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World Cup fever Ya, we already have it

Plus SA fee hike, p.3
and "Glory Road," p.9

The world to Munich in 2006

**It's almost FIFA
time... get ready**

By Christian Basantes
2nd year Fin Man
(A Big Soccer fan)

Hello Soccer fans, I'm pretty sure that all of you are getting excited this year because a new World Cup is coming very close. As everything, the FIFA World Cup had a beginning. Today, we will take a look of how the competition started a long time ago.

No other sporting event captures the world's imagination like the FIFA World Cup. Since the first competition in Uruguay in 1930 it has constantly grown in popularity and prestige.

The idea started in France, when a group of visionary French football administrators, led in the 1920's by the innovative Jules Rimet, had the original idea of bringing the world's strongest national football teams together to compete for the title of World Champions. The original gold trophy was named after Rimet and was played for three times in the 1930's, before the Second World War obligated a 12-year stop to the competition.

The tournament resumed in 1950 in Brazil, which marked the FIFA World Cup as the greatest single sporting event of the modern world. Since 1958 the host nations were chosen alternately between Europe and the Americas, but in May 1996 the FIFA Executive Committee broke this custom selecting Korea and Japan as co-hosts for 2002. That was the first world cup of the new century, the first one being played in Asia and the first one with two host countries.

The 16 tournaments celebrated so far, have seen only seven different winners:

1. Brazil (Sweden 1958, Chile 1962, Mexico 1970, USA 1994, and Korea – Japan 2002)
2. Italy (Italy 1934, France 1938, and Spain 1982)
3. Germany (Switzerland 1954, Germany 1974, and Italy 1990)
4. Argentina (Argentina 1978, and Mexico 1986)

see "Get geared up..." p.10

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Booya, Grandpa.



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Untitled By: AP

Trivial times
No longer do I question
Knowing the answer, I must
convey
My fate, my destiny
Now only so many steps away
Again, the riddled heart begins to
wonder
Plays the fool
Knowing all the time...so the
pain
Success, at whos fate
Where will I finish, does not
matter
Where I began, it feels so good
No fortune, no fame, no power
Passion, heart, desire
No longer stands a coward
To prove something, someone
understand me
What is there, is what you see
Some people want it all
Dont want nothing, I---
Want what is real
Something to make me feel
The light, alone I sit to ponder
Hesitant at times, to comprehend
truth
A chance to say
The end, now I will achieve
No time to waste, dedication
Endure the pain, now digested
Within this, emergence
Something old, something new
Letter to my mom
For truly you held the truth
Age 22--now I dwindle reality
My turn
Promise, this time
No more guilty crimes
For whom I live for
Preparations
Confusion dispersed
Treat me right
Simply AP.

Bothered by Martin

Apparent nonchalance a little disconcerting

By Jacqueline Ranit
Link Intern

As millions of Canadians
witnessed the unfolding
of the federal election on
their television sets last Monday
night, twelve years of Liberal
government came to an end only
to make way for a possibly new
Conservative era. Led by Stephen
Harper, the Conservatives over-
came the Liberal Party, 124 seats
to 103.

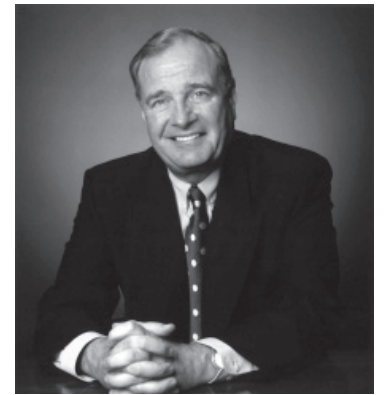
Albeit not much of a liberal
follower myself, I found the
speech given by the former Prime
Minister, Paul Martin, to have
been dignified and teeming with
gracious words of his conceded
defeat. As was the rest of Canada,
I was stunned at the news of his
resignation as leader of the liberal
party. However this feeling of
admiration slowly faded, myself

shortly reminded of the fact that
he was seen gambling while the
votes were being tallied, which
struck me as haughty arrogance
or a complete dread and fear of
his coming loss in the election.

So what can one expect from
a Conservative minority govern-
ment? It can be anticipated that the
Liberals and NDP will form the
opposition, and will have to work
together as we have seen in rare
instances in the past. The right-
winged Tories, unfortunately, do
not have much selection when it
comes to Cabinet Ministers.

Of course there are some well
known and experienced potential
individuals like that of Stockwell
Day, a former leader of the Ca-
nadian Alliance Party and some
definite cabinet members hailing
from Quebec.

In the duration of the election
campaign, many controversial



issues were brought up, mainly
about health, national unity, fam-
ily values, and the situation with
our American neighbors.

Being unable to vote this elec-
tion, I was completely helpless
to the major events happening
around myself, thus the only
thing that I really care about and
am looking forward to is the GST
cut. (Though I doubt I'll ever
spend enough for it to matter.)

Wuts hawt on the n3t?

By Martin MacFly
Welding 1

What's hot on the net
you ask? Well, lots of
things, but I am only
one nerd, with one set of hands,
so this is more of "what do I think
is hot on the net," I guess. I may
have seen it in an e-mail, or may-
be while surfing the net. Well,
anyways... this is "Wuts Hawt on
the n3t," volume 1.

The Lonely Island.

<http://www.thelonelyisland.com/>

"TWO, NO SIX, NO

TWELVE. BAKERS DOZEN! I
TOLD YOU I WAS CRAZY FOR
THESE CUPCAKES COUSIN!"

If you already know what I'm
talking about then you've seen the
Chronic(WHAT)cles of Narnia
rap from Saturday Night Live.

Well, this is when it all explod-
ed for Lonely Island, a comedy
group of three doods and some
friends who run www.thelonelyisland.com. They have been mak-
ing funny videos and skits for a
few years now and have quite
the little collection going on their
website.

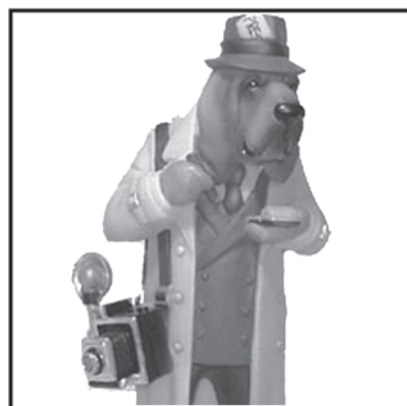
It was from this awesome
comedy that they got hired

on to write for SNL this past
year, and Andy Samberg (the
Chronic(WHAT)cles of Narnia
rap guy) got asked to act on the
show. So yeah, that is the story of
the lonely island.

Now, here is your homework.
Go to www.TheLonelyIsland.com
and check out the video for
Stork Patrol or just use [http://vid-
eo.google.com](http://video.google.com) and search "stork
patrol."

That about wraps up this week's
volume of Wuts Hawt on the n3t!
Next week we will be visiting the
website of a dood who will eat or
drink anything (well... just about
anything).

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SA raises membership fee

For the first time since 1994 the BCIT Student Association is raising its student fee to cover the rising cost of student services

By Geoff Gauthier
Link Staff

In a technically unanimous decision on Monday night, January 23, the BCIT Student Association (BCITSA) student council voted 28 in favour - with one abstention - to raise the Student Activity Fee by 13.3% effective fall 2006.

The Student Activity Fee is collected by BCIT when students pay tuition and is distributed to BCITSA, accounting for approximately 23% of BCITSA's income.

"We haven't raised the fees since 1994, so the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has not been accounted for from 1995 through 2003," said Hall, adding that in 2004 BCITSA voted in favour of raising fees by 2% each year in alignment with the CPI. The new 13.3% increase covers the increases that should have been made from the period of 1994 to 2003.

During the council meeting

there were many questions, mostly points of clarification, about the proposed fee increase. Almost every councilor was satisfied with the answers that Hall and BCITSA President Ashley Steier gave.

"My main concern when we first discussed the idea was that the money collected might end up supporting [BCITSA] operations," said Hall, recently back from a BCITSA Strategic Planning meeting, "but we spent the better part of two days discussing the proposal and determined that this was not going to be the case."

When asked about the new fee increase, Hall responded, "13.3% sounds like a lot, but you have to remember that it's not on your total tuition, but only on the fee you pay to be a member of the [BCITSA]." Current Student Activity Fees cost a full-time student \$51.15 per semester and will be raised to \$57.96 - a \$6.81 increase - in the fall of the next school year. The increase will be applied right across the board - prorated

- to all students, part-time, full-time and all trades programs.

"Students aren't going to like this initially," said Hall, "because tuition is already high, but when they see the increase in services they will get next year, they'll see more bang for their buck." Hall added that he is confident that all of the research he and the BCITSA student executive put into this fee increase will be easy enough to justify to students.

So how does the Student Activity fee compare to the same fees at other campuses? The answer - better than most. Comparing BCITSA to other schools with over 10,000 students (institutions of similar size) in BC, BCITSA currently comes in 6th for fees at \$51.15, just before Kwantlen College (\$48.00) and SFU (\$39.95). In terms of student services offered, BCITSA comes in 3rd behind UBC (#1) and UVIC (#2). Langara is on the bottom of the pile with a whopping \$71 student fee and with very few services offered.



The increase should bring around \$110,000 to be used by BCITSA to provide students with better services such as the popular Uconnect resource centre, the Student Advocacy Program, and Positive Space Training.

As for the numbers, Hall maintains that "...no one can predict the future, but the increase will mean roughly \$110,000 for SA services next year. You also have to keep in mind that this number

isn't solid right now. There has been a decrease in enrollment over the last two years, so this number could change."

The BCITSA Student Council does have the right to change fees within council as long as those fees are related only to the CPI. Hall assures students that in order to change any fees other than those related to the CPI, the BCITSA would have to hold a referendum.

SFU students found dead in ravine

By Bryna Hallam
CUP British Columbia
Bureau Chief

VICTORIA (CUP) -- Rescue workers have found the bodies of two missing Simon Fraser University (SFU) students who went missing on their way home from a campus pub.

Brendan Midgley, 20, and Joseph Stryjak, 23, went missing early on the morning of January 13 after a night with friends at the SFU pub.

The students, who studied French and criminology respectively, were supposed to walk down a path through a local park and meet friends at a house near the base of Burnaby Mountain. They never made it.

Search-and-rescue crews combed the area on foot and by air until the bodies were spotted the afternoon of January 14 in the bottom of a ravine approximately 200 feet (60 metres) deep.

It is not possible to reach the area by foot. Search-and-rescue



crews had to enter the area by dropping a line from a helicopter. Emergency crews recovered the bodies by hoisting them with ropes attached to a helicopter.

A Burnaby police spokesperson said they don't yet know what led the men off the path and into the ravine. A coroner will be conducting an investigation into the exact cause of death. According to police, the men were drinking the night they went missing.

"The university's thoughts are

with the families, friends and fellow students, and all those who came in contact with them," said Warren Gill, vice president of university relations at SFU.

According to Gill, the path the students were on is steep and very dangerous at night, especially in the fog. The area also has a number of cliffs, he said.

Although it is not yet clear what happened, Gill said the university will follow any advice that results from the coroner's inquiry.

Correction from last Issue

In the Canadian University Press wire story, "Liberal Party courts Aboriginal Vote," published Jan. 12, 2006,

statements about the Liberal Party of Canada were incorrectly attributed to Chris Henderson, Grand Chief of the

Southern Chiefs Organization (SCO). Canadian University Press and the Link apologize for the error.

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Scie Truth

The Link is proud to present the first installment of "Student Fiction." If you have a story you would like to see published, please send it to link@bcitsa.

By Christian Basantes
2nd Year Fin Man

My name is Santiago, I'm 25 years old, and my life and dreams suddenly changed with a terrible and unexpected truth.

Two years ago I was a university student; my life was easy and comfortable. My father, my mother and my two sisters gave me all the love and support I could need. Everything at school was great and my friends were the best part of my life.

I got my degree and started working in one of Ecuador's most important companies. I was earning a good salary and I began saving a lot of money for the future. I had a plan: I would be happy with my perfect girl and my good job. Life was going to be sweet and satisfying.

I met a nice girl at a party; her name was Sandy. She was 24, beautiful, charming, and had an excellent sense of humor. The romance continued, a spark was

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lit, and we became inseparable. We had the time of our lives for the next ten months. Every weekend we went skating, running, or dancing at parties. Things could not have been better.

My home life, however, was subtly changing. I noticed some strange things, especially from my father. When my mother would ask about Sandy he would say, "That girl isn't right for you," or, "there is something strange about Sandy."

I refused my father's comments, saying things like "Dad, you don't know her," and, "you can't stop me from seeing her; she is my love." After we argued my father wouldn't say a word, or he would mutter something under his breath. I simply could not understand his reaction and it wasn't overly important at the time.

Soon Sandy asked me if I wanted to meet her family and of course I replied with a yes. She said, "Great, next week we'll go to my home and you can meet my family." It was time. Things were going great with our relationship and, if things were going to continue like this, I was considering making Sandy my wife. I was in love with her - she was the one, my best match, and my lover.

The big day finally arrived and I met with Sandy early in the morning. We had lunch together then went shopping. Just like every moment with Sandy, we had a wonderful, excellent time. That night, Sandy and I arrived for dinner at her home. I had never been there before - sounds strange, I know.

I met her Mother and her youngest sister: both were very good people and easy to talk to, abating my nerves. Sandy's mother mentioned that we would have to wait for her husband to get home before we ate. No problem; I was enjoying the conversation, it was really interesting.

A car pulled into the driveway and the sound was strangely familiar. I was so nervous. Meeting Sandy's father was going to be strange. When he came through the door, I could hardly believe what I saw. He entered Sandy's house the same way he entered my house every night. He was my father.

"Santiago, this is my father," said Sandy. My soul was frozen, my voice failed, and my body was paralyzed; this was not happening.

I bolted through the door and out into the street, not saying a

word. Sandy called out after me: "Santiago, what's happening, where are you going?" I could not respond, I could only run. And run. And run.

I made it to a park and sat down, drawing heavy breaths, crying and staring into the air. Everything was over, my dreams destroyed.

A person that I always loved and respected had another home, another family and the girl who I love is my sister. I had no solution, just pain and questions.

I don't remember walking home. When I arrived there, my mother told me that Sandy had called five times in the last hour. I didn't know what to do. Do I tell my mother and Sandy the truth? My God. I made the decision.

"Mom, I need to talk to you," I said.

I told her everything, for my mother was the one person I loved before anything or anyone else in my life; she was my best friend. She would understand. But she didn't believe me; she started to cry.

My father had told her that he was on a "business trip." That night I couldn't sleep, my mother was crying all night and I was thinking, thinking and thinking. I

started to smoke again and finally I made another important decision.

In the morning, I got a call from Sandy. As I expected, she was mad. She asked me, "why did you leave?" She called me jerk and questioned my integrity. I cut her off in mid-sentence and asked her to meet me at a diner downtown. We agreed on one o'clock.

Just then my father came through the door, the same way he walked through Sandy's door last night, nonchalant, like nothing ever happened.

"Where is your mother? I hope you didn't say anything," he said.

I lost it. I asked him how he could hide this from his wife... from his family, and from me. I told him that I had done exactly what he had taught me to do growing up: I held my word. I had told my mother. It was the right thing to do. He had taught me to always tell the truth.

My father was angry. He raised his arm to hit me but then didn't. He admitted that it was his fault and began to cry. He talked of leaving, but I cut him off. Everything here was over for me, and I would be the one to leave. He didn't say anything and at that moment my Mother came down-

stairs and began yelling at my father. I left to meet Sandy.

In the restaurant Sandy asked me again why I left. After I told her the entire truth, she stared at me in disbelief. She was so sad and disappointed.

"Now, what will happen with us?" she asked.

"My life ended yesterday," was all I could manage to say. Sandy started to cry; her dreams were broken alongside mine and her family would never recover. I stood up and took one last look at the girl sitting in front of me, my life, my lover... my sister. I had to go.

That day in the diner would be the last time I would ever see Sandy. A week later I left my country. My mother got divorced from my father and Sandy's mother did the same too. Once in a while I get letters from my mom and my sisters and they are doing OK. They miss me as I miss them. My father finally is alone; I don't want to know about him.

Currently, I'm living in Canada working as a security guard. After Sandy I hold no hopes about love. I've met girls, but I don't have any motivation in my life. I don't know what will happen, but I will never be the same.



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The Link asked: "What should the Vancouver Canucks do about their current goaltending situation?"

By Shawn Edstrom



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"Trade a big star for Luongo"



Kirstin H.
Marketing Management

"Fire the shit out of Cloutier."



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"I think the Canucks goalie situation is fine. What they need is some fourth line scoring. BRING BACK CLIFF RONNING!"

This week's Link wine picks

"Sweet" Chardonnay tops list

By Tara Williams
BUSA (Post-Diploma)

While tasting wines to review for the Link (January 12, 2006 edition) I had an interesting discussion with my father. He said, "Why do you merely list what each one looks and tastes like? Why don't you tell people what it really means?"

So I've attempted to not merely list the details of various wines, but I've attempted to reveal to you "what it all means."

This week's wine word is: Terroir- French origin. Similar to terrain. Most simply defined this means the soil and the climates that surround it including the amount of moisture, dryness etc. The terroir directly affects how a wine tastes.

Hardy's Nottage Hill Chardon-

nay, 2004
South Eastern Australia
13.5% Alcohol

Colour- Straw

Body- Light to Medium (Most whites are within the light to medium range).

Aroma- buttery/vanilla oak (this means that the wine has been oaked (part of the aging process) using the new world method, a method you would find in California and most of Australia).

Green peach, honey-dew melon (these are just aromas that the wine makers have either added or that have come out within the fermentation process of making the wine).

Taste- Green peaches (also observed within the aroma), papaya, a hint of sweet (this just means

that there is potentially less alcohol than in other wines, which makes it sweeter, the sweetness could also be due to other factors like the terroir where the grapes were grown).

Aftertaste- alcohol, hint sweet (given this conclusion the sweetness is most likely due to the terroir and surrounding weather patterns the grapes were grown in).

Comments- If you don't like Chardonnay because it is too dry (or slightly bitter) for you, this may be worth a try as it is slightly on the sweeter side than most Chardonnay's.



CHECK-IN

Passenger: Clinton Peltonen, 2nd year Marketing / Direct Response
Destination: Japan
Intention: To live and work. I wanted to see if I could pursue a career in the club scene as a DJ.

TAKE-OFF

Capital: Tokyo
Population: 125 million
Currency: Yen
Language: Japanese

CUSTOMS

Tasty Food: Anything with rice or fish is the norm at home. Personal favourite without fish: Sukiyaki, a popular dish with grilled veggies and slices of beef in sukiyaki sauce. "Yaki" is Japanese for "grill."

Cities with Flair: Osaka. It's big, busy but still personable. Not many historical sights but Osaka has always been a city of business and comedy. Most of the best Japanese comedians come from or around Osaka. www.city.osaka.jp/english/

Trendy Band: Hamasaki Ayumi, Utada Hikaru, SMAP

CHECK-OUT

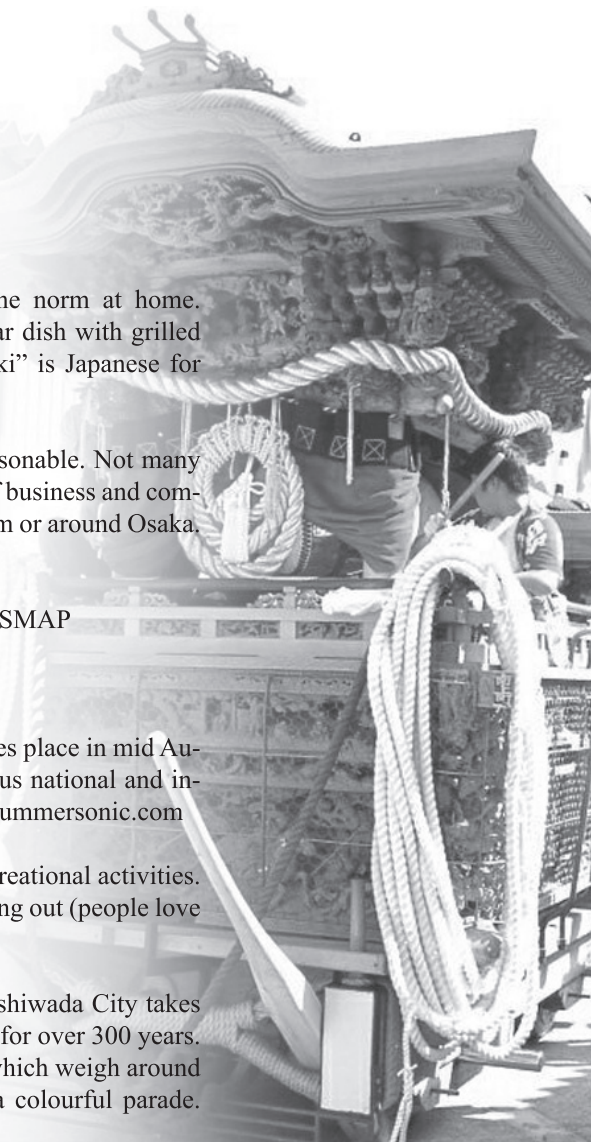
Music: Summer Sonic music festival takes place in mid August in Tokyo and Osaka. The event features famous national and international acts from rock to urban grooves. www.summersonic.com

Recreation: Japan offers a wide variety of recreational activities. You can enjoy skiing, hiking, biking, surfing or dining out (people love to mingle while having a bite to eat).

Regional: Kishiwada Danjiri Matsuri in Kishiwada City takes place on September 14/15 and has been a tradition for over 300 years. The festival features hand-build "mobile shrines" which weigh around 4 tons and are pulled by 500 to 1000 people in a colourful parade. www.city.kishiwada.osaka.jp

30 Second Getaway

By Clinton Peltonen and Annika Reinhardt



Rock it out... punk style

Our Mercury - *From Below*
Smallman Records

By Jacqueline Ranit
Link Intern



Our Mercury's new album, *From Below*, is Canadian punk rock at its best. With a unique blend of acoustics, bass, keyboard and upbeat percussion, this band's sound generates a semi-solid punkish rock feel. Their recent album - which hits shelves February 28 - consists of track titles like "Shawna Don't Wanna," "The Basement's Calling," and "When the Bottle Hits the Bottom."

Although singer Ben Steven-

son's voice may take some a while to get used to, this CD is a must listen for all fans of the punk rock genre.

Drawn to the melody of "The Rats" and "Nothing You Say," the quintessential tormented and fiery, purpose-filled messages ooze right out of each song like liquid mercury.

As should all music of this kind, *From Below* contains definite moral and profound meanings, which are interwoven among the lyrics of the album. Each track is different, unique and special in its own way, melody and subject wise.

Formally known as Misdemeanor, Our Mercury originated

in Canada and begun with just three members - guitarist and singer Ben Stevenson, bassist Daniel Laxer, and drummer John Watson. Eric Budd, the newly added keyboardist, is a great contribution to the band's sound, making it that much more pleasing to the ear. When listening along to their CD, you'll find yourself suddenly reminded of other bands like the Clash and the Ramones.

The quality of the content emanating from *From Below* was impressive, cleverly put together and compiled onto this CD. Our Mercury's album without a doubt is highly recommended to those preferably with the fondness for punk rock.

What to watch and what not to watch this weekend

By Tara Williams
BUSA (Post Diploma)

The Wedding Crashers **
Big Name Actors: Christopher Walken, Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Will Farrell

This uncut version is far more graphic than the onscreen movie version yet the same humour still exists. The beginning of this movie is hilarious, despite the "sleazes" we are initially presented with.

The two coworkers John Beckwith played by Owen Wilson and Jeremy Grey played by Vince Vaughn are on a mission - sleep with as many girls as possible.

There is a twist to how John and Jeremy will do this. They will meet these girls by attending the weddings of people they've never met.

It's very amusing how many people don't even realise that these two guys, who are always at the centre of attention, don't know anyone there. It is when John tries to woo the "girl of his dreams," who just happens to be the daughter of the US Secretary of State (played by Christopher Walken) accompanying her family to their summer cabin that the movie begins to go downhill.

It appears that the screenwriters forgot to write the entire second half of this movie. Did the screenwriters forget that there are several crucial elements of any story, a beginning, a middle, and an end, all which must be written to complete a cohesive picture?

This movie just seems to drag

on and on and just when you think it can't get any worse Will Farrell appears for absolutely no reason at all other than he's friends with Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn. If you're looking for a mildly funny movie with crazy, naked girls in it - most likely to watch with the guys this weekend - definitely pick this one up. If not I suggest you steer clear of this rambling movie, which forgets to end.

Cinderella Man *****
Director: Ron Howard
Big Name Actors: Russell Crowe, Rennee Zellweger, Paul Giamatti

A remake of a classic movie, this is perhaps the greatest boxing footage recorded by Holly-



wood to date.

I would argue that it is possibly even better than Clint Eastwood's *Million Dollar Baby*.

This is a heart-wrenching tale of a boxer living in Depression era America who plummets from being a champion in the boxing ring to an average worker at the local dockyard in a matter of seconds. Rennee Zellweger plays the concerned wife attempting to keep her family together while supporting her husband, played by Russell Crowe.

It's a shame that Russell Crowe freaked out and threw his cell-phone at a clerk in a hotel just shortly before this movie was released because I believe that it is definitely Oscar worthy material. A combination of drama and action, this movie is definitely worth watching for people of all ages.

Glory Road

Breaking down racial barriers

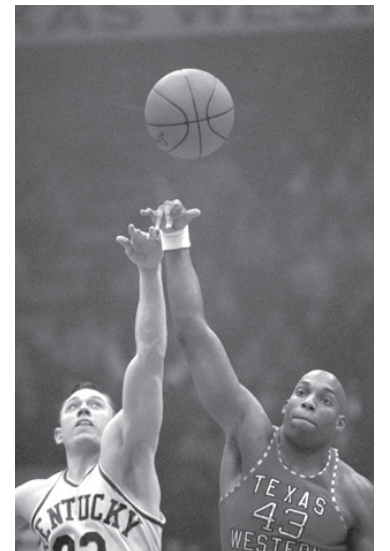
By Gilbert Matembe
Link Staff

This is the inspiring true story of the underdog Texas Western basketball team, with history's first all African American starting lineup of players, who took the country by storm, surprisingly winning the 1966 NCAA tournament title. It stars Josh Lucas (*A Beautiful Mind*), Derek Luke (*Antwone Fisher*) and Jon Voight (*Midnight Cowboy*).

Talk about discrimination or racial barriers. This movie is the ultimate description of the terms. Basically, Hall of Famer coach Don Haskins is a passionate college basketball coach who is hired by Texas Western College to not only coach the boys basketball team, but to also administer discipline within the team.

He is given this responsibility with no budget for recruiting any new players. He decides to take matters into his own hands and recruit players from off the streets of New York and other parts of the country, considering that the players in high school were either already being drafted by the well known colleges or were not interested in playing for an unknown team that was based in the desert.

The interesting thing about coach Haskins is that his recruiting methods were unorthodox for that time in that he mainly recruited African American players on his team. This not only caused tension within the team that had originally been comprised of only Caucasian players, but also in the community of Texas, consider-



ing that the racial barrier was still heavy then.

Now, not only do the African American team members get harassed time and time again, but also the Caucasian team members and the coach's family became targets as well. This racial barrier ends up causing a stir that divides the team.

Coach Haskins, however, holds the team together and encourages them to overcome this barrier by treating each other like family. He causes an even bigger stir by starting five African American players in the final game of the NCAA tournament against the University of Kentucky and leads the team to victory. The African American players are later accepted in the community.

All in all, the movie is a tale about overcoming racial barriers in the 1960s, standing up for one's beliefs, and achieving glory while being oppressed. This movie is an awesome view. I give it five stars out of five.



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5. Uruguay (Uruguay 1930, and Brazil 1950)

6. England (England 1966)

7. France (France 1998)

However, the FIFA World Cup has also been marked by surprising moments that have contributed to soccer history like the United States' victory over England in 1950, the shocking defeat of Brazil against Uruguay in the famous "Maracanazo" in 1950, North Korea's win over Italy in 1966, Cameroon's unexpected victory over Argentina - the cup holders in 1990 - and the last surprising victory of Senegal over France - the cup holders in 2002.

Today, the FIFA World Cup holds the attention of the entire world. A great audience of over 37 billion people watched the 1998 France tournament, including approximately 1.3 billion for the final match itself, while over 2.7 million people attended the 64 matches in the French stadiums.

After all these years and so many changes, the main focus of the FIFA World Cup remains the same: the gold trophy, which is the main dream of every soccer player around the world.

HISTORY: The Jules Rimet Cup

The Jules Rimet Cup was the first trophy awarded to the world

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champion. It was used from the first tournament in Uruguay 1930 until the matches of Mexico in 1970, when Brazil took possession of it after celebrating their third victory in world cup action.

Sculpted by French artisan Abel Lafleur - who was assigned a prestigious task - the trophy was named after Rimet, who was the President of FIFA at the time.

The little trophy had a hazardous existence. During the dangerous times of the Second World War, the Italian Vice-President of FIFA, Dr. Ottorino Barassi, hid it in a shoe-box under his bed - saving it from falling into the hands of occupying troops.

Then in 1966, the cup disappeared while on display as part of the build-up to the World Cup in England, and it was recovered by a little dog called Pickles, who found it buried under a tree (good job boy!).



FIFA World Cup Jules Rimet Cup

Finally, in 1983, it was stolen again, this time in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and apparently melted down by the thieves.

The Brazilian Football Confederation, who had earned the right to keep the trophy after winning it three times in Sweden 1958, Chile 1962, and Mexico 1970, ordered a replica to be made.

The original trophy was 35cm high and weighed approximately 3.8 kg. The statuette was made

of sterling silver and gold plated, with a blue base made of semi-precious stone (lapis lazuli).

HISTORY: The FIFA World Cup

The FIFA World Cup, the second trophy used to award the world champion. It made its first appearance in Germany in 1974, and is still used today.

In Mexico 1970, Brazil beat Italy 4-1 in the final match; in that way, Brazilians won the right to own the Jules Rimet Cup forever and ever. That's why FIFA commissioned a new trophy for the tenth World Cup held in '74. A total of 53 designs were submitted to FIFA by experts from seven countries, with the final choice being the work by Italian artist Silvio Gazzaniga.

Silvio described his creation as "The lines spring out from the base, rising in spirals, stretching out to receive the world. From the remarkable dynamic tensions of the compact body of the sculpture rise the figures of two athletes at the stirring moment of victory."

The current FIFA World Cup Trophy cannot be won forever, as the regulations state that it must remain FIFA's own possession. The World Cup winners retain it until the next tournament, and they are awarded with a gold-plated replica.

The original trophy is 36 cm high, made of solid 18-carat gold and weighs 4,970 grammes. The base contains two layers of semi-precious malachite and has room for 17 small plaques bearing the name of the winners - space enough for the World Champions up to the year 2038.

All soccer fanatics around the world are looking forward to

June 9, 2006 when the host nation Germany and Costa Rica start the first match opening the 17th FIFA World Cup - Germany 2006 in Munich.

At that moment the world will stop until July 9th when the new world champion will be revealed after the final match in Berlin.

Who is going to win? That's a difficult question for now.

In the next edition, we'll take a look to the first world cup celebrated in Uruguay in 1930 and also we will go over some countries that will play in the tournament.

Don't miss it!

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This past weekend, 22 ACE BCIT partners, new and old, headed up to Whistler to get some solid work done.

For real! Since our Regional Competition in Calgary was cancelled this year, the ACE Executive board thought that taking over a rustic hostel/lodge in Whistler would be an ideal way to get some serious work and team building done!

Just because the slopes were freshly powdered and the village was alive with activity doesn't mean we didn't work hard before we played hard.

Saturday was entirely devoted to ACE activities. With Manpreet tending to the fire and Erin keeping us on schedule, each Project Manager updated the team on each projects recent accomplishments and upcoming goals.

Matt made sure no one was leaving Whistler without a solid understand of what SIFE was (ACE's department that runs all our projects). Kirsti kept us up to speed with the latest news in Business Development and inspired us about our upcoming trip to Toronto in May for our National Competition.

A full day was spent learning, discussing, sharing and

teambuilding. After dinner and a little R & R, Liz split us into teams of five and sent us on a scavenger hunt that had us running from place to place throughout Whistler Village. Eventually we all ended up at a specific location where we continued to enjoy the rest of the night. A great way to finish up our great trip!

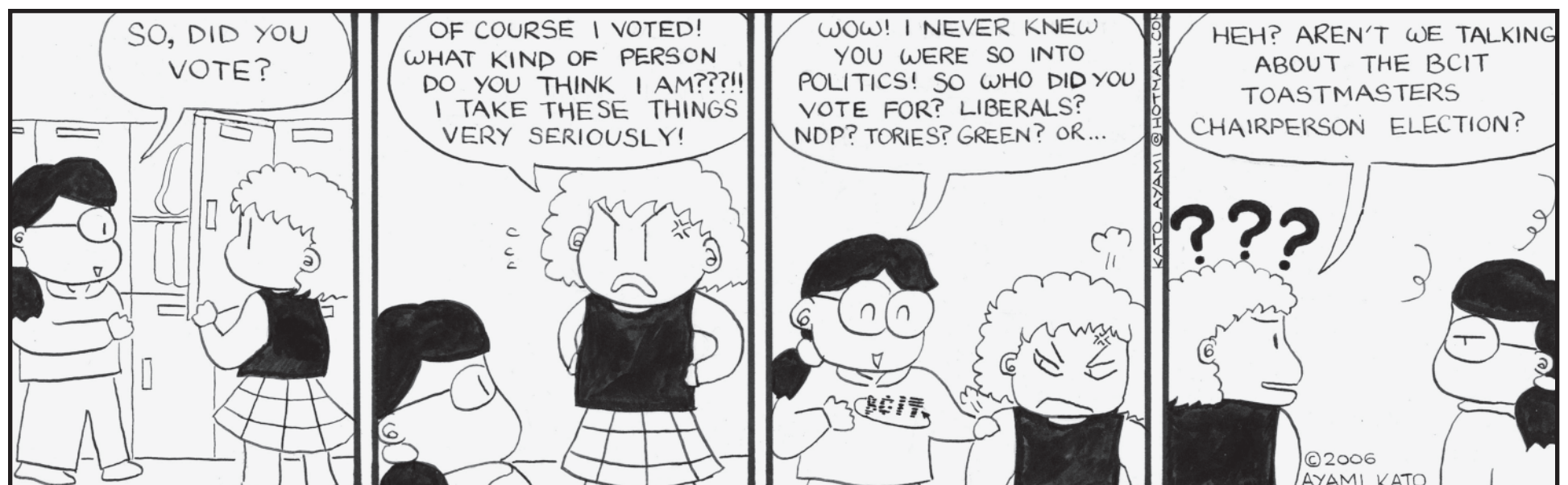
We would like to send out a big thank you to the executive board of ACE BCIT for sponsoring and organizing this weekend. We would also like to send out a big thank you to all the ACE Venture Partners that came this weekend.

With all that we do with our studies and in our lives, it is inspiring to know that the ACE BCIT team continues to grow bigger and stronger all the time.

The next ACE BCIT Monthly Showcase will be held on January 31, 2005 at 5:30pm in Town Square D. The Showcase is a great way to learn more about what the ACE BCIT team does.

For anyone interested in becoming involved with ACE BCIT, our Monday morning meetings in SE6-208 at 7:00am are also open to drop-ins.

Candice Earle
Director of HR
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Employment

I am in need of employing a student to do some accounting and personal assistant type duties. The job pays \$15/hr, out of my home office in Langley for approx. four hours once a week. The day chosen is flexible and can be determined by the student. My requirement is that they are bondable, have skills and or experience related to accounting procedures and some computer knowledge. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Davenport at dawndav@telus.net or 604-786-2583.

Help Needed

The Link newspaper at BCIT is actively seeking volunteers to write for the student newspaper. If you are passionate about writing and/or you are interested in learning about the print media business, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Please contact us at 604 432 8974 or drop by our office in SE 2 room 285 at BCIT Burnaby campus.

Announcements

The Great Hall will be closed on the following dates/times due to set-up and take down for the February category information sessions:

Mon Feb 6th: 7am-10pm
Tues Feb 7th: 7am-10am
Wed Feb 8th: 7am-10pm

Thurs Feb 9th: 7am-10am
Wed Feb 15th: 7am-10pm
Thurs Feb 16th 7am-10am
We apologize for any inconveniences and thank you for your cooperation.

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Events

Jan. 26th
If you were born on this day, you share your birthday with celebrities like Kirk Franklin, a respected gospel singer, Wayne Gretzky, the great championship hockey player, Ellen DeGeneres, actress and talk show host, and Paul Newman, the larger than life actor who won an Oscar for "The color of money."

Jan. 26th
Watch hockey at professor mugs and enjoy the hat trick menu, \$3 appies and prizes.

Feb. 1st
Sue Johansson
3PM Great Hall
Tickets are \$7 - \$10

Feb. 9th
The Link sex & love edition hits the stands. Look out for it.

Hey You

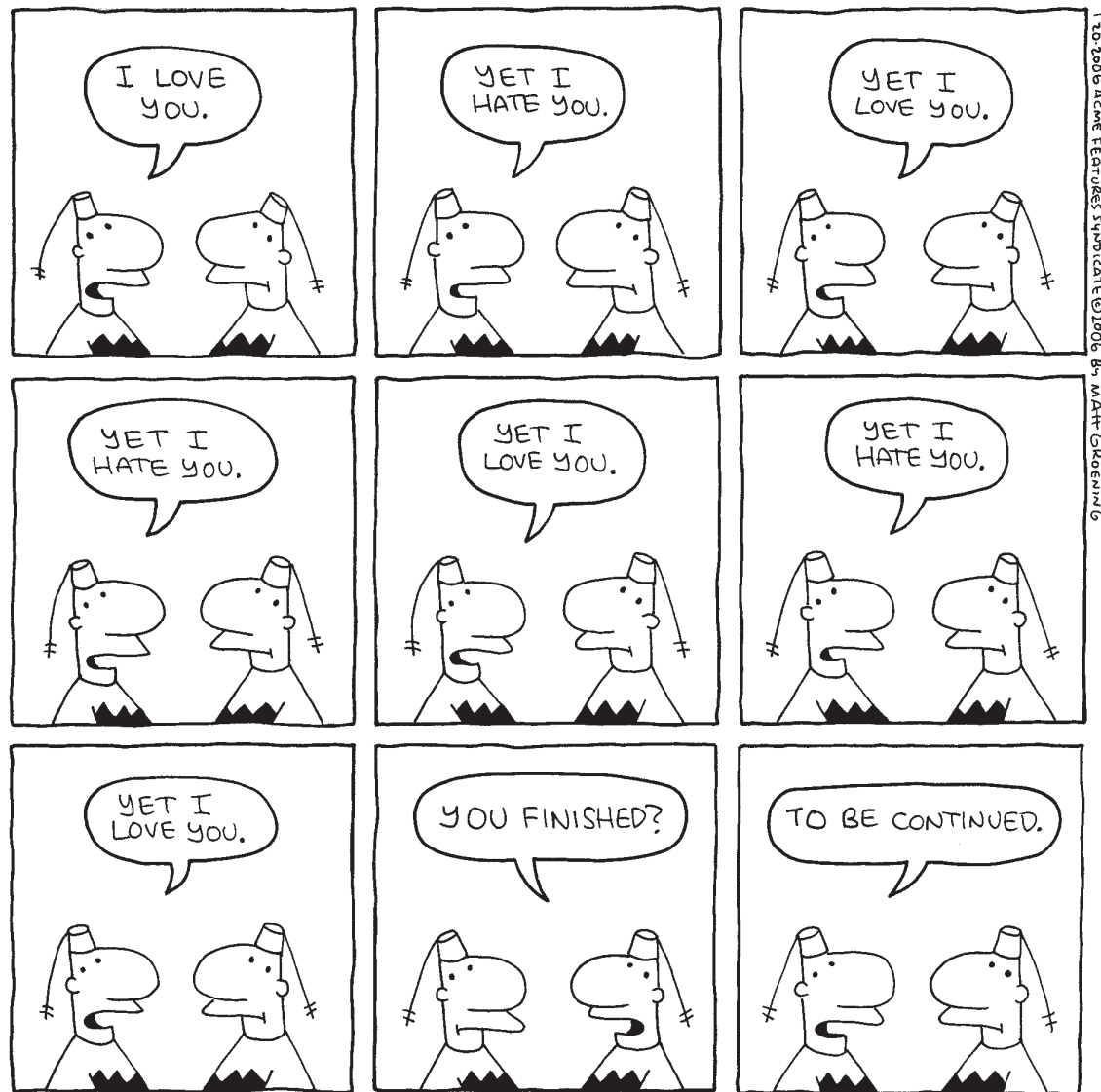
Hey, now that the vote count is done, don't go lying about who you voted for. You know you voted for Martin. I'm sorry he lost, but what did you expect?

Tell me y'all aren't impressed with what the Canucks are doing? I'm just wondering why they never played Alex Auld this much before. Well, I guess there is always a thing for seniority, i.e. Dan Cloutier.

Hey you keys, phone, wallet, keys, phone, wallet. Do I see a pattern?

Hey, what's up with this weather? Somebody please tell me what's happening. I'm really freaking out here!

LIFE IN HELL



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So, what do you think about the past elections, do you think they were fair? Let us know your opinion. It's a poll on how fair the elections were and how hurt or pleased you are about the results.

Way to go Canada, nice work. Now look what you've done. You've opened your hearts and minds to Stephen Harper and he will only suppress your hearts and minds in return. It's a bad time to be Canadian.

Now that the elections are over, some of you might not be happy with the results, but you know what they say, if you didn't vote, then you have no right to b!\$@&.

Hey, does anyone have any weird fears, like they are afraid of rabbits? Doesn't that just get on your nerves?

You know that one way of copying with pressure is to relax and let the issue sink in before you tackle it? Well, this helps you gauge the intensity of the problem because when you try to handle it before you know how intense it is, you really don't know what you are trying to handle. You are

only getting more anxious. Think about it.

Hey you nice job tackling the microwave.

Hey you did you buy enough peanut butter?

Hey you BUFFALO CLUB!

Hey you is that a pita in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?

Hey you I didn't know Eminem was in town.

Hey you the guitar did the trick eh!

Hey you maniac dancer I think you won the talent show.

Hey you, the number one soccer mum!

Hey you was that on the itinerary?

Hey you wandering in and out of houses, get out of ours!

Hey you with the large books, do you need a hand with them? I could probably borrow them for

next semester. That's my mode of payment.

Hey mister library, how about you get the hell out of here and take a break. Just go home for a day at least.

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A mixed celebration

Gung Haggis Fat Choy

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(<http://www.asiancanadian-writersworkshop.com>), and the “Gung Haggis Fat Choy Dragon Boat Team” and “Ricepaper Magazine” (www.ricepaperonline.com).

Being of mixed decent it is often difficult to identify with one strict group - or for that matter with their holidays. To me I am Canadian and American, celebrating all good Canadian and American holidays. This includes Christmas, Easter and even two Thanksgivings. I am however also Chinese, Welsh and Dutch, all with whom I struggle to identify.

Finally, however, a holiday for people of mixed decent has been created. It is called *Gung Haggis Fat Choy* and is a culmination of the Scottish Robbie Burns Day

With an audience including two mayors, (Mayor of Vancouver Sam Sullivan, and Mayor of Lions Bay Douglas Miller), Green Party Leader Jim Harris, NDP MPs, Vancouver city councilors, and UBC professors - and even some local celebrities like Joy Kogawa, Rhonda Laraby (resurrector of the New Westminster Clan) and Prem Gill (of CTV) - this event offers an opportunity for the issues of the Chinese Canadian Community to be heard.



Left to right - Danny Sewell, Helen Black and Peter Black (Haggis Supplier)

and Chinese New Year. I was fortunate enough to attend this event, which is an excellent expression of the multiculturalism that exists in Vancouver.

Started by Todd Wong (aka Toddish McWong), an SFU alumnus in 1998, *Gung Haggis Fat Choy* was an evening for Todd's friends to come together and eat fusion dishes like sweet and sour haggis and to sing songs and celebrate both Chinese New Year and Robbie Burns Day.

Now held at the Floata Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown for numbers reaching 600 people, *Gung Haggis Fat Choy* still offers a place for people to come together to eat delicious food and enjoy the many talents of a series of multicultural performers and to even join in singing several songs such as “Scotland the Brave,” “When Asian or Scottish Eyes are Smiling,” and read poetry such as the “Ode to the Haggis.”

Perhaps the most important aspect of this evening is that it is a fundraiser for many multicultural initiatives. This year the funds went to support “Save Kogawa House” (www.kogawahouse.com), the “Asian Canadian Writer's Workshop”

The fusion cuisine at this event, which included dishes like braised ginger crab with green onion and ginger and haggis (supplied by local butcher Peter Black's and Sons) with diced vegetable lettuce wraps was excellent. The entertainment, which included the vocal stylings of Rick Scott & Harry Wong, The Shirleys, Joe McDonald & Brave Waves, and LaLa and Sean Gunn was an original and a great representation of the multicultural environment that surrounds Vancouver.

For me this event is indicative of the great things that can happen when you mix people of different origins combining their foods and culture, even if it is just for a single evening.

Gung Haggis Fat Choy is an excellent initiative on behalf of Toddish McWong to bring together two communities who are comprised of members so distant, yet similar in so many ways. For information about next year's event see www.gunghaggisfatchoy.com. For further information on where you can buy your own free range haggis for Robbie Burns Day see Peter Black's and Sons (<http://www.shopparkroyal.com/directory.cfm>).