

Just when you thought
it was safe to study...

Studies affected?

**Zombie-like students
fall victim to midweek
All Hallow's Eve
celebration**

**By Len Catling
Link Staff**

Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year, leaving some students with a difficult choice - a night of restraint or an evening full of debauchery followed by a wicked hangover Thursday.

The potential disruption to studies has not been lost on BCIT students.

"Thursday I might not be here," says first year Business Management student Taylor Hinchey, while standing in the Great Hall with her classmate Kelsey Lumley.

Hinchey, who is planning to dress up as a 50's pin-up girl and go to parties with friends, adds "I'm going to be recovering from a hangover on Thursday morning."

"Our Thursdays are pretty easy though" points out Kelsey Lumley, who intends to spend her first Halloween in Vancouver dressed as Raggedy-Ann.

Lumley, originally from Fort St. John in northern BC, is excited because there is plenty to do in the Lower Mainland, whereas at home "there was one bar we could go to."

Some students are not concerned they might drink a little extra witch's brew on Halloween night or on the Saturdays that fall on either side of it.

"I'm thinking about making a little bookmark ends, Saturday to Saturday" admits first year Television student Justin Reimer.

When asked if this might affect his BCIT studies Reimer responded with "not at all I'm a bit of an experienced drinker."

Reimer is going to dress as Darth Vader and get in touch with the dark side of the force, decorating houses with family and friends.

First year Marketing student Leon Teplitsky shares Reimer's lack of concern about getting smashed on Halloween.

Teplitsky intends to drink Tequila and enjoy Fright Nights on the PNE grounds.

"I'll be fine," says Teplitsky, "I don't get much sleep during the week anyways."

Teplitsky won't be dressing up this year, saying "I'm not down

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CARMEN D. as "SHOWER GIRL" - LEN CATLING as "THE KNIFE"
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with Halloween really, it's a lame holiday and an excuse for people to be freaks."

Speaking of freaks, no surprise this year's most popular celebrity costume is train wreck Britney Spears.

First year Environmental Health Science student Amanda Anderson is dressing as the enigmatic popstar and plans to party around a bonfire in her hometown of Williams Lake.

Anderson says she chose the costume because as the night progresses and she gets drunker and drunk-

er, it will reflect Spears own descent from pop superstar to washed-up starlet.

"At the beginning of the night I can look all hot, and then by the end of the night I can put on a trucker hat and a wife beater."

Not surprisingly the enigmatic Miss Spears is the still the most popular celebrity costume.

According to Vancouver's Party Bazaar, the Spears costume is followed by Paris Hilton and perennial favourite Elvis Presley.

It remains to be seen whether Brit-Brit, Paris and



the King will shake their hangovers and make it to class Thursday morning.

News in brief

The scoop at BCIT

Accident at the Fit Pit

An ambulance was called to the Fit Pit in SE16 October 15 in response to a student who injured himself while playing basketball.

The injury occurred while the student wrestled for a rebound with another player.

The call to the ambulance was deemed a non-emergency situation so paramedics did not arrive at the building until 7:15 pm, approximately one hour after the student was injured.

The quick work of the BCIT First Aid attendant limited the amount of pain the student dealt with while waiting for the paramedics.

"First aid arrived in under five minutes," says Fit Pit em-

ployee Curtis Anderson.

Although an ambulance can take up to 70 minutes to respond to a non-emergency call, the injured are spared waiting in the emergency room upon arriving at the hospital.

Campus first aid is available to BCIT students twenty-four hours a day.

- Len Catling

Campus Takes Off

On Friday, October 12 BCIT opened its state of the art Aerospace Technology Campus at the gateway of Vancouver International Airport.

Costing \$77 million, the 28,000 square foot site has high tech simulators and a fleet of twenty training planes,

including a Boeing 737.

Acting President Verna Magee-Shepherd says the new satellite campus will meet industry demand by giving students practical, hands-on training.

The program has produced 5,000 graduates so far and is offering a full complement of certificates, diplomas and degrees.

- Adam Bishop

Tuition Doesn't Go Up

Good news – tuition didn't increase this year as much as it usually does.

According to a Stats Can report, full-time students going after an undergrad degree are paying 2.8% more in tuition this year, compared with

a 3.2% increase last year and an yearly average of 4.3% increase over the last decade.

Those students are paying on average \$4,524 in tuition fees this year, up from \$4,400 the year before.

The report goes on to say even with the government taking steps to limit yearly tuition increases, the cost of tuition has increased on average faster than the rate of inflation.

- Brent Shearer

BCIT looks East

BCIT welcomed a team from the Ukrainian Ternopil National Economic University (TNEU) as the Institute tries to establish closer ties to the Ukraine's emerging free market.

In addition to taking part in a welcoming tree planting ceremony and tour of the Burnaby campus, they also toured the BCIT's downtown facility.

This is the second meeting of the two faculties. Earlier this year a delegation from BCIT's School of Business travelled to the Ukraine exploring potential partnerships.

Dick Dolan, Dean of the school of business said of the trip "TNEU was very welcoming...we already have a group of Ukrainian graduates after only one visit."

BCIT's strong connection to the private sector is something TNEU is anxious to capitalize on.

- Shane Woodford



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Creation Museum raises eyebrows

“\$30 million of anti-science and mis-education”

By **Tristin Hopper**
The Link
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MONTREAL (CUP) -- Its builders have called it “a wonderful alternative to the evolutionary natural history museums that Satan is using to influence so many minds.”

Jason Wiles of McGill University’s Evolution Education Research Centre is calling it “\$30 million of anti-science and mis-education.”

It’s the Creation Museum: a new 60,000-square-foot facility in Kentucky dedicated to promoting biblical creationism.

On Oct. 19, a packed lecture hall greeted Wiles at McGill University’s historic Redpath Museum to examine the science behind the new tourist attraction.

With a rainstorm raging audibly outside the auditorium’s large open windows, Wiles set the scene by playing a handful of videos from Answers in Genesis, the Christian ministry behind the Creation Museum.

One video even contained a catchy song: “I didn’t crawl out of pond / Or swing out of a tree / Adam is my ancestor / And not a chimpanzee.”

Slide by slide, Wiles guided the audience through his summer visit to the Creation Museum.

“Look at the license plates,” said Wiles as he gestured to a picture of the museum parking lot, “they’re from all over [...] California, Florida, Nova Scotia.”

The museum begins with a state-of-the-art special effects theatre, which showcases how “God’s Word — beginning in Genesis — explains the universe we see today.”

“It’s awesome, it’s powerful, you have this emotional

feeling coming over you,” Wiles recounted.

He said that the emotions were often raised throughout the museum, causing visitors to “decide things without reason.”

This emotion is still something to which Wiles has a close connection.

He had a fundamentalist upbringing in Arkansas, and earned his undergraduate degree in biology at Harding, a Christian liberal arts university in central Arkansas.

He said that even as an evolutionary researcher, speaking against creationism can still be conflicting.

“I don’t have any problem with evolution,” he said, but added “that emotional part is really hard.”

One particularly jarring section of the museum is the “cave of sorrows,” which depicts the aftermath of Adam’s disobedience to God by eating the apple of knowledge.

Graphic photos of war, famine, disease, death and the pain of childbirth are all displayed as tragic results of “disobeying one simple command in God’s Word.”

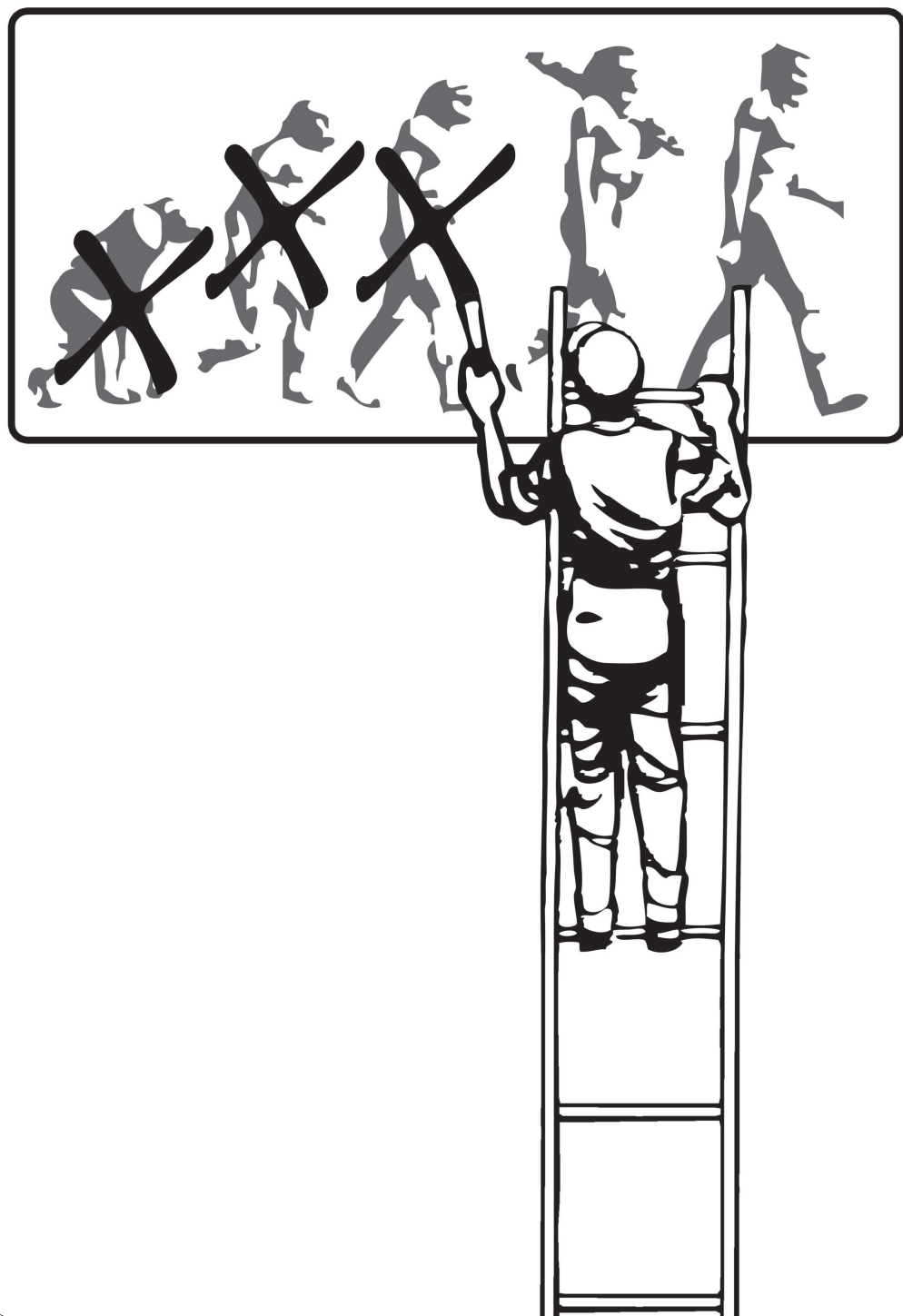
Moving through the museum, Wiles showed slides of dioramas depicting the Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel and the Great Flood.

Wiles brought up one slide showing a model of a smiling cave girl next to a baby dinosaur, prompting a general scoff from the audience comprised largely of scientists.

Under the creationist theory presented by the museum, dinosaurs lived alongside humans, and were even passengers on Noah’s ark.

“This place has reportedly the world’s largest collection of life-size animatronic dinosaurs,” Wiles said.

The museum even has the



model of a young triceratops wearing a saddle on which children could pose for photographs.

“Apparently [dinosaurs] were excellent draft animals,” Wiles said.

Other theories proposed by the museum include that the Grand Canyon was caused

by the Great Flood and some exhibits imply that families and society are hurt by the acceptance that the Earth is millions of years old.

One display depicts a wreaking ball labelled “millions of years” crashing into the wall of a church.

Wiles stressed that in

countering creationist theory, he is not trying to “denigrate anyone’s religious beliefs.”

“I am not going to have any problem with you believing [in creationism],” said Wiles. But “if you go into public and say science is a conspiracy, that’s a little different.”

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Science Matters

Human hormones mess with male fish



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By David Suzuki

Most people alive today were born after 1950. To these people, our modern world is just the way things have always been. Imagining life without TV, radio, telephones and the Internet is next to impossible. Teenagers probably have a hard time imagining life without text messaging!

And it's true, human reach is now profound. We are the most integrated, interconnected and mobile species that has ever existed on this planet. Some of these interconnections produce marvelous results. We get to know other cultures. We

understand more about history and each other. We can easily chat with friends and family on the other side of the world.

But we have to remember that, although we are connected with each other more than ever, we are also intimately connected to the rest of the natural world. These connections can manifest themselves physically, such as through global warming. But they can also manifest themselves biologically - and in some surprising ways.

Recently, researchers writing in the U.S. journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Scientists* reported that male fish became "feminized" when exposed to human hormones. Some of the fish, a type of fathead minnow, produced early-stage eggs in their testes while others actually developed tissues for both reproductive organs.

How would fish be exposed to female human hormones?

Through treated or untreated municipal wastewater, of course. It seems that widespread use of birth control pills has elevated the amount of estrogenic substances going into our waste stream. Remember, things that go down our toilets don't just disappear. They can actually survive simple sewage treatment processes and end up in our rivers, lakes and oceans.

Reports of fish feminization due to human female hormones are today fairly well documented - but long-term studies of what impact this can have on fish populations have not been done. For this latest study, researchers actually added the synthetic estrogen found in contraceptive pills to a remote lake in northern Ontario in amounts that are normally found in human wastewater. They did this for three years, and monitored the results over a period of seven years.

The results were startling. As expected, the male fish developed some feminized characteristics, such as producing proteins normally synthesized in females. But what really disturbed the scientists was how populations of the fish crashed to near extinction levels by the end of the experiment. Feminization of the males combined with hormonal changes to the females apparently damaged their overall reproductive capacity to the point that the fish were unable to maintain their population.

Conclude the researchers: "The results from this whole-lake experiment demonstrate that continued inputs of natural and synthetic estrogens and estrogen mimics to the aquatic environment in municipal wastewaters could decrease the reproductive success and sustainability of fish populations."

This spells trouble. Most Canadians have probably nev-

er heard of the fathead minnow, but these fish are a vital food source for well-known and popular sport fish that people have heard of - such as walleye, lake trout and northern pike. They are also well-studied and often used in toxicology testing because they have short life cycles, adapt well to lab conditions and are representative of a large family of fish.

The report authors describe the fathead minnow as "a freshwater equivalent of the miner's canary." In other words, what happens to the fish, as with the bird, could happen to humans in short order unless we are very careful. Cell phones and the Internet aren't our only connections with each other and with the world.

We are biological creatures too and we have to remember that these are the connections that ultimately matter the most.

Keeping the lights on 24/7

Backing the SA's call for around the clock computer labs

By Shane Woodford
Link Staff

This month the BCIT Student Association Student Council voted unanimously to back a petition aimed at keeping the computer labs in building SE12 on the Burnaby campus open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

While seemingly innocuous, this issue has campus-wide impact.

The labs in SE12 had been available around the clock for Computer Systems Technology students based there, but BCIT recently established a 1AM closing time for computer labs across campus.

Campus security has been enforcing this new mandate by asking the students in SE12 to leave the computer labs before they are locked for the night.

After checking the posted hours of computers labs across campus and talking with students in various programs, I found hours of operation vary widely at BCIT.

While one in the morning is the 'official closing time,' students in programs such as Television, Radio or Broadcast Journalism have unlimited access to computer labs in their respective building.

Chair of the school of Computing and Academic Studies Roan Hidalgo says due to the heavy work load students in that program, access to the computer labs is an important issue.

He says restricting study time and access hinders students from completing their assignments and affects the quality of their work.

Meanwhile Campus Security says they are simply following BCIT's administrative policy, adding there are several concerns raised with having 24/7 access to computers labs, including safety of students and protection of school assets.

I suggest students pay tuition for access to school facilities and have a vested interest in getting as much return out of that investment as possible..

My instructors tell me to use the facilities as much as I can to learn and benefit my education. This philosophy also extends to the facilities and equipment therein.

And while I haven't had the need to use a computer lab at 3am, if the need arises I'd like to know I can.

Education is important no matter the program, but equally important is being aware of,



Students use a computer lab in SE12.
- David K. Lai, Link Staff

and then involved in the issues that affect you as a student.

If you feel strongly that facility access is important to you, then talk to your Set Reps, Student Association members or even the Dean of your program.

After all, even though our programs might vary, we are all in this together as students.

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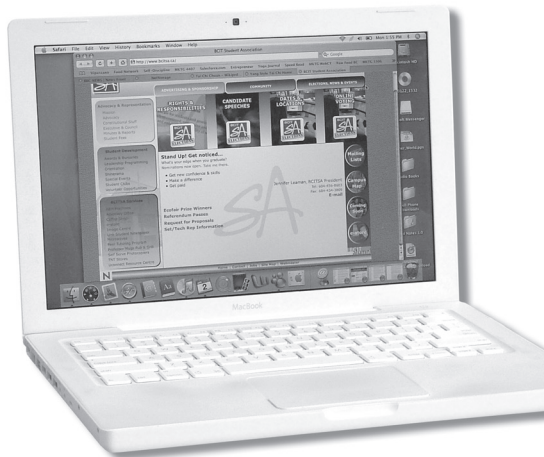


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7 James Bond "The Living Daylight" at the Pub	8 BCIT closed for Thanksgiving	9	10 Crash Course Cookin'	11 Link Student Newspaper hits stands	12 The Deadrats @ Mugs Pub	13
14 James Bond "The World is Not Enough" at the Pub	15	16 Last Day to order Harvest Box	17	18	19 Bonkers @ Mugs Pub	20
21	22	23	24 Crash Course Cookin'	25 The Rocket Fins @ Mugs Pub	26 Coors Light Cooler Party	27
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What is the Harvest Box program?
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Coffee Shop - Purchase 9 beverages, receive 10th same beverage FREE
Convenience, SE12, NE1 - 591ml Aquafina assorted bottled water 2 for \$2
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Click the Calendar

The BCIT Student Association has developed an online calendar to highlight upcoming events for students at BCIT.

Here's how it works: Mouse over the date to see extra information about the events taking place that day. To sign up for and receive the new calendar each

month click the mailing list button at www.bcitsa.ca and follow the instructions.



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Eight out of 10 Canadians will be infected with HPV in their lifetimes

— *will you be one of them?*

Not if the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada has anything to do with it. The SOGC is urging young adults to expose what lurks between the sheets in order to protect themselves against this highly contagious – and potentially dangerous – virus.

HPV, or the human papillomavirus, is a common sexually transmitted infection. So common, in fact, that there are over 100 different types of HPV. Most will clear on their own within two years, without you even knowing you had it, however some are more persistent and may lead to long-term consequences. Also, certain sexually transmitted strains can cause genital warts, and others can even cause cancer. The warts can vary in size and appearance, ranging from growths that look flat, raised, or even cauliflower-shaped. The swellings can sometimes be itchy, and if they're allowed to grow they can cause sores, bleeding, and can even block vaginal openings.

You're probably thinking that someone would have to be pretty clueless to hook up with a partner who's covered in genital warts. But there's just one problem - not everyone infected will have symptoms. So, whether you're all about staying exclusive or playing the field, a partner can still pass HPV on to you without even knowing they have it.

And as if the thought of genital warts isn't enough to kill the mood, other types of HPV are the number one cause of cervical cancer. It's a serious disease - this year, about 1,350 women will be diagnosed with it, and another 400 will die from it.

Condoms do provide a safety net against HPV, but they can't promise to be 100% effective. This is because HPV spreads so easily that all it takes is skin-to-skin sexual contact for it to make the jump from one person to the next, and a condom might not completely cover an infected area.

There's too much of a risk involved to stay powerless against HPV. Up to 80% of Canadians will be exposed to it, many before they turn 26 years old, so why not make today the day you take charge of your sexual health? Since HPV infections can go undetected, getting regular Pap smears should be at the top of every young woman's to-do list. It's the best way of identifying HPV and catching early signs of cervical cancer before it's too late.

Of course, prevention is just as important as awareness. In case you're not convinced, let's get into some more heavy numbers: The one and only option that provides close to 100% protection against HPV types 16 and 18, which cause about 70% of cervical cancers, as well as types 6 and 11, which cause 90% of genital warts, is the HPV vaccination. Medical experts, such as the Society

of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, recommend vaccination of all women aged nine to 26. But don't think that once you're vaccinated it means no more Pap tests. It's not a question of choosing one or the other – they're both important components in the fight against HPV. This year, more than 400,000 women will have an abnormal Pap smear, many indicating pre-cancerous conditions.



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Getting informed is another major component in keeping your body and your sex life healthy. This doesn't just go for young women, but young men as well. A recent study found out that less than a third of both men and women have ever heard of HPV. Rise above the statistics. Get all the facts at www.hpvinfo.ca and talk to a doctor about protecting yourself, and your partners.

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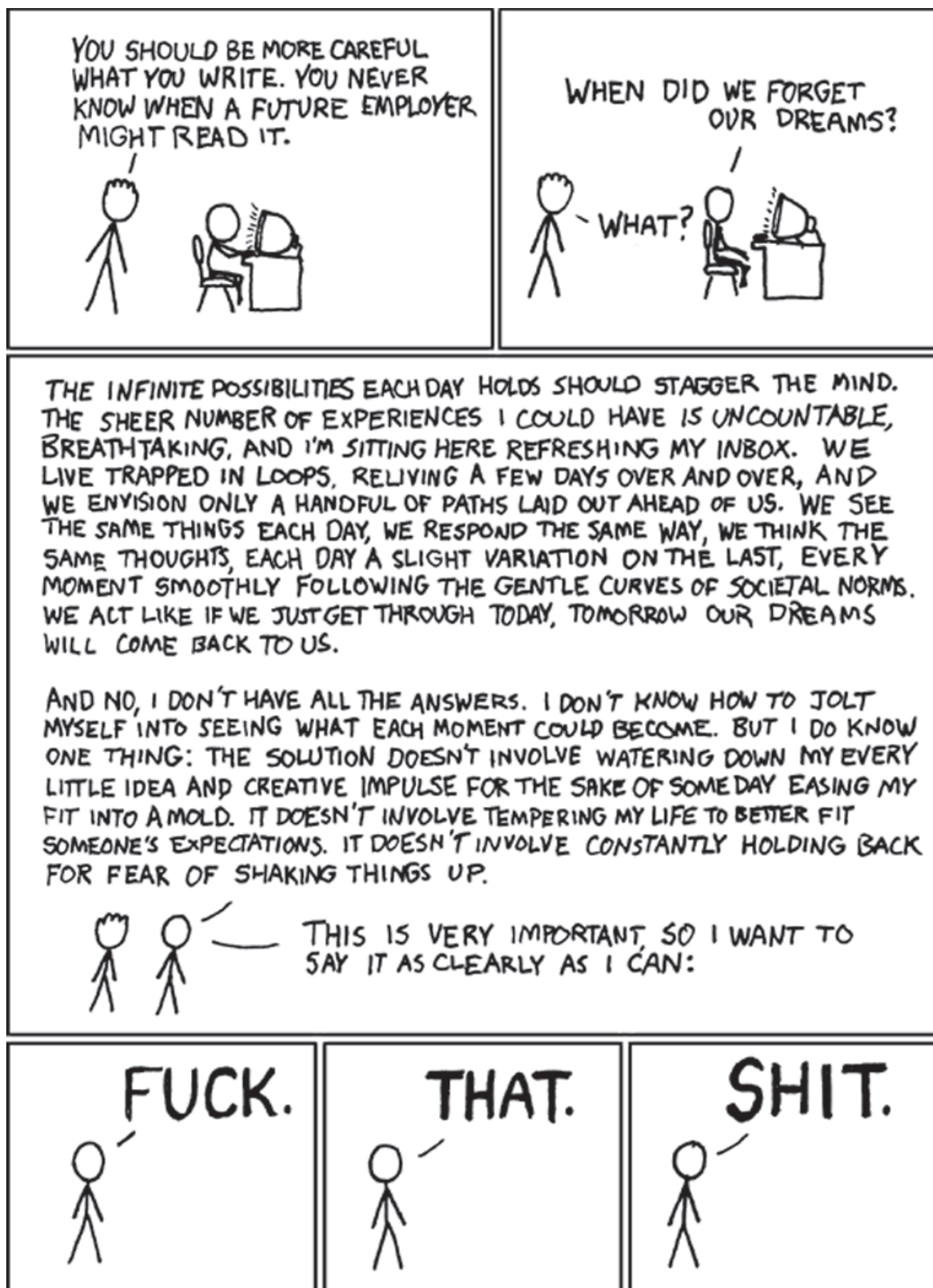
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Here's a comic that is slightly relevant -

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Get a grip

The timeless art of shaking hands

By Michael Small
Link Staff

Imp. Flaccid. What terrible words to describe a problem that plagues many men of all ages - *The Weak Handshake*.

One would think weak handshakes don't exist anymore. I mean come on, everyone knows how awful they are. But believe me, they still exist. I hate being judgmental, but I absolutely cannot stand men who do not know how to shake hands.

I'll cut women some slack, because a dainty handshake from a girl seems alright - depending on the girl - but men have no excuse.

I still can remember my Dad sitting me down, staring me in the eye and saying,

"Mike, you need to know how to shake someone's hand." He then proceeded to instruct me to stare the receiver in the eye, grip firmly, and pump. My dad has taught me a lot of things, but this was easily one of his greatest lessons. Shouldn't it be mandatory for every father to sit his son down and teach him how to shake hands like a man?

This brings to mind my worst handshaking experience. I had just started dating a girl, and was meeting her father for the first time. He was this big, intimidating man, and I remember thinking to myself, "don't break her heart, and don't get her pregnant."

While my Dad did grant me with tons of life lessons, one thing he didn't bless me with was a lot of height. So the man

I was approaching was easily half a foot taller than me, with a few more pounds as well.

Cautiously I reached out my hand to this brute, and he reached his own out in return. To my horror, this ape of a man had the weakest handshake ever! It felt like I was grabbing a dead fish.

At this point, the relationship completely changed. How could I be scared of someone who shook hands like an 11 year old girl? From that point on, I could do anything: keep his daughter out late, stay the night, even break her heart - and no I didn't get her pregnant).

Now don't get me wrong, handshakes don't have to be so strong as to be painful.

The only thing worse than a weak handshake is the "I've



got too much to prove" handshake where some jerk decides to crush down on your hand with as much force as possible. This usually turns into a secret battle, with both men smiling while squeezing with everything they have, hoping to see the other wince.

As you can probably tell, there is so much to this seem-

ingly simple art form. If first impressions are everything, men need to nail the handshake. There is no getting around it.

So if you are one of those men who doesn't know how to shake hands like a man, let me share some advice: grasp hands, stare the receiver in the eye, grip firmly, and pump.

The road ahead

October: the month to get it together



By Brent Shearer
Link Staff

The weather in October has been crummy.

Digging out board games kind of weather. Watching movies and bad reality television shows. Video game marathon sort of weather.

Running through parking lots, dodging bottomless puddles, cursing the umbrella you left behind. Squeaky shoes in the hall, drying out in class,

hoping the rain has stopped by the time the day finishes.

Sleeping takes on a greater significance as autumn gobbles the last days of summer and moves closer to the darkened days of winter.

So does eating. Salads don't taste nearly as good as a hearty soup. Mandarin oranges are everywhere. The only berries in the market are either South American imports or collecting freezer burn in the frozen section.

The idea of exercise becomes more preposterous than before. Looking outside at the grey, rain-filled skies saps any sort of motivation to do anything remotely active.

October is a month for contemplation.

It's a time to recall the summer - although on the South Coast most would probably

say there wasn't much to remember since the sun rarely shone for more than a few days in a row.

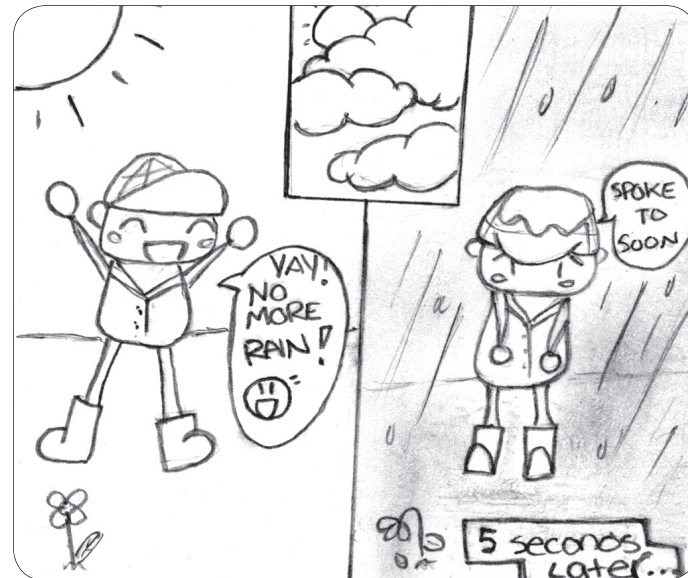
And it's a time to ponder the winter ahead.

For those of us who peer up towards the North Shore Mountains for the first signs of snow on the peaks, there is a feeling of restlessness and nervous anticipation. Will it rain this year on the ski hills? Will this be the year the temperature rises just enough from global warming to wipe out skiing and snowboarding entirely?

For everyone at BCIT, the often dreary routine of school has been established. Tests have been written, marked and handed back.

Some will be excelling, others falling behind.

October then is a chance to stay on that path or turn things



- Ravinder Gill, Link Staff (Intern)

around. The pull-out date for getting some of the few grand in cash plunked down for tuition has passed.

It's gut-check time.

So sleep in, eat more, forgo exercise and buckle down. With weather like this, you may as well crack a book and focus on school.



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Getting around

Accessibility challenges at BCIT

By Adam Bishop
Link Staff

Accessibility around BCIT . . . where do I begin?

It's an interesting question - in places it's great and in others it's horrible. There are days when I get back to my dorm and wonder, "what am I doing here?" But then I remember I'm here to get what I consider to be the best broadcast training Canada has to offer.

To help you understand some of the challenges I have, let me take you through some situations I have faced over the last month and a half.

The first day at a new school is scary and frustrating on its own. But add in getting around in a wheelchair and being late for orientation with teachers and colleagues, the day became horrendous.

I was late was because I had to walk up nearly twenty stairs while someone else carried my chair. There is an elevator, but since it was the first day, we didn't know any better. After taking about ten minutes to get up the stairs and some hard wheeling on my part, I made it to my orientation. Thankfully Connie Monk, my program head, was very understanding. The struggles of that first day and her understanding attitude were a sign of things to come.

The hardest thing to adjust to was the realization I was not going to be as active as I was at home.

Due to the layout of the school, I was forced to buy a motorized scooter in order to get up some of the ridiculous hills. As far as accessibility goes this is one of the biggest issues for me. Without books or a bag I could get up the campus hills no problem. Add some books and a bag to my chair it becomes difficult; add rain and it becomes impossible.

As a result, I was forced to leave my wheelchair at the Broadcast Center and only use it when I had classes there. The sheer size of the scooter makes it awkward when trying to navigate through the cafeteria and classrooms. It has also made me stand out more and caused many sceptical looks to come my way.

The need for a scooter was a major change for me as someone who played wheelchair basketball at the provincial

level and trained at the national level; wheeling my chair is a way of staying in shape.

It only took me a few days of trying to get around to realise there were going to be some problems.

At the center of campus there are extremely steep ramps, which no one with the exception of the Man in Motion himself, could wheel up. There are also unreliable elevators in many buildings.

The hill outside of the residence where I live is too steep to wheel up with books, while the "ramp" up to the housing office is nearly impossible even without books. The switchbacks outside SW9 are steep and uneven. The fact the switchbacks are uneven may not seem like a big issue, but when you are going down a hill and you hit a lip you're on your face in two seconds flat.

It's even tough to leave the Great Hall as there is a small hill with a steep incline which takes a few minutes to wheel up.

To top it off, the elevator in SW3 has been "out of service" numerous times, resulting in a lengthy detour through two buildings and being late for class.

The Broadcast Center is the only place where I know for sure I will be alright, unless the elevator breaks down.

Overall accessibility around BCIT is a issue.

Having said that, it doesn't mean that people aren't pushing for change. Other students in chairs are becoming vocal and soon our voices will be heard.

The faculty and people involved in the Journalism, Radio, and Television programs are all aware of the issue and are doing everything in their power to raise awareness of the issue.

That is partially why I am writing this article. I want to make people who wouldn't usually think about it wonder, "could Adam wheel up this?"

The school itself has also begun to makes changes as a result.

The Disability Resource Center is lobbying for much needed changes.

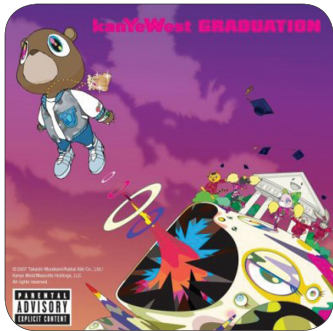
It is my hope future students with disabilities will not have to worry about getting around and instead focus entirely on academic excellence.



*The obstacles encountered by Adam Bishop on an average day.
- David K. Lai, Link Staff*



Bring the noise
 New music reviewed by your peers



Kanye West
Graduation
 Roc-A-Fella

By Len Catling
 Link Staff

In hip-hop risk taking is about as career advantageous as hiring Yusuf Islam (Cat Stevens) to manage your private jet or having Michael Jackson choose your groupies. Patterns and formulas are as prevalent in today's rappers as cocaine boogers at a Baby Shambles after party.

So how do you explain the success of someone who in no particular order; poses as Jesus Christ on the cover of Rolling Stone, accuses George Bush "of not caring about black people" on national television, says U2 doesn't deserve a Grammy award victory and feuds with hip-hops crown prince of anger issues, 50 Cent?

You don't explain it- you merely recognize the fact that Chicago born Kanye West is an incredibly talented rapper/producer and the most important contemporary hip-hop persona since Eminem.

Although the often maligned West, (what hip-hop personality isn't maligned other than Will Smith?) debut CD *College Dropout* dropped in only 2004, it seems like he has commanded the hip hop attention span since "OJ had Isotoners." This is a testament to his chameleon-like presence behind both the microphone and the mixing board. From Fall-Out Boy to Alicia Keys, stars of all genres line up to have West produce their tracks with visions of platinum records dancing like sugar plums in their heads.

Ladies and gentleman please close your books and pull out your HB pencils. Today's essay question on your final exam is; Does Kanye West's third studio album *Graduation* live up to the lofty standards of his previous works? If so,

why?

The answers are; for shizzle and *Graduation* is the most creative and well produced hip-hop album to hit the mainstream in decades.

I'm in love with this album. I could tell you how much I love all 13 tracks but will spare you and pick my three favourites. I highly recommend you buy this album in conventional CD form and be privy to exceptional album art and a double sided anime poster.

The album's opening track "Good Morning" is that first mouthful of coffee after rolling out of bed. It provides an excitable chill that energizes your best laid plans for a wonderful day in the cold exterior world. Pulsating, mid-tempo laser sounds move gently over a simplified snare and bass drum. Of course, West samples a haunting vocal loop that gives the song that final layer of eerie smoothness.

Best lyrics- "Good morning, look at the valedictorians, scared of the future while I hop in the Delorian."

Track three is "Stronger" and if you haven't heard this song you probably study too much or live in Riverview. I generally try not to over-hype lead singles but how can I resist someone quick flowing over a Chemical Brothers classic. The electronic turntable work in the extended album remix is incomprehensibly random, wicked, sick or any other of those buzzwords my twenty something classmates throw around like GHB in the Vancouver club scene.

Best lyric- "let's get lost tonight; you can be my black Kate Moss tonight."

Track eight is "Drunk and Hot Girls" and has probably the most original rhythm and composition I have heard since the Ol' Dirty Bastard was shimmy-shimmy-y'all-shimmy-y'all-shimmy-yaying. With Mos Def riding shotgun the song incorporates distorted violins, slide whistles and Chau gongs that mould into a fierce, yet strangely relaxing thrust of cosmic love.

Best lyric-"stop dancing with your girlfriend and come dance with me, stop talking about your boyfriend since he is not me, stop running up my tab cause these drinks are not free, you drunk and hot girl."

There is a huge amount of genre splicing and cultural diversity on *Graduation* (even Coldplay's Chris Martin makes an appearance). One day Kanye West should be the topic of sociology curriculum like his predecessors Chuck D and 2-Pac Shakur. As Chuck and Pac were to equality and social upheaval, West is to unity and style. It's nice to enjoy an artist who can be mentioned in the same sentence as the pioneers.

Welcome back hip-hop. I have missed you much. Mr. West please come up on stage and collect your diploma from the Dean. You have officially graduated.



Will.I.Am
Songs About Girls
 A&M/Interscope

By Michael Small
 Link Staff

I was a little hesitant going into this review. When I first popped the disc into my CD player, I expected to have a strong dislike for it. After years of Black Eyed Peas singles being pounded into my brain, I was expecting more of the same from Will. But to my surprise, I actually didn't mind it at all.

Those expecting a straight-up rap album will be disappointed. The disc is a surprisingly creative mix of Pop, R&B and Funk. While some tracks lack substance, such as lead single "I got it from my Mama," most of the disc is catchy.

The high point of the album has to be "The Donque Song," this generation's ode to the female 'behind.' Straight-up electro-funk pumps out of the song, and momentum builds throughout, peaking with a performance from Snoop.

Yes it's easy to go into the disc with bad intentions. But *Songs About Girls* will win over even the most jaded lis-

tener. Not every shot fired is a hit, but for the most part, Will.I.Am has succeeded in making an interesting, enjoyable experience.



Puddle of Mudd
Famous
 Flawless Records/Geffen

By Tom Laird
 Link Staff

I'd never really listened to Puddle of Mudd before. Except of course, for their 2002 break-out single "She Hates Me"—which everyone heard... whether they wanted to or not. I much preferred their other single in 2002, "Blurry." That being said, I wasn't really that big on either song.

So, when I agreed to review this disc, I didn't think I'd be overly positive. Shockingly, I'm not a 15 year old kid with anger issues. Which I think is the target market for bands like Puddle of Mudd. Which is all fine and dandy I suppose, but it's hard for an indie band snob like me to get excited over music like this.

It's actually not too bad. The first track, "Famous" is your typical attention getter—some decent riffs, somewhat catchy, and it fully uses that explicit lyrics warning on the cover. I don't know why they claim to be jaded though, if anything, they seem to really like their success.

Why else would you call your album *Famous*? Other tracks that seemed to jump out at me (or perhaps they were trying to mosh with me, I dunno, I tend to avoid the pit) were: "Psycho" (albeit a touch repetitive) and "We Don't Have to Look Back Now," the latter for all the wrong reasons. I hate it when these quote-unquote hard rockers slow shit down with a crappy ballad that does nothing but showcase their poor writing.

Sure, it'll hook a few kids outside of the target market I mentioned before, but it's noth-

ing but a cash grab attempt in my opinion. Gone are the days of the hair-metal power ballad—leave it that way please.

If you like Puddle of Mudd, then this album's for you. If you haven't heard of them, I wouldn't really recommend it, unless you're in to other acts like these guys, or unless you're 15. Then it probably kicks ass.



Dragonette
Galore
 Mercury UK

By Sara Norman
 Link Staff

It's all "Dirty sex and rock n' roll," on Dragonette's new album, *Galore*. A sound that is reminiscent of Madonna and No Doubt mixed with a little bit of techno and a whole lot of scandal, Dragonette has created an album that is certain to make you sit up and take notice.

The lyrics mainly deal with the risqué side of male/female relationships, and are a little oversexed, but Dragonette isn't afraid to get into the dirty stuff, just like a pre-Evita Madonna.

In particular, their song "Competition," is about the affair the lead singer Martina Sorbara had with the band's co-creator, Dan Kurtz—an affair that caused a few problems for Kurtz, but also led to the start of the band.

Originating from Eastern Canada, the band now lives in London, UK, and has toured Europe and Canada, opening for acts such as Duran Duran. Their new album, though tagged as pop, has a variety of sounds found throughout: rock, pop, electronic mixed in with some jazzier sounding material, such as the song, "Get Lucky."

They also have a punchy, 80's homage sound nestled throughout their diverse album, and their two singles off the album, "I Get Around,"

and "Take it Like a Man," showcase this nicely.

What makes them a particularly attractive band, however, is their lead singer, Martina Sorbara. With a smooth, pleasing voice, she delivers each song with the panache of a 50's lounge singer but has enough quirky personality to pull off singing lines such as "Find my clothing on the bed post, so I tip toe out of this mess, as I slip back into last night's dress."

Dragonette's only downfall is their lyrics. Though undoubtedly racy, the lyrics are also rather simple, and the thoughts behind them don't move too far past sex. Particularly simple are the lyrics from the song, "Jesus Doesn't Love Me": "wash me, God I want to get this off me, if you want to love me, scrub me, say a little prayer for me."

Dragonette says on their website that they're not interested in writing songs "to get depressed to," and maybe this is why they come off as slightly shallow in their writing. The extent of their depth is mistresses competing with girlfriends and having a lack of will-power. However, their lack of poetic lyrics could also be attributed to the fact that *Galore* is their first album as a band, and they are still adjusting to their writing style.

Whatever the case, Dragonette has enough potential that it's certain their lyrics will improve in complexity on future albums.

Overall, *Galore* has a feel-good, make-you-want-to-dance vibe with songs that stick with you even after you exit your car. Their sing-along potential is sure to get Dragonette play in dance-club rotation and radio alike, especially with lead-singer Sorbara's soothing and sultry voice and the synth-pop injected songs that give a good name to Canadians everywhere.



Dashboard Confessional
The Shade of Poison Trees
 Vagrant Records

By Ryan Clarke
Link Staff

I came into this review with one Dashboard Confessional album under my belt. Their previous

release, *Dusk and Summer*, was just mainstream/pop-rock enough to make-up for their early career emo-charged rants. So with the new *The Shade of Poison Trees*, I was expecting much the same.

Upon first listen of *The Shade of Poison Trees* two prominent aspects surfaced; one, this is for the most part, an acoustic album, with nary more than a tambourine to spice up the kitchen. Two, every song sounds painfully the same.

But as I dug deep through subsequent runs of all dozen tracks, I discovered unlikely inevitabilities- a chronic toe tap and my iPod set to album repeat.

The Shade of Poison Trees should have Dashboard Confessional fans pleasantly surprised. While all the rock of their big hit "Vindicated" has been left in the airwaves of 2006, this quartet from Florida has given soft a new edge. Tracks like "Where There's Gold and Fever Dreams" showcase lead singer Chris Carrabba's vocal range, while "Keep Watch For The Mines" exemplifies the band's emphasis on sing-along lyrics.

My girlfriend especially liked the angelic crooning of front man Carrabba.

So what is the final verdict? Buy this album if you want to get laid, not if you want to rock out.

Campus Query

Where your opinion matters

The Link asked:

"Halloween is coming up and a big theme in Halloween is trick or treat. So the real question is... What are you going to do if you DON'T get your treat?"

Paul Willinsky
Link Staff



Leah P.
Marketing,
1st Year

"I'm going to my grandma's house and getting a whole bag of candy... Then I'd brush my teeth."

Gina T.
Geomatics,
1st Year



"My tricks are my treat so I guess I wouldn't be having a Halloween."

Honey A.
Marketing Communication,
1st Year



"I'll start a riot and spray paint the entire town pink."

Tim Mc.
CIST,
1st Year



"I'm going to buy my own SHIT!"

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We no longer ask 'why?'

Society's indifference leads to grammar follies

By Allie Maxted
 The Cord Weekly
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WATERLOO (CUP) -- When I visited my local fall fair this year, I took a moment to browse the entries by schoolchildren in the exhibition hall. I looked at the winners in categories like posters, handwriting and miniature scarecrows, but it wasn't until I reached the grade eight poetry section that I made a shocking discovery.

Despite being decent poems, the winners in this section teemed with grammatical errors. The phrase "there is lots of rides" clumsily found its way into the second-place entry.

Sadly, this is an error that's becoming more common. The lack of a contraction for the phrase "there are" has resulted in the use of "there's" in its place. This has occurred so often that "there are" for many, ceases to exist in our lexicon.

I've witnessed poorly spoken English before and no

doubt committed the atrocity myself, but I'm appalled to find we've started reward people now for it. This is true, it seems, even in a school-related activity.

Bad grammar is unlikely to be a big issue for most people, and that's where the problem lies. Poor English makes communication difficult, but we shouldn't fear its consequence, but its cause.

Most of these language blunders occur from indifference about what is being said while seldom questioning its meaning. "I could care less" is a perfect example of this. While nothing is wrong with this statement grammatically, it's almost always used incorrectly when the user really means to say, "I couldn't care less." If you could care less, then you admit that you do care to some degree, which is the unintended meaning.

In George Orwell's essay "Politics and the English Language," Orwell discusses "dying metaphors" as a further example of this common

problem in our language. Metaphors like "toe the line" are used without knowledge of their meaning. Orwell believes this to be true because it's often spelled as "tow the line."

The overuse of words such as "like," "sketchy" and "random" hurls them into a world of meaninglessness. While these words are abused primarily by youth, older folk are guilty of this as well, overusing the political catchphrases "accountability" and "freedom." Everyone loves to use them, but no one can put a finger on their meaning.

People who speak English this way aren't stupid or uneducated - these mistakes are so common they have developed new and contextually correct social meanings. The problem is, when using language, our society as a whole fails to ask the why.

All meaning grounded in language and this lack of concern for it is a dangerous thing. Whether it's attributed to laziness, apathy or even indoctrination, it's the new attitude to



carry into everyday life.

Failing to think about why we do things allows people to hold power over us and it limits our freedom. This is why it

isn't something that grammar lessons can fix. It's up to people to take control of their own language use and in doing so, take control of meaning.



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Ask the sex doc

A Voyeuristic view into Canada's dorm rooms

Dear Sex Doc;

Okay, this is quite embarrassing for me, but it is killing me so I have to get it off my chest. Lately I've been having trouble keeping my dick hard when I have sex with my girlfriend. I never have problems when I masturbate. My dick is always rock hard. What the hell is happening to me? Do I need to run out and get Viagra™? I'm only twenty-two. Please tell me that my dick will work again.

Penis Problems @ UBCO

Dear Penis Problems @ UBCO;

It's hard for me to know exactly what your sexual concern is without more information, but I reckon the problem in your pants is a direct result of what is happening between your ears.

You might be thinking that your dick is your main sex organ, but your brain holds far more power over your sexuality than your dink.

You could be suffering from what is known as performance anxiety. This problem happens when you become anxious about performing sexually. You might be worried that your stick is too short or that your left ball is twice the

size of the right one. If your sex-negative thoughts persist, there is no way your tool will be up for the job.

Your dick works perfectly when you're all alone because your mind isn't wandering off worrying about that piece of toilet paper stuck in your ass.

And Penis Problems, I wouldn't suggest running off to the doctor to get that famous blue pill. I highly doubt it will solve your limp ways.

The only reason to use any of the PDE5 inhibitor pharmaceutical drugs like Viagra™, Levitra™, or Cialis™ is if you have erectile disorder. Erectile disorder (ED) is the persistent or recurrent inability to get or maintain an erection until the completion of sexual activity. Experts generally say that if you have difficulty more than 25% of the time, then it is considered a problem.

ED is not as common as most people think. A large study by Laumann et al. (1999) found that 11% of men suffer from ED. About a third of the cases are physical, a third are psychological, and a third are a combination of both.

Remember Penis Problems, all men experience erectile difficulties at some point in their life. I'm confident that if you relax, your limpy will become

stiffy very soon.

But if your penis problems persist, please see your family doctor or urologist for help.

Dear Sex Doc;

I keep having this recurring fantasy about seeing my girlfriend have sex with my best guy friend. It really turns me on and now I feel I want to experience this in real life. How do I bring up this fantasy with my girlfriend?

Peeping Tom @ BCIT

Dear Peeping Tom @ BCIT;

First of all, I wouldn't take this lightly. If you tell your girl you want to see her swap genital juices with your best bud, she might think you're wacked.

Besides thinking you're strange, she'll probably assume you want an open relationship or that you're really just into watching your buddy's tight ass move up and down on her.

But Peeping Tom, if this fantasy is really important to you it is possible for you to bring this up with your gal. That being said, there are a few guidelines you should follow. One of the most important things is to have the discussion outside of the bedroom and not while you're playing hide the

salami.

If you have open lines of sexual communication in your relationship you could just tell your girlfriend your fantasy. Or, you could ask her, "what's something you would like to try sexually?" Then, you could tell her your fantasy.

However, since you asked the question, I'm assuming this is not possible. In situations like this it is generally best to indirectly introduce the topic. Say something like, "Honey, I read an article last week about guys who get off watching their girlfriends have sex with another dude. How do you feel about that?"

She might tell you you're a sick f**k, or she might jump at the opportunity to wrap her legs around your dude friend's waist. But, have you truly considered how this will make you feel?

These types of sexual scenarios are generally fraught with insecurities and often don't go down in reality as well as they do in your mind. Your gal friend might be very enthusiastic about riding your buddy's pony. Do you think you can handle that?

Like I mentioned Peeping Tom, if this fantasy is so important to you that you would risk your relationship, then go



ahead and tell her that you'd fancy seeing her dingle dangle your friend.

But, just like some things are better left unsaid, often, fantasies are better left as fantasies. You might just want to keep this one to yourself.

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Food for thought

A healthy food alternative for student life

By Valerie Malla Link Staff

When you're running short on time and under the pressure of deadlines, the last thing you need to do is run out to the grocery store and back, start chopping veggies and make an honest attempt at creating a nutritious meal every night. What about the deadline to submit your paper? The presentation, group project or that exam you've been looking forward to? You also need to get *some* social time in there to keep your sanity. With all these distractions, you'll need to be careful not to chop off one of your much needed typing digits in the process.

With few healthy food options on campus you're left to rely on fast food or canned goods just to get through the day. I wouldn't mind paying for the odd meal at school if there were some healthy alternatives at a low cost, but there

aren't many, so I've had to get creative.

Here's a recipe that is very healthy, very cheap, and easy to make. It may not be lobster ravioli, but it is brain food loaded with nutrition and you won't get sluggish from overloading on too many carbs.

Mung Bean Soup

- 2 cups mung bean lentils
- 1 cup of dark red kidney beans or any other lentil you like (this is for variety)
- salt to taste
- ginger to taste
- garlic to taste
- 1 onion, any kind

*note: the mung beans don't need to be soaked overnight, but the kidney beans will unless you are using a canned variety - if so, add them when the soup is almost cooked.

Saute the garlic, ginger and onion until softened. Then add the salt, mung beans and other beans/lentils with about

8 to 10 cups of water and let it simmer down (you may need to add more water). Now you can go work on your assignments until it is ready. Enjoy!

An alternative to this recipe is to add cumin, tumeric, and/or coriander for more flavour. Not only will these spices make it taste better, they are also very healthy. You can even add carrots or other whatever else you think would taste good - be creative!

This recipe can be divided into containers that can be frozen and retrieved as necessary, giving you peace of mind from having to forage for healthy food choices every day.

A healthy diet consistent with a suitable exercise plan (walking/jogging/weights etc.) will all contribute to lowering stress levels. Be sure to check with your physician or naturopath for any questions.




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Throne Speech throwdown

Shane and Len bear down on the PM

Point
 By Shane Woodford

New Throne Speech, Same tired Harper song.

Canadian Governor General Michaëlle Jean read out the Conservative government throne speech for all to hear across Canada on October 16th. As I listened, it became clear this throne speech was just another tired song by a control-obsessed Prime Minister charting a bad course for Canada.

On the issue of Kyoto, Stephen Harper shocked no one when he finally came clean on abandoning the climate accord. Under Harper, Canada will for the first time in its honored history fail to meet its obligation on an international agreement. The Prime Minister will have us move with the United States into a deal that an illusion on facing climate change.

On the mission in Afghanistan, the government will move Canada's commitment from 2009 to 2011. This is just another broken promise by a Prime Minister who already told Canadians we would cease military operations in Afghanistan by 2009. While I support the mission as a whole and am very proud of the job Canadian Forces are doing there, I do however think it's time for another country to replace our armed forces in 2009.

Stephen Harper filled the Throne speech with his favorite hobby horse - the Arctic. Let's ignore for a second the irony of having a "plan" on the environment and plan for profiting from climate change in the same speech. Now Stephen Harper is committing his government to building a "world-class" arctic research station. I won't hold my breath on that, as I seem to remember a promise from the last election our Prime Minister made concerning armed icebreakers that never came to fruition.

He also announced a plan to complete map the Arctic sea-floor - a meaningless gesture from a political party that once referred to the planting of a Russian flag on the arctic sea-floor as "cheap theatrics." The logistics of accomplishing this monumental task of mapping such a large and unforgiving area are also staggering.

I do agree however Canada

needs an increased presence in the Arctic. With the US already on record of dismissing Canada's Arctic sovereignty and the Russians moving quickly to establish their own claim, Canada needs to take swift action by increasing its northern military presence and pursue legal claims through the UN.

As for cutting the GST, Harper is merely recycling his promises - he originally said he'd reduce the GST by 2%, but then cut it by only 1% and now he's promising to cut it another 1%, which is the original promise.

The other interesting segment of the Throne speech focussed on crime. Stephen Harper has proposed what he calls his "Tackling Violent Crime Bill." The legislation cracks down impaired drivers, raises the age of sexual consent, imposes stricter bail conditions, and sets mandatory prison terms for gun crimes. Each of these measures have already been brought forward as bills, but had failed to pass during the last session of parliament. So by bundling these proposals up in one big omnibus bill and running them through the House is bound to cause a commotion. This is the only part of the throne speech I can completely agree with. Our justice system, or lack thereof, is a constant source of frustration and anger for me and changes are long overdue.

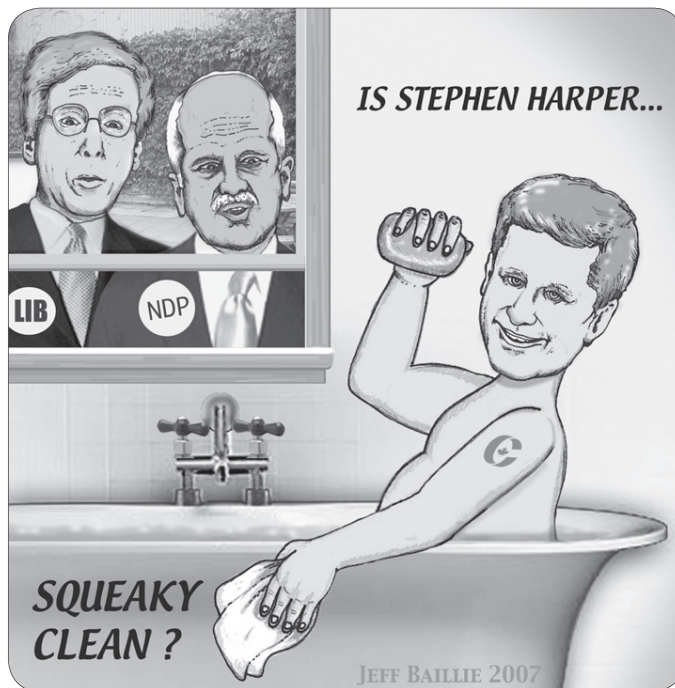
Now we get to the heart of the matter - what does the opposition do? The NDP and Bloq will oppose the speech but neither have numbers to matter. The Liberals have decided to support the speech, a gamble by leader Stephane Dion. He is already struggling for control of a divided party. By supporting the bill he passes on an election that might have forced the Liberals to unite. Dion is now putting himself in a position to essentially run the gauntlet.

Harper has already thrown the omnibus crime bill in Dion's face and dared him to oppose it. When he was in opposition, Harper made sure only certain bills were a confidence matter, but now he says every bill his government passes will be considered a confidence vote.

Stephen Harper smells blood and will stop at nothing

to make sure his opposition remains divided. Stephane Dion will have to perform the difficult balancing act of leading his party, fending off inner party divisions and avoiding the minefield Stephen Harper will continue to lay for him. In Ottawa, each day will be a juvenile chess game between a right-wing Prime Minister obsessed with control and a leader of the opposition desperately trying to gain control of his own fractured party.

I say let the fun begin.



Counterpoint
 By Len Catling

Prime Minister Stephen Harper did not put Canadian troops into Afghanistan; he inherited the conflict, or operation, mandated by the NATO and the United Nations.

Jean Chrétien, a Liberal and one of Canada's most effective and revered leaders, declared war on the Taliban. Now, rhetorical propagandists are criticizing Harper for attempting to win that war.

War is not pretty. It is costly in terms of humanity, sanity and capital. Yet war is a vital tool in ridding society of tyrants and oppressors, and in turn creates an atmosphere conducive to peace.

The Taliban are tyrants. They are a heroin trafficking cartel of gun dealers, rapists and power mongers. The Taliban gained power in Afghanistan by brutalizing a country weakened by decades of warlords, government corruption and foreign invaders.

The Taliban have also used the rich fields of Afghani heroin poppies to finance and consolidate their power. When have you ever known drug dealers to run stable, diplomatic governments?

Canadian forces have a long history of successful military operations. From Dieppe to Yugoslavia, Canada has never lost its stature as an international peacekeeper and protector of human rights.

Afghanistan Prime Minister Hamid Karzai wants the

in the quest to recognize the damaging effects of global warming. Kyoto is the same as Al Gore. Both served a purpose but now do more harm than good.

Al Gore produced a ground breaking movie outlining global warming and in the process educated a lot of people. However, like Kyoto he is a victim of the "Law of Diminishing Returns." The private jet he flies to global warming seminars pollutes more than the pollution he prevents by speaking to affluent people. How many activists who pay \$100-\$2500 to watch Gore speak ride public transit to his shows?

The Kyoto accord did not include the US or China. They are the world's two biggest economies and superpowers. This made Kyoto about as relevant as Britney Spears.

The G8+5 Climate Change Dialogue includes the US and China, and is what Canada should be monitoring. Let Kyoto go Shaner. Talking about it constantly is like thinking about that chocolate bar you dropped on the ground when you were in kindergarten. It's gone, go to the corner store and get another.

Canadians are terrible polluters. We produce more harmful emissions, use more water and burn more electricity per capita than anyone else in the world. Something needs to be done or we will all be;

- growing gills
- building Atlantis
- building huge walls along our coastlines
- drowning

Harper is not an environmental knight. He is very far from it. He is a gas guzzling, plastic using wretch like the rest of us. However, at least he is diplomatic enough to help lead the US and China into the discussion. Diplomatic change does not occur by grandstanding and finger pointing - Paul Martin. Stephane Dion can buy the 101 Dalmatians and name them all Kyoto, but it will not stop the Chinese and American economies from spewing toxins.

There are no easy answers for climate change. Governments must work together efficiently and quickly to solve this worldwide quagmire.

Canadian military to train his security forces until they are self sufficient and can protect people from the Taliban. The moral high ground for Canada's opposition parties should be to monitor Karzai's policies more stringently. He is the one with the most at stake for both Afghanistan and the Canadian mission.

Afghanistan is not a number such as 2011 or 2009; it is a mission. In his throne speech, Stephen Harper said he intends to complete the mission he inherited. I have no problem with my PM doing that.

If Gilles Duceppe or Jack Layton took their agendas on Afghanistan to soldiers or the polls they would get trounced in the quest for popular support.

So go vote NDP Shaner. They are the healthy choice in the fight against fiscal sanity and winning platforms. Or is your vote for the Bloq Quebecois?

Kyoto was a smokescreen, no pun intended. It was nothing more than helpful dialogue

Duelling conferences

The NHL's best battle it out



Western Conference
By Shane Woodford
Link Staff

As the cold blustery hands of another Vancouver winter reaches out to wrap us in its soggy grip, one ray of light shines through. A brand new season of NHL hockey is here with its bright white ice and colourful uniforms offsetting the dreary grey just outside our windows.

The Canucks haven't given their fans much to cheer about as they start the season with a whimper. Among several factors in their slow start inconsistent play has to be the most glaring. Never more obvious than in a 4-1 loss to San Jose, the Canucks played two exceptional periods that looked and felt like playoff hockey. Unfortunately they decided to play the third like the whole team came down with mono in the second intermission. Overall team toughness is a growing concern as most Canucks seem to have "welcome mat" written across their helmets.

The absence of Sami Salo and the sub par play of Kevin Bieksa have been devastating to the Defence and the power play. With most of the season still to go there is time but fall-

ing behind in the fiercely competitive Northwest division is dangerous.

Should you ask which western NHL team is the biggest surprise so far this season my bet would be that most would respond the Minnesota Wild.

While the play of the Wild has been excellent I think you could make the argument that they are simply playing like they usually do.

My pick for most surprising team in the west, with an honourable mention to the St Louis Blues, would be the Chicago Blackhawks. Despite being an original six franchise with deep roots in the foundation of the NHL the Blackhawks have become virtually irrelevant.

Nikolai Khabibulin looks like he is returning to form in goal and the debut of a pair of talented rookies in Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews. Long suffering Chicago fans might have something to finally get excited about. I am not a fan of Chicago anymore than I am of the Rangers, Leafs, Canadiens, Flyers, or Wings but as a Hockey fan a competitive Blackhawks team is good for the whole league.

After watching Jonathan Toews score a goal against Colorado the other night that left my jaw on the floor. I couldn't help think that maybe change was finally blowing through the windy city and for Hockey that's good news.



Eastern Conference
By Brady Strachan
Link Staff

Only two weeks into the 07/08 NHL season and the Eastern Conference is off and running.

Forget the Western conference this year - the action and drama will be in the East.

Eight games into the season and three non-playoff teams from last year occupy three of the top four spots in the Eastern standings.

The Philadelphia Flyers are tearing up the league with big play from their new acquisitions. Goaltender Martin Biron has been brilliant with six wins, two shutouts and only 11 goals allowed in the first seven games of the season. Combine that with Daniele Briere's heroics at the other end of the ice and Flyer fans are quickly forgetting the name Peter Forsberg.

The Carolina Hurricanes are also regaining their Stanley Cup winning form, making fans forget their dismal performance last year. The Canes can churn out three balanced lines of speed every night and are starting to look like the new Buffalo Sabres.

The other turn-around team is the

Boston Bruins. The Bruins, who have been in "rebuilding mode" for as long as anyone can remember, are finally starting to pull it together. Newly hired coach Claude Julian has the Bruins' young talent and core of veterans playing a tight defensive game which will make them a real contender in the East for the first time in years.

Even more surprising in the East are the teams that haven't stepped up this year. If the playoffs were to start today, the three divisional champions in the East from last year would be hitting the golf course early.

Buffalo, New Jersey and Atlanta have suffered serious losses of talent as players left in droves for big bucks elsewhere over the offseason. These teams are going to have to dig deep if they hope to regain their place in the standings.

Certainly the most shocking turn of events out of the East this year is the dismal start of the New York Rangers. The Rangers, who had a strong finish in 06/07 and picked up two of the most coveted free agents over the off-season, were touted by most hockey writers to be the team to beat in the East. However they have been anything but that in their start this year with goal production from their talent-laden forwards being their biggest concern.

With so few weak teams in the East, fans can expect the excitement to continue all season long. It is really anyone's guess which teams will emerge as the leaders down the stretch.

The only thing certain is there will be some entertaining hockey for fans during the playoff run.

Head hits in the NHL

League begins to come down hard

By Josh Tawse
Link Staff

Jesse Boulerice has been handed 25 games for his vicious hit to Ryan Kesler's head.

Subsequently the Flyers' put him on waivers and he will likely never play in the NHL again.

This is not his first stick-to-head incident. In juniors, he took a baseball swing to Andrew Long's head. Thankfully, he was eventually able to play again.

But Boulerice's cross-check to Kesler's face is just the latest in a string of head shots in the NHL.

Just two weeks earlier, fellow Flyer Steve Downie hit Ottawa Senator's Dean McAmmond in the head and was suspended 20 games, which the AHL is also acknowledging.

And no one can probably forget New York Islander's forward Chris Simon's baseball swing to Ranger's forward Ryan Hollweg's head. He was also suspended 25 games.

This brings up a few questions.

Why the sudden increase in vicious head hits? Why the sudden drastic increase in suspension lengths?

Were there vicious hits like the aforementioned examples in the good old days of hockey - like the 60's to the 80's?

Do any of the new rules, like the crackdown on instigating have a negative effect on team "tough guys" who must feel frustrated by losing jobs and responsibilities?

I love the old days of hockey when every team had at least one brute to protect the stars and settle any problems on the ice.

Yes, I know that the main reason behind the new rules is to protect the players from career-ending injuries, or concussion, after concussion, after concussion (see Eric Lindros).

Yes, the new NHL is more exciting in terms of scoring, but I feel that it's missing the aggressiveness of the 60's, 70's and 80's.

I loved hearing stories of the famed



Ryan Kesler lays on the ice after Jesse Boulerice checks him in the head.

Broadstreet Bullies from the 70's with Bobby Clarke and Dave Schultz.

However, the fact remains that hits

to the head are now a serious issue and players will be made examples of if the trend continues, and I hope it doesn't.

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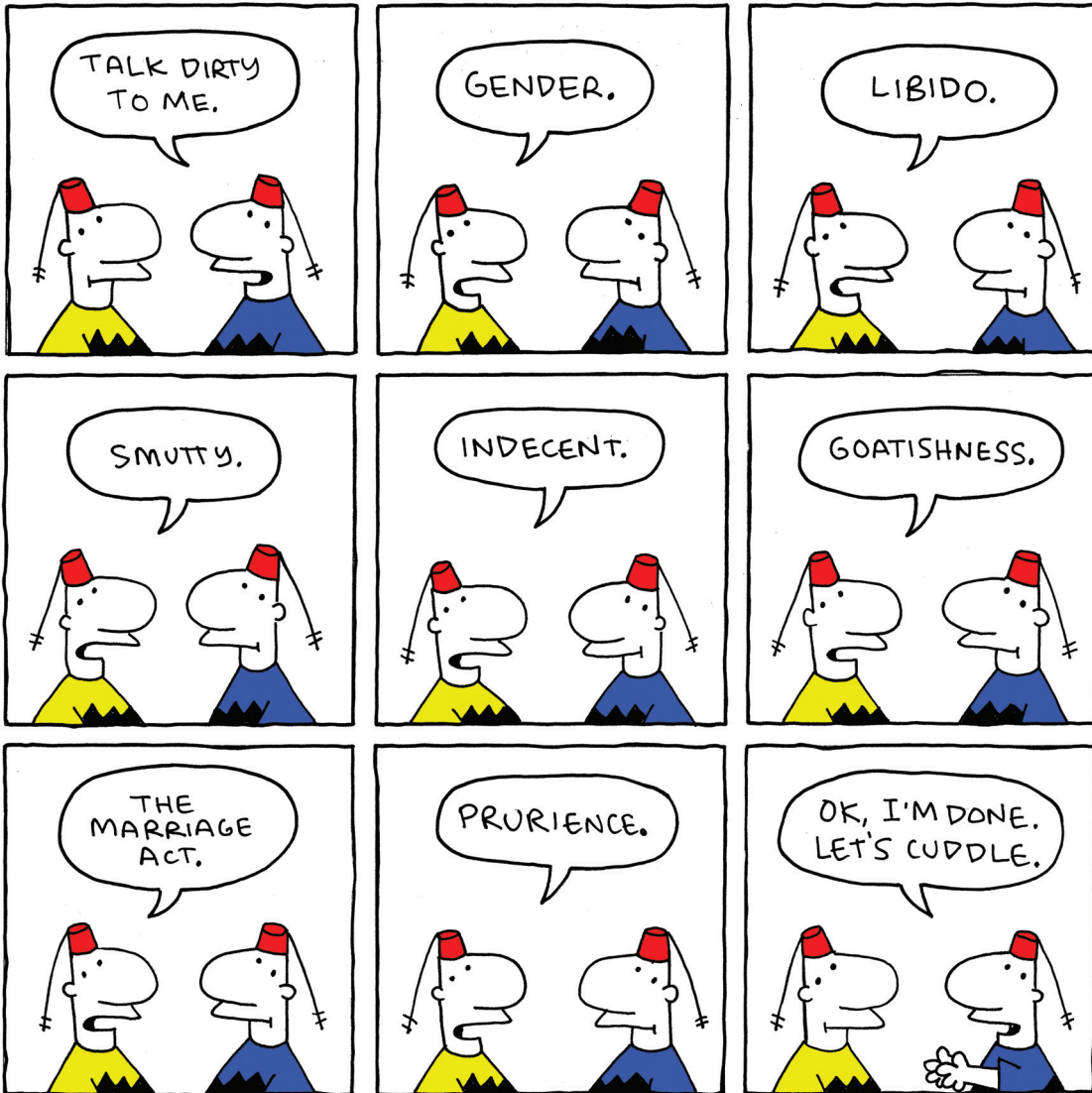
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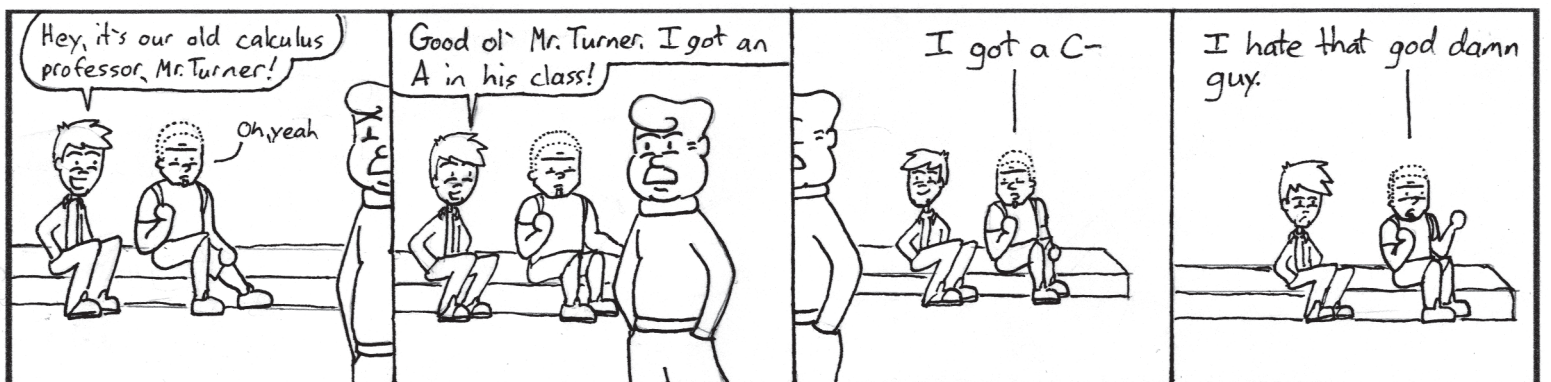
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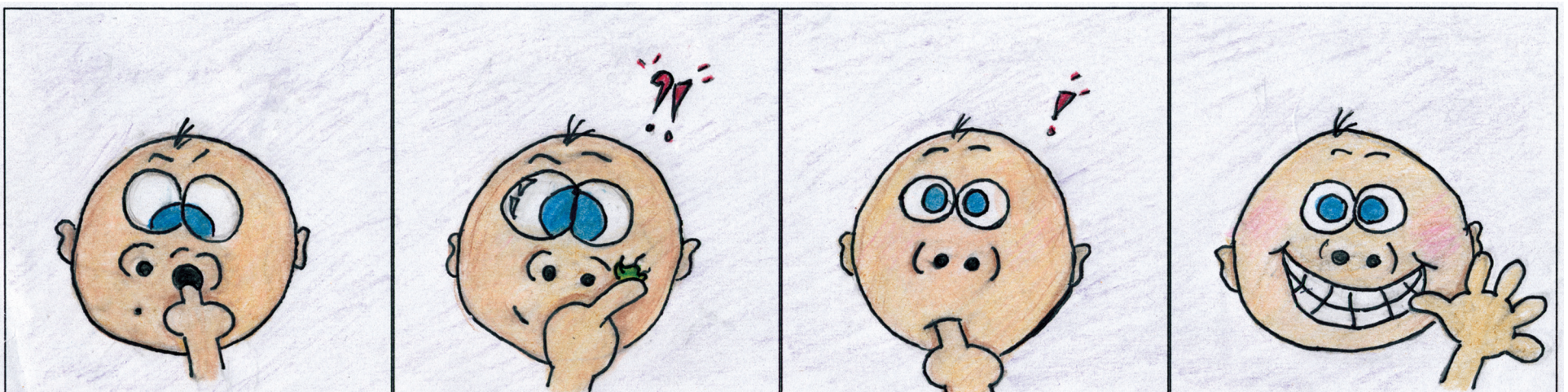


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Add a Red Rush to life

A little more hyper brand of living

By Len Catling
 Link Staff

Remember the good old days when you would go to 7-11 and see teenagers outside giggling, drinking cola and eating candy bars? People enjoyed life because it was short; life became shorter because people enjoyed it.

Today, the current anti-obesity and anti-sugar propaganda circling your guilty pleasures have created a new vice on the block - the energy drink.

A billion dollar industry, energy drinks combine the smooth taste of soft drinks with the energy inducing effects of coffee. So what would happen if you threw the candy bar into the mix?

The makers of the **Red Rush High Energy Chocolate** bar want in on this ménage-et-trois and their hybrid product intends to seek the ultimate climax.

The company packs caffeine, taurine, and guarana

into a chocolaty bar.

First year Radio students Maegan Conway and Michelle Petit decided they would try the bar, which is not recommended for females of child bearing age without medical consultation.

"It actually tastes like chocolate. It doesn't taste like a bunch of energy crap," says Conway.

"If I'm hungry and I want energy I would have this [**Red Rush High Energy Chocolate**]. If I'm thirsty and want energy I would still have an energy drink." adds Petit.

So there you have it, the radio girls tried the bar and judging by the speed in which they ran away, **Red Rush** might have created a winner.

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The radio girls take Red Rush Energy for a spin.
 - David K. Lai, Link Staff



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