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Movin'

The pros and cons of relocation

BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

Moving is never as easy as it seems. I'm currently house hunting and I have to say that it's no picnic. For example, all the best places go within the first five days of the month, so if you're not on the ball, you get stuck with the apartments that smell like old people or cat urine.

My future roommate and I found this awesome apartment in Burnaby, twelfth floor, gorgeous view, huge kitchen, two bedrooms, large deck, close to BCIT and more than adequate living space, storage and parking. Oh, yah, and in-suite laundry and a dishwasher. Did I mention it was only \$950 per month?

We were in the running with one other couple for this condo, and the people who were renting it were taking their sweet time deciding on which duo would get the prize. This lasted over a weekend. We waited on this place only to find out after five days of crossing our fingers and sticking pins into voodoo dolls of the other couple that we didn't get the place.

Fiddlesticks!

Meanwhile, we put a hold on looking at any other places as we fully expected to end up the new tenants. Perhaps I should have baked the landlord some cookies. We lost an entire weekend of house hunting because the landlords "felt more comfortable" with the other couple. I returned the voodoo dolls to the witch doctor the next day and we began to search elsewhere. Time for round two: ding-ding.

In the process of writing this, we are currently looking at another place. This new place also rules. The location is better than the previous, and has basically all the same appliances, and two bathrooms; a total bonus. So I'm working very hard on securing this deal. No voodoo dolls this time, and some cookies may be in the works. Learning my lesson from last time, this won't be the only place we look at in the next few days. Hopefully, I'll know what's going on before this paper hits the stands.

Also, while we have been searching for a dwelling, we have come across some "choice" places.



My favourite so far was the three bedroom plus loft with the rat turds, cigarette burns, and the rotting wishbone on the floor. I believe there were some burned out matches scattered about, too. This place was cool if it didn't smell like death and look like, well, death. The location was cool, but the rent was high for a place that was in such bad condition.

The ultimate kicker in house hunting, though, is the fact that in one month I won't have a place to

live. This can be very stressful. My roommate is lucky that she lives at home. If we don't find a place for November 1, I may have to move in with her parents or sleep in my office (like I don't already, the SA should get me a Futon).

We all have to move at some point in our lives, so the only advice I can give to anyone is to cover all your bases, learn to bake, and voodoo dolls are a waste of money.



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See the Stars at BCIT

The first planetarium in BC is tight here on campus, straight from the 60's

BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER
AND IAN GIESBRECHT

Think you've seen everything there is to see at BCIT? Think again. One of the school's best kept secrets is now open for the public.

Did you know that BCIT has a planetarium? Most people (students or faculty) are unaware of the room in the basement of SW3 (room B732, for those interested) that has housed British Columbia's first planetarium since 1964.

Bill Burnyeat, Community Astronomer at the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre, and employee of the Vancouver School Board has been asked to begin a series of programs at the planetarium.

"What really makes the planetarium at BCIT special is that all of the equipment is still the original analog gear, first installed in 1964. With equipment this old, it can cost a lot for upkeep and repairs, so that's why we'll be charging a small fee for viewers - to keep this place running smoothly," commented Burnyeat, adding that the fee for replacing the projector's light bulb is in the area of \$800 US.

Burnyeat, who has been part of an Astronomy Outreach program on and off for the last 15 years is set to offer a continuing education course here at BCIT.

"The idea is that we put on a general interest program in astronomy, something with a little less math than a geomatics course," he said.

Local elementary schools and community groups will be charged at a group rate, but the presentation is also available to BCIT students for a cost of only \$3.

"We're hoping to attract a lot of people with our retro appeal. There are only three or four planetariums like this in Canada, and this is the only one in B.C."

In the past, the room has only been used for BCIT's Geomatics program. Now, in combination with the new programs, Burnyeat will be teaching a night school course in general astronomy.

"We're not trying to compete with the MacMillan Space Centre, obviously, but we are hoping to get thousands of people through here."

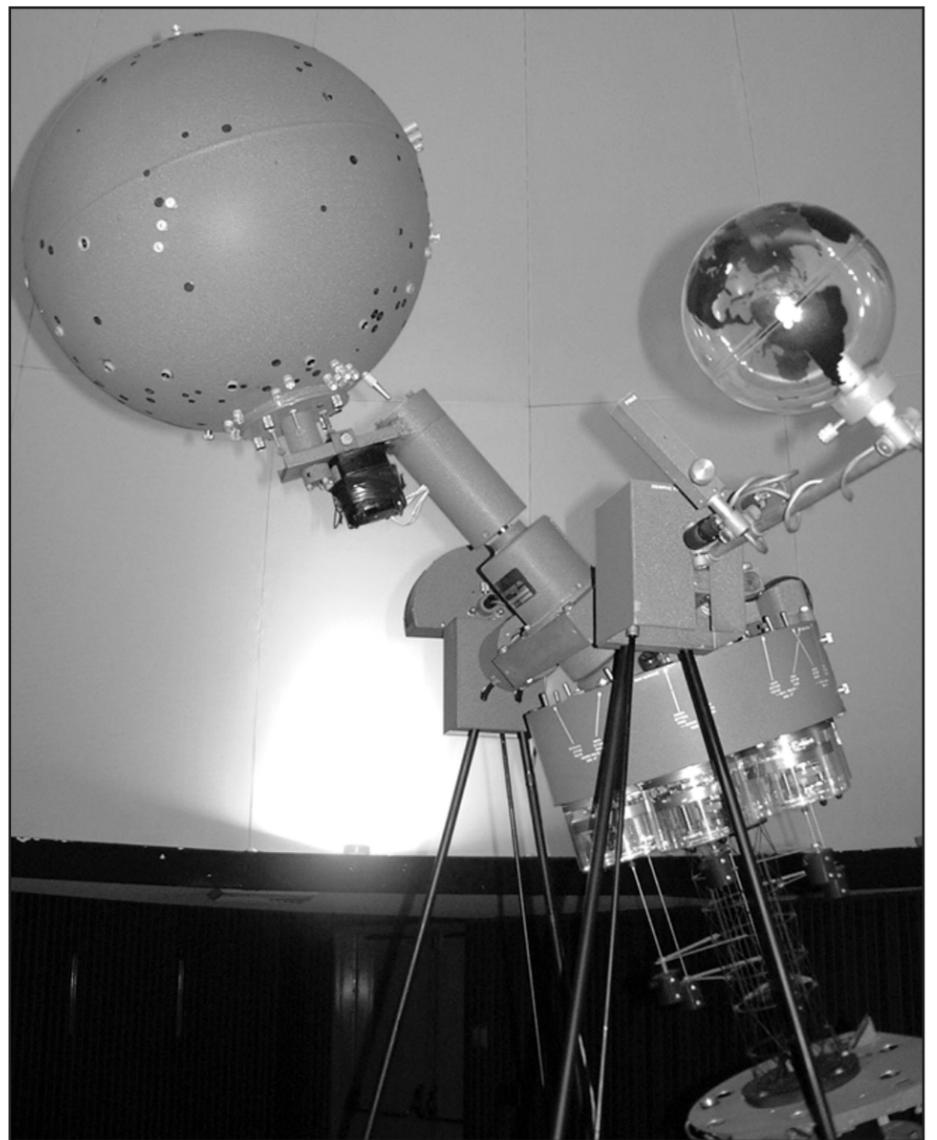
Part of the planetarium's appeal is in the extremely rare condition all the original machines and interiors are. The orange seats, complete with creme-coloured cushions have springs in them to allow for comfortable reclined viewing of the overhead dome. The projector is made by the Spitz company in the US and they still have a technician who can come out to service the projector if anything should happen.

Bill Burnyeat will be running 45 minute programs for students of BCIT from Monday to Thursday at 11:30 am. Come out, support the planetarium and enjoy the show.



The 60's chairs and equipment conjure up a special atmosphere.

photo by Geoff Gauthier



No, this isn't the third Death Star, this is the vintage projector used in the planetarium.

photo by Geoff Gauthier



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Women In Trades

Getting practical, hands-on experience in 20 different trades



Natalie Louke, left, Joanne Little, and another student work on machining a hammer head. This is one of many skills learned in the Trades Discovery for Women Program here at BCIT.
photo by Geoff Gauthier



Starr Vickers displays the three stages of constructing a hammer, from a block of metal to a functioning tool.
photo by Geoff Gauthier

BY: KENDALL HARRIS

The machine shop in NW6 is a noisy place full of machines designed to cut and melt various metals. Everyone is outfitted in green coveralls, steel-toed boots, and protective eyewear. It's easy to spot the 18 students in the Trades Discovery for Women program: they are the only women in the room.

"Women are definitely under a spotlight when they're here," says Tamara Pongracz, the Program Co-Ordinator of Trades Discovery for Women. "They don't go unnoticed." BCIT initiated this program in 1995 to introduce female students to trades, technologies and blue collar work. Women are seriously underrepresented in these areas, barely reaching 2% of the national workforce. That fact, combined with predictions of skilled labour shortages coming from both industry and government, make programs such as this one good news for many people.

The Trades Discovery students get hands-on experience in the 20 different trades programs offered at BCIT, spending anywhere from a day to a week in areas such as aviation, auto repair, carpentry, security alarm installation, sheet metal and welding. Halfway through the program, which runs from September to January, and again from February to June, the students complete a 3-week 'job shadow,' where they get workplace experience in the trade of their choice.

"Sometimes it cements what they want to do, and sometimes it makes them realize they're not interested," says Pongracz.

Heading into week 3 of their program, the Trades Discovery women are in the machine shop, making hammers from blocks of steel using various machines. They've already spent a week in carpentry, where they built 10 foot high miniature houses, and a week in plumbing, where they learned to weld.

"Welding is such fun," says student Starr Vickers, 26. It's a far cry from the psychology degree she started a few years ago, before losing interest, traveling, then deciding to pursue a trade. Like most of the girls enrolled, she has nothing but praise for the Trades Discovery for Women program: "It's an amazing opportunity to get hands on experience in all these different

trades," says Vickers. "I didn't want to jump into anything too soon-and some of it you realize is not your thing."

Natalie Louke, 21, from Powell River, agrees. She had worked in a pulp and paper mill for 2 years before she was laid off. She knew she enjoyed working in an industrial setting, and wanted to see what her options were.

"I chose this program so I would know exactly what I want to do, and make sure I'm mentally and physically capable of doing a trade."

Instructor Greg Wahl, a machinist working with the Trades Discovery students this week, says they are more than capable. When asked about the difference between teaching men and women, Wahl says his female students are much more attentive to detail: "They want to know what they're doing before they do it, and they're much more calculated in their approach. Guys tend to be a little more cavalier," he says laughing.

Greg is assisted by Joanne Little, a BCIT graduate who works full time in the industry. Little takes a week off every term to work with the Trades Discovery for Women students when they're in the machine shop, acting as a mentor and role model.

"It's great to see so many young women interested in trades, and fun to see them progress so quickly," she says. "A couple have already said 'machining is not for me,' which is fine. Much better to know now, before they've dumped thousands of dollars and years of their life into a trade they may find they don't really like."

Most of these women, however, will find a trade they like. Over 70% of Trades Discovery for Women graduates go on to begin their apprenticeships and/or technical trades training at BCIT. Starr Vickers is pretty sure she will be one of them.

"I think everyone should have a trade," she says. "Something to fall back on." She points out that with many employers obligated to hire a certain percentage of women to make up their labour force, being a woman with a trade puts you at a strong advantage. Natalie Louke agrees. She worked with a mostly male workforce at the pulp mill, but is enjoying this program.

"I totally enjoy working with all girls, and especially girls in my age group. We all support each other."

Loonie Movies

See a show for a buck without leaving campus



BY: RYAN A. NICHOLS

A dollar doesn't buy much living as a student, maybe a cup of tea or a stamp to send word home, but for the same small dollar you can go to SE6 room 233 at 2:30pm on Wednesday, October 9, and watch a great movie like

Spiderman or the new Warren Miller ski show before they hit video stores.

Are your spidey senses tingling? The loonie movies only happen four or five times a term. And, for only one more shiny buck you can get popcorn and a pop! That's something to shake a sombrero at. So for two dollars you're getting a pop, popcorn, and a movie! Remember, this is the B.C. Institute of Technology, so you're getting a big screen and a nifty sound system too. Go ask that cutie with the fuzzy shirt to go see a movie and it'll cost less than doing laundry! Although... you may want to do both.

The Loonie Toons Feature Films have been running at a loss for some time, so there are plenty of vacant seats. You're sure to find a seat away from the tall guy and the stinky guy and the giggling girls.

Also, if you're interested in joining the club that votes on which movies get played, talk to Paul Fortier (local 8282) and he'll let you know what's up. In terms of movies, look for advertisements and the dates should be as follows: October 9th, November 6th, and November 20th.

Students, Faculty Save Lives



BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

Students and staff recently had the opportunity to help save lives when Canadian Blood Services came to BCIT.

A blood donor clinic was set up in the Great Hall complete with registered nurses, all the necessary medical supplies, and cookies and Tang.

113 donors came forward to give a unit of blood on the 26th of September, and they were able to collect 85 units of blood, which will help save up to 340 lives of patients in need of blood and blood products.

"The process of giving blood is quite simple," said Donna Scott, Community Development Coordinator for Canadian Blood Services. "After meeting eligibility requirements, donors have their fingers pricked to check their iron levels and then they can give blood."

The entire process of actually giving blood only takes between

five and 20 minutes, but the registration part is the most time consuming.

"People are often apprehensive because the pamphlet says that it takes an hour, and they think 'I have to be on a machine for an hour?' but it is quite a bit shorter," commented Scott.

Al Rempyl (see inset photo), a Metalab Science Instructor here at BCIT donated for the 14th time.

"I've done this over a number of years," he said, "It's a good thing to do."

Each day in BC and the Yukon 500 units of blood are needed.

Donna Scott would like to urge students and staff to please come to the next blood donor clinic on Thursday, November 21st in SE6 and encourage your friends and colleagues to join you so they can meet their goal of collecting 113 units of blood. If you have questions regarding your eligibility please call 604-

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What's New with Recreation Services

BY: KENDALL HARRIS

Recreation Services is more than just a gym and workout area... Intramural Leagues are going strong, with Co-Ed Volleyball, Non-Contact Ice Hockey, and 3-on-3 Basketball all fully enrolled. They are still taking new teams in 5-on-5 Basketball and Trades Non-Contact Floor Hockey. If you're interested, get a group together and register at the Recreation Services Desk, adjacent to the gymnasium.

On Saturday October 12th, BCIT is hosting an international martial arts tournament, so the gym will be closed. If you're at the Fit Pit that day, be sure to have a peek through the gym doors to see people of all ages kicking the crap out of each other-then bowing politely.

It's never too early to start planning your post-exam celebratory ski trip. The Big White Ski Trip is becoming an annual tradition with Recreation Services, and this year is no exception. It's right after exams, on December 13, 14, and 15, and the trip includes 2 days of skiing, 2 nights of hotel accommodation, and round trip bus transportation

from BCIT. The trip costs \$229 if you book before October 25th, and \$244 after that. The \$75 non-refundable deposit is due by October 25th, so if you're thinking of going, stop by Recreation Services anytime, and watch for posters around the school.

The 'Fit Pit' workout area is fully equipped with weight machines and cardio equipment, and as of last year, with more TV's than you should really have access to in a place where you're supposed to be fighting the couch potato urge. If you're new to weight training, you can get a free weight room orientation to help get you started. The orientations take place Mondays at 5-7 PM, and Wednesdays 2:30-5 PM. Just sign up at the Fit Pit Office. And if you are getting started, why not find out just how out of shape you are (so you'll really know how much you've lost by Christmas) by taking a Fitness Test for \$25, where a trainer will assess your cardiovascular condition, strength and flexibility levels, and do a body fat analysis. There's also personal training available if you need that extra motivation (and have that extra cash). Sign up at the Fit Pit Office.



Gloria Katnick of the Recreation Services Office will be happy to answer any of your questions. Call (604) 432-8287



Sparks Elected

Monica Sparks was victorious in her electoral campaign for a position on the BCIT Student Association's Executive Council. In a yes-no ballot, she was elected the Chair of Mechanical and Manufacturing Society and Process, Energy, and Natural Resources Society by a count of 77 to 1. Sanjay D'Lima was appointed as the new Chair of Trades.

The Executive Council is excited to have a complete body, and would like to welcome Monica and Sanjay onto the team.

Happy Retirement!

The BCIT Student Association would like to recognize Mrs. Louise Daine, who was employed with the BCITSA from October 1992 to June 2002. During her tenure with us, she performed the duties of cashier in a very friendly manner. Customers loved coming into the SE12 store to see her smiling face.

Louise hails from Nova Scotia but has been in the lower mainland for over 35 years. She has a twin sister as well as two other sisters and two brothers. She has two children (a son, Kevin, and a daughter, Cheryl) and she has five grandchildren (four grandsons and one granddaughter).

She will be missed by staff and customers alike.



Financial Opportunity: Student Association Laurie Jack Awards

Laurie Jack was President of the BCIT Student Association 1971-72. He was killed in an airplane crash in 1975. Together with his parents, the Student Association jointly sponsor two awards of \$400 each. This year the award money totals \$800 and will be awarded to students entering 2nd year.

Criteria: nominated students must have given time and service to the cause of student life at BCIT, such as involvement in student government, sports, or general involvement in student affairs. Nominations should include a brief background and services rendered to BCIT.



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Random Bad Lines

Real life, lines used by random strangers and friends

BY: FARRAH MOANS

So I was at this crazy party, the weekend before last, at the Plaza of Nations, and I was having such a great time!! Everyone, everywhere was intoxicated in some way, shape or form. I meet this guy, lets call him K. K seems pretty cool at first, he's tall, cute and a pretty good dancer - buying us candy and drinks, and giving us his glow sticks. But THEN, buddy starts bustin' out his lame lines -

K: "This is an awesome first date."
To which I replied "It's not a date." (seriously, come on, I just met the guy!)
K: "Well it's the date of my dreams."

Cheesy, right? But wait - it gets worse!
He looks at me - (and we're standing face to face), square in the eye, and he says with much sincerity "That's a really gorgeous beauty mark you have on your face."

So, I'm thinking "I don't have any distinct beauty marks on my face," while my hand instinctively reaches up towards that hideous ZIT that's been growing on my chin, with extreme dread. You know that zit that you spend hours agonizing over in the

bathroom, trying to get the perfect mix of makeup to cover it up? That was what I had in the dead center of my chin! Guess I didn't do a good job hiding it.

I get a panicky feeling, bad butterflies in my chest, please, please don't be talking about my zit! And please don't make me have to talk about it!

"I don't have a beauty mark on my face."
K: "Yeah you do - It's on your chin."
"That's a zit." I say with nervous laughter mixed with disgust, shading it with one hand as I laugh.

K: "Wow really? Well, it's still gorgeous, promise me you won't pop it." He says with the straightest face possible.

Ewww! What I really wanted to do was run away and vomit. I probably would have laughed if the situation just hadn't been so sad. I should have just said thanks.

Have YOU experienced a line worse than this one? Something comparable, something that had really happened? Please write in to The Link and share your stories - guys are welcome to write too. Please do not use real names, if you're gonna bash someone. Send your submissions of horrible lines to geoff_gauthier@bcit.ca, He's the editor, so I'll get the submissions from him.

awkward pause by colin w. pearson



Piracy is Piracy

The various evils of media piracy brought to light

BY: EVIL, EVIL PHILL KHAN

One is the loveliness of Napster, a free-for-all of music and fun files. Yes the powers that be decided that Napster was evil... evil, the vilest evil the evil had ever eviled in the vilest evil of all. Why? Because it was helping the poor little guy with no money to get music for free... Piracy! Oh! Such a dirty word, the piracy. Such an evil of the evil... well you get the idea. So Piracy is bad right? That's what Sony and Viacom and anyone else with a billion trillion dollars in their pocket say. So here's something that VERY interesting; there's this happy little company based in Utah called CleanFlicks.

"So what?" you say, "what do they do?" I'll let them tell you:

"CleanFlicks is a family-oriented company based in Pleasant Grove, Utah. We love movies, but prefer to watch them without the sex, nudity, profanity or extreme violence. Because we recognize others may have a similar desire, we provide this editing service to you. Our mission is to provide access to Hollywood entertainment free from objectionable elements, thus helping maintain high moral values."

-CleanFlicks.com

Basically, they take new release movies and cut the hell out of them. But wait, doesn't mean that they are editing an otherwise copy written movie? Why yes it is... that means piracy. For 12\$ US plus the price of the original movie, CleanFlicks will edit out all the good stuff and

replace it with fluffy dribble...Or just cut it out. I guess it would be alright if they were doing it for free or didn't have 65+ locations all over the states.

Why, you can be part of the CleanFlicks moral army for the small price of \$20,000 (US).

The question is this; isn't copying a movie and selling it for profit piracy? So why in all of God's green earth haven't the 'big boys' jumped on CleanFlicks like a fat kid on KFC? If we are going to find pirate outfits and beat them up and take their money away, then we should jump on ALL of the pirates. Just because a bunch of morality-crazed monkeys are running around under the guise of a legitimate business, doesn't mean we can let them break laws. Napster could justify themselves and we took them down, CleanFlicks does the same and no body seems to care. Evil, evil.

BCIT Student Association Annual General Meeting

Monday Oct. 21 at 5:45 pm
Student Association Council Chambers

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Being an "environmentalist" is more than you might think

BY: ZACHARY WHYTE

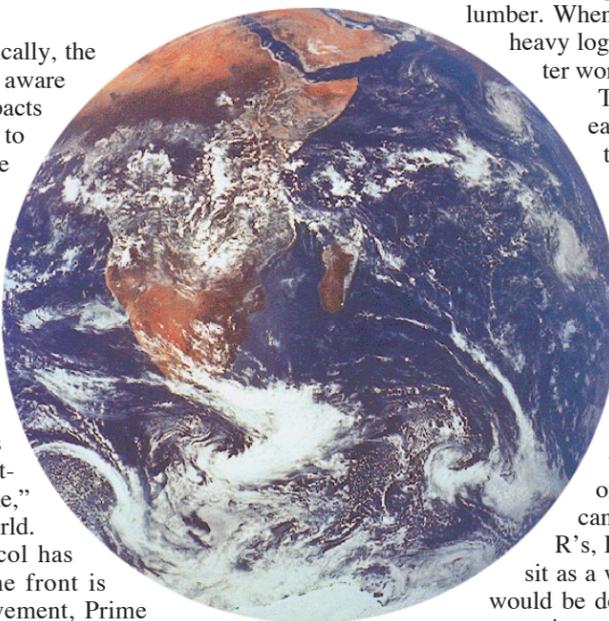
I am really angry about the way the word "environmentalist" is still being used in a derogatory manner. Only because it usually comes up in terms of "we the people want to do something and the 'environmentalist' factions throughout the nation oppose it," or "those damn hippies are going to bring us all down."

What does that really mean anyways?

The whole use of the word is growing extremely old. Basically, the term "environmentalist" really means anyone who is socially aware of the environment's fragile condition and how it directly impacts our quality of life. It is more than a crime against humanity to not be one, it is a crime against the whole spinning planet. We should all have concern for the earth's steady destruction due to exploitation in return for easy dollars and cents.

Our southern buddy, G.W. Bush, is toying with the idea of pulling out of an agreement called the Kyoto Protocol. The protocol is a worldwide agreement comprised of developed countries to lower greenhouse emissions and reduce the acceleration of global warming. It is without a doubt a major movement in order to save the planet from eventually turning into a giant sand pit wasteland. Bill Clinton was the major player in the U.S.'s involvement to implement this agreement. Bush however, is an oil baby and so are his supporters. The rest is easy enough to figure out, but "make no mistake," pulling out of this is definitely a big scud for the rest of the world.

Canada's involvement in this "environmentalist" protocol has been very good. The only province against it on the home front is Alberta. Although Alberta has many supporters of the movement, Prime Minister Ralph Klein is on a different agenda. He is currently threatening to take his argument all the way to the Supreme Court to protect his booming oil industry. Once again oil is the major antagonist in the ongoing battle for the earth. Whether you as a world citizen support this or not, that's for you to decide. The logical progressive thinker would take a stand against this. The constant smoke and mirrors show that industry pours into our ignorant little brains everyday has us thinking that we can't live without certain comforts, or less of them for that matter. That's all fine and dandy but I am looking forward to breathing clean oxygen and enjoying the scenery tomorrow. The earth isn't very large and it is everyone's duty to take care of it.



Accelerated global warming in Canada has affected us more than the average "non-environmentalist" knows. Across the entire northern region, permafrost is in a rapid melting pattern. Whole towns are sinking, pipelines are unstable and the ecosystem is in a confused state of change. Warming winters have increased the pine bark beetle populations in our own back yards. The little monsters have devoured 4 billion dollars in BC forest so far. That equates to half a million hectares of, you guessed it, softwood lumber. When you add that to the forest fires caused by drought and the heavy logging practices we could easily be left with, for lack of a better word, nothing!

There are so many other issues that are threatening the earth's well being. We live here, together in a nice little section of the world, most of the time oblivious to our environment and the blurred vision of what wealth really is. Day to day we don't really think about recycling every can we use or using less paper. The average person thinks of "environmentalists" as a bunch of non-industry minded radicals that will sink the whole economy if they had their way. This is wrong! If there is no planet to manage or money to throw around or fuel to pump into gas guzzling SUV's then what's the point. This is everyone's concern.

Around the BCIT campus there has been a great effort to increase our awareness of recycling but it can always go one step further. You can think about your environment, you can think about how you are living day to day. Follow the three R's, REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE. Think about mass transit as a way to school or in to town. Even if you have a vehicle you would be doing something to stop the world from turning into a giant cancer-tanning salon. Think globally, buy locally, compost, educate yourself on world affairs; be active in the world you create. You don't need to talk to trees or sing with the birds to think environmentally. You only need to participate and be vocal in how you would like the world to be in the future. Feel good about yourself because guess what? If you believe in protecting the environment and then you do it, you are an "environmentalist."

For more information on world affairs check out this website www.davidsuzuki.org
To take action and support the Kyoto Protocol write Prime Minister Chrétien at this site.

Think wider, get involved and do it while you're still breathing.



Emo Philips

With the Just For Laughs Comedy festival right around the corner, The Link gets opportunity to speak with one of the funniest comedians on the bill



BY: IAN GIESBRECHT

The Just For Laughs Comedy Tour is just around the corner, coming to the Orpheum on Friday, October 18th. This year's tour is the largest yet, set to hit 16 Canadian cities as well as two in the U.S. Canadian star Harland Williams will be the host for the evening, presenting five stellar acts, including fellow Canucks Brent Butt and Mike Wilmut. Also on the bill are Australian act Supergirly (purveyors of musical parody), Ron White (a Texas, blue-collar comedian) and of course, Chicago native Emo Philips.

For those of you who may not remember him, or have never heard of Emo Philips, think of the woodshop teacher scene in *Weird Al Yankovic's* cult classic *UHF*. Or, check out emophilips.com for a quick intro. He speaks in a distinctive lilting voice, bordering on the insane. At 2:30 AM his time we managed to track down Mr. Philips via phone in England where he was preparing for his trip to Canada.

The Link: Hello, is this Emo Philips?

Emo: Yes, I have that immense responsibility...

L: My name is Ian Giesbrecht, I'm phoning from The Link.

E: Oh yes, how are the ducks? And the boats? The boats are all nice? That's good.

L: Yeah...(laughs)

E: So is this a radio thing?

L: No, it's print actually.

E: I know it's not T.V., there's no cameras here.

L: So you're over in England right now?

E: Yes, I'm in London, England and I just worked the Palladium show where Jerry Lewis collapsed...I don't know if you heard about it.

L: Yeah, that was in the news over here.

E: Yes, I was at that show. It was really weird because they introduced me, and uh, here's the thing (laughs), they had (laughs) they had a bagpiper for three minutes play *Amazing Grace* and behind him on a projector, what do you call it, a screen? Was the World Trade Centre. So they had a bagpiper play *Amazing Grace* to the World Trade Centre and I come on right after this. Well I say "Talk about starting at ground zero."

Both: Laughter

E: So after that I worked Paris, that was very exciting...I don't speak French, but you

know you have a lot of people who are smart enough to live in Paris.

L: So this is your first time over there?

E: No it's my second time, I'll probably do it once more before I die.

L: So is Canada your next stop?

E: Yeah, I'm flying to Toronto on Sunday, and I'll be spending two months in Canada, it's so exciting. Are you in Victoria?

L: Nope, Vancouver.

E: Wow.

L: Actually, the Queen's here right now,

E: You're kidding!

L: Well, not in my apartment, but she's in the city.

E: Isn't that ironic.

L: So is the place falling apart without her?

E: Oh my God it's chaos here without the Queen. No one knows how to pose, people are waving incorrectly, it's horrible. *Tres gauche*.

L: So you've been up here lots before?

E: Oh gosh yeah, I love Canada. It's beautiful. I went to the Butchard Gardens...I thought it was lesbian paintings and stuff. Totally kidding.

L: That caught me off guard a little.

E: Yeah, I'm actually starting off the tour in Victoria, then Vancouver is the 40th stop on the tour. There's 39 cities between you, we're playing every square inch of real estate in Canada. We're walking in real time. But no, Vancouver's a great place, I love it...and I'm not even addicted to heroin.

L: (Laughter)

E: You don't have to be a junkie to love Vancouver, but it helps. (laughs) But Vancouver, you've got everything there, gracious, it's the most beautiful city in (pauses) British Columbia.

L: You probably haven't seen more than Vancouver and Victoria have you?

E: Well, you got me there. Well, Vancouver's phenomenal, it's the warmest place you can be and still be in Canada.

L: So have you been up north before?

E: Well, I've been to Alaska, that's pretty much the same. You know there's the quintessential Canada, you know with the Mounties and the trees, the way up north.

L: Dudley Doowright

E: Yeah! With the moose, or the meese, whichever.

L: But there isn't much work up there for a comedian.

E: I've been as far north as Edmonton before, I've been to Jasper and Calgary and Banff, and Lake Louise...oh it's gorgeous! God I want to open a strip club there, or something.

L: So you think you could move to Canada?

E: Yeah, I do.

L: But you're not retiring any time soon are you?

E: No, but I'm sick. You know, the health care there...

L: It's free!

E: Yeah my dad there in America had a heart attack and we had to sell the house, but in Canada we would've inherited it. You guys have got it good, you can cover like 90% of sicknesses. You know, for the high end stuff you still need a little help but that whooping cough thing you've got nailed.

L: And the smallpox.

E: And the shingles. It just seems like the more persnickity types of cancer you gotta go to America. All the ones where the treatments require, you know, electricity?

L: Hey, we've got that now.

E: Yeah, you just haven't, oh, channeled it. I'm joking though, Canada's a wonderful place, and I can't wait to take some of your money. Don't worry though, I'll lose it all at the casino.

L: Well, I'm looking forward to seeing you.

E: Have you seen me before?

L: Actually, only in UHF

E: Oh, they have the new DVD of that.

L: I rushed out and bought that the day it came out.

E: So you've seen my extra six seconds of screen time. You know, it was so exciting when it came out, I saw it on the silver screen and me and the other guy in the theatre just laughed ourselves silly when I came on the screen. You know my scene and the scene with the dogs getting thrown out of the window? Orion wanted to cut those out of the movie, but Al said "Look, Emo's a friend of mine, and I hate poodles," so both those scenes got to stay in. That DVD technology...

L: Speaking of technology you have a new website too?

E: Yes, my favourite part is the Random Emo Logic Generator. It's great for parties,

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EMO PHILIPS CONTINUED...

you can impersonate me and impress all your friends! Also, I have a new CD called EMO, which is available at the website.

L: Along the lines of CD's, are you aware of the whole music genre that's named after you that's so popular with the kids these days?

E: I don't know if it's named after me, I guess it is, I mean I was super-famous in the mid-80's and the music genre started in the late-80's so it would boggle the imagination if it wasn't named after me; but, I really don't listen to that kind of music. I like jazz, I like going to jazz clubs because I like hearing some pot-head practice scales for three hours. I like to play music too.

L: You play too?

E: Yeah, I like to play for some friends. When I say friends I mean my mom and her ceramic elves. I just like to have fun with it though. I play the clarinet sometimes too; I play to my silent film the Can Man (available on emophilips.com).

After some witty banter, which was amusing to us, but probably not to the reader, we managed to work our way to the topic of where Emo gets his ideas.

L: So where do your jokes come from, do you just literally sit at your desk and write jokes all day?

E: Well, unfortunately it's not that easy. Sometimes you'll write a joke all day long, so you'll spend like 4 hours writing it, then 3 hours rehearsing it, then you'll go on stage and it'll totally bomb. So it's very freaky. But, lots of times you'll talk to some person and the joke will come, it's a continuous thing. It's good to write jokes all day and see what happens. Like Woody Allen says it's either easy or impossible, and even Woody

says he has to write like 10 jokes to get a good one. Luckily, when I got into comedy I was already used to 20 years of rejection. That's the secret, you gotta be really used to rejection. If you get famous it really hurts you because you get used to success and...if you get rejected it sucks! It's like you're expecting warm water and it's cold. That's why you really have to admire someone like Steve Martin or Woody Allen...you know Woody keeps his edge by doing insane things constantly.

L: But you're really best known for being a joke writer, not a comedian.

E: I am yeah, yes, because I have so little natural acting ability. If you take the laughter and divide it by the stage presence, then you have the quality of the gag. So I have really good quality gags. I learned a long time ago, it's a lot easier to write a good joke than to try and make a lousy one work. I'm just lazy.

L: You were also in GQ a couple of years ago for writing three of the best 75 jokes of all time, that's impressive.

E: Well, thank you.

L: Did you ever think you'd be in GQ when you were growing up?

E: No...well, it was very flattering, and who knows more about comedy than the people who write about this year's cufflinks... The most shallow fashion magazine in creation... no seriously, it was voted on by a jury of my peers, so it was very flattering.

And after some more chit-chat about the World's Funniest Jokes, I decided it was time to let the poor man get some rest. He's gotten more serious looking over the years, losing his page-boy haircut and getting some respectable glasses, but Emo Philips the man is still as hilarious as ever. The Just For Laughs festival comes to town Friday, October 18th, and tickets are still available at all Ticketmaster outlets.

Wiesearcher Replaced After Horrid Disfigurement

BY: IAN GIESBRECHT AND ROBIN TOOR

PHOTOS BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER



Saddened by the loss of his friend and fellow Wiesearcher, Shawn Edstrom, Ian Giesbrecht chows down a jumbo SA wiener.

In a tragic skateboarding accident last weekend, Shawn Edstrom, one half of the Wiesearch team, lost his ability to eat wieners. The accident left him with a missing tooth, various chipped teeth, and stitches in his lip.

Due to the severity of the wounds, Shawn will be unable to do the wiesearch he so enjoys, as he will be eating food through a straw for the next few weeks.

So what do we do when we need a back-up wiesearcher? We hit the Great Hall with a megaphone and a dream: to find a student willing to eat free wieners and offer his/her critique of said food products. Our saviour for the week is Robin Toor, a second year Computer Service Technician student with a hunger for wieners and a penchant for relish.

Now that we had our team established, we made a trek to the TNT Convenience Store, located conveniently nearby. We knew there were wieners there and we knew we wanted to eat. We could smell the victory. The wieners beckoned us much like a siren beckons the tired and lonely sailor to his death at sea. They were located in the back of the store, in a glorious display unit, which rotated the wieners so they could attain potential taste perfection.

Enough waxing philosophical about the wieners; let's get down to business and rate these red hots!

The Wiener Provider: TNT Convenience

Description: A quick stop on the BCIT campus where you can get tea, biscuits, chips, chocolate bars, bus passes, white cranberry juice, pretty much anything your heart desires-especially if your heart desires huge mouth-watering wieners.

Now remember, a rating of 10 is perfection, 5 is edible, and 1 is vile.

Resemblance to human flesh: 7 - The "meat" was a dark red, and didn't remind us of our days as cannibals.



Back-up member of the Wiesearch team Robin Toor proudly displays his wiener at the TNT Convenience store here at BCIT

Condiment selection: 5 - The basics, coming in individual packets.

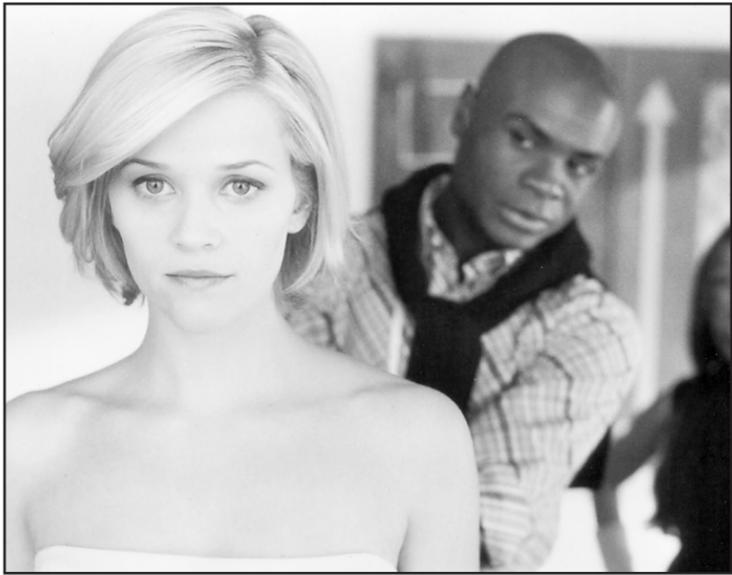
Ratio of wiener to bun: 8 - The wiener was too thick for this bun, so you got too much meat, not enough bread in each bite.

Value: 9 - \$1.59 is not bad considering the sheer mass of the meat-tube.

Skin quality of the wiener: 9 - only one wiener on display was not silky smooth.

Taste: 7 - Taste is normally irrelevant with hot dogs, but these were really salty. That doesn't make them bad, but it was almost impossible for a man of my slim girth to consume two. Robin enjoyed his pair of wieners immensely though.

Link at the Movies...



Sweet Home Alabama

BY: CARLY NICHOL

I present to you a checklist. If you answer yes to any two of these three questions, you are most likely to enjoy the new Reese Witherspoon movie, *Sweet Home Alabama*. Number one: are you female? Two: are you between the ages of ten and seventy-nine? Three: did you enjoy Bridget Jones' Diary, the book or the movie?

If you nodded, think about setting some time aside for next Tuesday. Like most romantic comedies, this movie features the 'decision factor' as I like to call it. Fashion designer Melanie Carmichael (Witherspoon) has to choose between sticking with her engagement to her New York fiancée Andrew (Patrick Dempsey) or, staying married to her Alabama ex-but-not-quite-ex husband Jake (Josh Lucas). The duration of the movie consists of this choice; whether or not she wants to accept her Southern roots, or to continue to live her New York City dream life. Along the way there are all the

character conflicts and humor that romantic comedies love to shell out: showing that Reese Witherspoon could be the new Julia Roberts.

Meanwhile, this movie drags out all the possible stereotypes. Melanie's best friend in New York is gay, black and a fashion stylist; her father is a confederate flag waving Republican; and, her mother is the standard Southern Alabama house-wife. There are also the typical scenes of the deep south and New England, such as Andrew's marriage proposal to Melanie at Tiffany's, so reminiscent of *Breakfast At Tiffany's*. But the stereotypes in this movie are celebrated and it proves that regardless of where you're from, everybody can join together and still respect one another, which is very relevant for today.

As a side note, I was happy to hear the title song only three times, and no one seated around me decided to sing along, karaoke-style. I think Lynyrd Skynyrd has experienced enough butchering of their classic song. Thankfully, this movie does the *Sweet Home Alabama* title much justice.



Moonlight Mile

BY: IAN GIESBRECHT

Being a movie reviewer has its ups and downs. When a really good movie comes along, it's fun to review; or, when a really bad movie comes along, it's even more fun. The hardest films to review are the ones that don't do anything for you. Some films can be summed up with one simple word and a shoulder shrug. How many times have you experienced this situation with a friend. They ask, "So, what did you think of (insert so-so movie title here)?" And you answer "Eh," and shrug your shoulders. It says so much! Well, that's exactly how I feel about writer/director Brad Silberling's latest, *Moonlight Mile*.

The film boasts some big time acting talent with Dustin Hoffman and Susan Sarandon playing a recently murdered girl's parents. Hoffman and Sarandon are great as Ben and JoJo Floss, especially Hoffman who plays a father who chooses to ignore the pain by occupying himself with his work. Jake Gyllenhal is Joe, the fiancée of the victim. Most of his time on film is spent looking sad and vulnerable,

which I will have to admit, he's pretty darned good at. Then, there's the inevitable rebound love interest (Ellen Pompeo), who has a bit of a weird face. It kind of irked me because she has no bumps on her upper lip. You know those two lines that come from your mouth to your nose? Yeah, she doesn't have them! Weird hey? I couldn't get past that.

Director Silberling has only two previous films to his credit, those being *City of Angels* and the Christina Ricci epic: *Casper*. To be honest, I never watched *City of Angels* because Nicholas Cage is in it and he's a pud, but *Casper* was awesome, at least when I was 15.

He does a good job here, but the pace of the film tends to drag at times. The comic scenes worked very well, and when the film practically opened with a dog puking on a woman's foot I thought we were in for a wild ride. The "funny" moments though were well outweighed by the "touching" ones, which really didn't "touch" me at all. They were enough to make the girls behind us cry, but not me, as my heart is made of stone. After two hours of sap like this, all I wanted was to go home and watch *Rainman*.



Punch-Drunk Love

BY: GEOFF GAUTHIER

After watching Adam Sandler's career rise and fall over the years, I was a little skeptical about heading out to see *Punch-Drunk Love*. But the lack of any advanced press and promotion of the film intrigued me greatly. To my surprise, this is one of my favourite films this year.

The movie is based on an article in *Time Magazine* about a University of California civil engineer who came across a loophole in a frequent-flyer promotion. David Phillips managed to acquire 1.25 million air miles by purchasing 12,150 cups of Healthy Choice pudding for only \$3000. Writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson (*Magnolia*, *Boogie Nights*), was so intrigued by this article that a screenplay was the next logical step.

The movie opens with Barry Egan (Sandler) sitting at his desk conversing with the people from Healthy Choice, making certain that he read the fine

print correctly. From there, the movie takes off into a brilliant romantic comedy. Sandler actually gives a perfect, believable performance, allowing his sweet, sensitive side to show throughout the film. This is balanced perfectly by his love interest Lena (Emily Watson) who plays the most understated character in the whole movie.

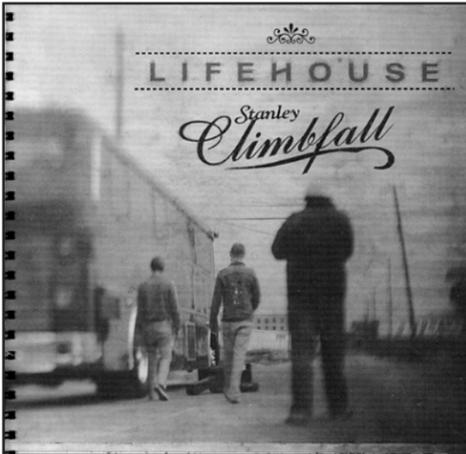
Without spoiling the brilliance of the film, Egan phones a sex operator in a period of loneliness in his life, just to talk to someone. The operator then blackmails him and there many hilarious scenes where he must try and restore his good name.

The casting is perfect in *Punch-Drunk Love*. The story of Barry Egan demonstrates that he has a large family and the sisters and husbands are not actors but real people. Luis Guzman plays the part of Egan's assistant and adds a small bit of comic genius to the show.

This film has a limited release, so it won't be showing in Vancouver theatres until October 18th. It really is a wonderful piece of cinema.

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Lifehouse
Stanley Climbfall
Universal

BY: LORI DAVIS

They said about their last album *No Name Face*, that it was “about accepting the place where you are and trying to figure out how to get beyond that, but not really knowing how.” Now, the three musicians Jason Wade, Sergio Andrade and Rick Woolstenhulme of **Lifehouse** have proved they do know how to get what they want, in their new album *Stanley Climbfall*.

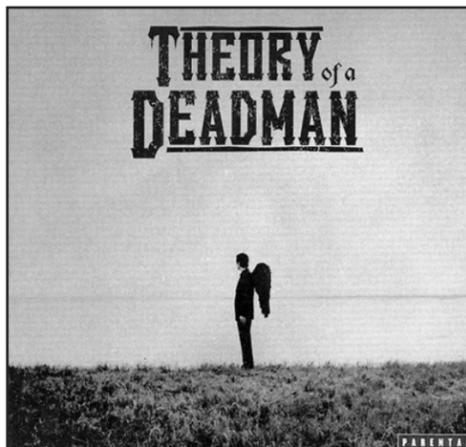
The key concept is repeated over and over throughout their latest album: if you’re down, get up and get over it. The strong verse “Walking crawling climbing

falling / All my life has found its meaning,” is backed by thick chords and distinctive guitar rhythms in the first song “Spin.”

Again, the ‘pick your ass up theme’ arises in the title track *Stanley Climbfall*; “You’re living just to make it through another day/Stand climb and fall/ Carry the world.”

Is **Lifehouse** unique in the array of other musicians and bands? At first, their sound may be too similar to other bands on the radio, but their message is somewhat different. It may take a few separate sessions to truly appreciate what they are giving.

Setting the tone of the album, the song *Spin*, leaves the repeating phase, “I wouldn’t change a thing. You and I wouldn’t change a thing.” I wouldn’t change a thing about this album, it will be interesting to see how they progress, in their next one.



Theory of a Deadman
Theory of a Deadman
604 Records

BY: MARK SCHUBERT

Theory Of A Deadman’s self-titled album is not only their first release, but also the first album produced by Chad Kroeger’s new recording company 604 Records. The recently released album contains

ten songs, the majority of which are co written by Chad Kroeger, creating a sound not unlike that of **Nickleback** or **Default**. Many of the songs on this CD are about relationships and how they have gone wrong which quickly becomes repetitive.

Despite this there are a couple more enjoyable songs. *Invisible Man*, from the *Spider-Man* soundtrack, and “Nothing Could Come Between Us” have a livelier beat, but are still heavily influenced by Chad Kroeger. In my opinion save your money, the best songs have already been played on the radio.



Ladytron
Light and Magic
Emperor Norton Records

BY: IAN GIESBRECHT

The term electro-clash has been bandied about a lot lately by people in the music industry. What electro-clash is...well, that can be argued about, but basically it takes elements of early 1980’s synthpop (vintage analog beats, primitive drum machines) and combines them with a punk rock attitude. New York City seems to pump out about 20 of these bands a day who perform at art galleries and put on often elaborate artsy stage shows. Still, the best electro-clash comes from Europe, led by **Miss Kittin**, **Felix Da Housecat** and England’s greatest contribution to the scene: **Ladytron**.

Ladytron’s second album, *Light and Magic*, takes the sound from their first, *604*, and finely tunes it. The lineup of the band remains the same, two dudes and two female vocalists. The two vocalists, DJ Mira and Helen, take

turns depending on the mood of the song. Helen’s breathy vocals serve as a perfect contradiction to Mira’s Slovenian deadpan, and this works most effectively on the tracks *Seventeen* and *Blue Jeans*, where both women show up.

Lyrical speaking, there isn’t a lot of substance to **Ladytron**, which is really the band’s only weakness. Most of the songs (as is usual in electro-clash) are about fashion, computers, and other artsy-fartsy subjects. That being said, **Ladytron**’s *Light and Magic* is still THE new standard for this quickly growing genre.

There are tracks for the dance floor (the leadoff single *Evil*, *Black Plastic*), and songs more suited to an evening sitting around playing Atari with your loved ones (*Flicking Your Switch*, *Nuhorizons*, and the title track). *Evil* could very well be the best single of the year depending on whom you ask.

So if you’re interested in hearing what would’ve happened if people had the gear they have today in 1985, *Light and Magic*, and even **Ladytron**’s debut *604* are the best place to start.

Don't Drown in Your Hockey Pool

Jay Selinger reveals his picks and predictions for the upcoming NHL season



Well, the air's getting cold, the sun's going down and halter tops are turning into turtle necks. It's that time of the year again. Yup, it's time again to pull out your crystal balls and make your hockey pool picks. A last place finish in last year's pool made you look pretty sad and probably cost you a few beers. Perhaps taking the tough guy on Columbus' fourth line wasn't such a great idea, nor was picking goons in your first round. There are a few things to remember when making your choices, so here's some guidance to perhaps lift you up to your personal holy grail, second only to a Stanley Cup, first place in the hockey pool.

A lot of teams look poised to hoist the Stanley Cup this year. Detroit is going to be defending their title in true Red Wing fashion. They will be the team to beat once again this year. Also looking quite strong in the Western Conference (where all the scoring happens - nudge, nudge), are the San Jose Sharks, Colorado Avalanche, and yes, even the Vancouver Canucks, who led the NHL in team scoring last season.

The Eastern Conference should be a lot more exciting this year as well. With the heralding of increased obstruc-

tion penalties, the clutch and hold method that hoisted the New Jersey Devils to a Cup will be shunned, and should add to more goals scored all around. The teams to beat in the East will be the Philadelphia Flyers and the Washington Capitals. Also challenging will be the New York Islanders and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

First picks of a hockey pool have always been the easy and predictable ones, the Yzermans, Sakics and Sundins. However, last year's NHL season ended on a high note for a whole new generation of hockey players. Jarome Iginla's scoring reign earned him the Maurice Richard and the Art Ross Trophies, and will leave him a favorite in every fan's hockey pool.

The power forward position is becoming a valuable commodity once again. Along with Iginla, Todd Bertuzzi of the Canucks had a break-out year finishing third in overall scoring even while missing 15 games. Erik Cole of the Carolina Hurricanes had a stellar playoff performance and displayed the same blend of toughness and finesse that Bertuzzi exemplified last season.

Look for players who had hot finishes last year in both the season and the playoffs. In this group you'll fight workhorses like Richard Zednick who led play-off scoring until ousted by an injury. Alexei Kovalev of the Pittsburgh Penguins also had a strong finish to last season, and if his confidence continues he will be a leading scorer this season. Couple that with the fact that if not playing with Martin Straka again, he will likely be centered by Mario Lemieux and this could turn into a career season.

Team chemistry is what builds championship teams and goal scoring lines. Markus Naslund, Todd Bertuzzi and Brendan Morrison of the "West Coast Express" line should put up some big numbers this year, after being the highest scoring line in the NHL last season.

Team acquisitions also help players when the right ingredients are brought in. Adam Oates was traded to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks and will be a great asset to Paul Kariya's stats. Oates himself had 64 assists last season, so both of these players should be great picks. Chris Drury joined the Calgary Flames last week, so he and Iginla will have lots to work with.

The bottom end of a hockey pool is where the big points will be gained. Whoever picks the good young guys and the lucky old guys will have an edge to finishing

in the pool money. Dany Heatley and Ilya Kovalchuk complimented each other quite well last year and set 5 club rookie records for the Atlanta Thrashers, while finishing one-two in team scoring. Look for Pavel Datsyuk to tear up the scoring board in Detroit, and Jaroslav Svoboda to play big hockey in his second NHL year with the Carolina Hurricanes. Shawn Bates lit himself a new flame last year playing for the New York Islanders and will be ready to build on his 52 points.

Defensive picks are just as important as forwards. Most pools have a defense quota to fill and Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom is an easy choice. Other obvious picks are Rob Blake, Chris Chelios, Chris Pronger, Ed Jovanovski and Adam Foote. When picking defensemen for your pool, study ice time and special teams play. All the obvious choices above play many minutes and fill up the power play unit. Other great picks are Adrian Aucoin of the Islanders, Toronto's Tomas Kaberle and Dallas' Sergei Zubov.

The last section of any good hockey pool, just like a team's last line of defense, is the goaltender. Points are amassed through different criteria such as shutouts and wins. Look to the number one goalies for this section. Patrick Roy is usually the first choice, but also look at a team's defense. Sometimes a team's defense will get the goalie the win or even a shutout. Detroit's Curtis Joseph should be a standout this year because of the team in front of him. The New Jersey Devils have Martin Brodeur, as well as the best defense in the league. Other standouts are Evgeni Nabokov from San Jose, Boston's Byron Dafoe and the last year's Vezina Trophy winner, ladies and gentlemen, from the Montreal Canadiens, Jose Theodore. Pick a great goalie and build your hockey pool status.

Hockey pools aren't about the money, or the accolades... they're all about bragging rights. So lace 'em up, make your choices and may the best puck pick win. And remember if you don't finish first, there's always golf. Good luck

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Welcome to the Link classified ads section. Please e-mail your classifieds to

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This Week

Wednesday, October 9 - First round of the Bocce Tournament

Today's game will feature an appearance by BCIT President, Dr. Tony Knowles. Get yourself out to the sports field and cheer him on!

Monday, October 14 - Thanksgiving Holiday

Why are you reading this? You should be eating turkey or a well-prepared tofu substitute!

Wednesday, October 16 - Round Two - Bocce Tournament

And the fun keeps on rolling with the Bocce Tournament. How is your team doing?

Wednesday, October 23 - Round 3 - Bocce Tournament

Will the fun ever stop? Those bocce players are a breed to themselves.

Friday, October 25 - Earlybird registration deadline for Big White Ski Trip

Save yourself a bit of cash, get a 2-for-1 Whistler coupon and have a chance to win your trip to Big White for FREE! Haven't heard about the trip? Here's some info:

WHAT: Ski Trip to Big White

WHEN: December 13-15, 2002. Don't worry, it doesn't happen until AFTER you've written your last exam. We'll hold the bus for ya!

Here's what you'll get, starting at ONLY \$229 per person:

- * Two (2) nights accommodation at the Best Western in Kelowna, (where there's a pool, hot tub, exercise room and restaurant)
- * Continental breakfast at the hotel on Saturday & Sunday
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- * Two (2) lift tickets to Big White
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- * Movies, beverages, and prizes en-route to Kelowna
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- * Your trip hosted by two Destination Snow guides (2 per bus)
- * And a whole load of FUN!

For more information, go to www.sa.bcit.ca and click on Events, then Ski Trip. Want to register? Contact Marie at 604.432.8413 or marie_halfnights@bcit.ca.

Upcoming

Saturday, October 26 - CANUCKS VS. DALLAS STARS

The Dallas Stars are here to get their butts whipped by our Canucks. The game kicks off at 7 PM sharp at the Garage. Tickets on sale NOW through the BCIT Student Association. Upper Bowl I \$47, Upper Bowl II \$40. Call Marie for tickets at 604.432.8413.

Wednesday, October 30 - Final Round - Bocce Tournament

This is it. The Bocce Tournament winners will be crowned today! Will it be your team that wins?

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Passes are on sale until October 31, 2002, and are available to Full-Time students between 17 - 25 years of age, at time of pass purchase. Sorry, no exceptions. Questions or concerns about that? Email 4buy4@intrawest.com

Thursday, October 31 - Hallowe'en

The spookiest day of the year, and my personal favourite of all the holidays. What's your costume going to be this year?

Friday, November 15 - Last day to sign up for Big White Ski Trip

Last minute registration accepted until 4PM at Rec Services (by the Gym).

Wednesday, November 20 - CANUCKS VS. CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS

Tickets on sale now through the BCIT Student Association. Upper Bowl only \$35 each! Call Marie at 604.432.8413 for more info.

Thursday, November 21 - Blood Donor Clinic

Please come out and give the gift of life. It takes very little time to donate a unit of blood and now you can make an appointment in advance! Call 1.888.2DONATE to book your appointment.



Happy Thanksgiving!

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