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The Link welcomes letters. Letters should be typed, double spaced, under 300 words an can be dropped off at *The Link* or SA offices and sent through campus or regular mail. Your name, affiliation with BCIT and a telephone number to contact you (which will not be published) must be included. Anonymity may be granted at the discretion of staff. Letters on disk, as a txt file, with a hard copy would be greatly appreciated. *The Link* reserves the right to edit for clarity and brevity.

## Campus Events\_

This Calendar column is open for notices of events on all BCIT campuses. Submissions can be faxed to 431-7619, sent by campus mail or dropped off at *The Link* office in the SA Campus Centre (down the corridor between the video arcade and the vacant store)

Wednesday, February 24

Counselling Services Workshop: Staying Motivated / Handling the Blues and Blahs. 12-1:30pm. SW1-1125. For more information call 434-1610 or drop-in on the day.

Seminar on The Explosion of Plastics Use with guest speaker Jim Cairns of the Environmental Plastics and Advisory Service. Noon. SW9, Room 107. Call 451-7060 to register.

#### Friday, February 26

Electronics: Last Day to withdraw from Term 'A' Courses and receive a 'W' on transcript.

March 1 to March 5

Nursing and Medical Radiography Spring Break



Voting in Board of Governors Elections. See page 7 for more info or contact the registrars office.

Monday, March 1

March 1 to 10

AmericanMarketingAssociation Meeting.7:00am.SABoardroom,SACampus Centre.

SA Council Meeting. 5:30pm. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

#### Tuesday, March 2

Toastmasters. Public speaking club. 7:00am. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

Friday, March 5

Next issue of the Link's deadline

Monday, March 8

International Women's Day American Marketing Association Meeting. 7:00am. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

**Tuesday**, March 9

Toastmasters. Public speaking, club. 7:00am. SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre.

#### Friday, March 12

Electronic Technology Entry (ETE) Last Day to withdraw from courses in the January ETE intake in order to receive a 'W' on transcript.

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#### **1999/2000 STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS** WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 21 (10-4), 22 (10-4), 23 (9-12) in the STUDENT ASSOCIATION CAMPUS CENTRE

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> CAMPAIGN SPEECHES WED. APRIL 7th 11:30AM SA CAMPUS CENTRE GREAT HALL

## **Brown Bag Cafeteria gets extension**

#### CARLOS ASSUNCAO Link News Editor

he portable home of the Brown Bag cafe, that BCIT administration had scheduled to demolish this year, will receive an extension. The extension comes with the condition that in the time between now and the June 30, 2000 deadline the portable will not require any major repairs.

Vicki and John Vasiliadis, the couple who have run the cafe for the past 13 years, are relieved knowing they have over a year instead of a few short months to plan for the closing of the cafe. Vicki presented a petition with over three hundred signatures to representatives of the Student Association and BCIT administration at a recent meeting. The petition asked for support for John and Vicki, who felt they were not given enough notice regarding the closure of the portable that houses the cafe.

Terry Milligan of the BCIT Purchasing Dept. attended meetings representing BCIT Administration to resolve the Brown Bag issue, among other things, together with the Student Association. Both parties had an interest in the future of the Brown Bag, BCIT owns the land and leases to the SA, in turn the SA leased to the couple to run the operation. In the new extended lease arrangement the SA is removed from the agreement. The lease for the extended period will be directly with the Brown Bag operators and the BCIT Administration.

According to Milligan the land where the cafe is situated is allocated to the Transportation Centre (Automotive,



Heavy Duty Mechanics, etc.) in the BCIT Master Plan. The future of the space will go to extending and improving the Transportation Centre. The main reason for demolishing the structure is costs involved in maintaining it. A chronically leaking roof is among the many repairs needed by the aging portable. BCIT Administration does not wish to invest from limited funds in maintaining portables. Administration would like to rid the campus of portable structures ( there are at least four portables on the campus) as a part of BC Government initiatives.

Concerning the customers of the Brown Bag, who feel strongly about keeping the cafe, Milligan is looking at alternatives. Milligan plans to arrange a survey of staff and students to find the best way to meet their needs. The proximity of the cafe to trades staff and students is one of the main points with supporters of the cafe. The friendly atmosphere has made the Brown Bag more than just a cafeteria, customers feel at home in the cafe more than in other campus eateries

Among the possible alternatives is arranging for a coffee truck to stop on campus during the breaks and lunch hours of trades students. One reason that trades students and staff have problems with campus cafeterias is that trades students all have breaks at the same time. Administration is looking at the possibility of staggering lunch hours so students will not have to spend the majority of their breaks standing in line. Opening a new cafe for trade students does not appear to be in the cards at this time

John and Vicki wish to thank all the students and staff for their support.



For those in tune to the feeling, love was in the air this February 14. If there is somebody you care about, Valentine's Day is your opportunity to go out on a limb and be vulnerable, sensitive, sappy.

How sappy will people get? Are there any true romantics left in the world? Does romance matter in the world outside of Harlequin novels and Hallmark cards?

The Big 'Q' this week looks at romance on campus.





LARA PERZOFF, Journalism Student Age 27 Single From Calgary originally

AIDEN ZANINI, Television Broadcasting Student Age 28 In a relationship From Ontario

originally

Lara: O.K., Once a long-time boyfriend brought me roses and chocolates on Valentine's Day. Then he took me out to dinner at a nice restaurant.

Link: When you're in a relationship do you expect to receive something special on Valentine's Day?

Lara: I don't expect it, ... but it is nice when it happens.

Aiden: My girlfriend was out of town and I had to pick her up at the airport on Valentine's Day. I bought some Siamese Fighting fish, I put them in this beautiful, hand-blown, glass vase. The vase had a hand-made welded frame, I set it up in her bedroom. I picked her up at the airport with flowers then surprised her with the vase when she got home.

Link: Did she love it? How long ago was this?

Aiden: It was years ago. She loved it.

This has been the Big 'Q'is love edition. Thanks to Lara and Aiden for telling their stories. Do you have a question you would like answered? Call the Link office at 432-8974 leave your name, number and question on the News extension and we will do our best to get the answer.

#### SA Council Notes Paul Dayson

## **SA** starts instructor evaluation pilot

The SA has begun a set of pilot study instructor evaluations. Four students will be handing out evaluation forms to the students of eight sets each one chosen at random from the eight educational clusters at BCIT

"It has not been met with open arms by all members of the BCIT community," said SA executive director Stephen Miller, although some faculty have been positive.

"This is the most conservative system of all Student Union systems," said Miller who has been in contact with other student organizations that conduct evaluations.

The results will not be available to students or to the public but will instead given to members of the administration.

We want something equitable for the students and the faculty that is given to those who influence the education process.'

• In cooperation with BCIT's Harassment and Discrimination Office, the SA is preparing to develop a poster campaign to raise awareness of the issue of harassment and discrimination on campus, and the existence of the office as a confidential resource to members of the campus community

This is a first, according to Lindsay Chalmers. No materials exist specifically speaking to students at post-secondary institutions.

The posters will feature cartoons and messages such as: "Is there someone at school that makes you feel uncomfortable to be here" and "Would you recognize harassment if you saw it?"

•The SA is going to bring a comedy act to BCIT in early March. The 55 minute oneman performance, entitled "My Dick and other manly tales," examines homophobia and sexism.

- · Free Legal Aid has returned to BCIT. The SA has obtained the services of Norm Feaver. Legal Aid is available on Wednesday afternoons by appointment at the SA offices.
- The SA is planning a campaign to raise donations of clothes and shoes for Covenant House - a centre for street youth after being approached by Mike Boyle, the program head of Engineering Technology. VP of PR & Marketing and Don Clutterham of Forestry to coordinate the effort.
- The Dunk Tank on February 3rd was a huge success and raised \$180 for the SA's Student Assistance Fund. SA president Stephen Diebolt is working on obtaining an agreement for matching funds for the SAF from the provincial government.
- A surveillance system going to be installed in the video arcade because of the high number of thefts from the machines.
- Executive director Stephen Miller has located \$135 in a dormant account belonging to an old BCIT student organization and is making efforts to obtain the funds for the SA.

Student Council meets next on Monday, March 1 at 5:30pm in the SA Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the SA Campus Centre (SE2)

## Federal Millennium Scholarships' criteria to focus on merit

RACHEL FUREY Ontario Bureau Chief Canadian University Press

#### TORONTO

The Millennium Scholarship Foundation hammered out recipient criteria last week that could leave many needy students unable to reap the rewards of the \$2.5-billion fund.

At their first meeting last Wednesday in Toronto, the national foundation's board of directors — 14 people including two students — determined that all scholarship recipients will have to pass some merit-based measures.

That means many needy students won't get assistance, says Elizabeth Carlyle, national chair of the Canadian Federation of Students.

"The pool (of students who can get scholarships) is pretty narrow, they're not narrowing in on need but on other, rather odd, criteria," Carlyle said.

Unveiled as the jewel of last year's so-called education budget, the Millenium Scholarship

## Part-time students unlikely to get scholarships through the fund

Foundation will disperse \$300 million in each of its first three years. Scholarship recipients will get an average of \$3,000.

Five per cent of the money will be allocated based solely on students' academic and extracurricular achievements, the maximum amount allowed by the federal government for merit-only scholarships.

The other 95 per cent will be distributed based on financial need and what the foundation's executive director, Norman Riddell, calls "broad brush merit criteria."

These criteria include being enrolled in and successfully completing a certain number of courses. A 60 per cent course load has been suggested but the exact number will be determined in consultation with the provinces.

"We can't solve every problem with respect to access to higher education, we have scarce resources," said Riddell. "We can't give money to a student who does one or two courses." Although the federal legislation that created the foundation does allow for part-time students to receive funding, Wednesday's decision means that isn't likely to happen.

Carlyle says the directors of the Millenium Scholarship Foundation don't have a good understanding of part-time students.

"Part-time students are people who are working their way through

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are students with disabilities, they're not people taking a few course for fun," said Carlyle.

Sixty per cent of Canada's part-time students are working full-time and 40 per cent have an annual income of below \$20,000, according to a recent report by Human Resource and Development Canada. It also points out most part-timer students have an academic average of above B plus.

Carlyle also said it's unclear whether the scholarship criteria will exclude students in non-traditional programs, such as college apprenticeship programs, who may not have a registered course load.

She said the government should implement a system of needs-based grants if it really wants to help students. Canada is one of only two industrialized countries in the world that has no national system of student grants

But not all student leaders were displeased with the scholarship criteria.

Hoops Harrison, executive director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, said he was glad marks won't be used in the scholarship assessments.

"That's awesome, it's fantastic," Harrison said, adding he'll push for clarification on how students' financial need will be assessed.

Since entering office in 1993 the federal Liberals have cut \$7 billion in transfer payments to the provinces for education, health and social programs and Canada.

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**Canadian Black History** 

- The first documented black slave in Canada can be traced back to 1628. his name was Olivier Le Jeune and he lived in New France.
- The last know private advertisements for slaves appeared in Halifax in 1820 and in Québec in 1821.
- A black woman was the first female editor of a Canadian newspaper. Mary And Shadd worked for the Provincial Freeman from 1853 to 1858.
- . The last segregated school in Ontario did not close until 1965.

• William Hall was the first black citizen of the British Empire to be awarded the Victoria Cross—the Empire's highest award for gallantry—in 1859.

- Black men were frustrated in their attempts to enlist for service during the First World War and were targely unsuccessful until July 1916 when the first all-black construction battalion was created. Commanded by white officers, the segregated battalion satisfied the objections of white soldiers who did not want to serve alongside blacks.
- Harry Jerome of Vancouver won the Bronze medal in the 100m for Canada at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.
- Up until 1962, the excuse that blacks were unable to adapt to Canada's cold climate could legally be used to bar entry into the country.
- In 1784, the white community in Birchtown, Nova Scotia, vented its frustration over high unemployment levels by burning the homes of blacks and running them out of town.
- The first industrial positions available to black women in Canada were those deemed unsuitable or unsafe for white women. They were made available during the Second World War and often involved work with toxic or explosive materials.

## **Students call 1999** budget a failure

#### ALEX BUSTOS Ottawa Bureau Chief **Canadian University Press**

OTTAWA

inance Minister Paul Martin didn't win the support of student leaders Tuesday with his 1999 federal budget, which injects billions of dollars into health care but includes no new money for education.

The heads of Canada's two largest student groups declared the minister's fiscal plan a failure, saying the federal Liberals had neglected post-secondary education.

"This budget has absolutely nothing in it to reduce student debt," said Elizabeth Carlyle, national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students. "It does nothing to stem the tide of rising tuition across the country.'

The budget lays out a total of \$19 billion in new spending over six years, the vast majority directed toward health care.

Over the next five years, the federal government will put \$11.5 billion into transfer payments to the provinces for health care.

Ottawa will give the provinces \$3.5 billion right away to help solve immediate problems in the strained health-care system, and pump \$14.5 billion into provincial transfer payments in 1999-2000, up from this year's \$12.5 billion. The payments will then rise to \$15 billion a year for three years beginning in 2001-2002.

The money is part of the Canada Health and Social Transfer, which the

Liberals' slashed earlier in their mandate, cutting \$7 billion from transfers to education, health care and social programs.

Also announced in Tuesday's budget is \$1.35 billion over three years for other health-care projects, ranging from preventive disease programs to research and innovation.

Martin's so-called health and wealth budget introduced several tax cuts as well, including eliminating the 3 percent surtax and increasing the basic personal tax exemption to \$675 for all taxpayers.

An additional \$300 million is allocated to the Canada Child Tax Benefit to increase payments to low- and middle-income earners

The government's economic plan didn't impress Hoops Harrison, national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations.

He said the country's colleges and universities are also in need of a funding boost.

"There are hundreds of millions of dollars in deferred maintenance alone in universities across this country that are not being met," he said. "The only thing that is going to save our (post-secondary) institutions is a core funding increase."

Both Harrison and Carlyle criticized the budget for failing to address key student concerns.

Although tuition fees increased by 45 per cent between 1993 and 1997 and the average student debt load reached \$25,000, the 1999 federal budget doesn't introduce any new measures to halt rising tuition or debt.

Instead, all the money announced for increases to provincial transfer payments is earmarked for health care.

The budget did include \$1.8 billion over three years for industrial programs to improve Canada's research facilities, but most of that money is slated for non-academic institutions such as the Technology Partnership Canada and the Canadian Space Agency.

Of direct interest to researchers at post-secondary institutions is a \$75-million increase to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, \$15 million to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and a promise to provide \$55 million for biotechnology research.

Robert Giroux, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges, said the budget contains good news for post-secondary institutions.

"I can understand the concerns of the students, because they would have liked the government to increase the transfer payments to the provinces for post-secondary education," said Giroux.

"Yet from our perspective we see this budget very positively because it strengthens university research."

But not everyone thinks the new research funds are a reason to smile.

"I think they completely bypassed and failed to address the basic issue of accessibility to post-secondary education," said Libby Davies, a New Democratic Party member of parliament.

"And that really is the crisis young people have been facing. That on the one hand they're told, 'go get a college degree, get a university education, get a job. And yet they're faced with crippling debt.'

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#### NEWS

## American students stage sit-ins against sweatshops

#### CARLA TONELLI Canadian University Press

TORONTO

While Canadian student protesters continue to focus on tuition fee hikes, student activists south of the boarder have erected placards in light of sweatshop-made garments being sold in their schools.

American students have been calling for public disclosure of their universities' dealings with textile manufacturers overseas so they can learn what kind of working conditions are forced upon the people who make clothing stamped with their schools' logos.

The students against sweatshops movement — which includes a University of Toronto chapter — made media headlines last week as students occupied university offices to bring attention to the issue.

Students at Duke and Georgetown universities, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, held sit-ins to push for fair working practices at companies who put school logos on their merchandise.

The sit-in at Duke ended last weekend with an agreement ensuring full disclosure of companies who produce clothing for the school, including Nike, Reebok and Champion.

The 27 students who occupied Georgetown University president Leo J. O'Donovan's office had

their demands met when the administration agreed to disclose all factory locations of foreign textile manufacturers using the school's logo.

"Everyone's quite satisfied with the agreement," said Georgetown spokesman Blake Smith.

Students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison concluded their sit-in last Friday when the school agreed to full public disclosure of the names and locations of companies producing school products.

The school, which is participating in a task force of major universities to develop a code of conduct for manufacturers of university apparel, also agreed to

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push for wage protections and provisions for women workers, such as equal pay and opportunity, in the code.

"We will partner with other schools to come up with acceptable language (for the code of conduct) to end this reprehensible existence of sweatshops," said university spokesman Erik Christianson. to what their universities' administrations are doing by fulfilling their own business agendas," he said. "As students' anger and intolerance toward the corporate agende of advection is growing so too

particularly in North

America, are showing resistance

da of education is growing, so too is the globalization of the student movement." A group of U of T students launched a similar anti-sweatshop

launched a similar anti-sweatshop campaign in January to ensure ethical standards are met before companies are granted the right to use U of T's logo, and to pressure the university into passing a code of conduct for its licensees and bulk purchases.



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existence of sweatshops," said university spokesman Erik Christianson. University of Toronto students had sent their support to the Wisconsin-Madison student protesters. Chris Ramsaroop, president of U of T's student union, said the sit-ins are an example of students uniting to bring about badly change in the system. "Students all over the world, UCC'S Nhi DEGR PRINT BASED

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# **Board of Governors Elections**

#### **FARENHOLTZ, Maury**

As a student candidate for a seat on the Board of Governors, I trust you will find that my background, skills and sense of purpose portray my qualifications to undertake this important role on behalf of the student body.

## My personal background for your review is as follows:

- Overseas education and exposure to various cultures while accompanying my parents on international forestry assignments
- Student of Dover College, England; completed 'O' levels
   Graduate of Vancouver College
- High School • Student of Langara College and
- member of Provincial Championship Basketball Team; placed second in Canadian Nationals
- Painter, foreman and project manager for a large painting company - 4 years
- Investment Broker for large international firm 3 years
- Charge Hand for a local greenhouse construction company - 3 years
- Married and the father of two children
- Tech Rep for 1st Year Renewable Resources

I believe that this background has provided the following skills which will serve me well as a board member:

- Recognizing and respecting people's diversity and individual differences
- Thinking critically and acting logically to evaluate situations, solve problems and make decisions
- Recognizing the importance of communication, teamwork and management skills in the workplace
- Fully appreciating student needs
- Recognizing the value and practical application of an education to achieve success in a chosen career

Upon my election as your student member of the Board of Governors, my main purpose will be to provide student feedback to the Board to facilitate the strategic planning and policy making process. I appreciate the importance of maintaining the reputation of excellence with the strong instructor/student rapport and spirit which prevails at BCIT. I believe that it is only through sustaining this environment at BCIT that every graduate student will achieve the optimum opportunity of a challenging career and doing well.

#### **GINETZ, Justin R.**

#### A Message To Fellow Students

Students at B.C.I.T. are often too busy with their education to worry about school policy. This is until it affects them directly. A strong and experienced student voice is required on the B.C.I.T. Board of Governors to ensure that all studentsi interests are effectively represented. My education, like yours, is of great importance to me. This is why I am seeking re-election to the B.C.I.T. Board of Governors. I would like to continue to represent your interests on the Board.

#### **My Promise**

I will bring a strong and experienced student voice to the Board ensuring studentsí interests are well represented.

#### **Personal History**

During 1994 I completed both my BA at Simon Fraser University WCB and Commercial Diver Certification. After graduation my work involved travelling throughout Coastal B.C. as a commercial diver. In 1996, I added to my diving career by consulting for an experimental underwater shellfish farming operation on diving operations. My interest in this company grew because of its massive growth potential. To take advantage of many new opportunities within the company I decided to come back to school and attend the School of Business at B.C.I.T. By specializing in International Trade I will be qualified to take a senior management position with the flourishing company.

#### **Summary of Qualifications**

- Board of Governors Experience
- BA Simon Fraser University
- WCB Certified Commercial Diver
- 2 Years Operational Management Experience
- 1 Year Consulting Experience

With your vote we will be assured students will have effective input into all board meetings and events. If you have any questions please e-mail me at Justin\_Ginetz@bc.sympatico.ca

Sincerely, Justin R. Ginetz

#### **OSINCHUK, Charlene**

Each year, two elected student representatives serve on the Board of Governors to aid in the direction and policy at BCIT. My name is Charlene Osinchuk, and I am enthusiastically accepting the nomination for candidacy, for this exciting and challenging role. I am ready, willing and able to link the bridge between the Student Body and the Board of Governors in establishing and monitoring corporate objectives.

I believe active involvement around BCIT is essential to the successful and equal representation of the Student Body. My chosen field at BCIT is Marketing Management, as I enjoy working with people. I look forward to working with the Marketing American Association, and playing an active role in next years Student Association. These links within BCIT will dramatically increase communication flow, and hopefully make BCIT a more successful organization within its educational and fiscal goals.

This position also requires teamwork, experience, professionalism and dedication. My background includes several years of Student Council experience, where I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to serve the role of Vice President at Brookswood Secondary School, as well as various student representative positions. Since graduation, I have worked several years overseas for a government marketing organization, which handled strategic policy for the tourism market. This has given me a professional edge in dealing with industry, policy, and confidentiality.

My commitment to BCIT encompasses dedication to both the needs of the student body, plus the responsibilities of the Board of Governors Committee. I enthusiastically hope that my experience and education can contribute to next year's success at BCIT.

Sincerely, Charlene Osinchuk

#### PRASAD, Priya

#### Fellow Students,

At an educational institute with the size and capacity of BCIT, it is often very difficult to ensure that students are effectively represented. As clients, however, we are purchasing a service from BCIT and it is our right to have a voice in the policy and decision making process which will affect the quality of that service. As a student-elected member of the BCIT Board of Governors, I will ensure that we are effectively represented.

My academic background includes studies in Political and Business Science Administration, at SFU; and International Trade and Transportation at BCIT. I have also had the opportunity to represent my peers in organizations such as Red Cross International and Student Councils. As a result, I am confident that my skills and knowledge will help me be an effective and efficient student representative.

With your vote, students will be assured that they will be represented in Board decisions. If you have any questions, please email me at:

priya\_prasad@hotmail.com

Sincerely, Priya Prasad



Voting

#### Students enrolled at the Burnaby Campus:

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Wed, Mar. 10	1130-1430

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## **QUCCUS OF The Stone Age** Sound system marrs the pumped sounds; *Like Hell* rocks

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Queens of the Stone Age hammering out the high decibels. SHANNON LENTZ PHOTO

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It's the story of a girl and her family and the chronicle of a mother and her three daughters. But primarily, it's the honest telling of a mentally challenged girl's coming of age. "The Other Sister" is Touchstone Pictures new romantic comedy and it will be opening in theatres everywhere on March 5th.

Movie Review "The Other Sister" Opening in theatres February 26

Juliette Lewis stars as Carla, the beautiful daughter of loving but over-protective parents played by Tom Skerritt (Radley) and Diane Keaton (Elizabeth). At age 21, Carla finishes her time at the special boarding school where she has been secluded for years, and moves home to unintentionally destroy the tranquil living style of her affluent parents. Elizabeth wants to manage Carla's life, and Carla craves education and independence. Radley adores his precious

Carla, and he accepts the modern life choices of his other two normal daughters. Carla's middle sister has chosen a manner of living somewhat below her means and the eldest is living an alternate lifestyle her mother cannot deal with. Carla eventually convinces her parents she can manage her own apartment and a boyfriend (Giovanni Ribisi), and proceeds to shows her folks how to come to terms with their family, just as she is defining

This was a show I was really excited for. Coming about after the demise of Kyuss, this band has a lot of hype. However, the night started out on a sour note with the words, "What do you mean I'm not on the list". All that aside I was ready to rock.

Concert Review Queens of the Stone Age at The Starfish Room Saturday, February 13

After a good effort by some local band whose name never left the stage, 'Like Hell' made their appearance. I don't know who these guys are or where they are from but they blew my mind. Starting the set with a blistering cover of Bad Company's "Feel Like Making Love", there was no stopping 'Like Hell'. With a singer dressed in white jeans with a white dress shirt tucked in, he looked like a stockier "Marty MC Fly". Through out their 45-50 minute set they threw out rockabilly tinged song after song, impressing more and more with each number. If 'Like Hell' ever returns, I highly recommend checking them out.

Shortly after being blown away by 'Like Hell', The 'Queens' made their appearance to a smokey stage. They started off incredibly strong, but when the vocals kicked in they were totally lost, and so was a bit of the show. As the stage filled up more and more with smoke and the band members were eventually lost in the haze and so was the sound. Josh Homme is known for his stellar guitar work and only a bit of it was heard through the crappy sound. A couple Kyuss songs were done and in the encore a Desert Sessions tune was flung at the crowd. The sound however ate it up. The 'Queens' also sounded a little repetitive in closing their songs and would drag out the ending riffs for way to long.

After leaving the show, I felt like I missed something. I wanted right away to see 'Queens of the Stone Age' again, to prove the sound system wrong. 'Like Hell' blew me away, so all was not lost on the night. Over all my expectations were high, but then again so was I.



Modest Mouse.

LYGDEL DE LEON PHOTO

## Honest *Modest Mouse*

DAVID LAI Link Arts and Culture Editor

wo nights in Vancouver, the city's getting special treatment. This time in Vancouver they're headlining at a more suitable venue for their style and sound. Their last time in town, they opened for 'Built to Spill' at the Rage.

Concert Review Modest Mouse At the Starfish Room Saturday, February 20, 1999

Modest Mouse is from Issaquah, Washington, east of Seattle. At one of their parents homes, Modest Mouse began making their music. Modest Mouse is a three piece band, with all the essential instruments, drums (Jeremiah Green), bass (Eric Judy) and guitar/vocals (Isaac Brock).

And tonight we were lucky enough to see them bestow their talents upon us. From scanning the interior, one would notice Modest Mouse has a strong following, an eccentric niche market. At 11:45pm, Modest Mouse starting driving us all with the satisfying melodic, pop, punk sounds that illuminated the dark refines of the Starfish Room. Honesty is the first word that comes to mind listening to their music. They expressed a diverse platter of emotions from pure gut wrenching, screeching, moaning exhibits to smart, introspective, self-questioning and melodic intricacies. The charismatic vocals brought this across with a solid rhythm section (without any glamourrock noodling). Funky, fresh dance floors sounds to thoughtful swaying standbys, the audience soaked up all the Mouse had to give. This band rightfully brought the life to a live show, without straying from their musical genius on CD. The opening band 'All State Champion' also got happy compliments from the audience. Modest Mouse came back with a mellow electric encore before calling it off, right to the end before the Starfish closes at

Pickup some of their releases, "Interstate 8" or "The Fruit That Ate Itself", for an everlasting listen to the most Modest Mouse.

## Lewis' performance in The Other Sister shines

the terms of her own life. There are a lot of familiar faces in the show, and although you probably don't recognize the name Giovanni, you will remember him as Phoebe's younger brother from "Friends".

I was expecting a tear jerking emotional plot, and I wasn't disappointed, but I was pleasantly surprised by the light-hearted feel of the film. There are an amazing number of clever one liners, delivered mostly by Carla's boyfriend Daniel, and the anticipated number of humorous situations that develop as the show progresses.

Never once is the word "retarded" mentioned, not the terms "mentally disabled" or "special needs." Carla is just different and unique, and her views of the world teach her family more than they initially bargain for. Juliette Lewis gives a spectacular performance, and her fans will not be displeased by this new role. Granted, it is a major leap from Natural Born Killers to Carla, but she pulls off the dramatic character transformation with great poise. The crowd responded very well to the screening, and I even missed a few lines after enormous bursts of laughter. I think it was because we were all expecting the show to be sweet and fluffy,

and there turned out to be a lot more meat on our plates. Again, it was an amusing surprise that has to be seen to be appreciated.

This is one movie I can recommend as a winner for all audiences. Couples, teens, seniors, and not just chix, will all discover many scenes to enjoy. Watch for "The Other Sister" opening in Famous Players theatres Friday, February 26.

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**





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Sayz one Speaks Due to the fact that it has bugged me since I real-ized it, I've decided to let this off my chest. Today

children I'm addressing the subject of a certain hip hop morning show that isn't true to the city it claims to represent .. I've chosen to change the names for the simple fact that someone may get hurt. So let's call the host, hmmm, OK, "Mr.Clean". Now this fellow called Mr. Clean likes to fancy himself as a pillar of the local hip hop scene. Sore his show has a decent listenership, and the tracks at most times are pretty tight, disregarding various tracks played by Master P. Now I won't dwell on the subject of Master P, but unskilled MC's should leave the mic alone and be happy with making mass loot off the artists on their record label. Anyway back to Mr. Clean, and him keeping it real to the local and Canadian hip hop community. Aside from his lackluster morning freestyles, consisting of so called MC's going by unoriginal names starting with dog, there is absolutely no Canadian hip hop

Break leats. Top rockin Dissin

Slammin

Then Freeze.

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Poppin

Droppin

Then spin

Till The crowds sick

Find your own moves.

dancing to a beat.

Breakin.

Bust your own grooves. Styles from the street

Tical

Slick Transitions.

It's a mission

of Technicality originality. No bitin.

No stoppin'

Ground work so fast, it'll kick your ass.

Maybe because the station is CO-OP and are not required to play a minimal number of Canadian tracks. You'd think that an educated hip hop head like Mr. Clean would be elated to play a dope Canadian track, but he doesn't. there are groups on the Canadian front dropping tight tracks left and right and getting major exposure in major hip hop mags as the Source and Rap Pages. You'd think a true hip hop show would give these artists mass play on their rotation, I guess not. So as a true hip hop kid I've decided to Mr. Clean and his show, Forget it, I'd rather listen to Z95 in the morning because at least they support local artists. So if you see my pal Mr. Clean on the tip tell him, "get off your ass and wake up"! In conclusion I'll say one thing, support your local talent and listen to Kemo, J Swing or Flip Out's radio shows, and get a real dose of hip hop.

hoisely demands his dinner. his bool banging against his stall door. Blankets are the borses' best allies now, with the biting wind and the driving rain. Meghan Fell For all those that have no clue who Mr. Clean is or

Riding Lesson in January

The steady clothing of hooves

still muscles that are rarely worked. The motion would be soporific if it weren't for

to that the animal & breath comes at you in clouds of sweet smelling vapour.

soother, soother, soother

to that the animal's breath

noisely demands his dinner,

Elsewhere in The barn another horse

The chill in The air

The creates of the leather raddle and the bridle

fill the barn the placed manue and we wrate horse morting and grunting. Discons coo overhead, their wings flatping invisibly.

what radio show he hosts here's a hint. Mr. Clean = DI Maximus Clean Mr. Clean's show = The Morning Drive By on

102.7 Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Nolan Kane

In the great tradition of Jennifer Jason Leigh and Tommy Lee Jones, here comes another triplenamed actor, Jennifer Love Hewitt. I don't watch Party of Five, I haven't seen I know What you did Last Summer, and I don't wash my face with Neutrogena. But I can't get away from this girl. She is everywhere I turn. I'm waiting for the bus, and there she is staring at me with her new friend, Brandy/Moesha/Cinderella/Screaming Girl in Sequel. I watch Muchmusic, there she is, all done up like Fiona Apple's long lost twin sister. The video looks like every other pseudo-angry pop video I've seen. I get the feeling Jennifer and her agent aren't too worried about repetition. After all, she did make a movie called "I Still Know What you did Last Summer".... redundancy is not your biggest worry when you Still know You're making money.

It's weird to me how Hewitt seemed to be the big selling point of a movie whose newly-molded genre plays down the whole big-named actor aspect. Instead, all those youth-oriented, gen-x cynicism-driven horror flicks tend to homogenize their actors into one group of smart-ass Nancy Drew wannabes who get their asses kicked. The Scream movies had Jada Pinkett, Drew Barrymore, and Courtney Cox and it's not a big deal. They could become heroes, or they could be killed off within 10 minutes. It doesn't really matter. So what's so special about Jennifer Love Hewitt that she is considered able to carry a film? I guess I'll have to watch one of her movies to figure this one out...naah.

Michelle Eliot

#### **Street Styles**

Have you ever been talkin to someone and didn't catch a word they said. You know they are speaking English but its some strange dialect from the street. Here's a couple to help you out.

Pipin' it(pipe in it): Acting dumb, being stupid, not working properly.

example: The Canuck's are pipin' it in the NHL.

Keep your pecker up: Try to remain positive even when things are bad.

example: Bob, I know your upset that the doctor didn't prescribe you Viagra but keep your pecker up.

Brock: To force someone to do something against their will.

example: I was going to study but I got brocked into going to the Ivanhoe.

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Man's words says, "seeing is believing". This is a perversion. Bob's word says, "Believing is seeing". If you believe in something first then you will see it. But you really must believe. -Bob, from the almighty Book of the Subgenius

#### No Soul

Excuse me sir but I've lost my soul, I believe it's been taken away.

When many a drink for many a dya had enamoured me with lies, when I woke up sick and started to think of That 4 A.M. large fries

That's when the man in the suit, The kind you can't shoot, discreetly removed my soul before he kicked me with his boot.

Excuse me mam, I don't mean to disturb, but my soul has gone astray.

The last time I saw it was Saturday night, dancing in a Conga line rolling its forearms, convinced of its own charms I sat on the stool assigned.

As minute hands multiplied with the juke box my side out the door jived my soul. That Jucker was a bit mide. Andrew Yates I like visions of you sleeping At your most weak most vulnerable most human

Free from learned gestures bree from Taught words

free from the drone of the ticking clock Your laskes, frial, rest warmly on the soft skin of your unmasked face. You rest in the work of your bed. The death of all things beigned The demise of feelings restrained

Sleep is when you shed your skin and the core of your sole shines in all its humble beauty. Michelle Eliot

> Puff Puff give. Puff Puff give. You're messin up the rotation. Other brothers have been killed for less! -Smokie from Friday

## Hodge Podge: Knowledge for a well rounded person

- Tide has 70 percent of the market share for detergent.
- Kermit the Frog has 11 points on his collar around his neck
- Ice Cube's real name is O'Shea Jackson
- In every deck of cards the King of Hearts is sticking his sword through his head. That's why he's often called the Suicide King.
- Quebec and Newfoundland are the only two Canadian provinces which do not allow personalized license plates.
- The billionth digit of pi is 9.

- Women blink nearly twice as often as men. • The province of Alberta in Canada has been completely
- free of rats since 1905. • A bowling pin need only tilt 7.5 degrees in order to fall
- down
- Mongolia is the largest landlocked country.
- The last Playboy centerfold to have staples was published in 1985. Venice Kong was the model.





Try, no! There is no 'try'. Do or do not. -Yoda

# Penguin in the Belly of the Chameleon

#### DAVID LAI Link Arts and Culture Editor

A fter hearing the Penguin's first album, 'De-tuned' released in February '97, I wasn't going to miss out on seeing them mix and scratch live. A live experience is always a privilege after hearing them on CD, and when they're based in Bristol in the Southwest of the UK. Hip-hop, funk, breaks'n'beats and drum'n bass were in store tonight. Concert Review Purple Penguin At the Chameleon Wednesday, February 10

For a mid-weekday, the Chameleon brought out only the truly interested and avant listeners of the Purple Penguin. If you haven't heard of these guys, I recommend checking out their releases. (see CD reviews). These guys didn't really start to





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perform until around 11pm, and by that time some had to vacate, because of the workweek. But the club

remained alive, with many dancing upfront and others watching eyeful of a mellow cool scene.

Compared to what I've heard about their Britain and European shows, I didn't feel tonight was one of their best. (My senses were yearning for a taste of the Bristol club scene, I guess I'll just have to go there.) The object of a 'live' performance is to translate the music from the album (which they did with great skill), but also to add a live edge (unfortunately lacking). It was too bad they couldn't have added live guitars, bass, more vocals and MC, or trumpet and percussion to accompany their decks and turntables (as they have in Europe). This would have greatly added to their show and probably brought out an even larger crowd. There weren't even any backdrops, leaving it very dark and dreary behind our headliners. The



TURBO BEATS Scott Hendy in the Mix at Blowpop (Iron Music/Cup Of Tea)

21 tracks of breakdowns and interludes, this is a compilation of some super sonic DJ harmonies. Various artists, Purple Penguin, Statik Sound System, The Federation, Jaz Klash, The Invisible Pair of Hands and Slick Sixty, to name a few, are presented here by Scott Hendy. The tracks range in sound from spooky ambiance, hip-hop to funky jazz and electronica. It's all digital/synthesizer music, laid down in various sweet styles and tastes. Elements of dub (NFT) are intricately weaved into the rich tapestry of dope beats and some ill rhyming. Cutting it up, spinning it out, laying it down and sampling it in, Turbo Beats will keep your system vibrating with radial velocity. Wicked remixes of the Herbaliser, Flynn & Flora, Colin T, Purple Penguin and DJ Suv are also dialed in for retakes on some awesome originals. Keep on the groove, and burn with the Turbo Beats. david lai

CUP OF TEA RECORDS TOUR only thing alive in the Chameleon was the public at large.

An introduction is also always a good idea, especially when you're from outta town. Who really is Ben Dubuisson, Scott Hendy or Bubba or even Andrea Blythe? To add to things, Slick Sixty, the supposedly opening band, couldn't even play even though they were in the club, due to permits and other managerial and label problems.

Purple Penguin did however grant us the privilege of hearing them explicate infront of us their down-tempo music from their two excellent albums. Check out 'De-tuned' and their latest release 'Question'' for ambient, breakbeat manifestation.

## the disks



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HEMPILATION 2 Freetheweed (Capricorn)

This is a benefit for NORML (the national organization for the reform of marijuana laws). Three years after Hempliation 1: Freedom is NORML, marijuana enthusiasts are still getting the bad rap and prosecution continues. This new release is more country than the last, with Willie Nelson, the Rainmakers with Brewer & Shipley, and Blue

hitting the bong. On this dope release are also Spearhead, Mike Watt, George Clinton, Fun Lovin' Criminals and Big Sugar. The album is bountiful with smoking hits from a diverse group of artists, all bought together by the one and only Cannabis plant. Every track is about enjoying one's freedom to choose and freedom of this natural plant. Track titles like sidemousin' the bong', 'free to choose', 'the joker' 'u.s. custom coast guard dope dog', and 'under mi sensi' are all grooving tunes for blazing the spicy twists. Spin this CD and support NORML principles, free the herb. Peace. A/C editor

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February 24 & 26, Wednesday & Friday ROCK FOR CHOICE (benefit for Everywomens' Health Centre and the Elizabeth Bagshaw Clinic) At the Vancouver East Cultural Centre (1895 Venables)

February 25, Thursday THE WAILERS At Richard's On Richards

February 26, Friday AARON CARTER At the Orpheum

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#### PURPLE PENGUIN Question

(Cup of Tea) An ambient journey through the funky beats and sounds of B.P.Dubuisson. This is P.P.'s follow through from their debut album "De-tuned", released last year. "Question" spins out a catchy brand mix of scratches, samples and abbreviations. Dreamy, soothing vocals by Andrea Blythe (De-tuned) and beats from B.P.D., make a base for this eccentric down-tempo collaboration. Many other artists contribute to these excellent laid back tracks for tripped out listening and electronic relaxation. Some instrumentals and some vocals keep this disc from going stale. "Question" is less excited, and driving than their debut, but still delivers the precise notes signature of ambiance, dub, hiphop and electronica genres. Purple Penguin is multi-influenced, easily heard through the beats and cuts of this 15-track layout. If you're interested in electronica, this one's sure to deal you a keeper. david lai



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March 5, Friday COLLECTIVE SOUL with guests At the Vogue Theatre

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March13, Saturday SEMISONIC At Richard's On Richards

March 14, Sunday SUGAR RAY and EVERLAST At the Rage

March 28, Sunday MOTLEY CRUE At the GM Place

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# The end of the oil age is coming

top American oil industry executive says oil will lose its position as the world's main energy source in the next few decades, giving way to cleaner fuels and energy sources.

"We've embarked on the beginning of the last days of the Age of Oil," said Atlantic Richfield CEO Mike Bowlin in a Canadian Press story last week.

Even though a barrel of light, sweet crude oil now costs almost \$20 less than 20 years ago and world reserves top at least one trillion barrels according to a British Petroleum study, demand is growing for cleaner alternatives. The burning of fossil fuels is the primary source of air pollutants and greenhouse gases that are causing irrevocable damage to the Earth's life-support system.

Once the true environmental costs of burning fossil fuels is factored in, their cost will be much higher than clean energy like wind or solar power.

If you're interested in renewable energy and sustainable living, mark Wednesday, April 14 on your calendar. That's the day for BCIT's ECO-FAIR. Don't miss it.



## US and Canada's timber stocks are seriously overestimated

The U.S. and Canada have seriously overestimated how much timber they can harvest without harming their forests, according to a report published two weeks ago on the Internet.

The report published by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Austria concludes that despite urging other countries to log sustainably, neither country has reliable data on the size of its own forests, how much timber grows in them or how much can be removed before biodiversity suffers.

The government's Forestry Service says its current timber cutting of more than 500 million cubic metres of timber a year could be increased by more than 40 per cent by 2040, but fail to take into account that that this increase will be possible only if serious environmental damage is done, or if protected areas are violated.

"Both the US and Canada are urging other countries to manage their forests in a sustainable way, but they do not have their own house in order," says Sten Nilsson, the author of the report and one of the world's leading analysts of forestry data. Nilsson says the problem is that national data on wood supplies take no account of government commitments to maintain tree cover, protect against erosion and sustain biodiversity in forests. Forestry scientists simply work out how much timber is growing and assume it can all be harvested.

The situation in Canada is "desperate", the report says. Official Canadian statistics still refer to a 1985 study of timber growth. He believes it overestimates growth by as much as 40 per cent in some provinces and that the rate of harvesting in Canada is now approaching twice the rate of replanting.

The report can be found at www.iiasa.ac.at/Research/FOR/p apers/naws/index.htm

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Some entries will be selected for display at ECO-FAIR (April 14) in the BCIT Technologies and Program room in Town Square D. Students with winning projects will be expected to be present at certain times to interact with visitors.

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## Gay & lesbian rights group launches challenge to federal laws

NICOLE BERGOT Canadian University Press

BURNABY, B.C. n Ontario-based gay and lesbian rights group is taking the federal government to court over more than 50 laws it says discriminate against homosexuals.

In its legal challenge before Ontario Court, the Foundation for Equal Families cites 58 federal laws it says discriminate against same-sex couples because they only extend rights and benefits to heterosexuals.

Specifically, the terms "spouse" and "dependant" in Canadian law translate as two persons of the opposite sex, excluding gay and lesbian couples from benefits surrounding taxes, pensions and inheritance.

The lawsuit, announced Jan. 7, marks a change in the tactics used by the foundation, which previously worked only on individual legal challenges against discriminatory laws.

"The problem is that there are all these different laws," said foundation spokesman Bob Galagher. "What we've got to do is

clean them up, getting them all struck down with one fell swoop."

Galagher said he sees some recent court rulings as promising for the outcome of the group's case.

"The Canadian courts have ruled on this issue a number of times and every time we have won. There is a strong precedent that goes all the way up to the Supreme Court of Canada saying that lesbians and gays should be treated equally."

In Rosenberg v. Canada, the Ontario Court of Appeal recently ruled that the definition of spouse is discriminatory towards same-sex couples and not justifiable in a free and democratic society.

And in Vreind v. Alberta, the Supreme Court of Canada decided that under Section 1 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, discrimination against homosexuals is not demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

The problem, Galagher said, is that these court rulings are not being reflected in our laws.

"The most resistance is with politicians not being brave enough to take action," he said.

# Memorial University, engineering groups headed to court over name

MICHAEL CONNORS Canadian University Press

ST. JOHN'S

A trip to court appears all but inevitable now that settlement talks between Memorial University and two

professional engineering organizations have broken off.

The two sides have been battling over a program introduced by Memorial's computer science department in 1997 despite the objections of the engineering department.

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland oppose the program's name, Honours Software Engineering.

They say the fact the name uses the word engineering is misleading and violates federal trademark regulations since the degree is not offered by an accredited engineering faculty.

The groups filed a lawsuit against Memorial in July 1997.

Memorial says it alone, and not outside bodies, has the right to determine the name and structure of academic programs.

Both sides said they hoped to resolve the dispute before going to court, but that hope was quashed Jan. 20 when mediation by a federal court judge ended without success.

"I think we're headed to court," said university spokesman Peter Morris, adding neither side has changed its position since talks first began.

"We seem to have been on this path to

court all along ... Very little has changed in the time since this issue first came up.

"Maybe the engineers will change their minds. The university certainly won't." Allen Steeves, executive director

of Newfoundland's Association of Professional ers and Geoscientists, agreed nei-

Engineers and Geoscientists, agreed neither side has offered to budge on their original stances.

"Our position right from the beginning was that the use of the description of a computer science course as software engineering was improper and misleading and in violation of the trademark rights that the Canadian Council holds on the words engineer and engineering in that context," he said.

Steeves has said earlier that the program's name might lead students to believe they will become professional engineers, when in fact that is not the case.

"(It's) to protect the public," he said.

But Morris says the university isn't misleading anybody.

"It's very clear that this (program) does not lead to any engineering designation," he said, adding the university's calendar explains so.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has offered to cover two-thirds of Memorial's legal costs, expected to be \$400,000.

Memorial is not the only university that offers a software-engineering program through its computer science department. The University of Toronto also does.

The case is scheduled to go to court next September.

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