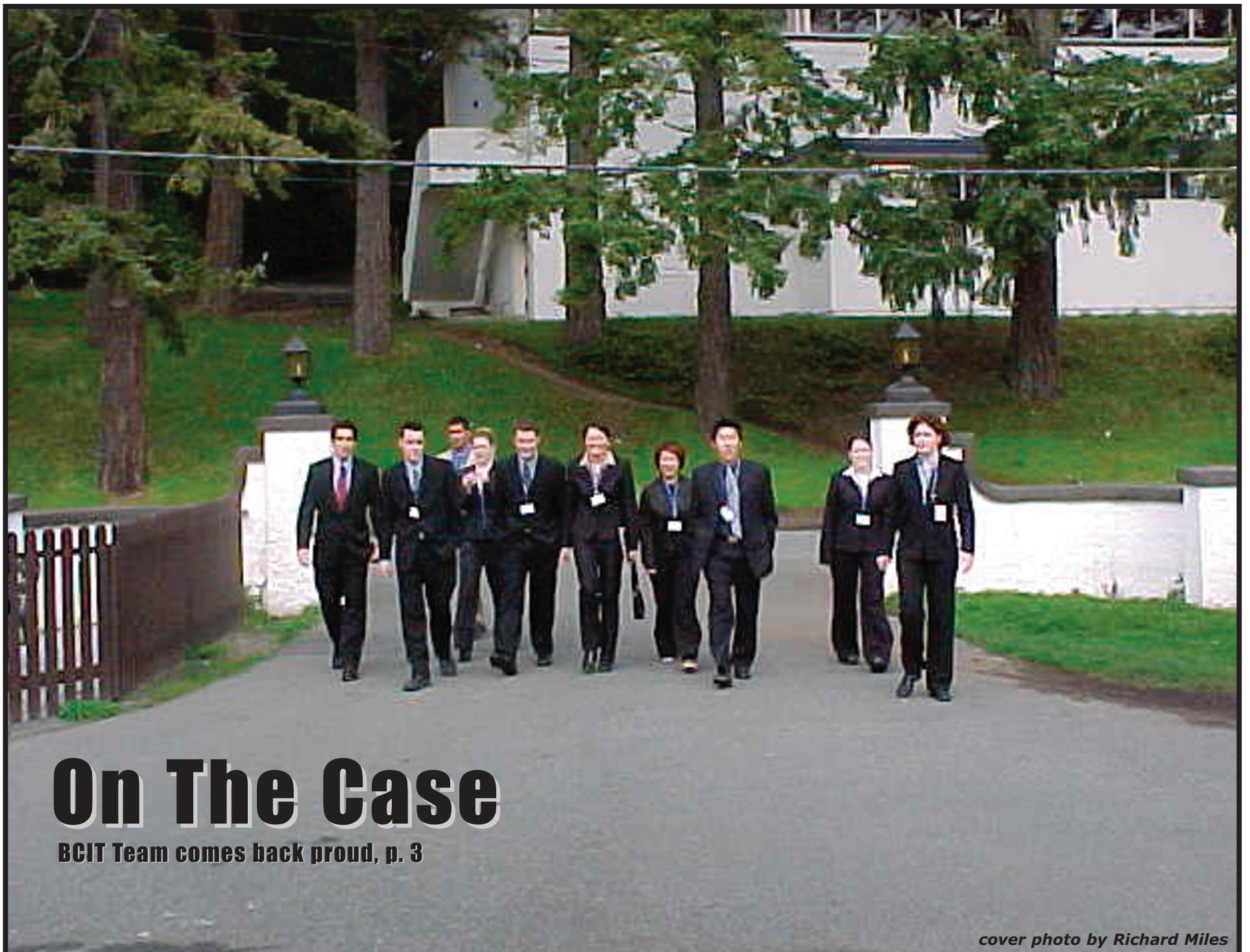


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Make Sure You Vote

Or many trees will have died in vain...



BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

Monday, March 31st, 2003. 10:00 am. I'm sitting in my office, working on this edition of the Link, when in strides a candidate, sucker in hand, ready to capture my vote. The speech. The platform. The "vote for me because I am the best choice for the position" closer.

Little do they know, I can't vote.

But I love suckers.

Day one of the campaigning saw more suckers reach my office. It's a great strategy. People love candy. One candidate had his name taped to the stick. That got me thinking.

I walked around SE2, taking in the massive amount of campaign flyers taped, stapled, tacked, and adhered in ways I don't even want to speculate about on all of the available wall, column, and board space. Pounds of paper in



every available nook and cranny in the Great Hall. Sticks from suckers, both paper and plastic, lying around the floors next to garbage cans. Wrappers, mainly plastic, lying beside the sticks, too light to be effectively tossed into the proper rubbish receptacle.

Day two of the campaigning, April 1st, 2003. It's April Fool's Day. More posters have invaded the campus. Now I can't even take a whiz without being bombarded by those who are running for the coveted positions. I start to wonder if the advertising will be effective. I walk out into the Great Hall. It's Eco Fair today. Displays, a car. People wandering from booth to booth getting information on how to effectively save the planet. Saving the planet, huh?

Well, here are these eager future student execs plastering the campus with materials that are recyclable. But who will be accountable for



all of the paper once the campaigning is finished? I'm all for the pursuit of advancement in student government, but I'm also an advocate for a healthy environment. I hope, very much, that our future student execs take the time to clean up after their messes.

If they are so enthusiastic about campaigning for a position, they should be equally enthusiastic about maintaining a clean, waste-free campus. Go and listen to their speeches. Judge for yourself who will maintain their promises and exercise your right to have a decent student executive who will work for you next year.

I can't vote.

But you can.

Make your vote count and your voice heard. And remember to always recycle. Oh, and about what your parents told you about accepting candy from strangers: I'm still alive, so the suckers are fine.



Pass GO and work for the LINK!

We're located in Room SE2 285 wedged between Baltic and Mediterranean. Well, actually we're located behind the copy centre...but that's practically the same!

BCIT Students Make A Case for Themselves

Two teams thrown together, fare well against seasoned competition, beat SFU

BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

Two hodge-podge teams comprised of BCIT students traveled to Royal Roads University in Victoria to compete in the International Undergraduate Case Competition. The first annual competition, held between March 20th and 23rd, saw our teams finish respectably in 8th and 9th positions.

“[Most of] the other schools have been together since September... going over at least one case per week,” said BCIT Instructor Steve Turnbull, who accompanied the teams on the trip. “Our teams came in cold, having only met briefly before.”

Turnbull said that he was very happy with the results of the weekend event, seeing the BCIT students placing in the middle of the pack of schools including Royal Roads University, Queen’s University, The University College of the Cariboo, Camosun College, Northwest Nazerene (Idaho), Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, Trinity Western University, University of Saskatchewan, and Douglas College.

Carla Megeth, 2nd year Operations Management student explained what the competition entailed.

“Basically, we were given three hours to look over a case, read, analyze, and solve it, then we were given 15 minutes to present the case to a panel of judges,” said Meet. “For example, a case is something like a company targeting a new market, they have a problem or an issue with it, and they would like to see a solution,” said Meet, “so the learning curve is super high.”

Allison Sanderson, 2nd year Marketing Pro Sales, commented on how well the members of the BCIT teams interacted with one another considering the way they were virtually thrown together.

“It was awesome, there were no egos on the teams,” said Sanderson, “it was a total even playing field and the teams were quite well-rounded... everyone was very supportive.”

The competition consisted of three cases per team in total, and the finalists were required to go over one more case. The cases focused on issues like Human Resources, Finance, Marketing, and a live case, for the final, provided via a VCR, blended all of the issues together. All of the cases incorporated real world examples.

In addition, teams were expected to bring most of their own supplies, including a laptop with MS Office, paper, pens, pencils, markers, trans-

parencies, and blank flip charts for the oral presentations.

“I didn’t realize how serious [the event] was going to be,” said Meet. “It was the first annual event, so there were bound to be some glitches, but they’ll have them worked out for next year.”

There were, of course, some highlights to the event. Both BCIT teams beat Simon Fraser University.

“We may not have placed first, but we beat SFU... there are far more seasoned team,” said Turnbull of their small victory.

“[We were] so happy to beat SFU,” said Meet.

“We beat SFU, but then were beaten by Queen’s [University], but was cool,” said Sanderson.

Sanderson also enjoyed the atmosphere at Royal Roads in Victoria. The campus was littered with peacocks (and their droppings, which Sanderson described as “mounds”) and lush green vegetation. And while the competition was serious, the teams would relax at the local pub and talk, sometimes bringing up cases of their own just for fun.

“It was kind of like camping in suits,” said Sanderson, “all weekend we wore business attire, we were separated from the other teams and there was literally no time to change, it was such an amazing time.”



Carla Megeth, 2nd Year Operations Management, said that she learned a lot in a short space of time.
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Elfin Luk - Vice President Campus Life


I wanted to write something comical but I'm not much of a comedian; but at times I can be a clown. So instead of trying to come up with something witty here's a bit about me. I'm currently in the radio broadcasting program and am enjoying every minute of it. I am running for Vice President for Campus Life because I want to get involved with the school and for everyone at BCIT to enjoy their time here as much as I am. As VP of Campus Life I will be working with recreational services to continually improve and accommodate the interests of the students at BCIT. As a strong indoor and outdoor activist, working with recreational services would be of great interest for me. With this position I hope to act as a voice of the student body and will take everyone's interests into account on how to make campus life at BCIT one that can be remembered as you graduate and leave for your careers. BCIT is the stepping stone to where each of you will begin your life as it is mine...why not enjoy all that it can give to you at this stage in your life.



Heather Thompson - Chair of Mechanical, Manufacturing, Process Energy & Renewable Resources Schools


Hello fellow students! My name is Heather and I am a first year Robotics and Automation student. This is my first year at BCIT and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I have decided to run for this position because I believe I can provide the kind of representation our schools deserve. The primary focus of my role as your representative will be student issues. I believe the key components of this goal are communication and availability. This starts now with my campaign. I have posted some information online that will help you make an informed decision when you vote. You can find it at www3.telus.net/vote. If you have any questions or comments you can send an email to htompson@my.bcit.ca Vote for me in next week's election and I will dedicate myself to addressing your concerns. I look forward to working with you to make next year great. Thanks and good luck to all the candidates!

Presenting the Candidates...



Samantha Yeung - President


Hi my name is Samantha Yeung and I am running to be re-elected for President of the BCIT Student Association. What are my motives for running again? My main reason is that I want to provide continuity for the Student Association. I want to see the extraordinary events of this year go beyond that caliber for next year and I want to be able to give guidance to those who are newly elected. I have thoroughly enjoyed this year as your President. There were many challenging moments, but overall it was the greatest experience in my life. If I am given the chance to do it again I can promise you a more visible and accountable Student Association.



Erin Smith - Vice President Administration and Finance

Objective: To make a positive contribution to the B.C.I.T. Student Body, and to gain valuable experience in my profession. Program: Financial Management - completing 1st year.


Experience: Ten years previous employment in accounting and administration areas. I am a positive person who is dedicated and trustworthy. I have the necessary leadership and organizational skills required to make a positive impact on both the Student Council and the Student Body as the Vice President Finance & Administration. Good luck to all candidates for Student Council!



Jeanneth Jacome - Vice President Administration and Finance


I have a background in International Business (with a major in International Marketing and International Finance). I worked in the industry for over a year and a half, and now I am a full time student at BCIT. I intend on representing the student body as a whole and having their voices and concerns heard at Student Council meetings. As VP of Administration and Finance I think it is my responsibility to be accountable to the students of BCIT, especially in terms of ensuring that their student fees are used to benefit the student population. The students need to have a representative that will be responsible and accountable to them, and it is for these reasons that I am running for this position.

Thank you for your support and see you at the elections!




Cindy Dhaliwal - Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing

“Cindy Dhaliwal for VP, Public Relations and Marketing,” is what you have seen all over campus this entire week. The elected VP, Public Relations and Marketing position would be responsible for student organized events and fundraisers such as Shinerama and the Graduation Gala. So who is Cindy anyway? She’s a first year Marketing student who plans on studying the Communications option next year. Cindy strives for creativity and originality in all of her endeavors. Her positive energy, vibrant personality and professionalism are constantly recognized by fellow colleagues and instructors. With her assertive organizational skills Cindy is always two steps ahead of the game. Cindy is a firm believer that with clear communication you will achieve prosperity. As a wise woman once said, “Communication is the key to success”. Cindy is very personable and is always open to any ideas, complaints, concerns or questions. If elected she will ensure the student voice is heard in any events planned for the 2003/04 school year. Creativity, originality, positive energy, vibrant personality, professionalism, personable, organizational and communication skills... all adds up to the perfect candidate for the position of VP, Public Relations and Marketing. So between April 7-11, vote for CINDY DHALIWAL.




Tony Do - Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing

The following has been brought to you by the campaign offices of Tony Do. Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bumblebee / One of the many things you should know about me / Heard by none known by all / That dude on the sidelines that’s not very tall / Currently a Chair, I’m already there / You know I’m the one who really cares / One in a million, and maybe a billion / So at least you know I’ll be there / The strong, the silent, the one who’s never violent / The jobs for me, I have the talent / Never to big, never to small / I’m the one who can do it all / So what if I’m too young, only twenty-one / But I’ll be that guy to get things done / So you’re not sure, what I can endure / Just take a look at “Cut for the Cure” / So if you’re hot for the Dot / Vote T-Dot / Otherwise known as Tony Do.




Renee Geronimo - Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing

PUFFERY - praise [for a] product or service with subjective opinions, superlatives, or exaggerations, vaguely...without substantiation.. - Burnett, Moriarty, Grant. One of the most important things I’ve learned here at BCIT is that Marketing is more than just ADVERTISING. It’s not just slogans and catchphrases. It’s an entire process that goes from production plant to store shelf. It’s a slew of goals, decisions, and commitment. It’s more than PUFFERY. “Who you are speaks so loudly I can’t hear what you’re saying.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson. I can claim to be the best person for this job. That, though, would be puffery. However, I can tell you this much: I’m fit for the position, and I will do a good job. When I go out to introduce myself to you this week, hopefully I’ll be able to show you enough of myself to substantiate my claim of being fit for the position. As for doing a good job, I won’t simply try. I WILL. I take advice from the best: “Do or do not. There is no try.” - Yoda, Jedi Master




Erin McCulloch - Vice President of Student Affairs

I am currently a first year in Integrated Management Studies. I am running for the position of VP of Student Affairs for the 2003-2004 year. A little background information on me, last year I was in Marketing Management here at BCIT, and I am currently a set representative as well as a recreational representative for IMS. My job as VP of Student Affairs is to promote activities, runs events and informs students of recreational and student initiated programs offered. During campaign week I will be out and about promoting myself along with a few of my running mates. I will be talking to as many programs as possible; hopefully yours will be one of them. If I don’t make it to your class, here’s what I’m about: doing the best I can to enrich the student body through recreation and school based activities. When it comes times to vote; please vote for me, Erin McCulloch for VP of Student Affairs.




George Nicolaou - Vice President Student Affairs

I’m George Nicolaou running for the position of Vice President - Student Affairs. The primary reason for running - the students at BCIT. Many students have had a variety of issues to deal with whether it’s having trouble dealing with marks, receiving finances for school, or even dealing with instructors. These students are unaware of the services that the association has to offer. Next year will be my 4th year in broadcasting. Being here for over three years, I was astonished by students replying that they did not know that someone was there to handle student affairs. Therefore, I wish to be the one that can help you with your experiences at BCIT. Any question you have, I will answer for you...I will help you to the highest level my position entitles me to. I want to promote my position in order to gain greater communication between the students at BCIT and the student association. This is important because it advocates student unity. Many of you have questions and suggestions to make BCIT a better place to be educated, and it is important that someone is there to offer you an answer. Elect George Nicolaou for VP - Student Affairs.




Aharon Arnstein - Chair of Business and Health Sciences Technologies

Recently I have been thinking a lot about what is going on in the world. Politicians have been fighting it out on the world stage and a few have decided that the time for talking and working is over. This seems like a failure to me. I believe that safety and happiness are worth working for. This has left me feeling upset and helpless. The best way for me to regain some hope is to get involved. I might not be able to tackle issues like the war as Chair of Business & Health Sciences but I will treat your issues with that same gravity and an open mind. I happen to be a nursing student with experience in student politics and issues like your health, safety and happiness at BCIT are high on my agenda. I have a tenacious spirit and look forward to the opportunity to be your advocate.. Health, safety and happiness in this world are worth working for and I would like to start by working with you. I would cherish the chance to build things for you and in a small way send a message that tearing life down is just not right.




Angelia Harris Gray - Chair of Business and Health Sciences Technologies

Hello all. My name is Angelia Harris Gray and I am running for the chair of Business and Health Sciences Technologies. I hold a B.Sc. in Psychology from the University of Victoria and I am current enrolled in the first year of Human Resource Management. I want to bring my drive, creativity, and caring into the service of the Business and Health Sciences Technologies by giving representation of my fellow students to the Student Association of B.C.I.T. I want to be there for YOU; to assist with any difficulties or issues you may have and to supply you with any information that comes from decisions made by the Student Association. I ask for you to vote for me, Angelia Harris Gray, so that I can work for YOU.



Alexander Yeung - Chair of Transportation and Construction Schools

Hi everyone! My name is Alex and I’m finishing up my first year in the Civil and Structural Engineering Technology Program. I am running for the position of Chair for the Schools of Transportation and Construction. I am already familiar with the protocols of the Student Association; this current academic year, I was elected by my peers to serve as the 1st year Tech Rep, with a mandate to ensure that all concerns and comments were brought to the attention of the Association. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that I would like to play a more prominent role in next year’s Executive Council. During the upcoming academic year, it will be one of my primary goals to strengthen your confidence in what is ultimately your Association. Regardless of what program you are currently completing, I will always take the time to hear your thoughts and will carefully formulate a proposed plan of action to be presented to the Council. I hope to see you at the voting stations.



Jamie Higgins - Chair of Transportation and Construction Schools

I am an Architectural and Building Engineering student and have been attending BCIT for two years. As the Chair of Transportation and Construction, I am looking forward to helping the students with their concerns and issues as well as providing answers to questions. I am a very outgoing person who has a great rapport with fellow students. My goal is to provide the students of Transportation & Construction Schools with an individual who will listen to their concerns and address them appropriately. I hope that you will give me the opportunity to accomplish these goals by voting for me on “Voting Week” and Good Luck to all Candidates!

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“That is Because You Are Crazy”

Ikea - Round 2: Angular Swedish crap vs. BCIT Wiesearchers



Citizens of BCIT, rejoice! Welcome to this week’s wiener report. Now maybe if you’re our loyalest of loyal readers, this week’s report could be a rerun for you. Yes, it’s true, our first report ever, during the first week of classes way back in September also took place at Ikea, home of “angular Swedish crap with funny names.” Based on our pile of papers we recycled that week (seriously, around 2000) we have determined that maybe 5 people on campus read that thing. Well, it wasn’t just based on the recycling numbers, we also both got sick of people coming up to us and saying “hey dude! You know who has the best hot dogs? Ikea! You should go there.” We would always be like “yeah we know dog, we ate there already, that was the first place we went because Ikea hot dogs are so awesome and cheap and while you’re there you can buy a bag of 10000 tea lights and also a fake Persian carpet and also a desk made of balsa wood.”

So, it’s off to Ikea we go again, but this time, people are reading it.

One of the other reasons we’re going to Ikea is the sheer cheapness. 65 cents for a hot dog. That’s about all either of us can afford right now and we’re sure many of you can relate. Many of you are feeling the same financial crunch as the semester nears its end. So, we decided to bite the fake meat tube shaped bullet for everyone, we decided to take one for the team, we decided to be the bigger man for once in our wretched lives! We ate hot dogs, and we’ll do it again.

Last time around we gave Ikea wieners 7/10. We think this was an anomaly. The low mark was mainly attributed to a lack of condiment selection and skin quality of the wiener. Apparently last time, the wieners had been in the cooker too long, causing eruptions and fault lines. This time however, the wieners’ skin was smooth and supple. Whereas Ikea scored a 4 in this category first go around, this time we give them a 9. The only thing that would’ve made it a ten is if they painted on fake barbecue lines with a smelly felt.



Still, the condiment selection was lackluster. Only ketchup and mustard. But you know what? Shawn only uses mustard and Ian only uses ketchup, so really...if you think about it, Ikea is perfect. 10/10.

Resemblance to human flesh: 8.5 - not pink enough to look like tasty baby flesh.

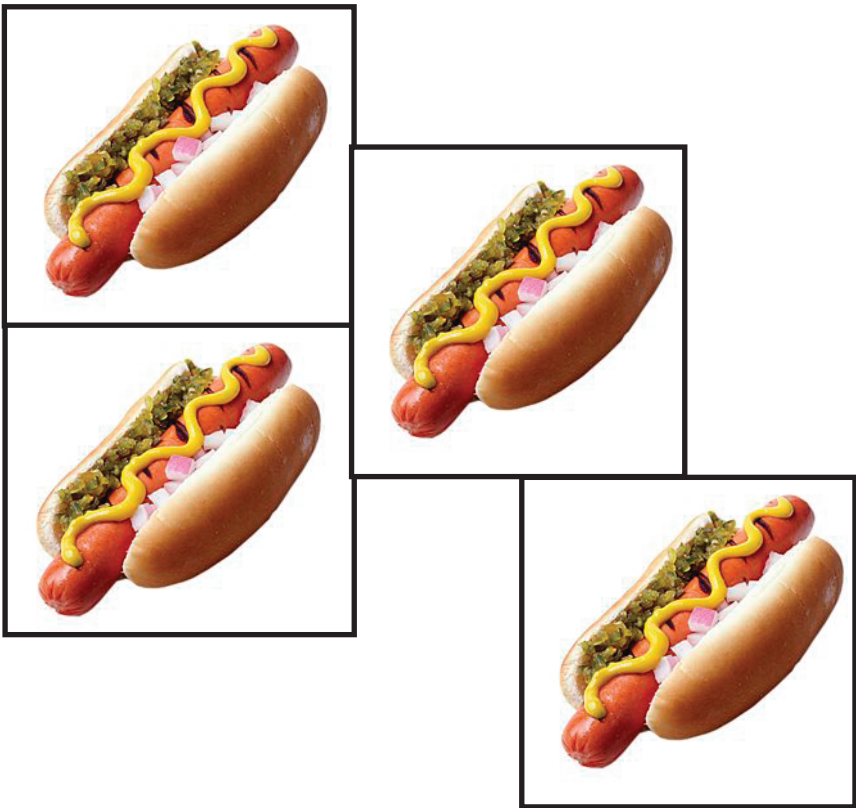
Beverage Selection: 10. Lingonberry drink is the best stuff around. A note, has anyone ever tried buying the Lingonberry syrup in that little Swedish gift shop by the hot dog stand? If so, please email mennoknight@canada.com and let us know how it is. We didn’t want to waste \$5 on something crappy. But, we did almost buy a tube of herring roe paste!

Ratio of Wiener to Bun: 10 - The Swedes know how to make wieners fit in buns.

Taste: 10 - Ikea wins over all other comers in the taste category. We could both eat 12 of these things no problem.

Value: 10 - Nothing could be finer. \$2.00 for 2 hot dogs and a refillable drink. You can even get a cinnamon bun for another \$1.00. But, if you buy a package of 6 cinnamon buns it costs \$5.00. The only downfall is they’re cold and Ikea will charge you a dollar to warm them up. Seriously.

Overall rating: 11/10. Do the math yourself, but make sure you do it the Swedish way. This high mark may be attributed to Ian’s huge bias (i.e. he loves Swedish pop bands like Kent and the Melody Club and Ace of Base) or Shawn’s poor adding skills. He is a marketing whiz though.



Audiophile Lite...

Ashley MacIsaac
Ashley MacIsaac
Decca Records

BY: IAN JARVIS

If there was ever an artist who has shifted musical styles, it has to be **Ashley MacIsaac** in his self-titled new release. His last album *Hi How Are You Today* had an energetic array of boot stompin’ tunes mixed in with fiddle music on speed. Draw your own thoughts there. So with his latest release I was patient. I gave it the benefit of the doubt after one listen and thought that it might need a few listens to get warmed up. No dice. If I were a star giver I’d say 3.5 out of 5.

Weaker tracks include his vocal debut on “Lay Me Down” that leaves you thinking he should stick to fiddling. “Grapes,” which contains the chorus “Every time you look my way, I just have to get up and say, I looove you,” sounds amazingly like the show ‘Who’s Line Is It Anyway?’ when the category is ‘Hoe Down.’ “Save Me From Tomorrow” includes the lyrics “-swing your partner doe see doe.” Enough said. Flashes



in the pan are “Bog and Login,” “To America We Go,” and “This Is My Father.” Any **Default** fans in the room? **Dallas Smith** of **Default** is featured on “Mull of Kintyre” that instills happy visions of stumbling in a circle of drunken friends at the Blarney Stone.

Ashley MacIsaac is an extremely talented artist and to that I am sure. Unfortunately, this record seems to lack that Cape Breton feel and has more of a country western sound with too many lame vocal tracks.

Various Artists
Conception: Musical Tribute to Stevie Wonder
Universal

BY: WINSTON TONG

This disc makes me want to buy a CD walkman so I can listen to it 24/7. I have concluded that music from yesterday is just better than music from today. Maybe it is also because I am growing old and I have finally come to a true understanding of good taste.

If this CD was all **Stevie Wonder**, I might not like it that much. Nevertheless, with **India.Arie**, **Mary J. Blige**, **Mark Anthony** and **Brian McKnight** as a few of the stars featured on this disc, it is definitely nice. In simple words, this disc is just talented songs (written by a talented man) sung by other talented musicians.



They have modernized the songs but they maintain a nice feel and groove. I’m giving it 4.5/5 stars. I expected this CD to be boring BUT I totally stand corrected. I can only tell you so much. Even if you are not buying it, do check it out in a CD store and see for yourself what I mean.

Do I Hear Oscar Buzz?

Not “bloody” likely

BY: SHAWN EDSTROM

A Man Apart... the gripping new action thriller from Vin Diesel is nothing less than WOW. Just when you thought that Vin was going to break his stereotype of being a bone-head tough guy, he fools you again.

If you want to go see this movie I suggest not reading past here, since there will be some spoilers. Sean Vetter (Diesel) is a DEA agent who goes to Mexico to stop the biggest drug cartel EVER, run by a guy named “Memo”... which reminds me.... memo yourself to wait for this one to come out on video.

Once Vetter and his right hand man Demetrius Hicks (Larenz Tate) extradite Memo to the USA to go to jail, a twist, that you almost couldn’t see coming, pops up. A guy by the name of Diablo takes over Memo’s territory and he is the next target for the street-thugs-turned-cops. Before Vetter can figure out the intricate and tricky plot, Diablo orders a hit on Vetter and his wife, and she goes down in a hail of gunfire.



“If a picture is worth 1000 words, then this one is worth at least 3000,” said Shawn Edstrom of this Vin Diesel press photo from the movie A Man Apart.

One thing these bad guys need to learn is don’t piss off Vin or he’ll kick your ass. It’s a given, isn’t it? So in a big surprise he goes after Diablo and his gang of ruthless thugs. The rest of the movie can be summed up in the next three sentences. Vetter beats a

couple of guys to death with his bare hands. He gets shot, but of course survives. And he kills A LOT of people... like I said above... WOW! This movie has made me think... think of all the things I could have better spent my two hours doing.



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Horoscopes for April, 2003

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Aries



Aries - March 20 into April 20
Living large and like a king is something you have now been introduced to. You will have to work very hard to keep in the limelight. After much rest, from mid-month, you may feel too lethargic to return to work. Finding a relationship, where they care for you, for your personality, (including your faults) may be difficult. Be aware that some will listen to your worries only for a moment, others will listen for a lifetime even if they are far away.

Libra



Libra - September 23 into October 23
It's not only the weather that has been keeping you down this month. If it feels that you just can't make up your mind on anything, don't be alarmed. It can be difficult to prioritize, organize and execute anything for you this month. (It usually happens this time of year, but wears off by April) Letting go of someone, setting them free is the best thing you can do for them, and most importantly, you. Being 'footloose and fancy free' lets you dance to your own rhythm.

Taurus



Taurus - April 20 into May 21
Maybe making that rapid decision to take on something new, wasn't the best idea. However, you manage to keep all your responsibilities in order, but it takes more energy than you anticipated. You may be reaping the sweet splendors of a new relationship this month, which may even entail some travel together. This month, it seems that you greet extreme highs with enthusiasm, but are then swept by a whirlwind into a batch of troublesome lows. This rollercoaster effect will wear off by April, when you will find more stability.

Scorpion



Scorpio - October 23 into November 22
Isn't it strange that when you are looking for a relationship, finding a date is as illusive as locating a yeti in the mountains? But now that you have found the perfect relationship, the phone doesn't stop ringing with people wanting to go out with you. Remember to choose to be with the person that makes you feel complete joy. Don't be with someone just because everyone thinks you should. All round this is a very favorable month for you. It is your time to shine, finally.

Sagittarius



Sagittarius - November 22 into December 21
There finally is a break from the chaotic storm by mid-month. Everything will smoothly move into place if you put the effort into it. You will be meeting many new people this month where you'll have the opportunity to show off all your charm and humour. If there has been someone you've been meaning to call, but have procrastinated, it is time to re-connect. Believe in your mate, they have tried very hard to help you along the way. Remember if you give now, you will receive more in the long-run.

Capricorn



Capricorn - December 21 into January 20
Several reasons why there have been some miscommunications between you and your partner this month. First, you don't put your foot down when you are being trifled with. Second, you aren't supposed to give any leeway when your mate juggles with your emotions like a clown with fire sticks. This is the month you should toughen up! If you are totally uninterested in spending time with all his friends or going to her 'sappy-chick-flicks' say so. It may benefit you to spend quality time together, actually talking instead.

Aquarius



Aquarius - January 21 into February 19
"For every season, turn, turn... there is a purpose under heaven for everything" Although, it seems that there have been the oddest mishaps and reunions, there really is no such thing as a coincidence. If you have been considering a change, maybe it's time you stop and follow your intuition. (Why is it that you are generally right about everything, but you never follow your gut?) Stop listening to the one that speaks all the time, and follow the one who says little but shows the way.

Leo



Leo - July 22 into August 23
Keeping obligations is hard for you this month. If there is a time to forgive, let it be now. Finding a 'quick-fix' never works. Ask yourself honestly, what the source of your pain is and act assertively on it. Through times of confusion, there is no way you can be of help to others until you have organized your own life's essentials. Work will ultimately be the focus of your month's events, work on relationships next month. Fussing about it now will just make things worse.

Virgo



Virgo - August 23 into September 23
Even when you thought you failed, you managed to do better than most. All your hard work has paid off! Family ties may feel strained this month. If you can manage to keep your complaints to yourself, and find the positive of the situation, it will help you more than speaking out. Your mates too, seem to be pushing the limits of your patience. They are looking for all the answers from you, when they should really be seeking the truth in themselves.

Pisces



Pisces - February 19 into March 20
You will finally find relief during mid-month from all the tensions in your life, for a while anyhow. You have been very patient with your mate this month, aiding with their home movement or job placement. This is definitely the time to reward yourself for all your hard work. Be prepared to find out that someone who you consider to be your friend is found out talking badly about you behind your back. Don't go down to their level. Just remember that you will not like everyone, and not everyone will like you. Carry on.



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BY: JAY SELINGER

At 23 years old, after playing only six regular season NHL hockey games, Ken Dryden performed his own “shock and awe” campaign as he backstopped the Montreal Canadiens to the Stanley Cup in 1971. Winning the Conn Smythe as MVP of the playoffs in his rookie year and going on to win five more Stanley Cups, a goaltending legend was born.

Enter now, 22 year old Vancouver Canuck third-string goaltender Alexander Auld. Canuck’s coach Marc Crawford has touted Auld as the go-to guy, replacing Peter Skudra, behind Dan Cloutier. Auld was initially called up from the Canucks’ farm club Manitoba Moose to back-up Peter Skudra after Cloutier was injured weeks ago. It took a matter of minutes for Auld to be called upon to enter the game, where he played magnificently earning his first NHL win against the Dallas Stars.

Coming up to the play-offs, one of the biggest question marks for Vancouver Canucks fans lays in their team’s goaltending. With Cloutier’s injury still pestering our #1 keeper, Auld has been called on time and time again. There is talk comparing Auld and his possible play-off appearance to the same career starting play-off run that put Ken Dryden in the halls of

hockey history. It’s a lot of pressure to put on a young goaltender, but Auld seems to be above the mental pressures of playing in the toughest hockey league in the world. He’s focused on game preparation, and is taking things one game at a time.

Last year’s Stanley Cup final saw the Detroit Red Wing superstars face-off against the Carolina Hurricane underdogs. No one expected Carolina to make it past their first round opponents, the New Jersey Devils, and yet they turned heads fighting all the way into the Stanley Cup play-offs, finally losing four games to one.

Who will it be this year? The play-off format is just days away from being final. In a game of underdogs and upsets, there is no sure thing. The Western Conference could be full of upsets as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and the Minnesota Wild both have the skill and roster to turn any team’s cup dreams to dust. The middle of the pack should see Colorado and St. Louis battle it out in a rough, exciting seven game series that will likely take quite a toll on the victor. But, six out of the last seven Stanley Cups have gone to one of the teams finishing atop the Western Conference, so Dallas, Detroit and Vancouver should not be counted out.

In the Eastern Conference, Ottawa and New Jersey have been dominating. Ottawa has the firepower, goaltending and the defence to bring the Stanley Cup home to



Ken Dryden (left) helped the Habs to victory. Will Alex Auld help the Canucks?



our nation’s capital. New Jersey’s defence is capable of shutting down even the highest scoring teams in the league, and they won’t be easy to play after last year’s quick exit thanks to Carolina. Philadelphia and Toronto will likely face-off in another fast-paced, physical game. With Owen Nolan and Mats Sundin leading the way, look for Toronto to pull through this one. Through-out this season, the bottom of the Eastern Conference has been teams that just don’t have what it takes. This should prove true in the first round, as the Boston Bruins and the New York Islanders will

likely lose quickly to New Jersey and Ottawa.

The 2003 Stanley Cup play-offs are going to be one heck of a show this year. Concluding yet another amazing year of hockey, fans from all around will be gathered in front of their tv sets and in their home-town arenas to cheer on their picks for the Stanley Cup. With apprehension in the air over the up-coming 2004 collective bargaining agreement, this is our time to embrace our game and let the business side be forgotten. Keep your heads up and your sticks on the ice.

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This Week

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday - BCIT Closed

Last break before finals in May. Catch up on some sleep, do some homework, or observe the religious holiday. The choice is yours.

Upcoming

Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday - BCIT Closed

I wonder if the Easter Bunny is going to bring you anything this year....? Mmm...chocolate is always good!

Wednesday, April 30 - Pro-D Day

Oooohhhhh yeah! Is it your birthday? It might as well be because you're getting another 4-day school week boys and girls! That's the third week in a row! You guys are soooooooo lucky. Of course, we know that you're going to use the time "to your best advantage," right? Good grief Charlie Brown, I sound like my mother. Help me!

Friday, May 16, 2003 - Last day of classes

Last day of classes for most programs...unless you're in FinMan!

Monday, May 19 - Victoria Day - BCIT Closed

Your exams start tomorrow, so study hard! Sorry, no parties for you this weekend. Next year, there's always next year...for you second years at least!

Tuesday, May 20 - Friday, May 23 - Final exams for most programs

GOOD LUCK on your finals.

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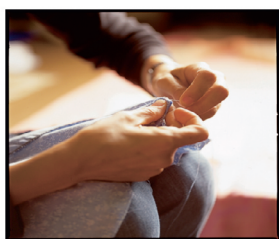
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