I bet your group meetings are a sight. I mean, there is a generation gap that must bring interesting disagreements on musical focus?

The age gap between Arnold Robinson, our oldest member, and Gavin Hope, our youngest member, is greater than the number of years Gavin has been around. So, Yes, there can be group polarization. Gavin will bring a song to the table and say 'let's do this new song. it's cool

and funky.' Then Arnold will disagree in his deep voice: 'No. Let's do this old song. it's cool and funky'. It (the song) may not always be new, but it's always cool and funky.

How do you decide who takes the lead?

There's no real set way of choosing who takes the lead. Someone brings a song that they like and then they we try it out. That person will do lead at first but then we alternate the lead to see which sounds best.

Through your work as a singer, which famous people have you run into?

David Foster, Blue Rodeo, Michelle Wright . . . Shania Twain. I have never been one to sit in awe.

Hmm.. Shania Twain. (Looking for a response. Strategic silence I must be a victim of marketing or he is near-sighted. I'll choose the latter.) Alanis Morissette. Do you have any thoughts on the subject?

Yes, I do. She obviously broke through a serious barrier. Going from one genre to another is not easy. She has done it successfully. A lot of people are saying that it's all engineered. I have heard the CD and it has a down and dirty honesty.

There are many vocally-oriented groups out there. What do you think about groups such as

Boyz II Men and Shai?

They are great. They are part of a neat movement for a capella singing. They put new twists on what a capella. It's only a good thing. (Pause) Music is an art. I don't like the competitive aspect (of music). There is no better style. I like all music — everything.

Garth, I hope your tour goes well and I wish you good luck at your concert. Do you have anything that you want to conclude with?

Good luck and may the force be with you.

The Night... our questing for self-knowledge

KRISTA ASELFORD
The Link

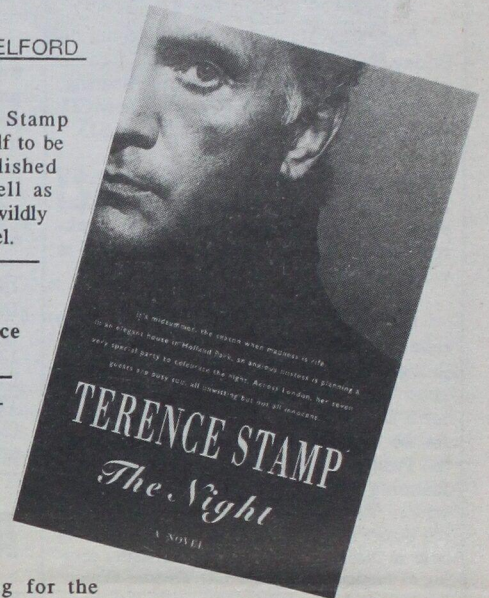
Terence Stamp proves himself to be an accomplished writer as well as actor in this wildly profound novel.

BOOK REVIEW
The Night
by Terence Stamp

"It's mid-summer, the season when madness is rife."

The seven dinner guests are preparing for the main event. Knowing that Fleur's parties are always dripping with intrigue the seven guests are looking forward to that evening. "The Night" starts by bringing its reader through the pre-night party preparations of each of the seven guests.

The quest for self knowledge is constant and often times takes the accumulation of past lives and inner sanctuaries to get you there.



The lives of the seven guests have an enlightening way of intertwining. Be prepared for an outrageous chain of sexual undertones and unbelievable reactions.

Terence Stamp's first novel is definitely one to keep close at hand.

All this for just six bucks!

STEPHEN PETTIT
The Link

This show was put on by the folks from CiTR at UBC and featured some local acts as well as The Super Friendz who are from Halifax. Unfortunately I missed the first 2 bands. Tix were a measly six bucks, which was a great deal.

CONCERT REVIEW
The Smugglers, The Super Friendz, Zumpano, Skeeky and Tonebusters
St. James Community Centre
Saturday, November 18

Zumpano played a set of their retro-pop music which suffered a little because of bad sound.

The Super Friendz livened things up with their high energy power pop songs which were really good. I had seen them at the Starfish Room a few months back when they opened for The Inbreds and Jale where their performance was overshadowed by the headliners. This time they were great and would recommend checking out their show next time they're in Vancouver.

Last, but not least were the infamous Smugglers from Vancouver fronted by the ever

charismatic Grant Lawrence.

These guys rock'n'roll from the get-go at a frenetic pace and are always put on a fun live show. Apparently they had just returned from a mini-tour in Spain but definitely weren't suffering from any jet lag. This high energy set of music concentrated on new material from their soon to be released CD on Mint Records.

Way the fuck away from here (things to do off campus)

Boss Hog plays the Starfish Room on Friday, November 24 which should be an awesome show judging from the searing, bluesy noise rock on their excellent new CD. Opening act is **Railroad Jerk**. Tix are \$13.

On Sunday, November 26, Cape Breton's fiddler extraordinaire **Ashley MacIsaac** plays the Rage. Anyone who plays punk-rock fiddle as well as traditional stuff is worth checking out.

On Tuesday, November 28 the Aussies take over the downtown clubs. Teenage grunge sensations **Silverchair** play an early show at the Commodore so if you want to see if they live up to the hype, get there early for the 7:30 start. Also playing that night is the **Paul Kelly Band** at the Starfish Room featuring Australia's premiere singer-song-writer. This guy has attained a god-like status down under but still plays small clubs here in North America. He's currently touring in support of his new CD, *Deeper Water*.

If you're into underground poetry, **Cyclone Whispers** poetry readings happen every Thursday at the Slaughterhouse 154 Gallery. The gallery is located at 154 W. Hastings. Cover is \$2, the show starts at 8 pm sharp, no latecomers. Each week there are scheduled readers and an open mic segment. For more info call James at Upside -Down Productions (876-0845).

Other stuff to check out::

Blue Rodeo
Nov. 23, 24
Commodore

The Nylons
Nov. 26
Massey Theatre

AC/DC
Feb. 8
GM Place

Our Lady Peace
Dec. 4
Commodore

INBREDIN: dark, dark and dance

LINO DINALLO
and MS. HELL
The Link

INBREDIN weaves theatre, movement, and music together in a stunning interpretation of one man's state of preoccupation that eventually leads to murder. Murder of innocence? INBREDIN's writer/director/producer Maya Miller (*Mirror Game*, *junk*) explains...

THEATRE REVIEW

INBREDIN
the Gastown Actors' Studio
138 East Cordova
December 1/2/3, 8:11:00PM
TIX: \$8/\$6
(Group rates available for groups 10+ call 322-5113.)

"I firmly believe that each one of us has the capacity to kill. Fortunately, society's laws keep us from acting upon our impulses. I think of killing everyday."

This 40 minute dance-oriented theatre piece utilizes expressive body movement in conjunction with modern alterni-rock; such as NIN, Severed Heads, Dead Can Dance, and Vivaldi to give its audience an indulgent perspective on killing.

Fresh dark theatre from one of Vancouver's newest voices.

Inbredin: dance and theatre doesn't often look like this.



Art group reaching out to make cultural links

DAVID WANG
The Link

Lower Mainland residents are facing a culture gap. Members of the Richmond Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Club are working on an event examining the cultural correspondence of Chinese and Western art — reaching out with western artists to bridge that gap.

ART EXHIBITION Local Colour

Richmond Chinese Painting and Calligraphy Club, Textile Arts Guild of Richmond & Richmond Artists Guild
Richmond Public Library & Art Centre
(180 - 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond)
November 23rd to December 5th
Weekdays 9:00am to 9:30pm
Saturday 10:00am to 5:30pm



The show will feature textile, western styles of art, and chinese traditional art including painting, calligraphy and seal engraving.

Opening ceremonies for the exhibit will be at 6:30pm on November 23rd.

Some members of the club are professional artists while the others are amateur, but they all keep in mind the objective of the establishment of club is to share interests with local Canadians by involving in communities-based

activities. They not only contribute Oriental beauty to Canadian culture but also keep on learning with Canadians — producing a subtle cultural hybrid. Moreover, some of them are specialized in architectural design, commercial arts, photographing, and western-styled arts.

The club was established in 1979 and is sponsored by Richmond Art Council. At that year, they successfully applied for use of Richmond Art Centre for the group.

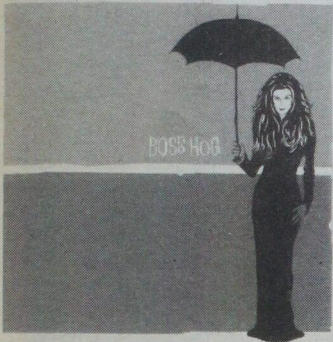
Since the club was established, the members have participated in:

- planning and fund-raising events for Richmond Library and art centre.
- demonstrating the workmanship and techniques to local high-schools
- communities-based charity events associated with Canadian festivals.

Some members of Richmond are also planning to attend the Shinerama day next year.



SPIN THE DISK



SELF TITLED BOSS HOG David Geffen Records

The latest self-titled Boss Hog CD just released (named from a biker magazine, not the character from The Dukes of Hazzard as is usually assumed) is one daddy of an album.

The music has been described as "catalytic-sex-zombie-gone-bad" — it must be good. The band consists of a plethora of musical geniuses, featuring ex-Pussy Galore and Swans members and Jon Spencer Blues from the Blues Explosion.

Every song has serious attitude, whether it's about a claustrophobic experience in Texas or a song about burning hips and barbecue lips (hey, use your imagination — that's what it's for!). It sizzles.

People have obviously caught on to this cool sound, since I had a little trouble tracking it down because it was sold out in some places. It's out of stock for a very good reason. Each track has hits you from a different direction, knocking you on your ass or pitching you forward head-first. The album also has a version of Ike Turner's song, "I Idolize You" — you can't help but get up and cut a little rug! The music boils your blood with it's ever-changing sounds and hep beat.

Boss Hog is coming to Vancouver for your listening pleasure on November 24 at the Starfish Room. It's a guaranteed

sold-out show. So go, already. You'll forget there ever was a place called BCIT.
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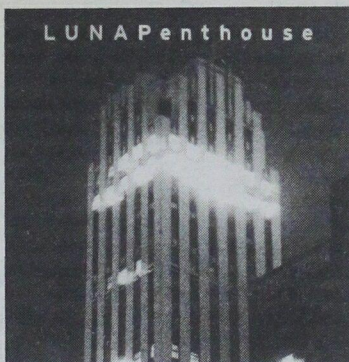
"PENTHOUSE" LUNA Electra

Warning — this disc is not one to throw on the stereo on a Saturday night before going out for the night. This is more of a Sunday morning hangover disc (like the one after the Boss Hog show) or if you need to hear some music while doing homework.

Nevertheless, Penthouse is another quality release from Luna. The music is mostly moody, mellow pop with catchy melodies and clever lyrics.

*"Then I painted your face
On a twenty dollar bill.
But it isn't legal tender
And I think about you still."*
from "Sideshow By The Seashore"

"Hedgehog" is the only fast-paced song on the disc and the unlisted track "Bonnie And Clyde" is a nice duet sung en français with Laetitia Sadier from the band Stereolab. "Freakin' And Peakin'" has a guitar riff that sounds a lot like something Keith Richards played back (way back) when the Stones were writing good tunes. —SP



The Museum of "Ex-Linkies".

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JOHN SCHENK

... Collection de L'art Brut. In more literal terms - The Museum of the Insane. Sure enough upon my arrival, after about a forty-five minute walk without cigarettes (which put me in a really good mood), I was standing at the front door. The sign on the door said "Ouvert a 09:00hrs". Well pardon est moi Franco but it's ten after nine, I'm tired, I'm hung, I want a smoke and your bloody doors are locked. Get a grip Giovanni, I said to myself (I always thought that would be a cool name), just kick back and relax a while. Sure, that's all sweet and dandy, and I was actually having a pretty cool quiet moment, when they came. I heard a squeak, the doors opened and out they poured - a bus full of pre-pubescent wanna be's with oversized pants and giggles that reached the recesses of my nerves. WAIT - there's one smoking. This day was beginning to look up after all.

The museum was one of the most amazing places I have ever been. It was filled with the artwork and writings of madmen, murderers and psychotics (many of whom used to write for this very paper). I tell you it's one thing to think you've had a bad day - you out to take a look at the types of days these hombies were having - No merci.

Well enough of this cultural crap. I'm thirsty and yep, you guessed it, I wanted a

beer. Like I knew what the hell I was drinking. There I sat at some place which should have been called the 'Ping Pong Emporium & Pub', drinking this sweet crap from some stubby little brown and green bottle covered in pictures of these little blue Swiss kids playing on a hillside. Yes folks - I knew it was time to move on. I hustled my way back to the Hostel, rustled up my stuff, and headed out before nightfall. Where to? - like I knew. Why? - that's simple. To leave the La La's of Switzerland to their blue kids and grungy lakes in search for the ultimate European dream. A country full of free beer! (Well I would try at least).

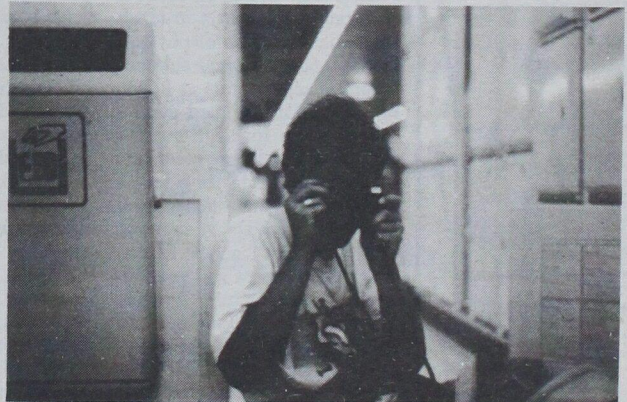
The train didn't get rolling until around 8pm. Basically I had about three hours to kill. Well, if you can believe it, I was so bloody tired that I just sat there and basically stared at the clock doing nothing. Dreaming perhaps, about the beautiful and peaceful sleep I was about to enjoy. Like that would last.

"Heyyy Mannn. How's it goin'?"

"Excellent."

"Wanna a beer. Me and my buddies bought a whole sack."

I guess I wasn't really tired after all. Little did I know it but I would be spending the next ten days rippin it up with this guy. For now, however, we were both headed in the same direction. We were both headed for...



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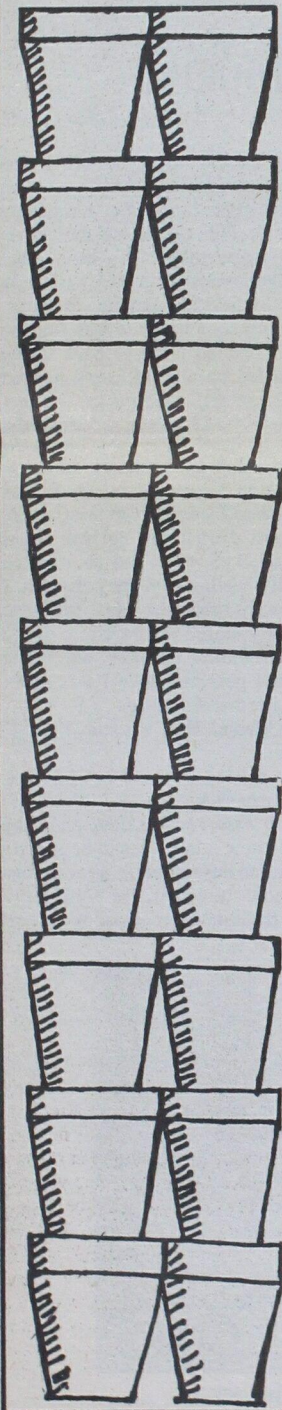
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Satan of trash called Saviour

At the most recent Greater Vancouver Regional District Waste Reduction Forum, several plastics industry reps sang the praises of plastic packaging and plastic recycling.

Jim Cairnis of the Environmental Plastics Advisory Service said, if plastic was created yesterday it would be called the savior rather than the satan of trash, because of its flexible, lightweight and recyclable properties.

Indeed, amazing things can be done with recycled plastic. A beautiful polar fleece jacket made by Polartec was passed around the group. Fifty percent of the jacket's fabric is made from recycled plastic bottles. The label on the jacket claimed that fifteen 2.2 liter soda bottles were used in its manufacture, and that it takes less energy and water to clean the jacket than natural fabrics.

What is the most valuable container in your recycling collection bin? In the past, the correct answer would have been the "aluminum can", but today it is the "PET plastic beverage bottle". PET (polyethylene terephthalate) scrap prices have tripled since last November, and are now worth double the value of an aluminum can.

But the recovery rate for PET bottles in the US in 1994 was only 34 per cent. Over 84 per cent (by weight) of municipal

solid waste could be reused, recycled or composted instead of being buried or burned.

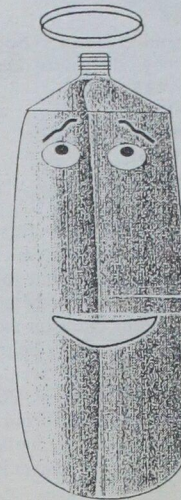
An exception is plastic, which comprises about seven per cent by weight or 20 per cent by volume of municipal solid waste. Due to technical and financial limitations, less than ten percent of plastic is currently "recycled." Although there is a shortage of virgin resin production, recycling processing capacity is abundant and is limited only by the supply of recovered PET bottles. Recaptured plastic is turned into more bottles, drainage pipe, film, pallets, plastic lumber, car parts, fabric, carpet, pillows, blankets, sportswear, foot wear and strapping - to name a few.

Another question: What will be the fastest growing packaging material destined for the waste stream unless it's recovered? It's PET by a mile. According to a recent article in Resource Recycling, this form of plastic packaging is expected to register double-digit growth in the US from now through the end of the decade.

PET's blistering growth will shadow metal cans and HDPE (high density polyethylene) containers, whose market increases are projected to be single-digit, and glass bottles, which are struggling to maintain any growth at all. By 2000, PET bottle use in the U.S. is expected to reach 4.7 billion pounds, an

increase of 143 percent since 1994. One container manufacturer predicts almost total conversion of 100 million cases of glass bottles dedicated to soft drink packaging in 1994 to PET containers by the end of next year.

The bottom line: plastic is a tool, and like all tools, it depends how it's used and handled. That's where you come in. Because plastic does not degrade and landfills are not bottomless pits, we need to reduce our personal and industrial production



DID YOU KNOW?

- Recycling plastic uses only five per cent to 10 per cent as much as energy as manufacturing new material.
- Plastic at BCIT makes up about 10 per cent of the overall waste stream and 24 per cent of the food services waste stream.
- Canadians take home 55 million plastic shopping bags every week.

PLASTIC ACTION TIPS:

- Cut the rings on plastic holders of six-pack cans. Better yet, buy drinks that aren't joined by plastic rings. These things maim and kill wildlife.
- Refuse plastic bags. Use cloth shopping bags. That's efficiency!
- Choose products with the least packaging. Buy in bulk whenever possible.
- Don't throw packaging pellets away. Store and reuse.
- Buy products in packages that are recyclable. Plastic types 1 & 2 are most widely accepted in recycling programs in the lower mainland.
- Be proactive. Communicate with manufacturers of products you use to urge them to use plastic that's recycled and recyclable under present programs. (Democracy only works when you speak up.)

Recycling Trades

Fresh Start Instructor Francis Atkinson has spearheaded an innovative way to provide his students with high-quality learning materials that were considered someone else's garbage. Francis is always on the lookout for practical methods to teach the basic principles of physics, so when he discovered old photocopy machine parts at BCIT, he knew he'd stumbled upon a great source for high-quality ground glass mirrors, lenses, motors, gears, and wiring.

"These materials are so much better for students to examine and work with than the expensive plastic lenses and gearbox displays that we buy," Francis asserts. He has since been in touch with some of the trades departments that use this business equipment already recycled from business in their teaching

programs, and from now on they'll be going to him.

Atkinson also plans to contact Burnaby science teachers to start funneling materials to them. He said that because of prohibitive costs elementary schools are often using inferior materials like tinfoil on cardboard instead of mirrors.

This third or fourth generation recycling of materials is a perfect example of how we as individuals within institutions and companies can help reduce waste, lower disposal costs and actually end up richer in materials.

If you have items that you think might be valuable to someone else, call Greg Helten in the SA's Environmental Education department at 451-7060.

Only you can save the bottle deposit system

As reported in a previous *Link* story, the beverage industry is now lobbying the BC government again to drop the bottle deposit system in exchange for partial funding of a multi-material blue box system.

The GVRD Solid Waste Committee recently threw its weight behind the Recycling Council's drive to expand the bottle deposit system, rather than eliminate it. The government had already decided to expand the system way back in 1992, but the beverage industry is trying to get rid of it again.

You can do something positive. Go to the Student Association office and sign your name to the petition.

Call the
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Drugs & sports — are these rolemodels?

RYAN DEYOTTE
The Link

Off the court, Richard Dumas' behavior was as clouded as his urine sample, but now he is trying to regain his life in the uniform of the Philadelphia 76'ers and with his coach, John Lucas.

Drugs in sports are rapidly becoming a main issue. I suppose it must be that million dollar a year salary or all the travelling around the countries to play a football, baseball, basketball or hockey games. That is a lot of pressure to concede with in the eye of everyone all the time. The thing that is funny is who doesn't have pressures? Everyone does, but we don't have to turn to drugs.

I see guys like Roy Tarpley, Daryl Strawberry, Dwight Gooden, Steve Howe and Bob Probert and it makes me sick to see these teams offering these guys big contracts to play for their teams and the league accepts it.

Roy Tarpley had screwed up so much that they barred him from the NBA in 1990 but four years later he's back playing again for the Dallas Mavericks. These people should be taught a lesson for THEIR problems and never allowed to return. These pro athletes are supposed to be role models, and if these kids grow up thinking that it is alright to do drugs where will we be in 20 years from now.

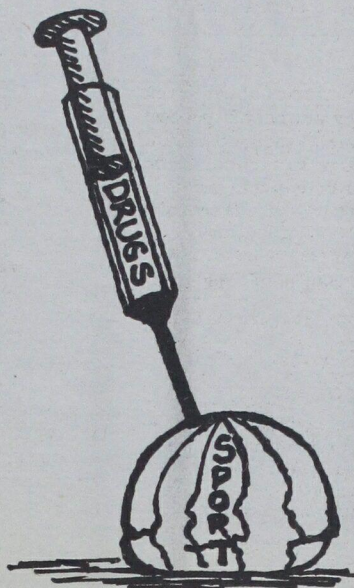
What happens when an employee gets a positive test for drugs? They get fired, dismissed or terminated and a blemished work record. People will always do drugs and that is their dilemma and I see no problem with soft drugs, but the hard drugs like cocaine, heroine and LSD are ruining our society as a whole.

I recently ran into a drug dilemma of my own with a friend who has become a cocaine addict. What a cocaine addict becomes is a liar, a thief, a cheat and a no good piece of shit.

I'd had it with him, so I stopped talking to him.

That was a few months ago and just up until recently I haven't talked to him until he recently had called me and told me that he was clean off of the cocaine. I was relieved, I thought I was getting my best friend back.

Everything was hunky dory for about a week until one night we were partying at a buddies house, and we were all drunk and this so called best friend of mine had just pulled



some blo out and began setting up lines.

I couldn't believe it, did he think that I was an idiot? Did he think I wouldn't care? All this crap he had been feeding me for the last week was total bullshit! Do I deserve this? All I did for this guy was feed him for 6 months and keep him alive. I don't deserve this because I am a good person. All these things he has done to me has affected how I look at people - I no longer have trust in my soul.

Needless to say, I snapped and gave him a piece of my mind as well as a piece of my fist but what was I supposed to do? I couldn't control myself and I am not sorry for how I reacted. I truly hope this guy suffers from bad times for now and forever because he deserves it.

I don't feel sorry for him, but I do feel sorry for his family as they are good people and he has them totally blindsided.

To the readers of this article who are doing hard drugs just think for a minute, you are not only hurting yourself, you may be hurting someone else.

Ever wanted to be Clark Kent, Peter Parker, Lois Lane ... or "just" Jimmy Olson?

Sorry. We can't make you steel, or give you spider senses. We can, however, teach you some things about telephones — though not the booths —, getting the angles (for writing not hanging), photography and computers.

The Link

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WITH REG DUNLOP

Since the average Canadian attention span is that of a hummingbird on a double cappuccino, I'm not going to drone on endlessly about one single topic. I'm going to ... um, where the hell was I? Oh yeah, something about professional sport monkeys. No, that's not it. Was I talking about Bea Arthur? Usually the answer is yes, but that heartbreaker hasn't returned one of my letters and I'm beginning to take it personally. Oh hell, who cares? Nobody reads this trite garbage anyway.

What John Tesh is to music, the Vancouver Canucks are to hockey?

You know newspapers are very near to their conclusion when they hire illiterate, electronic media-types to write "insightful" columns. The worst part is you can get drunk off the fumes of McCrae's column.

Canuck Theory #1: They're playing so poorly because the organ player they unceremoniously dumped after the first game has put some kind of Casonian curse on them.

Someone described the nutbar who killed Yitzhak Rabin as a "gentle extremist." Colour me reactionary but that description makes about as much sense as portraying Charles Manson as a "kindhearted mass murderer."

I ran into Grizzlies coach Brian Winters last week. He says Uncle Fester, Gomez and Morticia are doing just fine thank you.

I went to the ballet the other night and a hockey game broke out. If the NHL insists on keeping the existing rules then I say the 'Nucks sign Denny Terrio and Adrian Zmed.

Doug Reisbrough, what colour is your parachute? I'll lay odds Risebrough has a silver bullet with Cliff Fletcher's name on it.

Canuck's Theory #2: Lulled into a false sense of security because thanks to the Islanders, the Canucks no longer have the worst uniforms in the league.

It's "Squeaky" Dave Randorf vs. Squire Barnes in Hollywood's fall blockbuster: "Honey I Shrunk the Sportscastrer." I know that's not funny but then again neither is being short. Take heart I could have used the obvious movie title: "Get Shorty."

It's pretty obvious to even the uninitiated that the individuals who assembled the Ottawa Senators on ice, were the very same men charged with the responsibility of keeping people out of 24 Sussex Drive.

Years in which the Montreal Canadiens have won the Cup: 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, 1996? You draw your own conclusions.

Mike Milbury has limited the ice time of Wendel Clark and sent Kirk Muller home. Kind of makes you think he really doesn't want to be a coach, doesn't it? Don't be surprised if you see the ghost of Conn Smythe appear out of nowhere and start kicking the crap out of Milbury.

What scotch is to Gino Odjick, Bryan Adams must be to Luciano Pavarotti.

Canuck Theory #3: Heads — 98 per cent bone.

Mike Keenan fired his girlfriend this week. She wasn't icing the puck, if you know what I mean.

Is Scotty Bowman really trying to win with the Russians or is he just trying to give Don Cherry an embolism? Larionov, Federov, Kozlov, Konstantinov, Fetisov. No corners-ov. No hitting-ov. No Stanley Cup-ov.

Bob Probert's jersey number is 95 in honour of the year he decide to become clean and sober. Yeah, but what about the kids who have to buy Probert jerseys with the numbers 96, 97, 98? Isn't that a ripoff? Aren't we taking valuable money out of kids pockets? Isn't this just sport? It's not business is it? I mean, what are you saying? Are you saying that modern sports is just a cynical money grab and exploitation of the common fan? Are you saying that? Hold the phone. Hold the phone. It just can't be. For the love of God, it can't be! Look at Charles Barkley, Alonzo Mourning, Deion Sanders, David Cone, Alexei Yashin.

I rest my case. You mess with the bull, you're going to get the horns, Jimmy.

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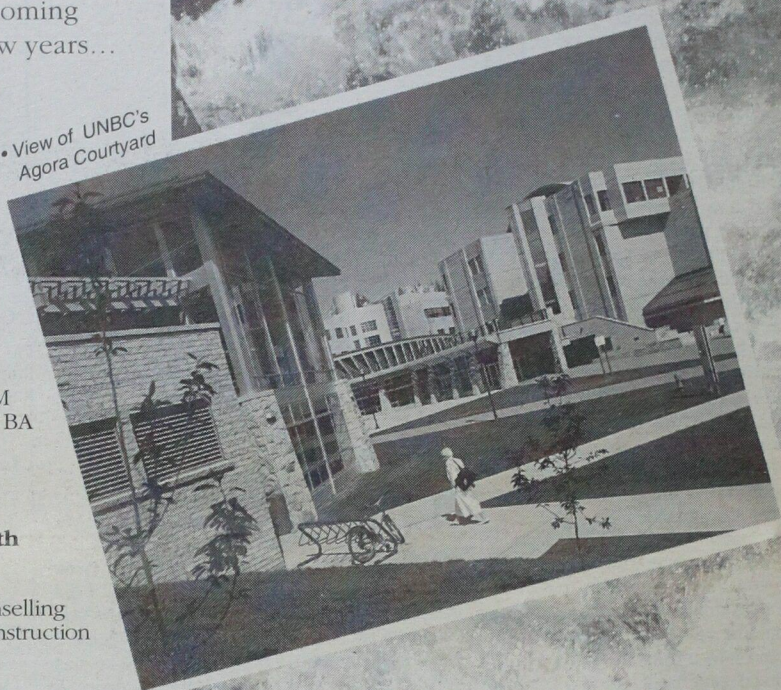
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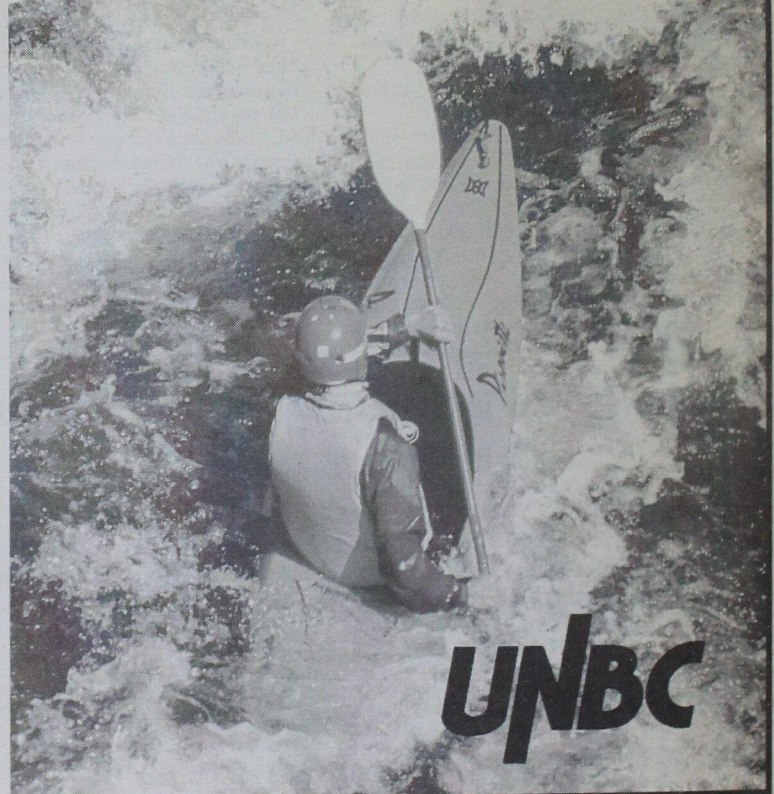
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