

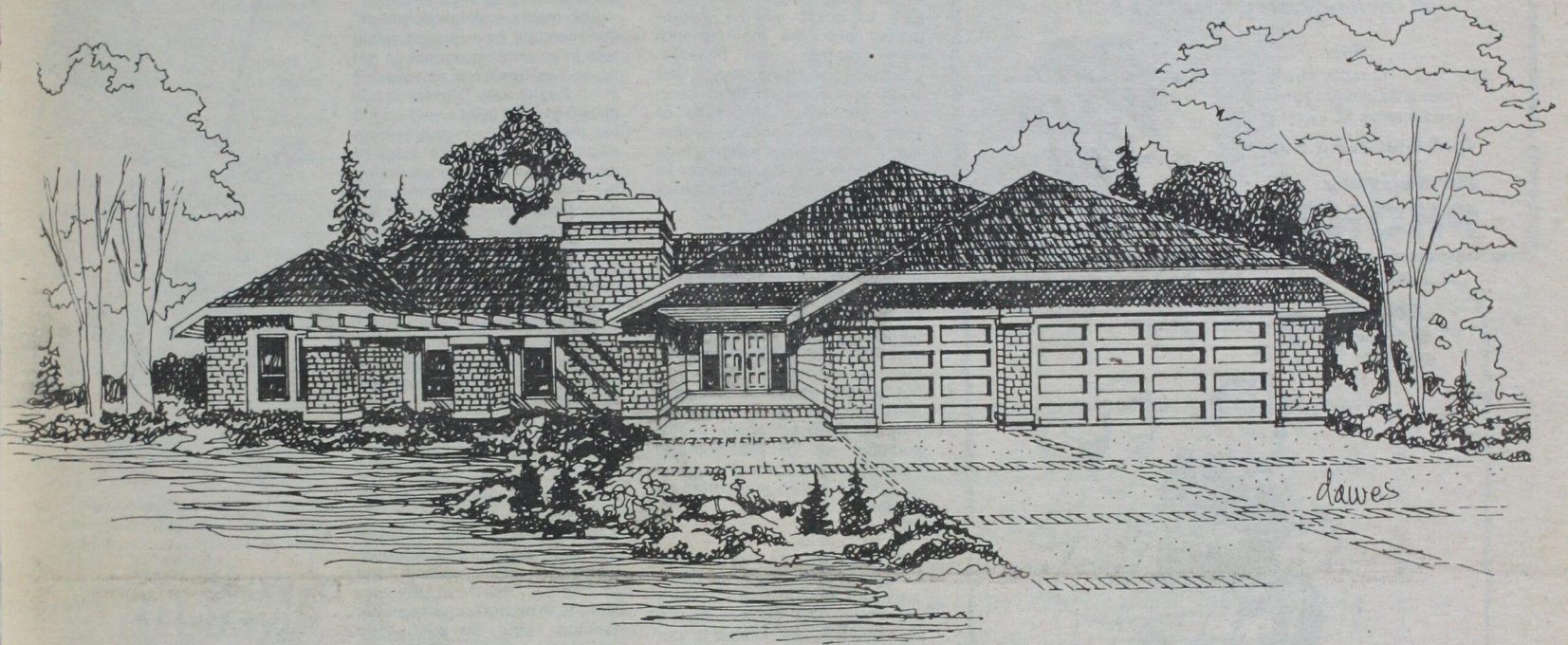
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## Students could own homes, agent says



by Sam Corea

There are some posters on the campus' bulletin boards that have the words 'students and homeownership' printed on them. It seems that the two words don't really go together. How can a student own a home? Well, according to Irene Plett, the person responsible for the posters, it is quite possible for a student to own a home.

"Now is a good time to invest, interest rates and house prices

are low, and the government offers grants from \$1000 to \$3000 to new home buyers," she says.

If a student is renting a place right now, it may be cheaper to put that money towards a mortgage and wind up owning the home someday. All that is needed is a reasonable amount of cash for a down payment and the determination to own a home.

Says Plett: "I know of a student who put \$4000 as a down

payment on a \$70,000 home." Plett has had some response to the posters from BCIT students, but more from UBC. She attributes this to the type of student at BCIT, who is generally younger and at school for a shorter period of time.

However she still maintains that her 'plan of attack' for student home ownership is worth investigating.

"Look at it this way, if you're going to spend money on rent, why not, depending on how

much you have, get together with another student and buy a place? Don't see it as a life commitment, you can always sell later and more than likely make a profit", she said.

Plett adds that people who are reliable and have some sort of credit rating are possible candidates for owning a home.

"The more you have, the better the chances are". She will suggest ways to get a down

payment together. It is much easier to find reasonable housing these days, she says, there are lots of condominiums and houses that are affordable out there.

Plett says she understands the frustrations students have in this matter. "I have an adge, I was a student myself and I know how hard it is to find suitable housing. I can help with assistance and advice."

## Part-time aid possible

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Manitoba and the federal government are "on the brink" of an agreement that would give financial aid to part-time students, according to Maureen Hemphill, Manitoba's education minister.

Speaking at the recent provincial NDP convention, Hemphill said, "part-time student aid is very high on the list of priorities," and an announcement on a deal can be expected shortly.

Jeff O'Malley, University of Winnipeg Students' Association (UWSA) president, criticized the government for not introducing the proposal earlier.

"The Ontario Student Aid Program has had part-time student

aid for years," he said. "They (the Manitoba government) are only considering it because the federal government is making funds available."

About 12 000 part-time students — those taking fewer than three full courses — are enrolled in Manitoba's three universities.

Gaylene Van Dusen, UWSA representative on the Student Aid Consulting Committee, said single parents and unemployed women whose husbands refuse to contribute toward tuition fees, books and babysitting costs will benefit most from a part-time student aid program.

## Fees could be worse

(CUP) — Tuition fees at Canadian universities and colleges are continuing to rise at a rapid rate, but they're still a long way from their stratospheric counterparts in the US.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has announced that tuition fees will rise to \$9600 next year, up \$900. The cost of

an undergraduate education at MIT will be \$13 480 — and that's just for tuition, room and board.

MIT officials cited slow growth in investment income and the levelling off of federal grants as factors in the increase. More than half the students at the world-renowned institute receive financial aid.

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## sports

# 'Getting physical' at a health spa

by Sam Corea

The days are getting longer and warmer. That means it's time to wear less clothing. Well, all winter long, people have been able to cover up the weight gained over the months with bulky clothes, and besides, homework, studying, exams and other school work have been more important. This time of year, however, people realize that it is no longer easy to hide those extra pounds. One way to tackle the 'battle of the bulge' is with exercise.

Right now, plastered over magazines, newspapers, newspapers and in television commercials, pretty women and handsome men can be seen smiling and lifting weights, jogging, dancing or sitting in a hot tub with the social setting of a health spa as a backdrop. Slogans such as 'shape up for summer', and 'get that bod into shap' accompany the ads as well as special prices and offers as incentive.

It seems that everyone wants to get a little physical these days. Jeff VanHurst of Riveria Swimming and Fitness centre says that it is very popular to join a health spa. "It's mainly a trend these days, women are finding that with designer exercise suits in bright colours, exercise can be both fashionable and fun."

men are getting into the social scene of health clubs as well. "Some of the guys have buddies, and they can help each other while working out," he said.

The media and 'participation' commercials have played a big role in motivating people to get fit, as VanHurst is discovering at his health spa. "Research has shown that fat cells aren't good for the body, people are more aware now, and since a lot of exercise centres are open during the evening, people come after dinner and try to burn off the extra calories".

And why do people join health spa? The following were popular responses: 'to keep in shape, to keep younger'

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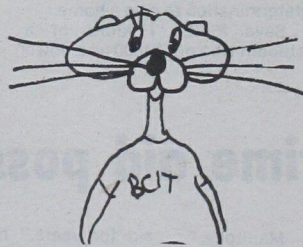
'Basically your head...you can go out and do anything when you belong to a health spa'

'you're not regulated by classes'

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In addition to the traditional weights, exercise machines, swimming pools, saunas, and whirlpools, Health clubs are cashing in on the current aerobic dancing trend as well. "It's immensely popular, classes are springing up anywhere. It is a fun and good way to exercise. People can buy records and books and tapes to continue the aerobics at home. Our classes are quite successful" VanHurst said.

Women are into toning up the body, while men like muscle building. What ever you chose to get your 'bod into shape', chance are that some day you'll join a health spa to do it in.



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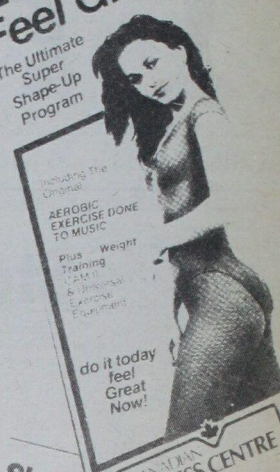
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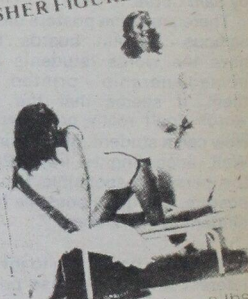
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## Job hunt an adventure, consultant says

WINDSOR (CUP) — It seems sheer terror is the wrong attitude to adopt when you're hunting for a job.

Kevin Tiffin, a former Toronto employment consultant who is now marketing a one-day course in job search techniques, thinks students "should be invigorated by the prospect of discovery," when they hunt for a job.

He said that most students do the wrong things in their search, especially when they allow themselves to become afraid of interviews. Another common error is the failure to get past a company's personnel manager.

"I don't know of any company in Canada where the personnel manager does the hiring," says Tiffin. But he said that's whose desk 95 per cent of resumes land on.

He said most students will get about five job interviews, and companies may interview up to 300 applicants for each position.

The way to beat those odds is to be determined, straight-forward, and eager, and to research employers in advance, he said.

The trick in an interview is to get the interviewer to remember you, and Tiffin said to do this you must become sensually aware — look around the room, figure out what the interviewer's interests are and address them in a conversation rather than a forced stimulus-response interview.

Above all else, Tiffin said, "the interviewer must be controlled by you."

If all of this manipulation sounds depressing, Tiffin said students are not going to escape from it, because now companies are not likely to hire people for life. He predicted that students will have to endure the resume/search/interview process several times during their lives, so "they'd better get used to looking for a job now."

## What about the milkman?

Remember those wonderful occasions in elementary school when your teacher would bring Stg. Stadenko, the neighbourhood police constable, and others into the classroom to tell you about their work? Well, BCIT is going to revive that experience with a series of free lunchtime meetings at the Downtown

Education Centre, 549 Howe Street. Called 'Talking of Success', the series will run on Tuesdays from April 12 to June 21 and feature such notables as Victor Burt, general manager of the Hotel Vancouver. Sorry class, Stg. Stadenko won't be there, and neither will the fire chief. But pay attention anyway.



## Spring Ski Special

The Whistler Mountain Ski Corporation and the BCIT Student Association are pleased to offer BCIT students Whistler Mountain full day lift ticket certificates (good any time this season) at a specially reduced rate of \$16.00 per certificate versus our regular lift ticket price of \$19.00.

Tickets can now be purchased through your Student Association Office in the SAC anytime between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Fridays.

This sale continues until April 9, 1983.



Sam Corea photo.

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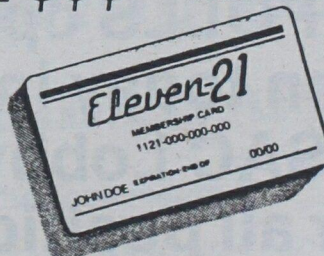
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## editorial

Bill Vander Zalm will not be seeking re-election. Like most of his utterances, this announcement from the controversial education minister got a big reaction. Some people - like members of the B.C. Teachers Federation - rejoiced. Others - like Vander Zalm's supporters - lamented his passing as soon as he announced it.

What's our reaction? It's mixed. We do feel some relief. Mr. Vander Zalm does like to shoot from the hip, saying things that are deliberately provocative (such as his career advice to all welfare recipients to 'pick up a shovel') or downright offensive (such as his infamous 'frogs' poem, which he composed for

the amusement of his cabinet colleagues). And he was an enthusiastic supporter of the government's restraint program, cutting huge swaths in the budgets of BCIT and other institutions. Perhaps his successor will be more tactful toward everyone in general, and more farsighted toward post-secondary education in particular.

But as far as farsightedness goes, we have our doubts. The restraint program is still blundering on, and there is no reason that the next education minister won't be as equally enthusiastic about it. Any relief we feel about Bill Vander Zalm's departure is checked by the foreboding we feel about his successor's arrival.

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the leaders is?

Student leaders, that is. This Wednesday at noon, somewhere in the SAC, all the candidates for high student council office will assemble for what is billed as a 'campaign rally', which is an optimistic name for an all-candidates meeting. At the same time, the present student council will hold a general meeting.

What does all this mean? Well, if you're in first year, you can go to the SAC and discover what kind of people are presuming to represent you in BCIT's student government next year. See if you can match the candidates with their prospective office - one for each? And if you're in either year, see what the present student council members look like, and ask them what they do for a living. Sounds like fun, eh? Hey, it's free, too.

## Thank-you

Editors, The Link,

Just a note to thank you for your excellent article in the Link covering our recent Health Fair.

Your interest in the Health Fair and your favourable comments are sincerely appreciated by all of us here in Mediact Services.

Joyce Jamieson RN  
Medical Services

## Welcome was wonderful

Editors, The Link,

The official welcome for the Libyan students in the new Campus Centre was a great event, when all Libyan students had a chance to converse with the senior administrators and the Student Association. As foreign students at BCIT, we are very glad to be welcomed to the student body and are looking forward to participating in all activities provided by BCIT. The students are already showing great interest in socializing with all Canadian and other foreign students.

Lastly, we would like to thank BCIT president Gordon Thom for his welcoming speech, and the cooperation of Sid Todd and Tyrone Walls for making our stay at BCIT worth looking forward to.

Ahmed Namer  
Pre-Mechanical Eng., on behalf  
of the Libyan students

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The art wind howled and pounded the Link tent mercilessly. 'Only one news story! I...I don't know if I can make it!' moaned Major Michael Brand. 'Buck up! The whole civilized world, or at least 4100 of them - are counting on us!' Major Lesley Rae Purdy shouted, trying in vain to bolster spirit. 'Rights! Besides, I'm a crack layout man - Churchill once said so!' Major Sam Corea was in good spirits despite the desperate shortage of copy. And he wasn't humble. Suddenly the luck of the Link battalion turned! The wind stopped, the sun came out and a hand thrust through the tent flap, holding sheets of paper. The flap opened wider. 'Corporal Tom Tuma and Private Susan Randall with more reviews for the paper, sirs!' Jolly Good! The war was one. The Link is out again, democracy is safe! Rule, Britannia! Oh, shut up!

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by Sam Corea

April 11, 1983...a night that will be filled with dazzling stars, long speeches, tears of happiness and a few disappointments. As we near that night when Hollywood honours its own, people are scurrying about town to catch oscar nominated flicks to see if they can outwit the Academy and pick the winners. Well, that's a hard task, since it is almost impossible to predict just how the academy will vote. For all they are worth here are my thoughts on this year's major contenders.

**For best Actress:** Although I'd like to see Dustin Hoffman win, I'll have to go with Meryl Streep for her performance in *Sophies Choice*. She is an accomplished actress and was excellent in that movie.

**For best Actor:** the heavy favourite is Paul Newman (*The Verdict*) but Ben Kingsley should get this one for his portrayal of Ghandi in the movie of the same name.

**For Best Director:** Richard Attenborough seems a likely choice. The three hour epic featuring thousands of actors was beautifully directed.

**The Best Picture** category is a tough one to choose, however *Tootsie* is my favourite. It was just hilarious and full of fine performances. And besides, it's been a while since a comedy received the top award.

My crystal ball is starting to fog up now, so that's it for my predictions. What are yours?

## Career fair 1983

Educational planning for careers in the 80's is the theme behind CAREER FAIR '83 at the Downtown Education Centre in Vancouver, April 15 and 16.

The Fair, organized by the representatives from BCIT, SFU, the Vancouver School Board, the Canada Employment and Immigration Centre and the Downtown Education Centre, is an annual event that has attracted thousands of people looking for new careers and matching training opportunities.

The Fair runs Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. Four floors will be given over to exhibitors representing a diversity of career opportunities, including educational institutions, and company and government agencies offering training and apprenticeship programs.

The long range objective of the Fair is to reduce skill shortages and unemployment through better matching of people potential with training and educational opportunities.

The Fair will be particularly helpful to young people looking for a career during this time of high unemployment and serious skill shortages, and working adults looking for new career directions to pursue.

While the Fair will be open to the public on Friday morning, school groups will be touring the facility from 10 am to 2 pm.

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11:30-1:00: **Room 197**  
Paul Manning, V.P. Corporate Relations, B.C. Place -  
'B.C. Place, Past, Present, Future.'

**Room 198**  
R.D. Forbes-Roberts, Branch Manager, Canada  
Employment Centre, BCIT - 'Hints for the job  
Interview'.

1:15-2:30: **Room 198**  
Andrea Leduc, Management Services, Burnaby  
Branch, FBDB - 'Management Services offered by  
the FBDB'.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

11:30-1:00: **Room 197**  
Ron Schlegelmilch, Western Region Training, Apple  
Computers Ltd. - 'Micro Computers in the 80's and  
their effect on Business'.

**Room 198**  
Lois McPherson, Wardrobe Consultant - 'Dress for  
Success for Women'. The importance of dress in the  
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1:15-2:30: **Room 197**  
Thomi Glover, V.P. Sales and Marketing, Finning  
Tractor and Equipment Co. Ltd. - 'How to find a place  
in the Management Field'.

**Room 198**  
Karen Medeiros, Office Systems Marketing Rep., IBM  
Canada Ltd. - 'The Effects of advancing technology  
on business including innovations and major thrusts  
in office systems utilizing computer technology'.

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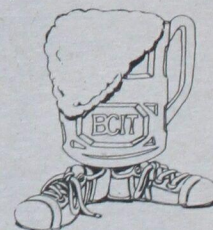
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## Growing up on the outside of society

by Sam Corea

The Greases and the Soces. Which group is superior? Should one be classified better because of residence or how much money they have? The Soces live on the south side of Tulsa, Oklahoma and are the 'rich kids'. The Greases live on the other side of town and according to the Soces, the wrong side of town. They're **The Outsiders**.

The novel, written by S.E. Hinton, examines how cruel people can become when they get caught up in the class system. The Greases are looked upon as 'scum' by the Soces, and soon they believe it and wind up having a low opinion of themselves. This novel is taught to and discussed by grade eight students who are about the age of the people in the book.

Francis Ford Coppola directs this movie version of the popular book. It is nothing all that new, but still is quite appealing. The messages are present. People must learn to live with one another. This must be done at an early age or else the bitterness will continue.

The young actors chosen to convey the messages are good. C. Thomas Howell is perfect as the sensitive greaser Ponyboy Curtis. Ralph Macchio as Johnny is also good. The two actors work so well together, making their close relationship believable to the viewer. Matt Dillon is a bit typecast as tough guy Dallas, but nonetheless does a decent job in his role.

There are some colorful moments, which are played against a very warm, bright sunset adding a lot to the innocence of the dialogue and actors. There is some sharp editing and the rumble scene, although quite violent is an excellent piece of film making.

Unlike some movies which lose so much in the transformation from the printed pages of a novel to the screen, **The Outsiders** stands on its own and is a pretty good 'lesson' movie. Its worth seeing for the young people of today.



## Selleck and Armstrong take the High Road to China

by Susan Randall

Finally a picture with plot and purpose. This flic has all the ingredients of a good adventure; plenty of conflict among the characters, and lots of action and great scenery.

The movie takes you through strange lands with strange people and even stranger customs.

Bess Armstrong plays a bratty, spoiled heiress who is searching for her father to save her fortune.

Bess Armstrong's character does touch down just off the line of reality but she is the brave motivated woman of the 1920's.

Tom Selleck plays the unwitting pilot who is paid a

fortune to find her father and take her along.

This is the set up for more conflict. He is a rowdy, but lovable character and he doesn't know that they're being pursued by killers.

Selleck takes his Magnum character along for the ride which adds light hearted humour.

The movie is unpredictable. You're never sure what's going to happen next, but the ending is so abrupt and convenient leaving you to assume the final outcome.

It may not be a box office smash, but as Selleck's first motion picture it should land him another movie role.

## The Grey Fox:



by Lesley Rae Purdy

Is Bill Miner, Richard Farnsworth... or vice versa? Whether you consider Farnsworth's history as a Hollywood stunt man, or Farnsworth as **The Grey Fox**; it's still hard to distinguish the Farnsworth from the miner.

Although not released from San Quentin at the turn of the century, Richard Farnsworth has seen the passing of the ages. He's made a living as a rodeo man, and been a stunt man in such old masterpieces as 'The Wild Ones', starring Marlon Brando and Marco polo starring Gary Cooper.

The most incredible feature about **The Grey Fox** is that you feel like it is the first time in your life you are seeing a real western portraying real people the way it was back then. Farnsworth, who has been on a horse since he was trying hard to be a jockey (he grew too tall-over 6 ft) looks comfortable on a horse... like he really belongs. Enough of the 'reals', you get the drift. this is the 'real' thing.

next to that sort of acting quality is the cinematography. There are no Hollywood pretensions to the sets, actor's faces or scenery. Everything has a breathless, beautiful natural quality to it. If you thought

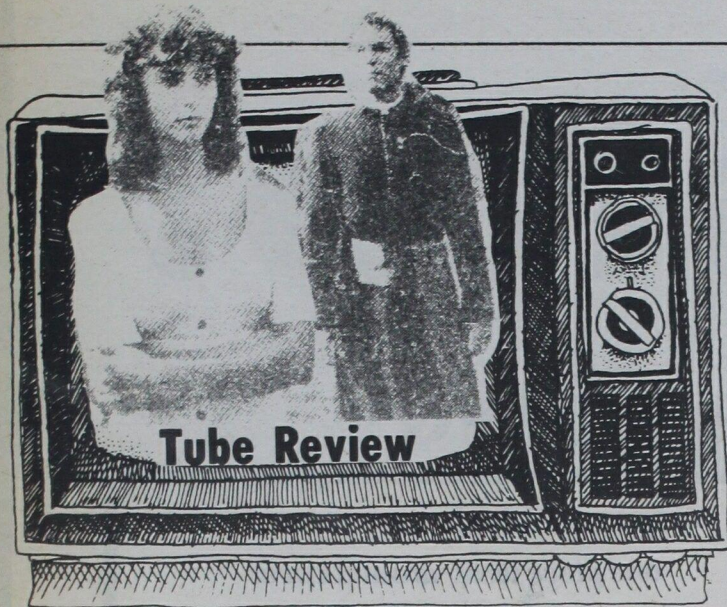
Kamploops was a dry hole, you are partly correct, but it has some of the most spectacular arid beauty and rolling foothills in the land. That is not to say Grey Fox is anything like a travelogue of B.C.'s interior. It is not.

What about the action? Well, there is action, because even tho' old Bill Miner has been in the can for 33 years, he's still the man who went in and he has the same unique ambitions.

I hate to say more, because this is such a damn good movie, I hate to spoil it. It's got humour, pathos, love, adventure, and lot's of good 'real' life (that word again) characters. If you haven't seen a movie because you gave up on them, then this is the one to see.

**A spectacular movie and there's nothing sensational about it**





## Ralph and Meggie- a 'prickly' situation

by Sam Corea

The legend of the thorn bird. Supposedly, the bird searches all its life for a tree. When it finds a tree that has a long sharp spine, it impales its body through it. Then the bird rises above its own agony to out-carol the lark and nightingale. The pain the thorn bird went through caused the most beautiful song. The best is brought at the cost of great pain.

The legend was the basis for 'The Thorn Birds', a 1977 best seller written by Colleen McCollough. Ever since the book came out, Hollywood producers have been up in arms with the prospect of turning the novel into a cinematic event. However it wasn't until the fall of 81 when Warner Brothers television department began to seriously work on the project.

And so the 10-hour miniseries that millions of people across North America watched over four consecutive nights last week was born.

This kind of thing has been happening quite a bit since the huge success of Irwin Shaw's miniseries Rich Man, Poor Man, which aired on TV back in 1976. Now it seems that a best-selling novel is almost assured a crack at four to eighteen hours of prime time television. 'Roots', 'Shogun', 'The Captains and the Kings', 'Scruples', East of Eden', and most recently 'The Winds of War' have all been seen as a 'novel for television.

All have some of the things that people enjoy to watch, stuff that makes television drama tick...complex characters, big names actors, steamy sex,

designer costumes, special effects, spanning generations of families, family conflicts, rich and powerful people...the list is endless!

**The Thorn Birds** had many of these 'plusses' in its favour to make it highly watchable television drama:

**Big stars** - Barbara Stanwyck portrayal of Mary Carson was superb. Jean Simmons was appropriately cold and unfeeling as Fiona Cleary. Richard Chamberlain, well it seems that any thing he does these days is well liked, no matter what.

**Complex Characters** - Meagan, played by Rachel Ward, she was sure hard to figure out, wasn't she.

**Steamy Sex** - Well, you can't get much steamier or controversial than having a Roman Catholic priest and a woman make love, and even have a child!

**Special Effects** - The burning of the Drogheda sheep station was spectacular.

**Spanning generations** - 1920 to 1962 is a long time, isn't it.

**Family conflicts** - there was plenty of that; mother loves daughter, mother hates daughter, mother reconciles with daughter, etc.

As you can see the Thorn Birds had all the major ingredients that guarantee success as a television miniseries.

Daily conversations last weekend consisted of: 'Did you see it last night' (the 'it' being the Thorn Birds) 'Ya, wasn't it great!' 'It sure was, but I didn't like the part when...and so on. Any TV show that can captivate so many people must have something going for it.

## The Ridge's 5th birthday- A classic party

by Tom Tuma

The Ridge Theatre had its fifth birthday party last Thursday and it was a blast. There was lots of cake and ice cream, and especially lots of people. The Ridge celebrated this year by showing two Humphrey Bogart movie classics - Casablanca (1943) and The Treasure of Sierra Madre (1948). This double bill was the first the Ridge showed as an independent theater.

Casablanca is always superb. The only problem with the movie was the sound. Each time the reels changed, so did the sound level. A couple of times we were just about blasted out of our seats. The movie itself, however, is fantastic. the casting is impeccable. Bogie is a believable tough guy sentimentalist, and Ingrid Bergman is perfect as a beautiful, classy lady torn between two men. This romantic thriller deserves all the good things ever said about it.

After Casablanca came the intermission with its chocolate cake and prizes. I didn't win anything of course. Up for grabs were eight Bogart books, one video tape of Casablanca, and lots of posters and complimentary tickets to The Ridge. With all those prizes you'd think I'd have a chance, even with a full house.

Then came The Treasure of Sierra Madre. It is a good flick, another Bogie classic, but the quality of this particular print was poor and that was distracting. Bogart plays the part of a drifter turned madman and murderer by gold fever. the plot is a winner. The Treasure of Sierra Madre is high quality drama, but lacks Casablanca's romance. Overall though, its a very good show. You'll love the ending.

Either of these old movies is fun to watch, and both of them in a double bill is twice the fun. This year's birthday party at the Ridge was a good time. You should have been there.

## Into the oven and cookin' with Badazjazz

by Lesley rae Purdy

I've seen the 8 Badazjazz girls before, and they were good when they sort of got up and seemed to improvise a little bit of scatty jazz in the Arts Club Lounge next door. But now, they have a home in the new Arts Club Revue Theatre for a show of arrangements. the Badazjazz show lasted a week, and I'm assured, it will return because the crowd loved it. We did, we went wild at times.

How can you help it when you have Lovie Eli blues belting out something like A New York State of Mind. Tess Mariasine comes out looking like a Riverdale escapee; and sings, talks, and psycho-babbles in a variety of accents in a song called Twisted. I've seen Barbara Fisher several times now, and her talent continues to break new ground. Her expressions and voice

knows no bounds. She's a breathless, howling, moaning cat, and you wonder where does all that rawness come from. She has completed work on an album released in mid-May.

Now, a lot of those tunes in Saturday's show were unfamiliar to me, some I've heard since a baby; but the beauty of Badazjazz is that when each woman sings the song with her own individual style and arrangement, it doesn't matter what the roots are, and how well you know it. It becomes part of the Badazjazz ensemble.

the two-hour show flew under the fine musicianship of: Mickey Earnshaw on drums, Chris Nelson on bass, and Reenie Rosnes on piano.

With the tiers of seats all facing the stage, this is an absolute set up to view some good talent. The environment at the Arts Club Revue Theatre is dark and intimate. Mondays are going to be reserved for Showcase, the show where you get to see a wide variety of local talent 'strutting their stuff'. Otherwise, some of the up-and-coming shows feature: 'Cabaret Capers-Sam Mancusa and Hot Ice' plus 'Ritz Blitz with Herman Jay Muller, Babs Chula and Gary Rhodes'. Sounds hot, don't it?



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