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Board 'will not be asking for one'

Investigation into BCIT unlikely

by Cherie Miltimore

The Board of Governors doesn't think there should be an inquiry into the way BCIT is run.

Board Chairman Donald Rix said there will be no investigation. Rix said the minister did not order an investigation and the minister indicated an inquiry would be held only if it is

collectively asked for.

"The Board will not be asking for one," said Rix.

Education Minister Brian Smith told a delegation from the BCIT Staff Society Tuesday April 27 he would hold an investigation into the budget and educational decision making of BCIT if the Board of Governors, Staff

Society, and the students collectively agree to the terms of reference.

Although the Board opposes an investigation at this time, the Staff Society hopes to change its mind. They will be presenting a brief on the need for an inquiry into the administration of BCIT and the need to maintain the

quality of education at BCIT to the Board May 20th.

In its brief, the Staff Society said ministerial action is needed because "the program and staff cuts proposed were not the result of a consultative process at BCIT."

The Staff Society claims the administration has deliberately stalled contract renegotiations as the administration refused to release all the relevant information. And this prevented a renegotiation of the 1982 contract in order to maintain the quality of education and to prevent layoffs.

But Vice President of Administration Duncan Macpherson said the Staff Society had been included in the decision making. He said the Staff Society "heard what was going to be presented to the president to recommend to the Board."

He also said all the budget submissions went to the Staff Society. However a copy of priority ranking schedule wasn't given to the staff union before the Board decided on the budget because it was decided shortly before the Board met.

The faculty union still intends

to renegotiate their 1982 contract to prevent layoffs. Staff Society Secretary Patrick Thomas said, "If we (the Staff Society) gives up three per cent or our COLA, which amounts to three per cent, we expect the administration to give up similar amounts."

The Student Association has previously asked the Board for a management and academic audit of the institution.

SA President Robin Williams said, "the SA is quite willing to meet with the Staff Society and the Board of Governors to discuss the terms of reference of an inquiry by the Minister of Education."

But Williams said it will be up to the Board to decide if an inquiry will take place.

He said the president has allowed for 12 per cent inflation in the 1982 budget, but that inflation is about 13.5 per cent. The SA president also wants to know why they must "bail the institute out of a severe financial predicament."

The BOG has asked the SA to support a 25 per cent increase in tuition, a proposal the SA has accepted.



Luxton has the results of the Wheelchair Basketball tournament, held at BCIT last weekend. See 'Norts Spews' on page 2.

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Three year planning cycle might help

by D.J. Hauka

No question, the job market is tight. But things don't have to be that bad. It all depends on how you look at it.

Nels Stromgren is optimistic about prospects for BCIT grads. A financial management instructor, Stromgren points to mega-projects like Pier B.C. and B.C. Place as seed projects which will create thousands of new jobs, especially for people with diplomas from BCIT.

"The ongoing effect is suggested that 3,200 jobs will be created," he said, "on a full and part-time basis. Obviously tourism and hospitality as well as all the other kinds of jobs will be created."

Stromgren estimates (quoting the Rotary Club as his source) that Pier B.C. will cost \$155 million. But in five years, it will make \$750 million in direct taxes to all level of government. That kind of spin-off is bound to extend beyond hospitality and tourism in job-creation.

Even now, Stromgren feels there is cause for optimism, despite record unemployment.

"We talked about a relatively high unemployment rate at record levels — I believe eight and a half per cent is the official rate. This draws attention to the idea that 91 per cent of the workforce is still at work. That's reversing the way of looking at it, but I think sometimes we lose

the perspective that the great majority of the workforce is still well employed.

"Potential employment is high, especially for BCIT grads and other graduates from post-secondary programs," says Stromgren. The people who will consistently be faced with a difficult employment situation will be the unskilled. More and more the unskilled are going to be at a disadvantage.

"B.C. has normally a good employment situation for skilled and semi-skilled. With the downturn in the forest industry, that tends to have diminished."

So it is the BCIT grad, the skilled worker, who will increasingly get the upper hand in B.C.'s

changing technology. With the emphasis slowly shifting from resource oriented industries to more technological production, your chances of getting a job with a degree from BCIT should be better.

The competition for space at BCIT might not be that ferocious. According to Stromgren, only eight per cent of high school grads in B.C. go on to post-secondary education.

But to get a degree, there has to be an institute. With the current cutbacks in funding, some departments have had to eliminate instructors and lab times. Less money is coming from the federal government, less is coming from the province.

What would help organize the province so students could get an effective schooling? Stromgren says a reorganization of the education ministry would help.

"One (education) act is probably too limiting," says Stromgren, "But I think the answer is to have one Ministry of Education, particularly one that encompasses all educational activities."

A three year cycle of planning might eliminate the scrambling for funds and the competition among various institutes that currently is the norm.

So take heart. Things are getting better. Lord knows, they can't get no worse.



Intramurals and Campus Rec

How time flies! Here we are already at finals. Remember just a little while ago when we had -

Corn on the cob in the SAC
Lobby on Orientation Day
When we won a volleyball game
When super hockey was getting too rough
When golf clinic had only six students
When turket trot was within a two second guess
When pub was closed
When Building was runner up to SFU in Invitational Indoor Soccer Tournament
When flag football was played in rain and sleet
When women got a weight training program
When bearpit was dominated by extramural committee
When it was already Christmas
When the Ski Club went to Big White
When Residence had a roller skating party
When we went on Shinerama
When we met Raymond Burr on Telethon
When we had tennis in April

When we won a t-shirt
When our Work Study money ran out
When we lost our slides
When Ski Club didn't reserve a table at Banquet
When no one registered for Stress Seminar
When Staff Hocket Team had a Bagpiper
When Fitness Class numbered over 100
When over 20 registered for Jazz Dance
When Sunday nite meant Ballroom Dancing
When Earl won Staff Contribution Award
When Forestry guests slept in Activity Room
When referees made tough decisions
When wrists were wrestled
When Whistler cabin held a party
When Residence had a barbeque
When sometimes we had a lot of fun

In years to come I hope you can remember when and still get those good feelings and say 'Thos Good Old Days'.

To all participants in **Campus Recreation**, Good Luck in your exams and thanks for making it a year to remember for me and all those wonderful people that worked so we could have this fun.

You first year students or anyone returning next year drop in to Campus Life Trailer and talk to me about possibly participating as a Campus Recreation Council member, a Sports Rep., an official, or a Work Study position. We do have some paid positions which might stretch your dollars for another year at BCIT.

Technologies that return late in September or early October get your Sports Rep to let us know what teams you want to be registered and special consideration will give you byes instead of defaults.

Good luck on your exams and have a great summer!

Wally Rowan

NORTS SPEWS

by Eric Luxton

Well I know that you're all dying to hear what I have to say, in this the last issue of the '81-'82 Link. Well, I for one am not!

Unfortunately being committed (Riverview class of '82) to Link readers I endeavor to fulfill my duty.

I caught some of the basketball action this past weekend as B.C. defended their national wheelchair basketball crown. B.C. won three straight games to advance to the final against Alberta. I know I've spoiled the suspense by telling you that B.C. won the title, so I won't have to tell you if BC beat Alberta or not.

Either way, if you missed any of the action, let me tell you that you will rarely find a more determined group of athletes in your life. I'm sure some of those players have moves that even Magic Johnson doesn't know about.

I have a neighborly gesture suggestion for Roger Nielson and the Canucks. Since you've got all those towels waving about, why not give a few to Bob

Pulford and the Chicago Black Hawks: they're doing all the sweating. And rightly so, if I'm not being too presumptuous, I'll go on a ledge and assume that the Canucks also won Tuesday night. Not having the luxury of a late press feed, this paper will be printed while the Canuck-Black Hawk game is still in progress. But I'm confident.

The other action will have the New York Islanders doing battle with les Nordiques. Being down three games to none, I am totally confident that the little green men can overcome great odds and take the fourth game of the series.

Speaking of long-shots, Wayne went hanggliding near Malibu Beach and he hasn't been seen since. Obviously the mutt's lost. I sure hope he isn't mistaken for an Argentinian plane near the Falklands! Although they can use all the help they can get.

And you'd swear that the Vancouver Whitecaps fielded an all Argentine side the way they've been playing of late. Five-nothing? If they lost tonight, I doubt that they'll even get 10,000 fans out to watch their next home game.

But who am I to criticize players who get paid some \$35,000 plus for kicking a ball around a field? Certainly my cryptic scrawl is no scream in hell, but then I don't get paid for it. If I did I would be like Allen MacEachen, committing robbery!

Anyway, I hope you've all had the odd chuckle over this drivel. I gotta run now ... it seems they've spotted Wayne drifting over Mainland China. I better get on the hot line before they shoot him down for being a U-2 spyplane. I've had a call from Hollywood producers already ... they want the rights to the Wayne Saga ... apparently they're going to call it the Incredible Journey.....



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Anyone interested in the above positions please contact Soo Sheung Wong at the Student Association offices 'ASAP'.

I dunno, what do you think

The Link Survey, conducted by second year Operations Management students as part of a Marketing Research project, was undertaken to determine the readership and opinion on content, quality and funding of The Link.

Two hundred and nine students in the business division, 75 in the health division, and 284 in the engineering division were surveyed. Also 17 instructors, 17 administrators, and two service staff were surveyed. About 65 per cent of the respondents were male.

LINK SURVEY

How frequently do you read The Link?

227	(38.4%)	Every week
179	(30.3%)	Two or three times per month
77	(13.0%)	Once per month
66	(11.2%)	Less than once per month
41	(6.9%)	Never

How thoroughly do you read Link articles and features?

	Read thoroughly	Skim through	Don't read
Front page news	166 (28.1%)	362 (61.3%)	45 (7.6%)
Interviews	110 (18.6%)	305 (51.6%)	141 (23.9%)
Norts spews	71 (12.0%)	225 (38.1%)	266 (45.0%)
CUP News	69 (11.7%)	258 (43.7%)	224 (37.9%)
Editorials	103 (17.4%)	307 (51.9%)	150 (25.4%)
Student Council News	64 (10.8%)	293 (49.6%)	201 (34.0%)
Entertainment	178 (30.1%)	289 (48.9%)	99 (16.8%)
Classifieds	61 (10.3%)	285 (48.2%)	210 (35.5%)
Campus recreation	111 (18.8%)	282 (47.7%)	173 (29.3%)

Editorial policy in The Link accurately reflects student opinion.

6	(1.0%)	Strongly agree
138	(23.4%)	Agree
281	(47.5%)	No opinion
119	(20.1%)	Disagree
32	(5.4%)	Strongly disagree

Articles in The Link are interesting.

0		Strongly Agree
236	(39.9%)	Agree
163	(27.6%)	No opinion
137	(23.2%)	Disagree
37	(6.3%)	Strongly Disagree

The Link is unbiased in its reporting.

6	(0.8%)	Strongly agree
93	(15.7%)	Agree
249	(42.1%)	No opinion
170	(28.8%)	Disagree
58	(9.8%)	Strongly disagree

Articles in The Link are grammatically correct most of the time.

6	(1.0%)	Strongly agree
263	(44.5%)	Agree
173	(29.3%)	No opinion
101	(17.1%)	Disagree
34	(5.8%)	Strongly disagree

The Link should continue to be supported financially by the Students' Association (through student fees).

29		
29	(4.9%)	Strongly agree
254	(43.0%)	Agree
121	(20.5%)	No opinion
100	(16.9%)	Disagree
66	(11.2%)	Strongly disagree

Editorials in The Link are well-reasoned and logical.

6	(1.0%)	Strongly agree
135	(22.8%)	Agree
279	(47.2%)	No opinion
113	(19.1%)	Disagree
31	(5.2%)	Strongly disagree

The Link is accurate in its reporting.

8	(1.4%)	Strongly agree
130	(22.0%)	Agree
281	(47.5%)	No opinion
115	(19.5%)	Disagree
32	(5.4%)	Strongly disagree

Students should purchase individual issues of The Link rather than subsidize The Link through Student Association funds.

45	(7.6%)	Strongly agree
91	(15.4%)	Agree
82	(13.9%)	No opinion
212	(35.9%)	Disagree
140	(23.7%)	Strongly disagree

How often do you feel that The Link quotes sources out of context or inaccurately?

27	(4.6%)	Very frequently
73	(12.4%)	Often
356	(60.2%)	No opinion
111	(18.8%)	Seldom
1	(0.2%)	Never

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Editorial

by Eric Luxton

We, the student population, have suffered numerous cutbacks in our quality of education. And of course our tuition fees are rising by some twenty-five per cent this fall. Unemployment is increasing at an awesome rate ... and what happens in Victoria? B.C. Place is in! Full steam ahead with Pier B.C. ALRT is the answer. Damn the public. Full steam ahead!

Priorities ... this is a question of priorities. Just who is the government serving with their mega-projects?

We (the government) have enough money for mega-projects but, I'm sorry, someone has to pay for it. Hey, I've got a great idea, let's eliminate some social services ... rape clinics ... they're no good ... no one uses them!

How many MLAs have had their daughters or wives raped? The question is really immaterial. Women from the age of 3 to 93 are raped. The real issue is how would they react in that situation? Where would the victims go? Could you ... an average citizen deal with a rape victim? How could you help them?

The present government obviously doesn't feel that a rape crisis clinic is necessary. In order to find an excuse for dropping the program they demanded access to centre's files so they could complete a program evaluation. These files in question included confidential records.

Who will use a service if their personal information is open to the government? In effect, if the centres accepted the government's demands, they would be betraying their client's confidence.

The government knew this so, in effect, their plan was foolproof. When the centres refused access, the government axed funding for the program. Hey, great ... an extra \$151,000 a year for the funding of government mega projects.

That money was being put to better use than most government funded projects — \$151,000 to fund four rape centres per year: Vancouver, Victoria, Terrace and Nanaimo. All that money split between four centres ... and ten working positions. That's a hell of a bargain! Why, it costs them over \$70,000 to refurbish Bill Bennett's office in Victoria!

Hey Premier Bill ... did you know that a woman is raped every 17 minutes in Canada? Even more graphic is the fact that one in four will be raped in her lifetime! Not to mention the fact that one in eight will be sexually assaulted before she is 18! Hey ... but I realize BC Place and your personal comfort is more important than half the population of this province.

Oh, and give my personal regards to Pat ... her new tourism logo is really great ... you know ... the one on the side of BC Ferries. Sure it costs peanuts to paint, but how much did the designer of the logo clear? I know where my priorities will be, come next election!

Thanx...

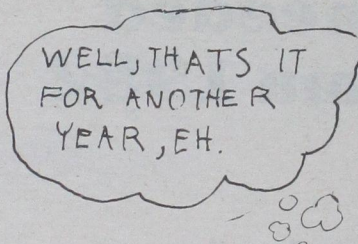
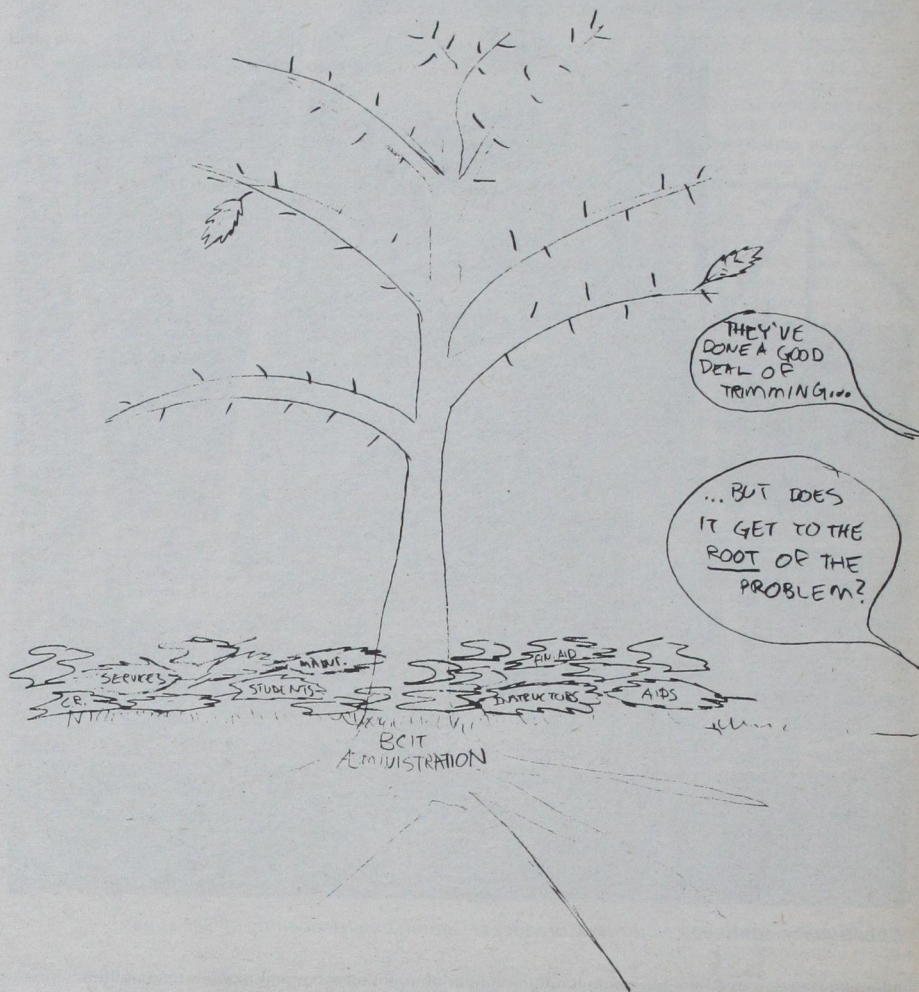
That's all for this semester. The Link will be back next fall, bringing you the news and entertainment as always.

This year, the Link went through some difficult times, but in the end, the paper developed into a more mature, better-balanced student publication.

With the autonomy drive of last semester still steaming ahead, you may see an even better paper next fall; this time published by the Link Publications Society instead of the SA. We won't know for sure until after this, the final Link for 1981-82 is at press.

It's been a crazy year. Let's see if we can make it through 82-83.

D.J. Hauka, news editor



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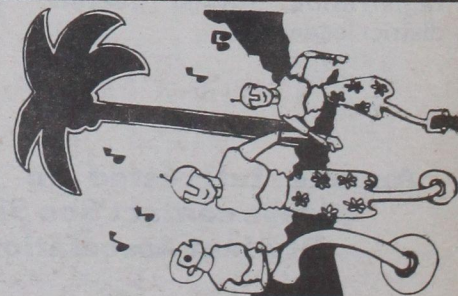
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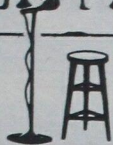
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Punch- lines...



Good for a laugh over and over again.
by Lois

Wednesday night, practicum burn-out blues, need a laugh ... what better place than the Comedy Store of Vancouver — Punchline's Comedy Theatre, 21 Water Street, in Gastown.

I'd been there for a couple of their Tuesday amateur nights. Amateur night costs 99 cents at the door and the place is packed, so you've got to be there before 9:00 which is when it all starts.

The amateur part fits in later at closing time, when all the comedians have done their schtick and it's your turn. If you think you've got something that'll make the audience laugh, you get up and say it.

On it goes, until the last one is finished.

Then, owner-manager-sometimes emcee Rich Eldwood lines you all up, announces each name and they clap for you (if they like you).

Whoever gets the most applause wins.

It's a great night for 99 cents. Wednesday, we had our own

private show almost. It's free for students, and there was just enough audience to make up the necessary quorum for the comedians to perform. But they did.

There were five guys — five very funny guys, each with a totally different style, and different levels of comedy experience. We talked to Mr. Number One (all three of us agreed on this one), Roger Chandler.

He supports himself (only) on his comedian intake. He has been telling jokes for a living for five years now and has travelled the west coast circuit.

He remembers when Steve Martin and Robin Williams were on that scene. Apparently Robin Williams still pops into the L.A. Comedy Store with new material as a means of keeping in touch.

Roger recalled meeting his grade three teacher after she'd seen him perform on television and remembered her remark of: "nice show — don't give up your day job."

This is to a guy who leads off with a bar stool broken over his head and a: "Hi — I'm the waiter at the Sunrise Hotel," and proceeded by "what a boring ride it is on the B.C. Ferries but what dynamite seagulls they have," and how he comes from

"a big family because mom married a football team."

Roger had so many jokes, props and tricks that he could barely keep up with him and laugh too. We'd catch his act over and over.

First you have Wayne Turmel (also a BCIT student) who emceed and "was the foreplay for the other comedians."

Follow with shuffling Dave Schendlinger with his xylophone for "you Rod Stewart fans," 'cause he could tell we were a "heavy metal" crowd.

Then Rick Cruse who asked us what we thought of Greenpeace spraying 500 seals with green paint so he could have punk seals."

How about Mark Dennison? He gave a dissertation on the academic topic — philosophy. "Ever taken God 101?"

Hey this is a feeble smattering of an illustration. This is very good for your soul — funny place to go and have a drink. There are always at least one or two who can manage to crack you up — even in your most foul mood.

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BAR BEAT

Well, school's almost out, and summer's almost here; and so for that matter is the Stanley Cup. Bang, there ya go, three great reasons to go out drinking.

But realistically, I guess there are quite a few sad faces around this campus because of the current job situation. There are people graduating who can't get jobs in their chosen profession. And on top of that, there are some first year students who can't find work for the summer. That's certainly not good news when you consider that tuition fees at this institute will be increased by 25 per cent come September.

Yep, it's definately an ugly, ugly situation. No doubt about that. So, what do you do about it?

Well, I've given this grave situation a lot of thought, in between rounds, and I think I've come up with a fairly concrete solution. Go out and buy yourself a 26'er of rye and drink it off.

Come to think of it, that reminds me of another topic, namely Bar Beat.

With the end of school just two weeks away, a lot of you will be throwing on the ol' shades and be engaging in a bit of travelling around this good old province of ours. And you're probably wondering to yourself where you can go drinking while travelling around B.C. In fact, I bet that at this very moment you're asking the question, Hey, Surj, where can I go drinking while travelling around the province?

Don't feel foolish asking that question, it's one that has been asked many a time before.

I think I just may be able to help you out. In fact, it was only a couple of months ago that a group of us toured the interior for a week. (It's nice to see the mayor of Prince George is getting over his nervous breakdown.)

It's pretty easy to know when you're near Prince George; you can smell it 10 miles out of town. Sure, Prince George is no Honolulu or Palm Springs. Those places are an unfair comparison.

So what is a fair comparison? How about Surrey? O.K., so it's not the greatest place in the world to be, but the thing that matters is that it's got bars.

One of the many places to drink there, besides our hotel room, is the Simon Fraser Inn. In fact, our rooms were in the Simon Fraser, but you'd better be prepared to take out a loan from a bank before you drink there.

I won't say too much about the place, except that a local beer will run you about \$2.20. And it costs extra if you want a cold one. I learned to like warm beer real fast.

Then there's the pride and joy of sawmill city, the Midnight Express. They just happened to be closed on the Monday night that we were there, but some fast talking on the part of this rag's editor got the place fired up in no time. I really can't say too much about it, since I decided to spend the evening with a married couple I know watching a movie called Divorce Wars. And you wonder why I drink!

But what I can say is that the place is not really a bar as much as it is a night club, and that they do make one mean tonic water with a twist of lemon.

Then there's the Inn of the North. My married friends recommended that as the best place in P.G. to drown your sorrows at.

The next morning, we all hi-tailed it down to Kamloops, and about the only place that I found to drink down there was the David Thomas Hotel. A real nice bar. Real big, has a large dance floor, and comes complete with a foosball table, a couple to be exact. I wish I could give you some type of indication as to how much the drinks were there, but in all honesty it got to the point where I couldn't remember how much I was paying.

Well, the next morning we hit the buses again, in more ways than one. It's neat watching 100 people try and board three buses at the same time while holding their heads.

From there we drove on to Kelowna, making a quick stop at Vernon. I think someone had to go to the bathroom. We didn't see any bars in Vernon, but we did see a store that sold used underwear. It took us a good hour to get the airheads out of there.

By far, the place to drink while in Kelowna is the flashy place called Tramps, located right next to the Capri Hotel.

It's a real plush place that is owned by Herb Capozzi. Just like everything else in Kelowna. A local beer is about a buck eighty and the highballs are around \$2.00. Some of us went there, others, without mentioning names, went to the Husky gas station/restaurants to have a bite to eat along with unleaded on the rocks.

And there you have it, some of the local places in the B.C. interior where you can wet your whistle. They're not bad places to drink, but in all honesty, the best of the bunch was on "our" bus.

And when I say "our" bus, I mean "our" bus.

Not the airheads or that other bus, but "our" bus. And no matter what you hear from the local tour companies, just remember one thing. We didn't mean to drive the bus into Okanagan Lake; it's just that we felt it needed a wash.



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Forty thousand German sailors went out on U Boat patrol. Thirty thousand never came back.

By Mike Hughes

With that chilling fact in mind, *Das Boot* or 'The Boat' takes you on a journey through hell, a submarine combat mission in the Atlantic Ocean. The year is 1944 and the German war machine is beginning to crumble. The once mighty U Boat fleet is being decimated by the Allies, two out of every three subs that leaves port, never returns.

Into this maelstrom are thrown the men of 'The Boat'. One of the first things that strikes you is the size of a WW II submarine. Not much more than a skinny bus with a propeller. And crowded. Every possible square inch crammed with food and equipment. A damp, crowded, claustrophobic nightmare.

Another striking aspect of this movie is the characters. These are human beings caught in an obscenity. Ordinary men; farmers and factory workers,

playwrites and civil servants. All just hoping to survive. The captain, played by Kris Kristofferson look alike Jurgen Prochnow, is not a cinema style, periscope peering, heartless murderer. He's a professional ship sinker. But he's also haunted by the human consequences of his actions. The carnage appalls him, and through him we sense the absurdity and hopelessness these men feel.

Das Boot is a challenging movie. Gone are the usual good guy - bad guy reference points. The movie asks that we empathize with the Germans. And at times this is confusing for North Americans, having grown up with a horror/comedy, Aushwitz/Hogan's Heros impression of World War II Germany.

These are not Hollywood Germans.

This is not a Hollywood movie.

This is a story of courage in the face of certain death and of hope where none should exist.



Big Meat Eater

by Lois

Friday, April 30th was the premiere of a Vancouver produced feature film, *The Big Meat Eater* at the Vancouver East Cinema. It is billed as 'one of the most original and bizarre films ever made'. The promoter really gets into the billing act and describes it as 'a satire on mediocre movies, a cross between a 1950's British style comedy, a 1960's American grade B teenager/monster movie, a 1980's new wave musical, a film which is played deadpan but never taken seriously, one which is filmed in a never never land, a combination of a Norman Rockwell nightmare, a 1950's Popular Science vision of the future, an earnest CBC drama on multiculturalism'...they go on to explain it 'has outrageously corny dialogue and some of the tackiest special effects ever seen'. It's all of the above alright, and it lasts one and a half hours, which is a long time to sit when you compare it to some of the

the production people much time, which explains a few things; although those mediocre things are supposed to be an integral part of the Big Meat Eaters make-up.

I dunno. As we entered the Vancouver East at twenty to twelve last Friday night, and grabbed a seat because the place was filling up fast, I started getting a little excited expecting a nice new piece of fun cult - made in Vancouver no less.

It opened neat, with Bob Sanderson, a really Jerry Lewis-Nutty Professor-looking kind of guy just doing the Fred Astaire along some friendly My Three Sons type neighbourhood. The music is really slick, along the Singing-in-the-rain variety, and its plain to see Bob is just one heck of a happy guy. So he nimbly skips along until he reaches a little butcher shop. Up top the sign says Butcher of Burquitlam and at eye level and meat level it says 'Pleased to meet you', and 'meat to please you'. As he proudly turns the key to his shiny premises a little Rockwellian boy and his dalmation dog pop by just in time to burn friendly Bob the butcher for a little doggy treat. So far, so good but then enter Abdullah - a black man of humungus proportions. Abdullah's thing is sticking people into whatever mechanical orifice he can find when they displease him, ie: building furnace, car engine (we get to see fingers chewed off by the fan), sewage disposal unit.

Then there are those little space monsters, the young scientist, Polish immigrants, a mayor who comes back to life after being orificed by Abdullah and then revived by the little space guys. There is a plot. It all weaves together, albeit kinda loosely. Me, I had problems caring. The music was A.O.K. tho'.



live theatre that's been around Vancouver this year or some of the fantastic movies which have also made it to Vancouver this year. The Big Meat Eater was filmed in 1982 - that doesn't give

Joyeux Noel?

by James Armistead Strong

"Present Laughter" by Noel Coward, starring Allan Gray, Gillian Barber, Donna White and Susan Chapple. At the Arts Club on Granville Island.

In an interview with David Frost, Noel Coward was asked, "Do you believe in God?" Coward said, "We've never been intimate, but I think perhaps we have a few things in common."

Such lines are the stuff of champions.

Coward's repartee combined with an all-star cast will doubtless be the big spring-time production for 1982 in Vancouver. The king of the cast is Allan Gray doing the part of Garry Essendine, a 1983 matinee idol adored by thousands, especially women. Coward wrote the play for himself and Gertrude Lawrence; Gillian Barber from "Chapter 2" and "Abigail's Party" has that role in this production.

Superstar Essendine is preparing for a major tour of Africa but his London studio flat quickly fills up with a Cowardly group of adoring and humorous fans; a star-struck actress, an ex-wife, a Scandinavian spiritualist cook, a new lover and/or close friend's wife, plus assorted jealous husbands and the like.

Above them all stands Allan Gray. He lounges through each act in one of his 17 or 18 dressing gowns, blasting away merrily at all who come within range.

Gray was seriously injured in a car accident last spring while performing in "Bent" which at that time had been selling out for

four months. Gray is still an outpatient, visiting the hospital twice a week. This is only his second role since the crash, his first being the part of Dr. Frederick Treves in "The Elephant Man."

The crowd loves him in "Present laughter." He's the centre of attention because Coward wrote it that way, just for himself. Gray makes the most of it, seizing on every possible word and prance to get a laugh. On a near-black set, he emerges from a spare bedroom having seduced or possibly succumbed to Joanna, Gillian Barber. As Gray reaches his own bedroom door he turns, tosses back his head and shoots a silver stream of cigarette smoke into the air. That move is to Noel Coward what the Tarzan yell is to Edgar Rice Burroughs. And even done on a

semi-dark set the crowd picked it all up and roared. Gray was firmly in control and he knew it.

The first act was a little long; that was our opinion and also that of a waitress at the wine bar at Bridges. It turns out she played Joanna opposite Allan Gray at the Studio 58 production of the same play a few years ago. But long as it was, it sets you up for the next two acts, both building to the muted climax of the ever-present laughter.

It is in those last two acts that the depth of the cast is most appreciated. Dermot Hennelly and Duncan Fraser appear as outraged husbands, lovers, or cheaters, they're not sure which, and display their genuine Cowardice to its fullest - very funny stuff.

Sit at the front if you can - there's no reserved seats.

Year of the homosexual in movies

by Ted Field

This is definitely the year of the homosexual movie. *Making Love* and *Personal Best* started the trend on a fairly serious note but now we have *Partners*.

The idea behind *Partners* seems fairly simple. Two policemen, one straight and one homosexual, are put together as a couple in order to infiltrate a series of homosexual murders.

Neither policeman wants to have anything to do with the other. Ryan O'Neal sees his partner as a fruitloop and finds the whole case might destroy his reputation as a ladies man. John Hurt is a homosexual but never flaunts it. He tries to hide it with his shy 'make no trouble' behavior.

The movie travels through the stages of the two moving into a homosexual apartment and their tracking of the murderer. The whole situation is amusing (I don't know how realistic - and I'm not going to find out) but fairly simple minded. Actually you could say the entire plot is simple minded as you can usually tell what's gonna happen next. The writers tried to complicate the ending but it just helps to confuse.

Well despite the plot there are some touching sequences. Of course the two start to like each other (but not that much) and make for a cute husband-wife scene. The confrontations are just as fun. *Partners* is fun, not heavy, and will help you escape for a while.

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