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BCIT student heads out into the universe

Isobel Agar will be one of 52 competitors for the title of Miss Universe Canada

By Geoff Gauthier
Link Staff

Everyone knows that BCIT students are driven, but Isobel Agar takes the cake. In addition to finishing her Bachelor of Business Administration (with a major in marketing), Agar is looking at taking on the universe... starting in Montreal.

Agar will be one of 52 delegates competing for the coveted title of Miss Universe Canada. The competition began on March 11 with a winner being chosen on March 21.

"I find going to these events really raises the bar in my own life," said Agar, "regardless of how I place, I always find that I come home with a new set of goals and a renewed sense of direction in my life."

The former winner of the Miss Indy Pageant, Agar, 25, only began modeling in grade 12.

"While in Grade 12, I was spotted on Robson Street by Jamal Abdouraham [the publisher of Vancouver Fashion Magazine and producer of Vancouver International Fashion Week] and I was quickly scouted into the Lower Mainland fashion circles," said Agar, "I never really thought that I could do anything like [modeling] until our paths crossed."

While so many pageant entrants start out at a much earlier age, Agar only recently started down that path.

"So, I began modeling when I was very young but did not enter my first beauty pageant until I was 20 years old," said Agar, "and it was the Miss Indy model search and I won."

A win at the Miss Universe Canada Finals in Montreal will lead to a coveted spot in the Miss World Universe Pageant, in June 2006. All contestants compete before a live audience and a 10-person judging panel in the traditional categories (swim wear and evening gown), for the chance to

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“Create a Team” By Stephanie Tait

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If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email Amy (VP of Public Relation Toastmasters) Am_yh_621@hotmail.com or Sayed (VP of Membership Toastmasters) at snajibi@my.bcit.ca.



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Taking on the Universe

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be selected as one of the top 15 semi-finalists.

Coupling brains with beauty, Agar is not one to take opportunities like this for granted.

"Beauty pageants have presented me rare opportunities that money just can't buy," said Agar, "like playing with Bengal tigers in Australia, go-kart racing with

Indy racers... surfing some of the world's most spectacular beaches with professional surfers, meeting Miss Universe, and giving elephants a bath in Thailand."

Agar said she was a geek in high school, so much so that her sister had to get her a date for grad. But that has changed now.

"Every now and then I run into someone that I went to high school with and they don't be-

lieve that it's really me... that is how much I have changed."

Also, despite being in front of the camera since she was young, Agar said she never really feels pretty enough to have her photo taken, claiming that "I just kind of grin and bear. In real life I am quite shy... it's really odd that I got into modeling."

On that topic, Agar also said she often has "dating issues."

"I cannot seem to land a man for the life of me," said Agar, "I have tried just about everything... blind dates from friends, speed dating - I have even recently hit rock bottom and attempted internet dating. I am just far too busy and travel too much to keep a man."

Agar leaked to the Link that, despite being able to find a boyfriend, she secretly has a crush on Vancouver Canucks' captain Markus Naslund.

For more information on the current Miss Universe Canada pageant, visit www.beautiesofcanada.com.



March 21, 2006

I'm sorry for not sending this earlier, but it slipped my mind. I would like to congratulate you for your article on gay marriage. I may be from Alberta but I certainly would not support the government if it chooses to re-open the debate.

So next time please do go a little easier on those of us from out of province, thanks.

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UBC Forestry student slain in Surrey

Father stresses forgiveness as investigation into Limantoro's shooting continues

By Bryan Zandberg
The Ubysey
(University of British
Columbia)

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- A shooting in Surrey left at least two males in hospital and one University of British Columbia student dead.

The Lower Mainland's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team is looking into the incident, which occurred at about 9 p.m. Saturday night, March 11, at Surrey's Fleetwood Park.

UBC student Yulian Limantoro, in his second year in the Faculty of Forestry's Wood Products Processing program, died as a result of the gun-shot wounds he sustained.

His father, Wigiarto Limantoro, talking by phone from his Abbotsford home, said the death of his son was a huge shock to him,

but that he had already forgiven the shooter.

Asked why, he responded, "because I'm Christian. A true Christian should forgive. Everybody makes mistakes, right?"

"But of course [the shooter] has to pay the consequences, he has to face the Canadian law."

It is currently not known if the incident was gang or drug-related.

The Limantoro family moved to Canada from Indonesia in November 1989. Limantoro said one of the reasons for the move was for "the safety of our kids. But now one is dead."

Limantoro's brother Adrian, a third-year cell biology and genetics major at UBC, was adamant that his brother had no relation to gangs.

"No, he wasn't at all [involved]," he said. "The reason he was out there was for a friend's

birthday party and so he didn't know a lot of the people there."

"Most of his regular friends are UBC students. He would usually hang out in Vancouver."

Like the authorities, Adrian said he doesn't know much more than the fact that a confrontation between two groups turned violent.

"He was driving; he got dragged into it I guess."

According to an RCMP press release, an initial investigation has determined that a group of people in their late teens or early twenties had gathered in Fleetwood Park and that a dispute erupted. At about 9 pm shots were fired, leaving Limantoro with critical injuries and two others in serious condition.

"At this point, police have yet to establish whether or not the individuals involved knew each other or the reason for the dis-

pute," read the document.

Adrian said his reaction to the news of his brother's murder was one of shock.

"I just couldn't believe it, because he doesn't hang out with those types of people."

Adrian said his brother wanted to do forestry work after he graduated.

"He loved Vancouver, he wanted to stay here," he said.

Candace Parsons, director of student services in the Faculty of Forestry, addressed most members of Limantoro's classmates in the small the Wood Products Processing program on Wednesday.

Limantoro was enrolled in the program with about 50 other students.

Parsons, who described herself as "feeling her way through" how to handle the tragedy, said she wanted to make sure the students knew about counseling services,

which set up a priority standing for his classmates because of the stress and sense of personal crisis that can accompany the loss of a friend or acquaintance.

A moment of silence was held, funeral arrangements were made known and there was some discussion about a wood project the students are making as a gift to Limantoro's family.

Robert Fürst, one of Limantoro's instructors, described Limantoro as "a fairly quiet student" who was "quite motivated."

Fürst related that he has lost two students in one week: the first to cancer and now Limantoro.

"It's too much right now," he said.

Fürst said it was strange for him to have been marking Limantoro's exam over the weekend, only to come to school Monday morning to the news that he had been killed.

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The Social Life

How much can one stand from a one-night stand?



By Amber Howlett
Link Columnist

In a time of disease, infidelity, and pregnancy what possesses people to have a one-night stand? Personally, when it comes to one-night stands, I don't have a lot of experience. I can understand the appeal of an amazing evening with a mysterious stranger, but I can say – on good authority - that it only usually happens in the movies.

One one-nighter I chalked up wasn't at all like those steamy scenes you see on the silver screen. In fact, I've got to say it wasn't even close; quite the oppo-

site, like a low budget indie film.

I'd had several cocktails and most of the night was a blur, but the next morning, besides a killer hangover, I had guilt like you wouldn't believe and desperately struggled to fill in the many blanks.

I thought that I would be able to handle it, but a thousand thoughts danced their way through my foggy head. Like "what was his name again?" and "we used protection right?" and "of course we did. Didn't we?"

I wouldn't be that stupid. Then again I was stupid enough to get drunk and go home with a perfect stranger.

Well I'll tell you the reality of my one-night stand was enough to give me a huge reality check. From that day on, I decided one-nighters aren't for me.

But if that's your whole thing

then do yourself a favor and stay sober, at least enough so you remember the person's name.

From my experience, all I know is I just can't stand for a one-night stand.

Wherever you are, MF, I hope you finally grew up

Manly Men must prove they're Manly Men



It was nearly 1:00 am and Cornwall Street, almost at Kits Beach, was deserted; in fact, in those days at 1:00 am almost every street in Vancouver was empty. It's a sleepy lifestyle Vancouver likes to call 'livable' and that Montreal just calls 'pathetic.'

The weather was a warm late spring or early summer, I can't remember which. I walked along Cornwall, returning from False Creek where I had been brooding teenaged melancholy, smoking Djarum cigarettes, sitting on the water's edge listening to the yells and hollers from the downtown core as it shut up for the night, throwing the drunks into the streets so they could climb in their cars and drive home.

I was wearing a light coloured shirt, a black corduroy jacket and dark blue cotton pants. My mother showed me a picture of myself from that era and, although 17, I looked about 12 years old. I usually walked

with my hands thrust deep into my jacket pockets with my head down.

A car, filled with young men, drove by, well over the speed limit. The car, I remember, was either an early seventies model Cougar or something similar like a 1969 Mustang, the year they lengthened the chassis and ruined its lines and made it ugly. I remember about four men in the car but I wasn't paying too much attention.

When they screamed, 'fucking faggot,' and banged on the passenger door I barely looked up. As a born and raised Anglican, respectful, genteel and filled with social graces in all ways, I gave them a mere glance and flipped them the middle finger and continued shuffling down Cornwall steeped in whatever melancholia I had floated in all evening.

A block and a half further as I approached

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a bus stop, a man rounded the corner on foot. I looked up at him. He was looking at the area in front of his feet, approaching quickly, but not in a hurry. It was the 'door-banger-fucking-faggot-yeller' from the car. In about two seconds he and I were about six feet apart. At one second apart he

looked up suddenly, as if he had crept up and pounced on me, and threw a punch. I dodged it and stepped back.

For the next 40 seconds he threw about six punches. I kept him in front of me, dodging each swing. He was larger easily by 50 pounds, muscled, and violently intent. Remember, I looked about twelve years old. And that motherfucker, with his friends yelling from the car which had now pulled alongside us, wanted to pound me

but couldn't. His friends kept urging, "C'mon hit him and let's get out of here."

40 seconds isn't a long time when it comes to many things in life but when you're throwing punches at a twelve year old and not connecting, especially when you're throwing punches to prove just what a tough bastard you are (tough and *definitely* not a queer faggot) 40 seconds of failure is an eternity. Fortunately for the motherfucker, he trailed his right leg,

feigned with his left and I moved exactly the way he wanted. He stepped forward with a right upper cut. As soon as I saw his right coming, as if in slow motion, I thought to myself, "Hmm. Good one." His fist connected under my chin and went straight up. I could feel the vertebrae in my neck snap back and *he lifted me off my feet*.

At that point in my life I had been hit with a two by four, struck by a car, rode my bike off a precipice into a pile of sawdust

twenty feet below, whirled out of trees through its branches to the ground, and, at age five, leapt off the roof of my friend's house near Dunbar St, secure in the knowledge that a black plastic garbage bag would work as a parachute. Life had slowly taught me, and I, as a fledgling adult, had only recently accepted, that cartoons *aren't* reality.

That's what filled my head at that moment. First, he threw a good feign and landed a good punch. Second, I didn't think you could actually lift someone off their feet in a cartoon fashion like that and... therefore cartoons *don't* lie!

I hit the ground on my back. I was off the curb in the street. He had split my chin and blood dripped onto my shirt. Our manly motherfucker whooped victorious along with his other manly motherfucker friends, climbed in their ugly ruined American classic and sped away. With the obligatory, 'blah blah blah fucking faggot' fading into the night with them.

When I arrived home I snuck into the house in darkness so as not to awaken my roommate's chihuahua. In the bathroom, in the sudden blue-white light, I looked at my split chin and taped it back together and threw out my shirt and jacket. The shirt was bloody and the jacket was torn at the elbow from 'road shock'. The chin eventually healed with a tiny scar. No one has asked me in years where that scar came from but reading Douglas Victor Janoff's book, *Homophobic Violence in Canada*, reminded me.

Twenty-five years later, I probably would still have given my little gay-bashing motherfucker and his motherfucker buddies the finger when they screamed by (genteel Anglican to the core) but when he came after me I would have taken his picture with a cell-phone (remind me to get one with that capability soon), dialed 911, and then kicked his knees out. Or kicked that big red dot where the self-defense diagrams say his balls are said to be. And then run (remind me to keep the jogging up).

But if life were truly to be fair, as cartoons promised all of us, an anvil would have fallen on his head.

Peace. Stay safe.

Michael Van Lane is a BCITSA staff member and grew up in Vancouver. He remembers Freddy Mercury at the *Gandydancer*, which means he also remembers the *Gandydancer*.



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Book Review

Pink Blood: Homophobic Violence in Canada

Book by Douglas Victor Janoff (University of Toronto Press 2005)

Douglas Victor Janoff's excellent book, *Pink Blood: Homophobic Violence in Canada*, is the first book of its kind. The author spent nine years researching homophobic violence in Canada, identifying 120 queer

related homicides and more than 350 assaults that occurred between 1990 and 2004.

Janoff argues that homophobia is a multi-complexioned thing, not growing from a particular mind-set or psychology, but rather from a total of nuanced thought-processes, socially absorbed attitudes, and internal conclusions. It makes hate-crimes difficult to

'proof' in the external world.

Although the physical manifestation of the crimes are visible, measurable in many respects (bones broken, teeth lost, number of blows to the skull) but the sub-surface impulsion or decision-making process to this gross level of violence is less likely to be available for measurement. Because of the nuanced cause(s) of

hate-crimes, they are more likely to be open to different readings, different interpretations.

And these readings often seem self-serving, as in the effort to avoid enhanced sentencing penalties, or in an effort to diminish the perpetrators responsibility. In the first effort the crime is said to have been motivated by another criminal intent, like robbery; in

the second the crime is said to have been a defensive response to an unwanted sexual overture (the so-called homosexual panic defense). Compounding the issue of prosecution is society's seeming unwillingness to admit any such thing as a 'homophobic hate-crime' (a police officer said that Aaron Webster's murder would be a 'first' if it were proven to be true).

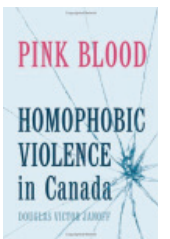
Janoff's book is well layered, filled with important research slotted into their relevant arguments. The book is also filled with the sad stories of men and women who were caught up in the dark violent raging of others, the victims of violent losers who are just seriously awesomely fucked-up. The sadness that these violent episodes evoke, their utter senselessness, their misery and fear is wearying.

The evidence demonstrates that the level of violence against queers is extreme: a high majority of those killed were either repeatedly stabbed or struck (ten times or more), had been crushed, or had their throats slit or had died a slow agonizing death. These are crimes that take many many minutes to execute. They take deliberation, they take planning, calculation, and persistence. They are not impulsive moments. It's frightening to know to what lengths others will go to seek out and hurt, maim and kill others.

Notwithstanding the book's thoroughness and its academic research *Pink Blood* is a readable book and essential for anyone in Canada who wants to see a civil society, justice, the end of violence, or for anyone who is interested in the psychology of murder or violence or anyone who wants to lower the statistical chances of them being beaten to death for being queer (avoid groups of teenaged boys, cruising areas in parks, keep away from your own apartment) or anyone who wants to argue with the police for increased (and better) attention in their communities.

It's also a book that will sadden you when, as you read it, you realize our Minister of Justice and Attorney General is Vic Toews.

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By Shawn Edstrom



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"More computer lab to computer lab WOW LAN parties on the weekends!"

I want to f***ing tear this album apart

But I only got the CD single, so it'll have to wait until I download it

By Richard Handler
Link Staff

I've heard it a billion times now - She Wants Revenge (SWR) "Tear You Apart." KEXP, WOXY, CFML (now Evolution 107.9); every "indie" radio station is throwing this track up in their top 20 lists of songs that need to be played this year.

The CD single showed up at the Link office. A single? I haven't seen one of those since the powers that be made tapes. So now, instead of getting to hear what SWR sounds like on a song by song basis, I have a 25 second interview clip with the "band," and a three second intro, both playing *after* the song.

The intro is junk, the interview clip is a waste of valuable breath, and my own personal jury is still out on this song.

Basically it's about a dark infatuation that starts out as crush and turns into unbridled sexual rage. It's a pretty standard feeling that most guys get when they see



a hot girl - never admitting it to anyone.

What I can say is that it's the most interestingly delivered song I have heard in a while. Feeling the need to pigeonhole SWR, I'm going to lump them in with the Chemical Brothers and even Trent Reznor and Nine Inch Nails.

"Tear You Apart" is setting off alarms in my head that the 90's might be coming back. Finally, I'll be back in fashion. This song is almost a dusted-off and updat-

ed cover of NIN's "Closer," just slightly more adapted to suit the musical tastes of vampires over werewolves.

I'll be surprised if any more songs from this SWR come even close to approaching the charts. The problem with such an original song like this is that if you duplicate the style of one song 12 times for your CD guess what? It's not original anymore.

Be wary of the album. The song, however, is refreshing.

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What can I do?
But struggle,
to know that one day
I will accomplish it
and forget about
how hard I tried
I will be too selfish
To know that once in my life
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That Champion
That I once looked upon to;

To gain that pride and greed
The selfishness inside me
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then becomes reality
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By: AP



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What to watch and what not to watch

Why do people throw stuff at The Weatherman? And former Legally Blonde star takes home an Oscar for Walk The Line



The Weatherman
Director: Gore Verbinski

Big Name Actors: Nicholas Cage, Michael Cane, Hope Davis

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This movie moves as quickly

as the ice-flows it begins with. Full of loose metaphors and symbolism - which were somewhat difficult to follow - this movie was definitely a disappointment.

Do not let the fact that Nicholas Cage and Michael Cane are in this movie fool you, it still does not have much to offer in the way of interaction with the viewer.

This movie seems like a bad attempt to copy Eternal Sunshine for the Spotless Mind, but fails miserably to present the level of in-depth thought so cleverly crafted by Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet.

I am still confused as to why people throw stuff at Nicholas Cage's Character, Dave Spritz, the weatherman, or why he swears so profusely.

Unless you feel like wasting an evening with a sorry excuse for a father who can't seem to get his life together and has food thrown

at him randomly, stay away from this movie!



Walk the Line
Director: James Mangold

Big Name Actors: Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon

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I think everyone who had not seen Walk the Line before the Oscars was surprised to see the former star of Legally Blonde walk up the steps to accept the award for Best Female Actor.

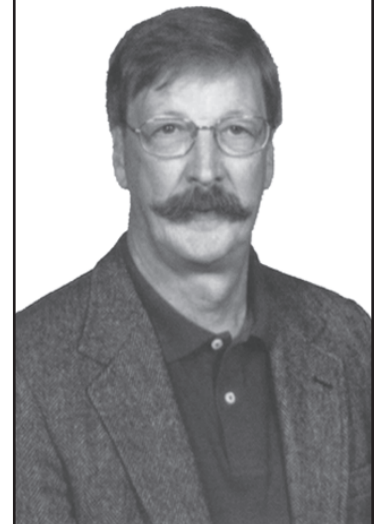
After watching this movie, however, it is safe to say that Reese Witherspoon gave an award-winning performance as June Carter.

Not a country music fan, I was slightly wary about watching this movie. As the movie progressed, however, I began to fall in love with the story of Johnny Cash.

If you're in the mood for a movie with a great storyline and plenty of drama, this is definitely the movie for you.

Even if you're not a country music fan, I recommend this movie because it has more than just the music to offer - it has a story steeped in tragedy. Check this one out.

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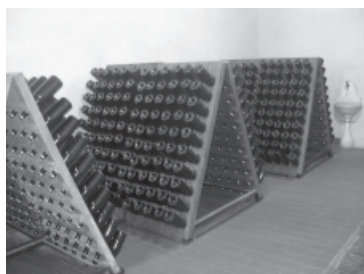
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Wine Picks; A Little Taste of France

By Tara Williams
Link Staff

While back I was lucky enough to attend the Vancouver Playhouse Wine Festival. One of the largest wine festivals in the world, this event boasted over 750 wines from 185 wineries from 15 different countries. The only regret I have is that I was unable to try them all.

Much to my initial disappointment, France was the theme this year. I am a firm believer in vanilla, oaked Chardonnays, which are characteristic of the New World and not of France, who prefers unoaked or differently oaked Chardonnays. However, I do have a few wines on my list from France that are worth trying.



In keeping with the French theme, this week's wine term is *remuage*. This term describes the special process that is used to remove sediment from Champagne bottles through twisting the bottles and forcing all sediment

(over time) to the neck of the bottle where it can be removed. This process is sometimes also referred to as riddling and is sometimes used for other sparkling wines.

And now to my wine picks of the week.

Sparkling Shiraz, Bleasdale Vineyards PTY, Langhorne Creek, South Australia

This is a very interesting wine. Rich colour of a deep garnet, this wine is bubbly and exciting. A great admirer of Shiraz, I was pleasantly surprised by this new twist (new as in new to me). The sweet berry notes reminded me somewhat of a beaujolais, yet the varietal characteristics of Shiraz, such as black cherry and black pepper, were still present. This would be a great choice for sipping instead of pop at any event. Yum, yum, loved it!

Eden Valley Viognier Yalumba 2004

This nice blend of white peaches, apricots, green hints (perhaps grassy) tropical fruits (perhaps hints of pineapple) is delicious. For the price this wine is delicious, bold and welcoming for any wine drinker connoisseur or otherwise. I would definitely rush out to buy this one again.

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Great tournaments of history:

Mexico 1970



By Christian Basantes
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Hello soccer fans, it's me again with more FIFA World Cup history. Are you ready? This time we take a look back to Mexico 1970.

The ninth FIFA World Cup Mexico 1970 wasn't the first tournament being broadcast on TV, but it was the first one broadcast in colour. Also, it became a major TV spectacle because some games were scheduled at 12 noon just like the TV stations requested. This decision was considered unpopular for some players and managers because of the intense heat in Mexico at that time of day (oh, come on guys, be men!).

This was a truly friendly tournament. Unlike the previous two tournaments, no violence took place in Mexico (good job guys!). Mexico 1970 passed without a single player being sent off, similar to what happened in Brazil in 1950. Two very important things changed in Mexico. For the first time substitutes were allowed, as well as yellow and red cards were introduced (I see why there was violence before - it took too long to come with that idea eh?).

Edson Arantes Do Nascimento or Pelé, aka "The King" (O Rei), returned in his best performance ever after claiming never to play in another FIFA World Cup. At the end, Brazil won the Jules Rimet trophy with a great team that included Clodoaldo, Gerson, Rivelino, Tostao, Jairzinho, Pelé and Carlos Alberto - the best Brazilian team in history and one of the best teams ever.

In the final match at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, Brazil beat Italy in a memorable 4-1 victory with Jairzinho becoming the only player that scored in every match (what amazing forward!). Italy had beaten West Germany 4-3 in an astonishing semi-final, the only match in FIFA World Cup history that produced five goals in extra time. (That's so great!)

Brazil gets its third World Cup victory

The FIFA World Cup Mexico 1970 had three big winners: the Brazilians, of course, World Champions for a third time after their victories in Sweden 1958 and Chile 1962; Pelé, who became the only player to win three world cups; and the most important: football itself, with many exciting games where players becoming legends.

Those who were dissatisfied with the standard of play during England 1966 had nothing to complain about four years later in Mexico, where "the beautiful game" was really seen in all of its glory. Three of the best games of all time were played in this tournament in front of huge and thrilled crowds: England 0 - Brazil 1, England 2 - Germany 3, and the sensational semifinal between Italy and Germany with a 4-3 Italian victory. In addition, nobody will ever forget Pelé and his glorious challenge to beat the Czech goalkeeper Viktor from 50 metres out! (wow wow wow!)

For this ninth FIFA World Cup, the number of participating nations was again a new record: 75 teams took part in the qualifying round (hey, that was huge again!). Also, some nations considered strong teams these days simply didn't qualify. Among them were Portugal, France, Spain and even Argentina (yes, it is true; they didn't qualify, amazing eh?). However, Israel and Morocco made their debuts.

The Memorable moments



The Moroccans, who were the first African Confederation representative to qualify for a FIFA World Cup, were one of the attractions in the first round along with Peru. The Peruvians came with the experience of eliminating Argentina in the South American zone (that was important!); they reached the quarter finals where they met Brazil and lost 4-2 in a well disputed match. However, the big match of the

quarter finals was between the two 1966 finalists England and Germany. England was leading the game 2-0 with 20 minutes to go, but the Germans fought back to win 3-2 in extra-time (that's so unbelievable!).

However, the best was coming in the semifinals. Italy and Germany played a memorable match in the brand new Azteca stadium, built especially for this tournament. After 90 minutes the two teams were tied 1-1. In extra time both teams didn't give up. They were leading the score at different times in a heart stopping battle. The "Kaiser" Franz Beckenbauer remained on the field even with a dislocated shoulder (that's brave man!). His courage, however, wasn't enough at the end, the final victory was for the Italians who had their way (4-3), and reached the final.

In the final match, the "Squadra Azzurra" couldn't do anything to stop the great Brazilians, who got a 4-1 victory. Pelé, Gerson, Jairzinho, and Carlos Alberto scored the goals in a memorable match. Carlos Alberto, the "Carioca" captain, stepped up to receive the Jules Rimet trophy, which would remain forever in Brazilian hands. Pelé, in tears, was carried triumphantly on his team-mates' shoulders. He had not only won his third FIFA World Cup, but also he played his last match in a FIFA World Cup. (Good bye King, we will never forget what you did for the game! Good luck my friend!).

In the next edition we stop in Mexico again, but in 1986, see you next time!

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World Cup: the groups

By Christian Basantes
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The Group E: The second group of death

As I mentioned in my last article throughout FIFA World Cup history there has always been a group called the "Group of Death." However, this is the first time that we will have a "Second Group of Death," and that one is group E formed by Italy, Ghana, the United States, and the Czech Republic. The final results of this group are unpredictable; however, I'm pretty sure there will be exciting games and a lot of emotions.

Italy, the three time World Champions, are the favorite for winning the group and the FIFA World Cup as well. As part of European Group 5, Italy qualified without any trouble as leader with six victories, two ties, and one loss against Slovenia.

Four years ago they just reached round 16 where they said goodbye after losing to South Korea (2-1) with an extra time golden goal. It was considered an unexpected failure for a very talented and strong team that simply couldn't perform at its best. A new generation of players like Daniele De Rossi (AS Roma), and Alberto Gilardino (AC Milan), adding the experience of Alessandro del Piero (Juventus FC), and Christian Vieri (Monaco - France), promises that this time the final victory will be for them. The coach Marcelo Lippi has enough confidence in this young and experienced "squadra azzurra." Let's see how it goes this time.

Ghana will participate for the first time in a World Cup. This fact would make them look like an inexperienced team, but this is the winning generation of the FIFA World Cup U17 - Ecuador 1995 (Inexperienced team? I don't think so). Ghana qualified for Germany 2006 as the leader of the African Group 2 with six winnings, three ties, and one loss, just conceding four goals (Mmm good defense! Eh?).

This team doesn't look easy, and they may cause more than one upset. (Watch out guys, just in case!).

Germany 2006 will be for USA the fifth world cup participation in a row. The Americans want to improve on their 2002 performance where they reached the quarter finals and were eliminated by Germany (1-0) in a well disputed match. The victories against Portugal (3-2) in the 1st round, and Mexico (2-0) in the 2nd round allowed them to win respect. The coach Bruce Arena has confidence in players like Landon Donovan (LA Galaxy), Brian McBride (Fulham - England), and Claudio Reyna (Manchester City - England) who are responsible for the evident American soccer progress. (Watch out, too!)

Despite having had to come through the play-offs, the Czechs finally booked their place at the world football festival and for this very experienced group of players, it represents the last chance to win a major event. Players like Pavel Nedved (Juventus FC - Italy) and Jan Koller (Borussia Dortmund - Germany) may not be as young as they were, but they are still just as talented. The presentation letter of this team is the great performance in the last UEFA Euro 2004 where they reached the semifinals.

Through this tournament they became one of the favorites in winning the European Cup thanks to its good way of playing. Without any doubt, the Czechs will be a hard opponent to play with. Let's see what happens!

Group F: the current World Champions' group: Brazil

The World Cup draw celebrated in the German city of Leipzig put Brazil in the group F with Croatia, Australia and Japan. Curiously, this is another "four corners" group with South America, Europe, Oceania and Asia in one place. Therefore, we will have multicultural and well disputed matches in this group.

The FIFA World Cup holders and five time winners, Brazil, are absolutely the favorites to advance as group winners. However, nobody wins without playing the games, so Brazil has to show on the field its famous and well reputed soccer style. Four years ago, Brazil surprised everybody in winning the tournament; why? Because before the competition they weren't in a good form and the favorites were Argentina and France. Brazil made an excellent performance with victories against England (2-1) in quarter finals and Germany (2-0) in the final match. Brazil became World Champion without comment.

For the first time FIFA decided that the current World Champion has to play the qualification round to advance to the World Cup finals. Brazil passed as zone leaders with nine winnings, seven ties and two losses. Their best games were against Argentina (3-0), and Chile (5-0). The coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, World Champion in USA 1994, has his confidence in players like Adriano (Inter - Italy), Robinho (Real Madrid - Spain), and the FIFA Golden Ball Ronaldinho (FC Barcelona - Spain), to win the sixth World Title. (Writer's note: if nothing strange happens, Brazil *can* win the tournament).

Croatia will participate in its third consecutive FIFA World Cup. In France 1998 they got a surprising 3rd place. In Ko-

rea/Japan 2002 they couldn't pass the 1st round, and that was the end of a great generation of players like Davor Suker, Robert Prosinecky and Goran Vlaovic. This time a new talented generation filled with winners qualified as leaders of the European Group 8 with seven wins and three ties. (No loses? Good job!). Niko Kranjcar, Igor Tudor, and the brothers Niko and Robert Kovac are the key players of this team. Croatia wants to show its best soccer and give more than a surprise.

The long waiting is over for Australia. 32 years after its first participation, the "socceros" will back to the place where they played their first World Cup (Germany 1974). Australia won its right to play in Germany 2006 eliminating Uruguay 4-2 in penalty shots.

Players like Mark Viduca, Lucas Neill and Mark Bresciano play for important teams in England, Italy and Spain. In addition, the coach is Guus Hiddink, an expert man after managing the Netherlands in France 1998 and South Korea in 2002. Australia isn't satisfied with just qualifying, Germany 2006 is the new challenge for the "socceros." They are ready for it! (Mmmm I wouldn't relax with this team around!).

What about Japan? The Asian Champions come to Germany to improve their record. Four years ago at home they advanced until the 2nd round where they lost with Turkey (1-0). Japan was the first team to qualify for the FIFA World Cup 2006 other than the host country Germany. The Japanese are managed by the famous former Brazilian player Zico, who will confront his home country in this group (What a coincidence!). Japan has a frightful midfield formed by Hidetoshi Nakata, Shunsuke Nakamura and Shinji Ono, all of them members of European teams. Japan could be an unexpected surprise in this tournament, let's see how they do.



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Croatia



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Italy



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Czech Republic



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The Matches, Group E - And yes, this is BC time, in the morning!

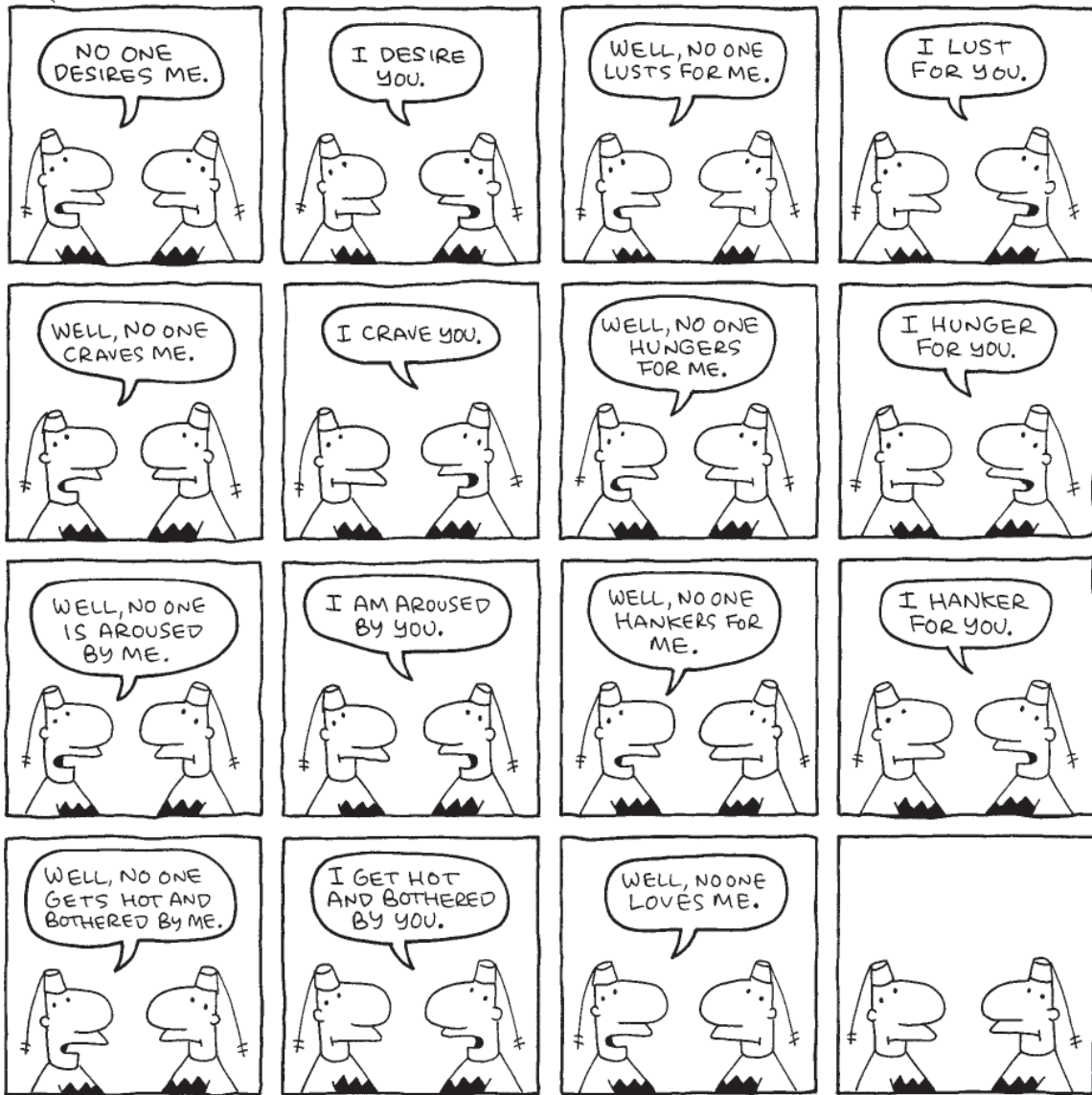
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June 12	Gelsenkirchen	USA - Czech Republic	09:00	Hey, that's a good game!
June 17	Kaiserslautern	Italy - USA	12:00	Italy maybe, but USA may surprise!
June 17	Cologne	Czech Republic - Ghana	09:00	What a game! Unpredictable too
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The Matches, Group F - And yes, this is BC time, too, in the morning of course!

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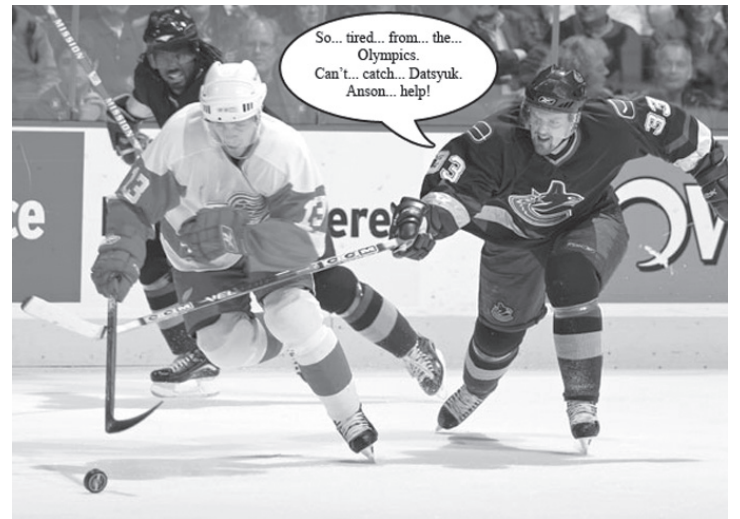
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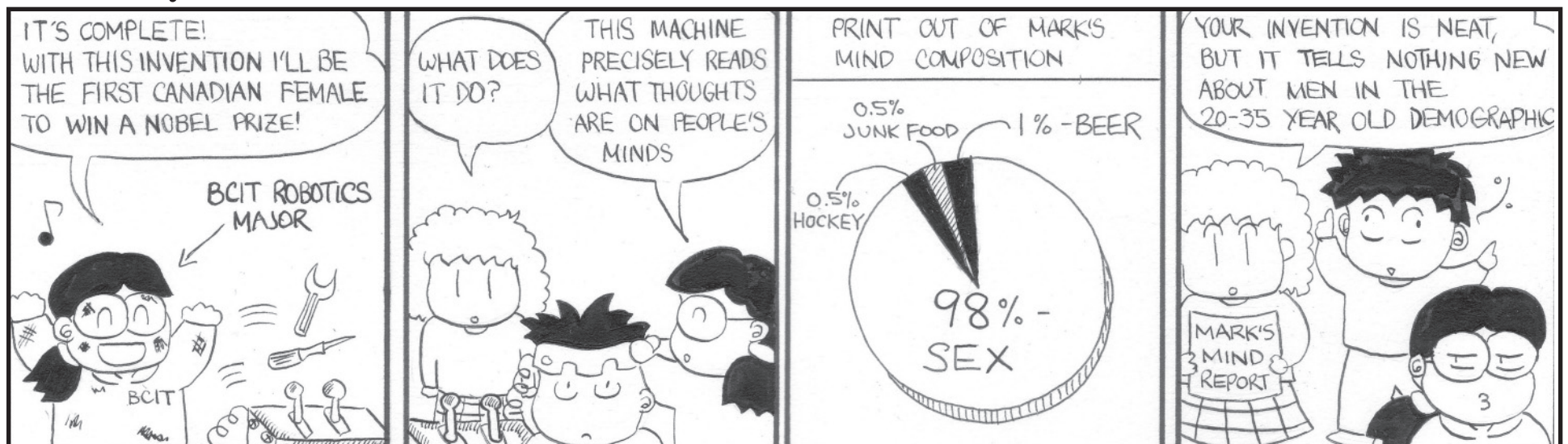
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- * Students like to spend money, in fact the average student has over \$200 per month in disposable income.
- * Students are informed consumers, with a full 66% willing to shop around in order to take advantage of sales or discounts.
- * Student papers are smaller than dailies, meaning your advertisement has to compete with fewer competitors per issue.
- * Bi-weekly circulation of 3,500 with an average readership of 1.5 persons per page, meaning a potential of over 5200 readers per issue.

Little Known Facts:

- * 91% of students like to try something new and different.
- * 68% consider themselves health and nutrition conscious.
- * 57% of students prefer to pay cash for their purchases.

Statistical information derived from the Print Measurement Bureau and Canadian Campus Marketing Research (2000)

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Kids Futures
STUDENT DAY

AT GROCERY SHOWCASE WEST
VANCOUVER CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE
MONDAY, APRIL 10

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Floral Design	Store Design

Hear from a panel of key retailers and cutting edge manufacturers on their secrets to success within the food industry and be allowed unprecedented access to the trade show floor.

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Monday, April 10
Registration 8:30 am-9:00 am
Meet in the VCEC Lobby
Panel: 9:00 am-10:30 am
Breakout Session 11:00 am
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