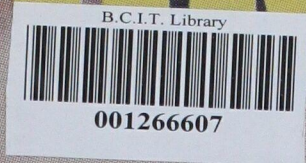


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Saturday, April 27

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Tuesday, April 30

Toastmasters International. 7am. SA Council Chambers, Campus Centre (SE2).

Wednesday, May 1

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BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Thursday, May 2

Deadline for next issue of The Link.

Saturday, May 4

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May 6 - 10

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Monday, May 6

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SA Council Meeting. 5:30pm. SA Council chambers, Campus Centre (SE2).

Tuesday, May 7

Toastmasters International. 7am. SA Council Chambers, Campus Centre (SE2).

Wednesday, May 8

BCIT Christian Club. Bible study & worship. 11:30am. SW1-2005. Contact Pastor Calvin 451-4568.

Next edition of the Link hits the stands.

Thursday, May 9

Recreation Council Social. Contact Recreation Services at 604-432-8287 for more information.

Tuesday, May 14

Toastmasters International. 7am. SA Council Chambers, Campus Centre (SE2).

Wednesday, May 15

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- 3rd Steel Trades

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- 1st Automation & Instrumentation
- 2nd Industrial Instrumentation
- 3rd Computer Control

School of Health Sciences

- 1st Clinical Genetics
- 2nd Sonography
- 3rd Electroneurophysiology

School of Manufacturing & Industrial Mechanical

- 1st Robotics
- 2nd Mechanical Design
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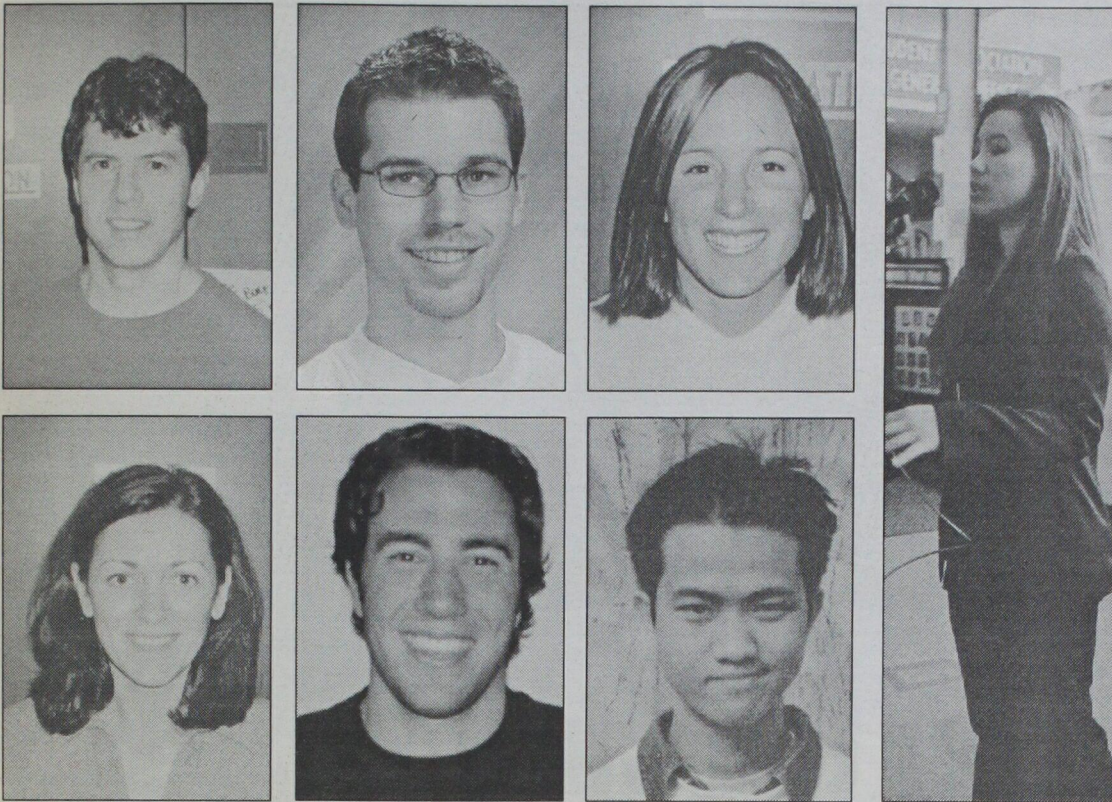
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The new SA executive (clockwise from top left): VP Student Affairs John Alexander, VP Finance and Administration Jay Selinger, VP PR and Marketing Patricia Stefani, President Samantha Yeung, Chair of Construction and Transportation Winston Tong, VP Campus Life Daniel Boffo, and Chair of Business and Health Cristina Roman. Chair of Electrical, Electronics and Computing Systems Jeff Patton not shown.

SA grants BCITMA funds for conference

SA Council Notes Cameron Rankin

The newly elected, incoming BCIT Student Association executive and a large contingent of members of the BCIT Marketing Association attended the Student Association council meeting this past Monday. The incoming SA executive was there to observe the present council at work and the BCITMA to request \$3,000 to assist 15 of its members to attend a week long conference in Orlando, Florida.

The meeting began with a presentation from the BCITMA explaining why they needed the funds. Their fundraising efforts came up short of the required funds needed for all 15 to make the trip and each person attending the conference had to pay \$425 each towards airfare and they also ate up the budget needed for start-up costs for next year's executive and they wanted the council to help defray the costs to the members and to help them with start-up costs for next years BCITMA. The council considered their request and granted them \$1,000.

- Brent Morris President of the SA reported that he had a meeting with Tony Knowles President of BCIT and Tony Tanner Vice-President of Education and they informed Brent of proposed timetable changes to begin September 1, 2002 BCIT administration wants to decrease the three hour Wednesday break to two hours and to have all classes end at 4:30pm with the last class on Friday ending at 2:30pm.
- It was pointed out that there is an existing agreement between BCIT and the SA that there can be no modification to the three-hour break without the SA's permission.
- Council voted against supporting the administrations proposal.
- Holly Cunningham Vice President Campus Life reported that the blood clinic at BCIT was a success with 130 people donating a total of 84 units of blood which will help save 385 people.
- Marie Halfnights Vice-President Finance and Administration and Jessica Jensen Chair of Electrical, and Electronics and Computing reported that the Cut For The Cure 1 raised \$9,125 and the Cut For The Cure 2 raised \$ 1,573 for a total of \$10,734 raised for cancer research. There was a total of 20 participants who had their hair cut or shaved. Jensen and Halfnights hope that this will become an annual event on the BCIT Burnaby campus.

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SA Elections hotly contested

AMY LAPSLEY
Link News Editor

The 2002 Student Association Elections are officially over and in many ways they were the most unusual BCIT student political race in recent memory. First, a huge number of students turned out to vote — 25 per cent of the student body compared with only 5 per cent last year. Second, the race for Student President was the closest race BCIT has seen for years. So close in fact, that a recount had to be held to determine the new President.

According to Marie Halfnights, BCIT's current VP of Finance & Administration, a recount was requested by one of the Presidential candidates after the initial results were released. Only thirty-six votes separated the top two candidates. After a recount was held, it was officially announced that Samantha Yeung is BCIT's new Student President with 577 votes, 35 votes over her closest opponent.

Yeung was surprised by the close race. "It as a really, really close race. It was tough. It could have gone either way." But, Yeung says she is thrilled

with the results. "I haven't had time to really react to it. It's great. The people I'm going to get to know are excellent people. I'm excited at the opportunity," she said.

Halfnights says the procedures of a recount are not in the Student Association Constitution, but they felt the tight results deserved a second count. "We counted because one of the candidates requested it. But the results were within 10 percent of the total vote, so we felt we should recount it," she said.

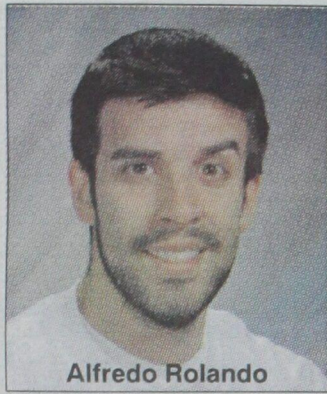
Other positions were also decided by a close margin. John Alexander won the VP of Student Affairs position, beating his opponent Will Heller by only 111 votes. For the position of Chair of Business & Health Sciences, Christina Roman beat Craig W. Clark by only 55 votes.

Not all of the races were so close. Jay Selinger will be the new VP of Administration & Finance. He beat his opponent, Bruce McTaggart with 1024 votes to 529. Also, Daniel Boffo got the nod to act as VP Campus Life with 571 votes, beating his closest opponent by almost 200 votes.

Three of the Executive positions were uncontested. Patricia Stefani will be the new VP of Public Relations & Marketing with a yes vote of 1320 and a no vote of 177. The Chair of Electrical, Electronics and Computing will be filled by Jeff Patton who received 198 yes votes and 35 no votes. Finally, Winston Tong won the Chair of Transportation & Construction seat with 190 yes votes and 44 no votes.

SA Executive Election Results for 2002-02

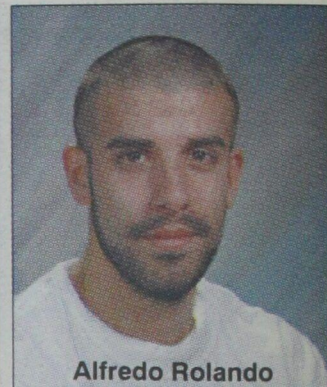
PRESIDENT		Chair of Business & Health Sciences	
Teri Almas	552	Craig W. Clark	372
Mark Daniel	405	CRISTINA ROMAN	427
SAMANTHA YEUNG	577		
VP Administration & Finance		Chair of Electrical, Electronics & Computing	
JAY SELINGER	1024	JEFF PATTON	YES 198
Bruce McTaggart	529		NO 35
VP Public Relations & Marketing		Chair of Transportation & Construction	
PATRICIA STEFANI	YES 1320	WINSTON TONG	YES 190
	NO 177		NO 44
VP Student Affairs		Chair of Mechanical, Manufacturing, Process Energy & Renewable Resources	
Will Heller	521	No candidates, by-election will be run September 2002 for this position	
JOHN ALEXANDER	635		
Benjamin S. H. Kwok	350		
VP Campus Life		Total Ballots Cast: 1,670	
Nola Kilmartin	385	(Figures will not sum due to spoiled ballots.)	
DANIEL BOFFO	571		
Paula Deslippe	260		
Ryan McDonald	248		



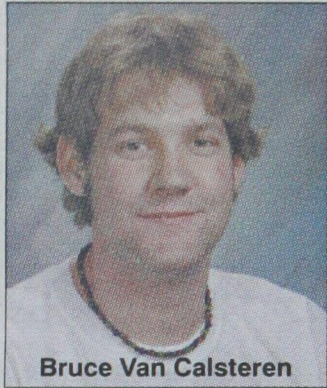
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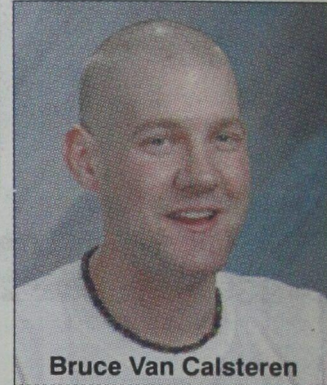
Jay Selinger gets his cut from Jennyfer Le Clair while Graydon Hooper and Mike Watson watch — and wait their turn. PAUL DAYSON PHOTO



Alfredo Rolando



Bruce Van Calsteren



Bruce Van Calsteren

Cut for the Cure 2



Graydon Hooper

PAUL DAYSON
Link Managing Editor

Five volunteers got up on stage on Wednesday, April 18 to have their heads shaved to raise money for the BC Cancer Foundation.

SA VP of PR and Marketing Alfredo Rolando, Bruce Van Calsteren of Civil and Structural, Graydon Hooper, a welding student, Financial Management student Jay Selinger and Mike Watson of Marketing Management all lost their hair for the cause.

"It's actually pretty windy in this building," said Selinger of the Great Hall after Jennyfer LeClair of Haircuts

performed the honours on Selinger's head.

Another student, Eric Ruttan of Electronics Engineering, volunteered on the spur of the moment.

"I'll do it if you'll donate \$500," said Ruttan before walking around the Campus Centre collecting donations. Numerous students made trips to the bank machine to bring back donations.

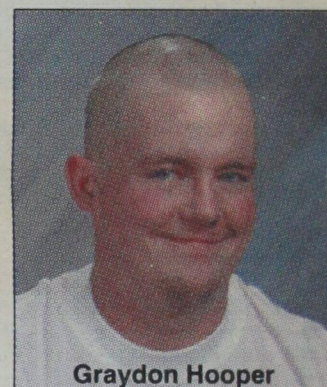
The donations for Ruttan raised \$562.37.

Watson's and Ruttan's hair was also kept to be made into wigs for those under going cancer treatment. To do this the hair cut must be at least six inches long.

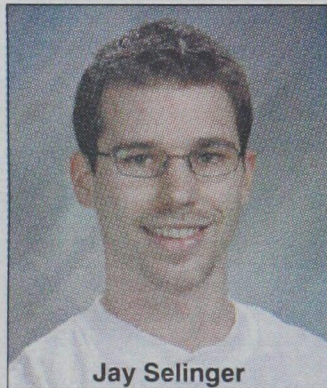
Cut for the Cure 2 raised \$1,573 for Cancer Research. Added to this total is \$9,125 raised by Cut for the Cure 1, held in February when 15 students and staff have their heads shaved.

Combined the two events have raised \$10,734 at BCIT this year, according to Jessica Jensen, the SA's Chair of Electrical, and Electronics and Computing and Marie Halfnights the SA's VP of Finance and Administration.

Jensen and Halfnights hope that this will become an annual event on the BCIT Burnaby campus.



Graydon Hooper



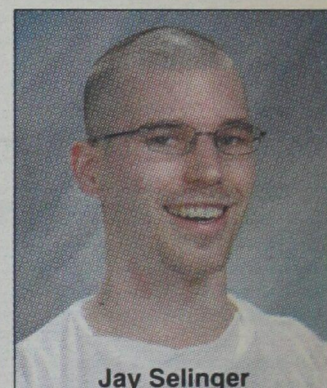
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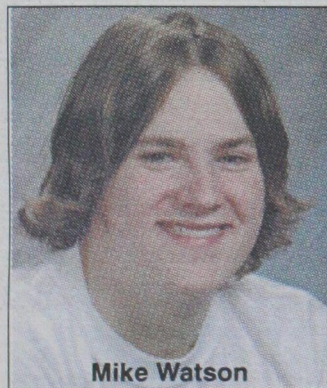
Eric Ruttan showing off his hair before his cut and after.



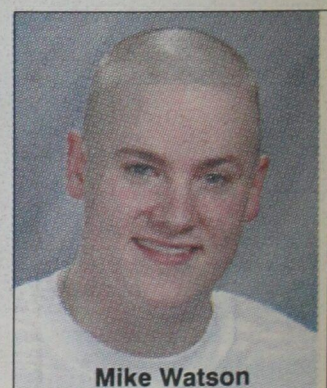
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Jay Selinger



Mike Watson



Mike Watson

Before and after headshots by Joe Tompai (Mountain West Studios)



Students throng to the polling station during SA elections.

PAUL DAYSON PHOTO

Voter turnout hits a record high

PAUL DAYSON
Link Managing Editor

Students turned out in droves for this year's Student Association Executive Elections. The number of students voting, 1,670, is unprecedented.

Last year, 531 ballots were cast — over a third less than this year.

SA Vice-President of Administration and Finance Marie Halfnights, the Chief Returning Officer in the elections said, the turnout was a result of active promotion of the elections by the SA.

Many students said they came to vote because of the free set photos distributed by the SA to those voting in the elections.

"We don't really care about this voting. We've only been here six weeks and we're gone," said Rob Sebastian, a plumbing

student, of his fellow students. "We're just here to get our set photos."

"We're in second year, so it really doesn't matter to us. We're here to pick up our photos," said Lexy Garrett of second year Financial Management.

Even students not getting their set photos recognized that the pictures of their classmates were a factor in the turnout.

"I'm voting for my friend," said James DeChavez, a first year marketing student. "I don't have set pictures or anything, so that's the main reason I'm voting."

The highest turnout of voters, as in past years, was in the business and health schools — with 866 votes being cast. The Schools of Electrical, Electronics and Computing Systems and of Transportation and Construction cast 272 votes each.

Set photos are still available at the SA Office for a \$2 charge.

Campaign speeches met with cheers

AMY LAPSLEY
Link News Editor

A few hundred students came out last week to hear the SA candidates give their election speeches. Seventeen candidates spoke in the Great Hall about issues they think are important to students. Most of the speeches were met with cheers, whistles and applause from the crowd.

The candidates for SA President spoke to the students first. Samantha Yeung, candidate for Student Association President, said she wants to build communication as President.

"The campaign has been amazing. I have met so many people," she said.

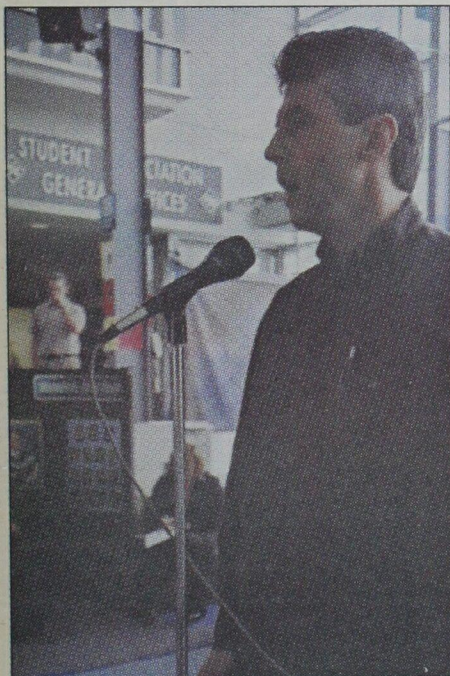
Mark Daniel, another candidate for SA President says he enjoys dealing with problems that students face. As a Tech Rep for Civil and Structural Engineering, Daniels said he has the experience needed to make a good president.

The final candidate for Student Association President, Teri Almas, said she knows what students care about. "I think you care about campus life, your workload, and the fragmentation of programs [at BCIT]."

The candidates for the other

Executive SA positions spoke about a variety of issues, including improving social life on campus, increases in tuition fees and making sure the Student Association is accountable to the student body.

Organizers of the event were happy with the turnout, although there was some doubt if students were there to listen to the candidates or just happened to be there to have lunch. Marie Halfnights, the current SA VP of Finance and Administration, said they deliberately held the speeches during the Wednesday break because they knew students would be hanging out in the Great Hall.



John Alexander (left) and Samantha Yeung (above) address giving their campaign speeches.

PAUL DAYSON PHOTOS

SA Council Notes

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- 298 students applied for financial aid through the Save Your Ass fund and 60 students were awarded a total of \$25,000.
- Council passed a motion to contribute \$10,000 to the furnishing of student lounges in SW3 with BCIT picking up the majority of the costs.
- A draft proposal of the 2002-3 Student Association budget was presented to the executive and councilors for them to examine. The budget will be discussed at the next council meeting, watch for more information on this story in the next issue of *The Link*.
- Norm Nawrocki actor and comedian will be performing in the Great Hall on Wednesday, May 8 during the three-hour break. The total cost to the SA for travel, accommodations and the performance is \$1,800.
- The SA is investigating having more poster boards set up on campus to inform students of events happening on campus
- Council passed a motion to purchase T-shirts for a joint FSA, SA, and Simon Fraser University 24 hr relay team, up to an amount of \$250. The relay is to be held on June 15 and 16.

The next SA council meeting will be held on Monday, May 6 in SA Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Campus Centre.

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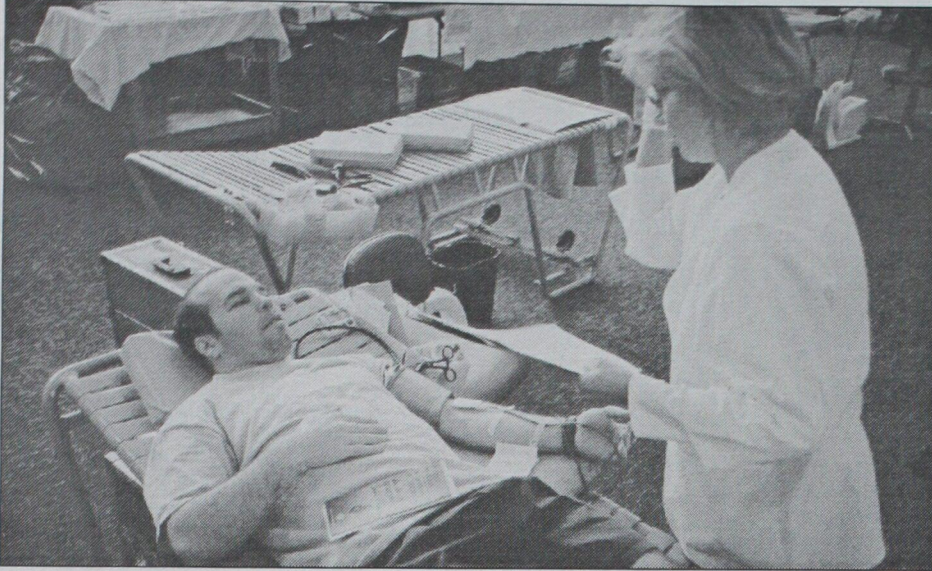
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A first time blood donor at the blood drive held April 10th.

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Broadcast panel debates media convergence

JOANNA KRYNEN
Link Reporter

Is bigger really better? This seemed to be the question on everyone's minds as BCIT's Broadcast Journalism class of 2002 hosted a forum on Media Convergence on April 18 at the Burnaby campus. This was the fifth annual broadcast journalism forum on media issues and entitled 'Convergence: Illusion of Choice?'

The panel of four media representatives consisted of Global national anchor Kevin Newman, the Georgia Straight's news editor — a BCIT and Link alumns — Charlie Smith, past Vancouver Sun columnist Denny Boyd and Ian Koenigsfest the Public Affairs Director for CKNW 980 Radio. David Pinton, from the BCIT Journalism class of 2002, moderated the evenings discussion with all technical support provided by fellow broadcasting students.

The discussion covered the gamut of the convergence issue with definite opinions being expressed throughout the evening. Smith was the most vocal about the negative impact of convergence. He suggested that we should all be concerned about our privacy with the ever-shrinking world of diverse media ownership and the way that media conglomerates collect information from their consumers. Political censorship was also a concern as was the thought that convergence could undermine the public's view of the media. When one company owns

all of our news sources and needs to make a profit, are we really getting both sides of the story?

Newman countered that opinion by suggesting that in 10 years time the economics of news will be destroyed and convergence will take care of itself. People can watch what they want when they want thanks to direct television and will not watch news broadcasts that they don't consider credible.

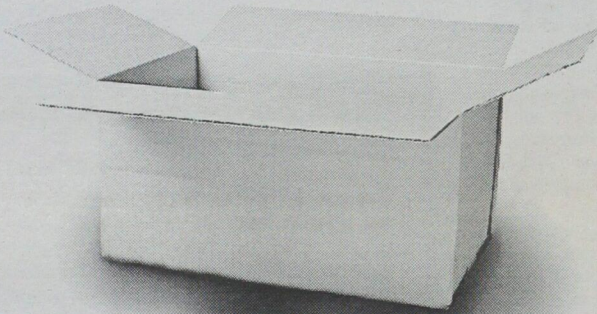
Koenigsfest thinks of convergence in two ways: the convergence of people and of resources, which allows for greater efficiency within a company. He makes the point that companies need to make money but was adamant that safeguards need to be put into place for the protection of journalism in the wake of takeovers and convergence.

Boyd was of the opinion that convergence takes away the competitiveness factor of journalism but Kevin Newman disagreed. He says that there's still healthy competition between reporters throughout all of CANWEST Global's holdings - print, radio, internet and television. Everyone still wants to be the first to get the story.

No matter what their opinion on the issue of convergence, all panelists seemed to agree on this point - no matter who owns what, when, you still have to be tough, report hard and stand your ground.

Kudos to the Journalism Class of 2002 for a job well done on an informative and professional forum.

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BCIT's quintathalon takes place today

BRUCE MCTAGGART
Link Reporter

On Wednesday, April 24th the 13th Annual BCIT Quintathalon takes place. Thirteen teams of seven athletes will compete for prizes by completing a course that starts at Deer Lake and ends at BCIT.

Various legs include canoeing around Deer Lake, a run to CG Brown Pool, a swim, a long run back to BCIT, and a mountain bike race around the fitness trail.

Action starts at 12 o'clock at Deer Lake and is expected to end around 1:30pm at BCIT. Come out and cheer for the teams.

Doyle's vision: persistence and a positive attitude

KIM CHOINIÈRE
Link Arts & Culture Editor

I had the opportunity to chat with three-time West Coast Music Award nominee, Laura Doyle. Apart from Laura's music, it's obvious why this independent artist has grown successfully. Doyle's vocal talent and her "commit to your dream" outlook has definitely got her where she is today. Laura has proved that a positive attitude and persistence is key to achieving any dream.

With this view on life it's not surprising the response she's received from her very first CD release "No easy answers". Tracks have been used in recent movies and featured on TV's "Dawson's Creek" and "Cold Squad". Although this is a huge complement to an artist, Laura made clear her music isn't free to be used in just any type of scenes.

The release of "No easy answers" has taught Doyle many things. She believes you have to "trust the process" and be interde-



pendent because "you can't make it without a lot of support behind you". No doubt Doyle has committed to her dreams and wants to

continue by possibly recording another album this summer.

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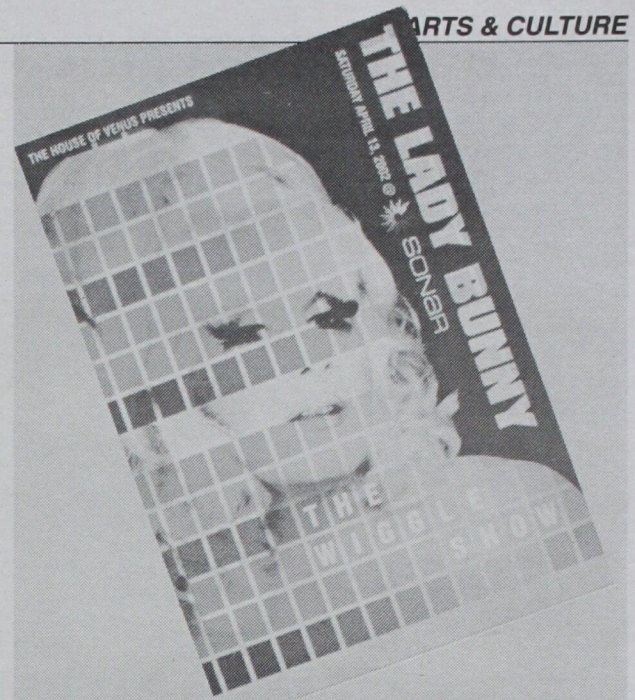
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Wiggle Show provides enjoyable surprises

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Link Arts & Culture Reporter

Last week somebody gave me this flyer from "the wiggle show" put on by the "house of venus" www.venushouse.com entertainment group. It had a picture of a hot blond and the promising slogan "... featuring Vancouver's hottest designers, hairstylists, artists and performers."

I figured this was going to be some kinda fashion show. The event was held on Saturday the 13th at the Sonar in Gastown one of my favourite clubs so I'd really wanted to go. I was looking forward to see some tall girls with see through shirts presenting some stylish and interesting looks. My buddies envied me after they heard I was put on the guestlist. This was going to be a great night.

I showed up early at around 10:30pm. The line up was short. During my 20 minute wait at the door I've noticed that most of my fellow line uppers were from the same gender and even once inside the ratio seemed a little off.. wait a minute there's a couple of girls over there. I thought a closer look revealed that they were actually drag queens. I needed a drink. I pushed my way through the colourful crowd and soon found myself in the upstairs room ordering a gin and tonic ... make that a double. I went downstairs again where they had a catwalk built in the middle of the dance-floor, big screens hanging from the ceiling and chairs at the end. All the seats were taken but I managed to find a spot right next to the dressing room.

At 11:30 the show started. Host "Lady Bunny" from New York (the girl from the cover) came out and gave everybody a warm melodic welcome. She also was a drag queen. I now was confronted with the reality that this was going to be a little different from what I expected it to be. And ordered another drink.

The first fashion set came on the floor accompanied by dj dickey doo's house beats. The girls looked absolutely stunning. The clothes were sexy and stylish and the material varied from natural stuff such as branches to futuristic metals. I was amazed about what these stylists can do to people's hair. The one girl almost looked like Marge Simpson having her hair styled four feet in the air. This line up was followed by numerous performances including people singing, dancing, yodeling and getting naked.

The show ended at around 1:30pm but the party continued well beyond.

All in all I must say that this night was a very different and very cool experience where the audience played a big part. People were wearing some crazy outfits. Whigs were pretty much standard. One girl was wearing an ashtray on her head. And even though it was not what I expected and maybe even a little scary for straight guy on his own I had the best time. And oh yeah did I mention that even though there were only like a third girls that they were all absolutely gorgeous and dressed up extremely creative and sexy.

The Wiggle Show was a benefit event for the "YouthCo AIDS Society."

Rix patrons still waiting for duck eggs to hatch

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The ducks roosting in the pond outside the Rix still aren't parents. Barb Rezansoff, manager of the Rix said the eggs hadn't hatched yet, but were expected soon. Other ducks in other ponds around campus already have youngsters.

The duck remains an object of fascination to patrons of the restaurant. There is lots of interest in the mother duck as she sits immobile on her nest just five feet from the patrons.

The contest the Rix is holding to guess the number of hatchlings and the date they hatch was well subscribed but students will have to wait a while longer to find out who won.

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