



Some robots getting ready for Open House, just a week away.

New policy allows foreign students and spouses to work in Canada

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OTTAWA

Foreign students will not have to wait around for second pickings in the Canadian job market, since Employment and Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard announced changes to foreign student employment policies late last month.

International students will be permitted to work on campus or in education-related off-campus jobs for up to 12 months and their spouses will be permitted to work, all without proving that the jobs could not be filled by qualified Canadians.

Until now, restrictions have made it very difficult for international students to get part-time work on or off campus and their spouses were not

permitted to work at all.

"This is something we've been fighting for for years on the very simple grounds that it is pure discrimination," said Clement Oshinyimika, coordinator for the International Students Centre at Carleton University.

"First you say we have to pay five times as much as Canadian students, and we have to contribute equally to the running of the school, then we can't have the same benefits."

Before the new policy, foreign students could only accept jobs which could not be filled by Canadians.

But Oshinyimika said the changes are not far-reaching enough because they will affect only a small percentage of international students.

"We don't know how many job openings are available on

campus, or how many would be hired by Canadian companies after they graduate and only a minimum of foreign students are married. So maybe these changes will affect five per cent of international students. But it's still good that the Conservative government would do this."

Employment and Immigration sources say this move is just one of a number of upcoming announcements on international students, and is part of an overall federal government strategy to attract more international students to Canadian colleges and universities.

Employment and Immigration official Robert Greenslade said levels of unemployment in Canada are too high to lift all restrictions on foreign student employment.

"This is a fairly delicate area considering the levels of unemployment generally in Canada," said Greenslade. "They (the government) are looking at these four steps as a progressive step forward, rather than leaping in and opening up the entire Canadian job market to foreign students."

Oshinyimika, a third-year Ph.D. student from Nigeria, has been studying at Carleton for three years. He said finances are a major problem for foreign students.

In many countries, if you have been sent by your family to get a degree overseas, you cannot return empty handed if you couldn't afford to support yourself through four years of school. Many students will do anything to get that degree, even if it means trying to beat the immigration system (working illegally)."

Oshinyimika said he is glad to see the federal government finally recognizing the benefit foreign students can be to Canada.

"Japan has been increasing its foreign student enrolment by offering scholarships to study there. They recognize that Japan will have educated friends all over the world. Finally Canada is moving along with the rest of the world."

BCIT will have budget numbers within a week

By Tim Perry

BCIT should know within a week how much money it will get from the provincial government for the 1988-89 school year.

BCIT's executive director of Finance Clayton McKinley says he can't speculate on whether the institute will be facing any

funding cuts, but this is the last year BCIT will receive a lump-sum operating grant.

For the 1989-90 school year the institute will return to formula funding, which many believe will result in budget cutbacks of between two and ten million dollars.

Executive delivers message of recovery

By Tim Perry

Two members of the outgoing Student Association executive delivered a message of recovery to BCIT students during the S.A.'s Annual General Meeting in Taps last Tuesday.

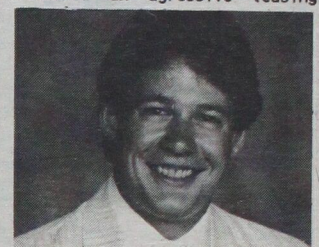
President Jamie Letwin started the report by telling students this year started on a high note. He said the Orientation dances at the beginning of the school year set new sales records, registration for intramural sports was higher than ever, and Shinerama raised a record \$18,000.

Letwin reported fundraising for the new Campus Centre is going well, and said the S.A. was expecting a major donation toward the centre from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

But he told students the biggest accomplishment of the S.A. was in the area of improving the association's reputation and financial situation. Letwin said the S.A. had an extremely bad image when his executive took over. In addition, he said, the S.A. was in dire financial straits.

The S.A. was over \$200,000 in debt, and things were getting worse. Letwin gives credit to S.A. business manager Lorne Hildebrand for leading the restructuring of the association;

management was streamlined, the accounting system was overhauled, and the S.A. launched an aggressive leasing



Letwin: S.A. recovering

campaign, where money-losing S.A. businesses were leased out to private business.

Richard Briggs told students the new accounting system generates monthly statements, and the S.A. now knows where "every penny" goes. He reported the most recent six-month statement showed the S.A. had made \$120,000 in profits; that money has been put toward the association's debt.

Briggs closed the meeting by saying the outgoing S.A. has exercised restraint in spending, and worked like a team to overcome problems it inherited. He added he hopes the new executive will have the same "group feeling."

Membership happy with faculty organization

Link Staff Report

The BCIT Staff Society recently surveyed its membership and found that over 90 per cent of those responding were "generally pleased" with Staff Society bargaining efforts. 90 per cent also agreed or strongly agreed that the organization was representative of the membership "in most, if not all" positions it takes on various issues and in dealing with the problems of membership.

The results of the survey, published in the latest issue of

the BCIT Staff Society Newsletter also indicated that 72.8 per cent thought their wages were "slightly to far" behind industry levels, and 78.4 per cent thought this year's salary increase should range from four to ten per cent. One-third of those responding favoured a five percent increase, and almost 80 per cent ranked compensation as the number 1 or 2 bargaining priority this year.

228 members of the Staff Society, or approximately 40 per cent, responded to the questionnaire.

Executive ponders institute supervision of socializers

By Delanne Reid
and Don Wright

The Institute does not think the Ladies Extravaganza Night was appropriate or in good taste, and has said so to the Student Association. The event, held about once a term at Taps pub in the SAC, features male 'exotic' dancers.

The Student Association, on the other hand, wonders just how far the institute's supervision of campus entertainment will go. Recently, a video game was removed from campus after it was also deemed inappropriate for BCIT.

S.A. business manager Lorne Hildebrand says the ladies nights are very popular, well-attended and very controlled. "The ladies were even escorted to their cars if desired," says Hildebrand.

Hildebrand adds that no one can accuse the S.A. of not being socially responsible.

"We are the only pub that has a policy where is someone is caught drinking too much and starts to show consistent behavior in that, may not only be barred from the pub, but

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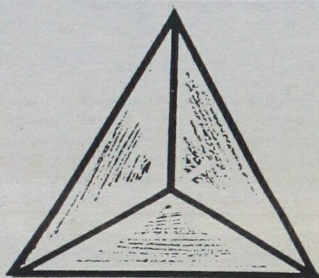
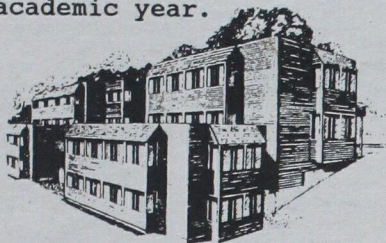
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Who should get a family allowance?

By Colleen Griffin

Over two and a half billion dollars is paid across Canada each year in family allowance cheques. It's the best known Federal cash benefit for families with children.

Introduced in 1945, the original objectives of the program were to recognize the contributions of parents in raising the next generation, to help low income parents provide for their children, and to help stimulate the economy.

The objectives, however, have raised many controversies, and one issue that has been argued at great length is the question: who should receive the benefits?

Presently, family allowance is a universal program. All families with children under 18 are eligible, and payment is the same for every child regardless of the family's income: the president of a bank receives the same amount as a single mother on welfare. Politicians, economists and critics on social welfare are among those who disagree on who should receive family allowance benefits.

Darlene Marzari, NDP MLA for Vancouver, Point Grey, says the program should be universal.

"The present family allowance program came out of the second World War. It was our country's gesture toward a universal payment to people and to parents when children emerged into the Canadian world," says Marzari, "and I'm staunchly and firmly behind the notion of universal payments to people because it recognizes every parent as an individual and every child as an individual."

However, head of the Fraser Institute in Vancouver, Dr. Michael Walker, would like to see selectivity in the program,

"in order to preserve the family allowance payment as a payment to individuals who need it in the sense that their income is insufficient and they need some support from the government sector to enable them to deal with the additional burdens of raising children."

"We ought to target it on lower income groups...in order to actually preserve the program we ought to make it less universal," says Walker.

Though family allowance is primarily social in its purpose, it also has an economic impact on society and some say this angle could suffer by a change from universality to selectivity.

One of the reasons family allowance was legislated in the first place was to stimulate consumer spending after World War Two. No matter how the cheque is spent, the program pumps cash into the economy. This buys goods and services and in turn helps create jobs.

A report by the National Council of Welfare argues selective family allowance could weaken this economic stimulus. Re-channelling money from the program to job creation may not be successful. The report says more jobs may be lost as a result of cutting family allowance than would be created by diverting the program's funds to job creation.

Economist for the B.C. Credit Union, Robin Allen, feels the family allowance increases the number of people in the labour force.

Allen says that if people receive some kind of guaranteed minimum income while they had children under the age of seven, then they'd be "more likely to go into the labour market and work."

Family allowance also has special significance for women. It serves as society's recognition of child rearing work done by mothers. The cheque is paid directly to the mother on behalf of her children. Today, it remains the only source of income all mothers are entitled to as a right.

Marzari agrees. "It's a cheque that since the post-war forties, mothers have felt as if it was a payment and compensation for the work they did. Obviously it's eroded in terms of what it actually buys nowadays, but the symbolic value is still very much there."

Marzari says that if it can be replaced by a guaranteed family income, "that's one thing, but until that time I think it's still a necessary part of our demographic structure."

Although the family allowance program has been in existence for over 40 years, the social, political, economic and women's issues are still being debated.

It appears more problems will arise before these issues are resolved.

Register for summer work

The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission will be operating Student Employment Centres this spring and summer. Each year thousands of post secondary students are in search of summer employment. Many recognize that education alone doesn't guarantee them a job; they look for experience, a chance to learn, and to enhance their skills.

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Sure offers wide range of services

Link Staff Report

Sure Copy Centre, located in the SAC East hall, is doing a booming business. Since taking over the old SAM's operation on January 1st, Sure Copy has remodeled and modernized the facility, turfed out the old presses, and brought in some big high quality, high speed photocopiers.

Currently Sure Copy offers a wide range of copying and printing services, including long run copying and collating while you wait, and colour laser copying and custom printing on order. Sure also offers report binding, ID laminating and matching envelopes for resumes copied on textured paper.

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Labour issues dominate SFU student council elections

Canadian University Press
BURNABY

Contract negotiations between Simon Fraser University's student society and their employee union have polarized candidates in the student council election race.

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 2396 and their student society employers have been locked in contract negotiations since last December. Documents leaked to SFU's student newspaper, in February, suggest the student society is demanding 93 concessions from the union to secure what they call 'management rights'.

The concessions include removal of clauses protecting employees against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, political and personal opinion, union activity, and against sexual harassment.

The Unity team, headed by presidential candidate and incumbent, Nelson Quiroga, is

arguing the CUPE workers have too much bargaining power, and the positions have fallen out of students' hands. The slate claims it is a coalition of the campus Liberal, NDP and Social Credit clubs.

Quiroga called an impromptu press conference last week to air the Unity slate's charges that CUPE members were influencing the election by supporting the Grassroots party, in an attempt to secure a better contract.

Quiroga's complaints stem from a letter by CUPE regional director, Ray Arseneault, encouraging "CUPE members, their families and friends who are taking courses at SFU" to vote for Grassroots candidates in the student elections last week. "Please help our brothers and sisters achieve a fair contract," wrote Arseneault.

Quiroga said he was "outraged and appalled" by what he called "blatant third party intervention" by CUPE. "One of the largest unions in the

country is attempting to undermine the elections here at SFU," he said.

"The union is circulating this letter only because they are promoting the narrow interests of the 14 (full-time) union employees who work for use, the students."

But the meeting soon erupted into a yelling match, when Grassroots candidates accused Unity of violating pre-election campaigning rules by speaking on the issue during polling.

Union representatives counter that their actions are justified given the Unity slate's openly hostile stance toward the 30 members of CUPE employed on campus.

"In running for re-election as part of the Unity slate, (Quiroga and his slate) have based their campaign almost entirely on staff-bashing, anti-union sentiments, misinformation about contract negotiations, and personal attacks on staff members," said Nick Witheford, CUPE shop steward.

"Trade unions have as much right as anyone to participate in elections," he said, "especially to defend their members against an intense political attack."

A rash of pro and anti-union literature has appeared on campus in the two week campaign period, promoting claims on both sides of third party interference. CUPE leaflets like "Staff bashing myths" and "Stop the lies" have endorsed Grassroots, while unsigned leaflets like the "Anti student bulletin" parody union claims of anti-staff actions, in support of the Unity team.

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Victoria student council pays students to attend AGM

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VICTORIA

Quorum is so foreign to the University of Victoria's annual General Meeting that the council paid students to come out.

"In order to encourage students to attend, we're issuing StudentSaver bucks," said Pam Frache, student council president.

Each buck is good for a \$1 discount at either of the two union building cafeterias.

Despite the bribe, only 40 people showed up at the recent meeting. Quorum at the 10,000-student university is 100.

But the minimum attendance requirement is reduced by half after one hour has elapsed. Councillors refused to validate

the bucks until sixty minutes had gone by, when the meeting could begin.

Frache sees a real need for the promotional offer.

"Currently there's no real purpose in coming to general meetings," she said. "According to our current bylaws the (meeting) has no tangible legislative authority."

Frache said she didn't see anything wrong with paying people to vote at an annual general meeting.

At BCIT, the Student Association AGM is held at high noon in the SAC cafeteria/pub complex in conjunction with an all-candidates meeting. Attaining quorum has not been a problem over the past several years.

Council Update

By Delanne Reid

Council learned last week there have been a lot of car stereos stolen on campus. S.A. President Jamie Letwin said he talked to security about the problem, and wondered if the trees at the south end of campus might be an invitation to thieves.

Nicki Magnolo, executive director of the Alumni Association was the guest speaker at last week's meeting. She brought council up to date on alumni affairs. She said the current alumni board of directors is the strongest board in the last five years and has some really exciting activities coming up in the next few years.

The alumni is involved in fundraising for the Campus Centre and for student aid.

In 1987, the alumni brought in a total of \$86,000 (\$54,000 through donations and \$32,000 in matching funds from the government). Magnolo says this fundraising is "pretty exceptional considering what's available in terms of students loans, bursaries and scholarships." Magnolo added that it is a strong indicator that the

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they also have to go see (Medical Services director) Dr. Barb Copping."

S.A. president Jamie Letwin said he'll be discussing the matter in more detail with institute acting vice president of Student Services Paula Pick.

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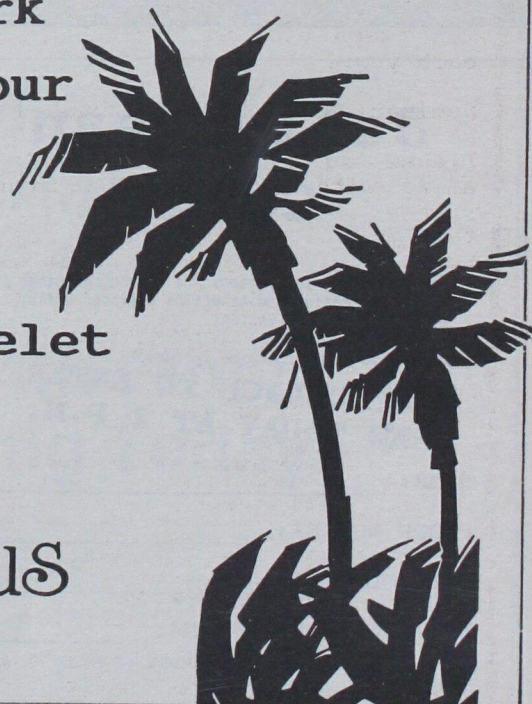
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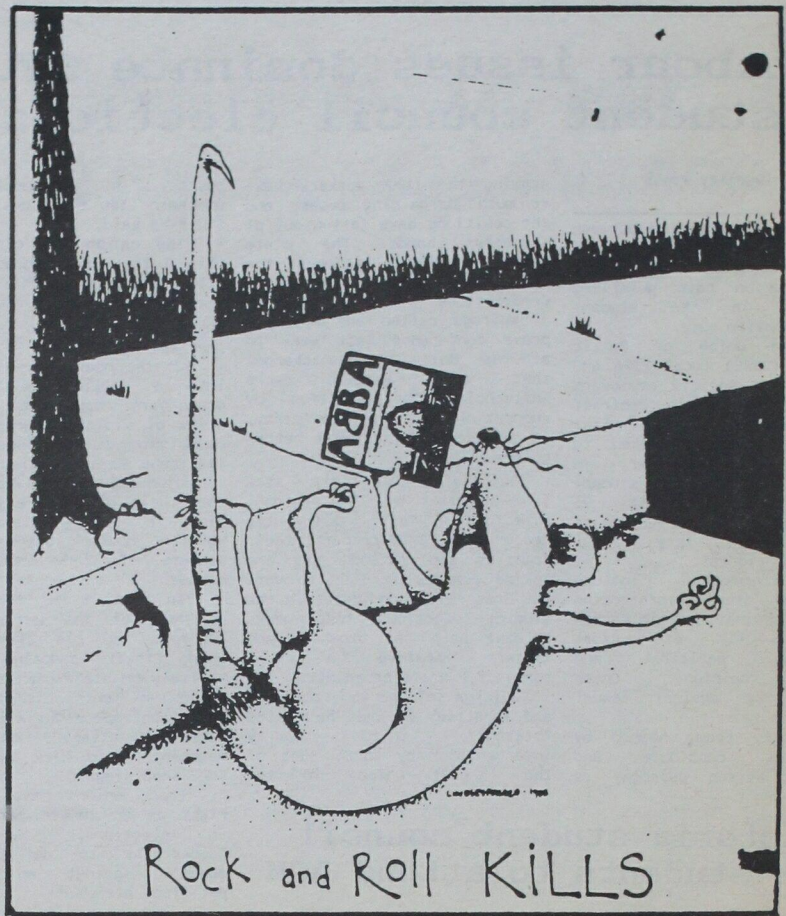
It seems like every month we hear stories of motorists stumbling all over the middle of a freeway frantically grabbing at money that's tumbled from a truck.

All of the money-transporting vehicles I've ever seen in my life look like they could hold water without losing a drop. So what do these guys who drive armored cars do, leave the doors open? It's one thing driving out of MacDonald's with your bag of food sitting on the roof of your car, but good grief, these people are carrying bags of cash!

One of these days the bad guys are going to clue in and realize they don't have to go to all the trouble of robbing a bank - they just have to follow an armored car around for a few blocks until they get hit on the head with a sack full of hundreds.

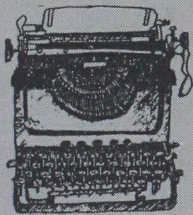
And if it keeps happening, people are going to start driving convertibles with cow-catchers mounted on the front. That way, they can just flip the bag into the back seat without even stopping.

So why do bags of money fall out of armored cars? And even more important, why does it never happen in front of me?



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Antidepressants	+ Sedatives	may	= Increased Sedative Effects
Pain relievers	+ Sleeping pills	may	= Dangerously Increased Drowsiness
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Sedatives	+ Tranquillizers	may	= Dangerously Increased Sedative Effects

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Open House drawing near

BCIT's Open House is less than two weeks away, and by all indications, it's going to be an impressive show. The Open House goes April 8, 9 and 10, and will feature displays representing over 100 trades and technologies.

Here's a look at some of the events scheduled for the weekend:

The Open House 'Raise the Roof' dance will be held in Taps on Thursday, April 7th with one of BCIT's favourite party bands Wallstreet providing the live music.

Over 1000 high school students will take a tour of BCIT on Friday, and full tours will be available to all members of the general public throughout the Open House weekend.

In addition, five high school students from other parts of B.C. who won the Open House committee's province-wide contest will be flown in courtesy Air B.C. and given the VIP treatment.

Tundra Helicopters will be here to provide helicopter rides Saturday and Sunday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Rides will cost

\$10 per person.

The BCIT Skydiving Club will be putting on a free-fall aerial display from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, and between 2:00 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Food and Hospitality people will be putting on a culinary arts exhibition on Sunday featuring ice sculptures and culinary show pieces. On Saturday visitors will be able to watch them prepare the show.

Visitors to Open House will be given a passport book, which they'll get stamped at the various displays. After they have a certain number of stamps from trades, technologies and special displays, they'll be able to enter draws for dozens of door prizes. (BCIT students and staff aren't eligible for the draws).

A day care service will be provided for children from 3 to 7 years old, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in trailer 2W, room 112.

The Trades areas of BCIT will be putting on numerous displays this year, and the emphasis will be on hands-on approach, allowing visitors to actually do, not just watch.

The Carpentry section will be raffling off one of the custom-built Open House gazebos which will act as information booths during the event. You can enter the draw when you visit the carpentry display.

In the BCIT gymnasium the B.C. Gymnastics tournament will be attracting even more people to campus. On Friday B.C.'s top male gymnasts will be competing, on Saturday B.C.'s up-and-coming young gymnasts will be showing what they're made of, and on Sunday, B.C.'s top female gymnasts take over. Anyone who presents their Open House passport with at least four stamps in it will be admitted for only one dollar (children under six get in for free).

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By Dan Cass

Researchers at the University of British Columbia have developed a simple questionnaire that can be used to identify visual disturbances such as colour blindness much more easily and cheaply than before. The test requires no supervision or assistance, and can be done in 10 minutes at home, work or school.

The test can be used to rapidly and cheaply assess the visual health of large populations, or of people in remote areas that don't have eye specialists. People whose test scores show they have vision problems can then be referred for further tests and treatment.

Dr. Stanley Coren, a psychology researcher at UBC, and his team have developed ten-item questionnaires to screen groups for colour blindness and problems in visual acuity (the ability to "read the fine print"). They hope to develop others to test hearing and depth perception.

The questions are very specific, and deal with difficulties commonly reported by people with visual problems. For instance, one of the questions for colour blindness is, "Do you have trouble discriminating between pale green and brown?" (While most people think of colour-blind persons as having trouble distinguishing red from green, those with lesser degrees of colour blindness have difficulty with pale shades of other colours.) Generally, colour-blind people have become aware of their problem because of everyday incidents like mismatching socks, or

problems in decorating.

Questions like "Can you read the small print in the credits at the end of a movie?" assess the respondent's visual acuity.

The questionnaires' biggest advantage is that they are self-administered. They may be handed out to an entire auditorium of subjects, completed and marked in the time it would take to perform standard perception tests on a small handful of people.

The test requires no trained personnel, unlike the standard tests. The questionnaire can be marked by anyone, even by the subject. This becomes very important when testing isolated communities where medical personnel may be scarce. The questionnaire would identify people in such a community who have an eyesight problem, and they could then go to be treated by the nearest eye doctor or clinic.

The questionnaires do have their limitations, however. They are geared towards adults, and are not suitable for pre-high school students. Younger children may not yet be aware of their visual limitations, or the questions might be inappropriate or too complicated, Coren says.

The researchers hope to develop similar test suitable for primary school students, which could be given easily by any teacher.

Another drawback is that the tests are only a method of screening a population; they do not diagnose why the person has a vision or hearing problem. After such problems are identified, they must be further investigated before they can be treated, if treatment is necessary.

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Computer helps doctors plan radiation treatments

By Lorraine Brown

A computer software program that will allow doctors to plan radiation treatment for cancer patients faster and more accurately is being developed by computer scientists at Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

A software shows as a movie the series of images produced by a CAT scanner. (CAT scanners produce images of cross-sectional 'slices', one centimetre thick, along the body.) The images allow doctors to visualize tumours or other defects anywhere in the body.

For example, by seeing a lung tumour as a slow movie on a video screen rather than as a series of still pictures on film, the doctor gets a more accurate impression of its size and shape. The doctor can also run the movie of the tumour area back and forth, becoming thoroughly familiar with the tumour's extent

before planning radiation therapy.

Currently, a doctor looks at individual CAT images on film, and draws in the areas to be treated on each. "The process is painfully slow, and it's very hard for a doctor to keep track of how the proposed treatment is developing on all those separate pieces of film," says Dr. Nick Linton, one of the scientists involved in developing the new software.

Then, once the radiation dose has been calculated, a technologist can shade areas on the film to show the dose received by the tumour and other tissues. The whole process takes at least an hour.

With the new AECL software, instead of coloured pencils on pieces of film, the doctor uses a computer to 'draw' the radiation target area onto each image on the screen. The shading to indicate

dose strength is instantly filled in by the computer. Areas of high dose appear in red. Lower-dose areas appear in a series of cooler colours.

Once this has been done, the treatment area with its different shading can be reviewed as a movie on the screen. Different proposed treatments can be evaluated with the screen split four ways, so the doctor can simultaneously see the treatment's effects on different areas. (Each section of the screen can be either a motion picture or a still picture.)

At this point, the doctor can make changes to the treatment, seeing the effect immediately on the screen. The software allows the doctor to tailor the radiation treatment exactly to the tumour.

The system makes it easy for the doctor both to see the effects of

different doses of radiation on different areas around the tumour and to modify treatment accordingly.

Probably the biggest advantage is speed: the system takes only a few minutes to plan a treatment. Speed will translate into better care for the patient, Linton says. "We're all human, and if something isn't going as quickly as we'd like it to, we tend to take shortcuts," he says.

The speed of the new software will also allow doctors to plan radiation treatment for more patients each day.

The new software will also make radiation treatments more accurate. Currently, radiotherapists plan treatments based on only three CAT images, because it takes so long to interpret them and plan treatment 'manually'. If a tumour is 15 centimetres long, three images give

only a very rough idea of its size and shape.

With AECL's software, it will be no more difficult for a doctor to work with 15 images, outlining the whole tumour and making a more effective radiation plan possible.

AECL scientists began developing the equipment and software for the treatment planning system 14 years ago, in conjunction with Professor J.R. Cunningham and Dr. Harold Johns of the Ontario Cancer Institute at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

Cunningham, a physicist, is a world leader in radiation therapy, and Johns, a radiotherapist, is the inventor of the cobalt radiation therapy system now sold by AECL around the world. The research team at AECL was headed by Dr. David Hall.

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Did the arms race cause the stock market crash?

by Ish Theilheimer

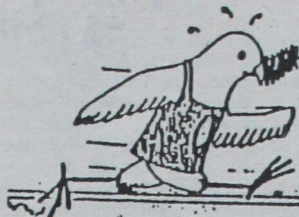
It is ironic that economic reform is cited by many as a key reason for Soviet interest in disarmament yet always overlooked as a motivation for the U.S. The "Crash of 87" is a direct result of massive U.S. military spending. As the Romans and later the British discovered, a nation cannot spend unlimited funds on the military without an eventual day of reckoning.

Throughout the early 80s, business profited from Ronald Reagan's military buildup, the largest in history. His program of "re-arming America" brought

large purchases of missiles, nuclear weapons, warships, aircraft, and other hardware. The spending created hundreds of thousands of jobs in both the U.S. and Canada.

Dependence on defence spending will wreck the economy

The massive spending, however, also has nearly drowned the American budget in a sea of red ink. Reagan came to office on the contradictory promises of tax cuts, defence increases, and balanced budgets. He may



The Peace Race

have delivered on the first two, but balancing a budget while constantly spending more on the military has proved tricky.

Military spending is very big business—\$300 billion per year in the U.S. In the States, it virtually dominates federal

politics. How those \$300 billion are spent determines the economic health of regions. That spending also determines who gets elected to Congress.

Military spending is usually justified in two ways. First, the Soviet threat makes it essential. Secondly, it boosts employment, both directly and indirectly and creates technological spin-offs for civilian applications.

Columbia University's Seymour Melman, a professor of industrial engineering, has listed five problems that occur when a nation embarks on an unrelenting arms build-up:

— The direct resources, in dol-

lars, allocated to the military. (over \$9 billion yearly in Canada)

—Civilian goods and services neither produced nor consumed when resources are directed to products that have no usefulness in civilian society.

—Loss of "marginal productivity" increases in civilian industries—the design and productivity improvements that normally occur as products are developed.

—Social costs, as a vast amount of knowledge is generated for military development that has no use elsewhere. All-important research and development (R & D) work is forgone in the civilian sector. This is particularly true in Canada which, with its branch plant manufacturing operations, is seldom the site of even military R & D.

Civilian industries don't need military development to flourish. Switzerland and post-war Japan have done very well without it. And many of the most useful technological advances—from plastics to hydraulics, rocketry, telephones, and aviation—have had civilian origins. Unencumbered by the ongoing drain of the arms race, people are likely to be more, rather than less creative.

—Loss of competitive edge. Melman observes that as a labor force is trained for the military, it becomes used to working "not with an eye to minimizing cost but with an eye to maximizing cost" because, after all, big government subsidies assure sales—the mentality that produces \$400 toilet seats. "A labour force so trained develops... a trained incapacity... for civilian work."

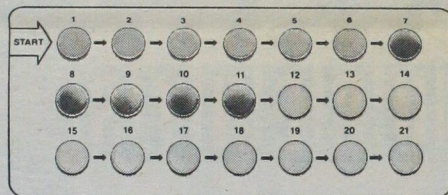
Defence spending makes industry flabby

As a result, a nation's industries become flabby, less cost-competitive, and less productive. The U.S. balance of trade deficit, cited as the key factor in the Crash, illustrates this trend. The U.S. has concentrated so much of its strength in defence production that civilian industries like autos and steel have lost out in competition with other countries. The same process occurs in Canada.

The defence industry is profitable in the short term, but longterm dependence on it will wreck—and is wrecking—the economy. Just as the Roman and British empires fell under the weight of a continuing arms build-ups and the expense of maintaining worldwide armed forces, so may both the U.S. and Soviet empires crumble unless military growth is slowed.

No national economy can long withstand relentless arms build-ups and the accompanying high taxes, high levels of imports, currency devaluation, and domestic decline. To halt the inevitable decline will require American recognition that disarmament is in its own best interest.

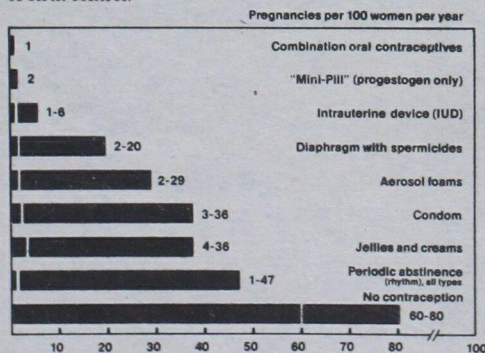
FACTS EVERY WOMAN INTERESTED IN BIRTH CONTROL SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE PILL



In 1960 "The Pill" created a revolution. It is likely that no modern scientific development has had a more profound impact on society than the oral contraceptive. It is also likely that no other medical development has been more exhaustively studied, or more subject to controversy, confusion or misinformation. There have been enormously important advances in research and knowledge since 1960 and the most widely used oral contraceptives today are quite different from the one that started the revolution. If you are concerned about contraception you should understand the facts.

Some important facts about today's oral contraceptives

1. The oral contraceptive most often prescribed by doctors today contains less hormone in an entire month's supply than the first product contained in a single tablet taken on one day.
2. Today there are nineteen different brands of oral contraceptives available to Canadian women. They vary in hormone dosage and ingredients. Some are new. Others have been in use for many years.
3. Until recently, oral contraceptives involved taking the same strength of pill throughout the monthly cycle. The first advanced triphasic oral contraceptive, introduced three years ago, varies the strength of both of the active ingredients in three stages. This permits a large reduction in hormone dosage resulting in fewer minor side effects.
4. Here is a comparison of the effectiveness of various methods of birth control!
5. Most oral contraceptives are virtually 100% effective in preventing pregnancy when taken as directed. They are the most effective method of reversible contraception available.
6. As with any medication The Pill involves some degree of risk, although the low-dose products minimize this risk.
7. There are certain groups of women who should not use The Pill. Your doctor will advise you if you are in one of these groups.
8. Extensive studies show that women over 35 who smoke are at greater risk and should not use The Pill.
9. There is evidence that women who take The Pill may receive important beneficial effects including:
 - (a) reduced incidence of endometrial and ovarian cancer,
 - (b) reduced likelihood of developing benign breast disease,
 - (c) reduced likelihood of developing ovarian cysts,
 - (d) reduced incidence of pelvic inflammatory disease which can lead to infertility,
 - (e) reduced anemia due to reduced menstrual blood loss,
 - (f) reduced severity of menstrual cramps and premenstrual syndrome.
10. The health risk associated with the use of oral contraceptives is less than the health risk of childbirth except for women over 35 who smoke.



The figures (except for oral contraceptives and the IUD) vary widely because people differ in how well they use each method. Very faithful users of the various methods may achieve pregnancy rates in the lower ranges. Other women may expect pregnancy rates more in the middle of these ranges.

This information is presented by Wyeth Ltd., the leader in oral contraception, serving the health needs of Canadians for over a century.

1 The Report on Oral Contraceptives, 1985, by the Special Advisory Committee on Reproductive Physiology to the Health Protection Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, September 1985.

Dinosaurs leave a nest egg to research



Dry, dusty, finicky work: a palaeontologist carefully excavating fossil dinosaur eggs found in Alberta. (Photo: Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology)

By Pippa B. Wysong.

Palaeontologists are more than excited about the recent discovery of one of the world's largest dinosaur nesting grounds, located in Southern Alberta.

Discovered in June 1987 by local resident Wendy Slobody, the nesting grounds and the fossilized eggs found in it are being studied by researchers from the Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology in Drumheller, Alberta.

Dr. Bruce Naylor, Assistant Director of the Tyrrell Museum, says that more than 20 nests have been found, each with 20 to 24 eggs. Many of the fossil eggs are intact and contain foetus dinosaurs that are "in superb preservation."

The dinosaurs were plant eaters and were of a hadrosaur (duck-billed) variety, though the exact kind is not known, Dr. Naylor says.

Alberta is famous for its dinosaur and fossil remains. Dr. Emlyn Koster, Director of the Tyrrell Museum, explains "the area first became famous during the great Canadian dinosaur rush back in the 1910-25 period." Fossil hunters from Canada and the US went to the region to collect specimens for their museums.

Alberta is rich in terms of dinosaur bone, but the discovery of the nesting site "caps it off" and make the province an even more complete resource, Dr. Koster says.

Before the discovery, there was

little to tell where the dinosaurs nested or whether they had a place they would return to for breeding purposes. For example, remains in Alberta's Dinosaur Park showed only "evidence of dinosaurs moving through the area," Dr. Koster says.

The researchers had suspected that there might be a nesting site in the area, since many rock formations exposed in the vicinity are of the right age — 70 to 75 million years old — to have been formed in the dinosaur era.

The Milk River Ridge nesting site "is the first concrete evidence of the family structure of herding, herbiferous dinosaurs laying their eggs repeatedly in one area," says Dr. Koster. The area is "one of the world's most precious areas for understanding more about the dinosaurian world," he adds.

Dr. Koster says the eggs are so well preserved after more than 70 million years because "very gentle sedimentary conditions brought in the soil deposits that covered them."

Why the dinosaurs died out and why the eggs never had a chance to hatch remain mysteries.

Research at the Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology is supported mainly by the Alberta Department of Culture and Multiculturalism and some assistance is received from the Friends of the Tyrrell Museum.

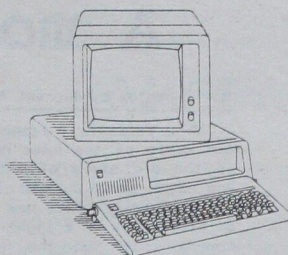
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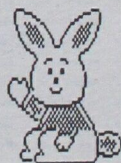
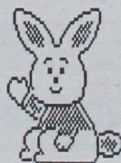
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A movie for everyone

Movie review by Michael Aikin

Vice Versa is a remake of an old movie of the same name and is the old story of father-son and what would happen if they switched roles. This new version of Vice Versa is a light-hearted comedy that had the audience laughing with great regularity.

The show starts with Judge Reinhold on a business trip to the Orient to buy some low cost

Oriental ornament for a large retail firm. During the trip the villains of the movie switch his ginger jar with an ancient Tibetan artifact worth millions. The intent is to get the artifact into the States.

The artifact, however, has the power to grant wishes to whoever holds it. Needless to say, the father and son accidentally get switched and this leads to some very entertaining scenes.

Judge Reinhold does an exceptional job portraying the kid as an adult, complete with juvenile faces, movements and behaviour.

Most people will find this an enjoyable and light-hearted comedy. I don't think it will win any awards, but it provided a good evening's worth of entertainment. Good for most age groups without the fear of insulting anybody.

Skywalk worth discovering

Review by Raymond Dow

Ah, the difference between great musicians and average musicians was very much in evidence last Thursday night at the Commodore. Great musicians don't need a month of touring to warm-up, and Skywalk is full of great musicians. The crowd of 300 witnessed a highly enjoyable and entertaining evening of music in Skywalk's first concert since finishing work on their third album.

Sywalk is a homegrown jazz-rock fusion band that shamefully doesn't get the recognition they deserve. As they say, if you want a record to sell, don't call it jazz. Too bad, because these guys are awesome and it was easy to see why they won the Montreaux Jazz festival.

The music ranges from Steve Morse' Dixie Dregs-like rockers to cool jazz, and all were played with equal competence.

The stars of the show were Tom Kenneleyside and Harris Van

Berkel. Van Berkel, the guitar player (who incidentally will be playing at the Van. East Cultural Centre on April 16th) was a perfect counterpoint to Kenneleyside's aggressive sax-playing. Kenneleyside recently appeared on Aerosmith's permanent Vacation Album.

All in all, a very entertaining concert, hopefully more people will discover Skywalk and they will get the acclaim afforded Vancouver's other front-line bands.

Record Review

The Untouchables
Motion Picture Soundtrack

The name Ennio Morricone may mean nothing to the average person on the street. But to a movie soundtrack buff it's the man who composed the soundtrack for such movies as the Good, the Bad and the Ugly, The Mission, and most recently, The Untouchables.

The Untouchables soundtrack is a kaleidoscope of moods, emotions, events and people. The record is, on the whole, very good listening. There are some tracks that sound out of place without the accompanying screen visuals, but here are the highlights.

Side one opens with End Title Untouchables Theme. This begins pulsating, with climbing horns growing ever stronger until it explodes into a full orchestra, leaving the impression that heros are walking off into the sunset. In contrast the next number is beyond a doubt a boss gangster's theme. Muted sax and harpischord put you in the presence of the vile monster himself, Al Capone.

The Death Theme is not what you would expect given the title. Light strings combined with mellow woodwinds provide and easy on the ears track.

Victorious is strong and fast strings and brass tune that builds in volume and body.

Side two opens with the main title theme Strength of the Righteous, a strong abrupt

piece, with heavy string arrangements alternating with a soulful, wistful harmonica.

Following is a lovely selection of mood and emotion in Mess and His Family. Soft, warm strings with a nice flute overlay, followed by a lead and plucked violin in a nice classy melody.

If you liked the movie, or soundtracks generally, this is the album for you.

- Hugh S. Gregory

Dumptruck
For the Country

It was a wise man who said imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. It was my accountant who said "you know you're making money when people start to copy every move you make." Since I feel both these statements are true, R.E.M. will be flattered to know they're rich.

Dumptruck is an R.E.M. sound-a-like, trying to cash in on a sound fast becoming popular. I have a fetish for bands with unique names (like Cats Can Fly, the Dead Kennedy's et al). Dumptruck sounded like an original name for a band, so I rescued it from the depths of the Link's review bin. I was looking forward to some high speed punk-thrash-heavy metal. Just the kind of adrenalin burst one needs to make it through the term.

Alas it was not to be. Dumptruck is R.E.M. on downers.

This is another album for the discount bin.

- Jamie Sexton

Music, humour and beer together

Review by Michael Aikin

Party of One is an outrageously funny musical revue, written by Morris Probow and directed by Ronnie Klein. Probow has that rare ability to combine fast paced humour with music.

In Party of One he runs the gamut of singledom in song from UN, which explores the various labels single people have to put up with, to I LOVE MYSELF which deals coyly with that always taboo subject of masturbation.

I know you're going to say it was probably the beer we sipped that warped our senses, but even my sidekick who has no sense of humour whatsoever was rolling in the aisles.

This play is definitely a MUSC.

Okay, maybe we didn't sip the beer, maybe we pounded them back with reckless abandon but that doesn't take anything away from the fact it was a great show. Even those of you who HATE musicals should get out to see this.

The only thing better than the script was the performance by the cast, great job, oh, and maybe the beer.



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3	8	11	Father Figure	George Michael
4	7	9	Hungry Eyes	Eric Carmen
5	10	3	Man In The Mirror	Michael Jackson
6	3	8	Could've Been	Tiffany
7	15	3	I Get Weak	Bellinda Carlisle
8	9	10	Can't Stay Away From You	Gloria Estefan & Miami Sound Machine
9	*NEW*		Day After Day	Blue Rodeo
10	*NEW*		All Our Tomorrows	Joe Cocker
11	4	10	Twilight World	Swingout Sister
12	19	3	Check It Out	John Cougar Mellencamp
13	*NEW*		Never Thought	Dan Hill
14	*NEW*		Dreams I Dream	Dave Mason
15	*NEW*		Closer Every Day	The Jitters
16	17	4	Duck of The Bay	Michael Bolton
17	14	5	Don't Shed A Tear	Paul Carrack
18	11	6	Be Still My Beating Heart	Sting
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To Mr. BCIT;
So you think it's time to see my face,

You want a date, a time, a place -

You promise me that you won't bite,

Should I give you a chance, just one night?

How 'bout TAPS on March 31?

You can buy me a milk to quench my thirst.

9:15 p.m., if your intentions are true,

My hair ablaze, I'll wear brilliant blue.

But if you dare to harm my heart,

I'll tear off your hear and rip it apart.

The Unknown
Valentine Author

SPORTS & RECREATION

Intramural

WALLYBALL Division A	GP	W	L	D	PTS
Plastics Extruders A	14	13	1		27
CAD/CAM Dawgs	14	9	5		23
Plastics Extruders B	14	8	6		22
Survey Scorpions	14	8	6		22
Bio-Sci Amnesiaics	14	2	12		16
Staff Floppies	14	2	12		16
Dawgs 1, Ext. B 1/Survey 2, Amnesiaics 0					
Floppies 0, Extruders A 2					

WALLYBALL Division B	GP	W	L	D	PTS
Admin Leapers	14	11	3		25
Computer Coffee Beans	14	11	3		25
Opman Wallbangers	14	10	4		24
Appliance Livewires	14	6	8		20
Fin Man Eliminators	14	4	10		18
Bio-Med BoredofHealth	14	-	14		14
Opman 1, Livewires 1/beans 2, Health 0					
Admin 2, Eliminators 0					

VOLLEYBALL Division A	GP	W	L	D	PTS
Ecolizers	12	9	3		21
Set B Elite	12	9	3		21
Ichiban Clan	12	7	5		19
Marketeers	12	6	6		18
KT Cells II	12	5	7		17
Party Animals	12	3	9		15
Bio Nuclear Destroyer	12	3	9		15
Set B Elite vs Ichiban Clan	15-2, 6-15				
Marketeers vs KT Cells	15-4, 15-9				
Bio Nuclear vs Ecolizers	9-15, 13-15				

VOLLEYBALL Division B	GP	W	L	D	PTS
Scouts	12	11	1		23
Bam-Bams	12	10	2		22
Highballers II	12	8	2		18
Marketeers	12	6	6		18
Sreddie	12	2	10		14
Rockin Blockers	12	4	6		14
Tic B's	12	1	9		11
Marketeers vs Blockers	15-D, 15-D				
Tic B's vs Scouts	2-15, 5-15				
Bam-Bams vs Highballers II	15-D, 15-D				

VOLLEYBALL Division C	GP	W	L	D	PTS
Lounge Hounds	12	12			24
Beach Team	12	10	2		22
Bio Hazards	12	7	5		19
Seahawks II	12	6	6		18
Untouchables	12	5	5		15
Mizfits	12	1	9		11
Robotech II	12	1	9		11
Untouchables vs Seahawks II	D-15, D-15				
BioHazards vs Beach Team	9-15, 9-15				
Lounge Hounds vs Mizfits	15-5, 15-3				

VOLLEYBALL Division D	GP	W	L	D	PTS
Pitbulls	12	11	1		23
Bumper Crop	12	10	2		22
Sex C	12	8	4		20
Cross Trainers	12	7	5		19
Staff Allstars	12	5	7		15
Opman Sreddie	12	2	10		14
Bullions	12	0	8		8
Pitbulls vs Cross Trainers	15-7, 15-12				
Bumper Crop vs Sex C	15-10, 12-15				
Opman Sreddie vs Bullions	15-D, 15-D				

TRADES CHALLENGE	GP	W	L	D	PTS
Appliance Repair II	5	4	2		18
Appliance Repair I	3	2	1		9
Steel Fab	1	1	0		4
Carp/Joinery	4	1	2		2
Plumbing	4	1	1		-3

NON-CONTACT HOCKEY	GP	W	L	T	D	FR	AG	PT
Staff Allstars	7	6	1	0	0	41		9 26
By-products	7	4	1	2	0	31		29 20
Forestry Big Sticks	7	2	0	4	1	11		45 12
Forestry 7, By-products	15							Staff bye to finals: Staff vs By-products

INDOOR SOCCER	GP	W	L	T	D	FR	AG	PT
Jetsons	5	3	2	0	0	11		3 16
Challenger	6	3	1	2	0	13		10 16
Byters Alumni	5	3	1	0	1	15		2 14
Walers	6	2	2	2	0	13		9 14
Building 89ers	5	2	1	2	0	9		8 12
Rangers	5	2	1	2	0	7		10 12
Booters	5	2	1	2	0	5		10 12
Crank Spankers	5	1	2	1	0	4		8 11
Pure FM	5	0	0	5	0	3		22 5
Rangers 3, 89ers 2/Cranks 0, Walers 0								
FM 1, Challenger 6/Jetsons 0, Byters 0								

CAMERA BASIC

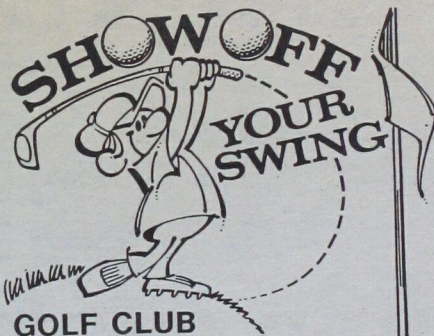
Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Instruction in basic camera operation and photo techniques.
No fee, but register at Rec Office.
Next session: Studio Basics.
Presented by the BCIT Photo Club.

Outdoors Club

Next Meeting: Wed. March 30
ETC Auditorium 5:30-7 p.m.
Next strenuous hike: Saturday, April 9
Next moderate hike: Sunday, April 10

First Jump Course

April 12 & 14
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Jump: Saturday April 16
Fee: \$85.00



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Wed., March 30
11:30 to 12:30
Room 2N307

EASTER EGG TOSS

TEAMS: 2 member team
Tosser & Catcher

"IT'S NO YOLK!!!"

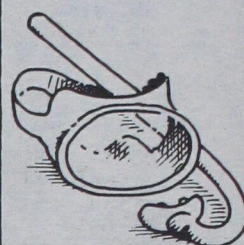
FEE: .50 Per Egg
We supply the eggs and coveralls.

PRIZES: \$25.00 Min.
For team throwing the furthest distance.

A GREAT SPECTATOR SPORT

DATES: Tuesday, March 29th 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 31st 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: BCIT Playing Field REGISTER: At The Event



Dennis's sport



Dennis's snack



Dennis's smile

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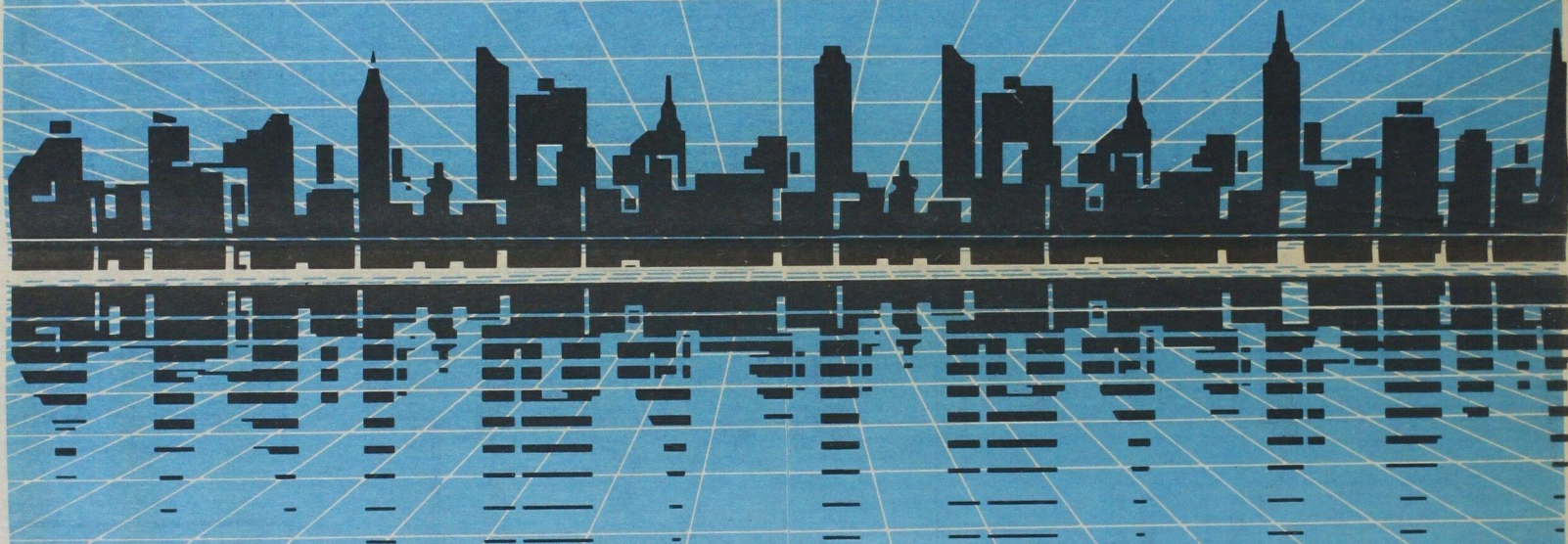
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APRIL 8, 9, 10

Friday	April 8	10 am - 9 pm
Saturday	April 9	10 am - 7 pm
Sunday	April 10	10 am - 4 pm

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