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# The Link

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March 6 - 10

**Nursing Spring Break**

**Wednesday, March 8**

**Electronics:** Last day to withdraw from Term A courses and receive a "W" on transcript.

**Next edition of *The Link* hits the stands.**

**Friday, March 10**

**Medical Radiography:** Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" on transcript.

**One Night Stand.** SA and AMA sponsored party at the Commodore. Contact the SA Office for more information.

**Sunday, March 12**

**Spring Equinox.**

**March 13 - 17**

**Spring Break for most Technologies.**

**Friday, March 17**

**Deadline for submissions to the March 22 edition of *The Link*.**

**Monday, March 20**

**Term B Courses begin.**

**American Marketing Association Meeting.** 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.

**SA Council Meeting.** SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 5:45 pm.

**Tuesday, March 21**

**Toastmasters.** SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 7am.

**Wednesday, March 22**

**Intermediate Latin Dancing.** Contact Recreation and Athletics for more information.

**Beginners' Swing.** Contact Recreation and Athletics for more information.

**Edition of *The Link* hits the stands.**

**Thursday, March 23**

**Recreation Council Meeting.**

**Friday, March 24**

**Electronics:** Term A courses end.

**Nursing:** Last day to withdraw and receive a "W" on transcript.

**Monday, March 27**

**Electronics:** Term B Courses begin.

**American Marketing Association Meeting.** 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.

**Tuesday, March 28**

**Toastmasters.** SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 7am.

**Wednesday, March 29**

**Blade Runner.** Noon - 1:00pm. See the Recreation and Athletics office in the SAC Building (SE16) for more information.

**Getting a Bachelors of Commerce at Royal Roads University.** A presentation by Eric West, Dean of Commerce at of Royal Roads. SW1-2030, 12:30pm.

**Saturday, April 1**

**April Fool's Day.**

**Monday, April 3**

**American Marketing Association Meeting.** 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.

**SA Council Meeting.** SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 5:45 pm.

**Tuesday, March 21**

**Toastmasters.** SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 7am.

**Recreation Council Meeting.**

**April 7-9**

**BCIT Open House.**

**Friday, April 7**

**Last day to withdraw and receive a 'w' on transcript for full term courses.**

**Saturday, April 8**

**Beginner's Golf.** See the Recreation and Athletics office in the SAC Building (SE16) for more information.

**April 10 - 14**

**Medical Radiography: Examination Week.**

**Monday, April 10**

**American Marketing Association Meeting.** 7am. Call 451-6777 for more information.

**Tuesday, April 11**

**Toastmasters.** SA Boardroom, SA Campus Centre, 7am.

**Wednesday, April 12**

**Electronics:** Last day to withdraw and receive a 'w' on transcript for full term courses.

**Friday, April 14**

**ETE: Last day of classes.**

**Saturday, April 15**

**beginner's Golf.** See the Recreation and Athletics office in the SAC Building (SE16) for more information.

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March 29, 2000

12:30 pm

SW1 Room 2030

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# STRIKE AVERTED?

## FSA, institute hammer out a framework for settlement

### Any return to a strike seen as unlikely this spring

PAUL DAYSON  
Link Managing Editor

Chances of another strike by BCIT's Faculty and Staff Association members are fading fast.

According to Student Association president Shane Styles, both sides appear to be optimistic about the possibilities of reaching an agreement.

This return to goodwill in the negotiations would appear to make a resumption of strike activities by the FSA this spring unlikely but does not rule out the possibility of future strike activity—such as next September—should negotiations breakdown again.

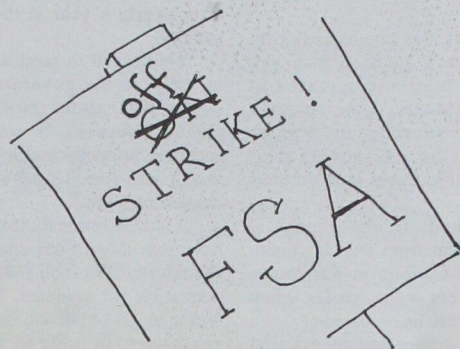
On Tuesday March 1, the FSA—which represents instructors in BCIT's technology programs and staff in some support areas—cancelled an information meeting scheduled for that afternoon citing "recent developments in negotiations" Instead, the bargaining team met with the FSA's board of directors.

In a release later that day they said significant progress had been made.

"After a meeting with the Bargaining Team today, the FSA Directors believe that there has been significant progress toward a final resolution of the ongoing BCIT labour-management dispute," said the release.

"We have not reached a tentative agreement but we have at least been able to agree to a framework for a settlement. Now the good intentions of both sides must be put to good use to draft the terms of a tentative agreement that can be submitted to the members for ratification."

The framework for a settlement, according to the FSA release, includes resolutions to a number of issues which have been obstacles between the fac-



ulty and the administration.

The issue of wages has been settled in accordance with provincial government guidelines of no increases for two years with a two percent increase in the third year. Also benefits will include improved vacation for those employees with 20 years of service and 100 percent employer-paid Long Term Disability premiums.

Under the framework regular working hours will be extended hours to 7:30am - 6:30pm, Monday - Friday, with protections for individual employees. The extension of regular working hours to also include Saturdays, as proposed by the institute, is not included in the settlement framework.

Also as part of a settlement, benefits will be extended to Part-Time Studies Instructors working the equivalent of half of a full-time instructional load and an improved set of guidelines for hiring PTS Instructors will be drawn up, according to the FSA.

The conflict over the issue of professional development funding has essentially been delayed. The framework calls for the creation of a short-term professional development leave fund for regular

faculty members and some improvements to the existing PD Leave fund.

Not included in the framework is BCIT's plan to establish a new \$775,000 Technology Innovation Fund for curriculum/professional development leaves that the FSA criticized for being "management-controlled". Nor will it include "the transfer of PD Leave funds to expense funds," according to the FSA.

The institute's proposals for what the FSA called "the creation of two-tiered working conditions and benefits based on seniority" where new employees would have a different set of work hours and benefits—like paying more for parking—are not included.

It is not clear from the FSA's releases whether new instructional positions to deal with the problem of instructor workload are a part of the settlement framework, although BCIT's proposal had included the hiring of five additional instructors and to conduct a study into educational and workload issues.

A new meeting has been scheduled for members of the FSA will be meeting on March 29th to make a final decision on any Tentative Agreement that is agreed to as a result of the framework.

## SA begins forgivable loan program

PAUL DAYSON  
Link Managing Editor

The Student Association is establishing a new loan fund for students. Loans to students from this fund will be forgivable — not repayable to the SA. All the SA asks is that you make a donation back to the SA if you are ever in a financial position that makes it possible.

The loan program dubbed by the SA as the "SYA" or "Save your ass Fund" will be drawing on the interest generated by the SA's capital projects fund. It will provide loans to students of up to \$1,000.

Applicants must be students in good standing enrolled in Trades or Technology programs at BCIT and taking a minimum of 12 credits per semester.

Criteria for awarding the money will be based on one or more of the following:

- personal circumstance,
- contribution to the BCIT community,
- contribution to the off campus community,
- financial need,
- disability,
- family circumstance, such as being a single parent or hardship,
- and a significant project being undertaken by the student.

Application forms for the SYA Fund can be picked up at the SA Office's reception desk just of the Great Hall in the SA Campus Centre.

The deadline for applications is 4pm, April 14, 2000. any relevant documentation should be attached to the application form.

## SA Notes

Paul Dayson

### SA continues to watch FSA-BCIT negotiations

SA President Shane Styles reported that the SA is still monitoring the negotiations between the Faculty and Staff Association and BCIT management. Styles said both sides appear to be optimistic about the possibilities of reaching an agreement. This would appear to make a resumption of strike activities by the FSA this spring unlikely.

Students comments and concerns from the SA's strike website survey are being tabulated and will be passed on to the institute.

- A presentation was made by Burnaby's transportation department about the installation of high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on Willingdon Avenue. Two options are being presently considered: bus only lanes or que jumping lanes. No decisions have yet been made and public consultation is continuing. Any changes made are planned to be in effect by September 2000.

- A new forgivable loan program was established by the SA, dubbed the SYA or Save Your Ass Fund. (For more details see story on this page.)

- The SA's Awareness Day on Tuesday, February 29 in the Great Hall went well. The day involved information and activities on alcohol awareness and safer sex.

- Tickets for One Night Stand, the SA and American Marketing Association's dance to be held this Friday night, March 10, at the Commodore Ballroom are still for sale at a table at the top of the stairs in the Great Hall. The SA and AMA are also looking for students to sell tickets. Contact the SA office for more information.

- The SA donated \$1,000 to Civil and Structural students to help support CST's Career Days which is to be held at the Robson Square Media Centre on March 22.

- Students needed for the SA's elections to staff polling stations and for other duties. Contact Pat Brophy at the SA for more information.

- The SA has arranged for grad photos to be taken on campus. Portrait sessions are now being booked at the SA Office. The sessions will commence on April 3rd in the old insurance room across from the SA Copy Centre in the SA Campus Centre. There is a \$25 sitting fee for the portrait session, payable at the time of sign-up.

Alternately you can have an extended portrait sitting, which allows for clothing changes, at Mountain West Studios in North Vancouver. There is a \$40 fee for this type of sitting.

Your set of proofs will be mailed to you home.

Call 980-8551 for more information.

## Video store offers 10-day rentals over spring break

The SA's video store will be closed the week of March 13-17 but will be offering 10 day rentals during the period.

Those wishing to watch videos over spring break can rent videos on March 10 and not have to return them until noon on Monday, March 20

## Students: First prize of \$500 cash up for grabs - deadline Friday

**T**here's money up for grabs - \$1600 in cash - available for focusing on environmental protection and sustainability!

The drive behind the contest, sponsored by both BCIT's Environmental Awareness Committee and the Student Association, is to help students better prepare for sustainability challenges in their fields of work, and to help BCIT improve its performance at the same time.

The best displays and projects will be shared with the public during Open House 2000, April 7 and 8 when 15,000 people visit BCIT. You can register as an individual, a team or an entire department. If your project is on a departmental or programme level, it could also be nominated for BCIT's Earth Apple Award (a staff/faculty award) that will be presented on Earth Day.

More information and contest entry forms are available at the Student Association office in SE2. The deadline for handing in your registration is 3 pm, Friday, Mar. 10.

## BC students unhappy over campus strikes

MASON WRIGHT  
Canadian University Press

**L**about unrest may have come to a halt at British Columbia's post-secondary institutions, but the results haven't been ideal for everyone involved.

Even though the recent strike by college support staff across the province was brief and managed to produce settlements, some students affected by the job action are criticizing the unions for interrupting their classes and setting them back in their studies.

Karen Burkell, an environmental chemistry student from the University College of the Cariboo in Kamloops, said the workers went too far when they set up picket lines that shut down 11 colleges, institutes and agencies on February 23 and 24.

"The two days that we were off last week for the strike I missed a four hour lab period, which put all the people in that lab behind," said Burkell, adding that other students she has spoken with

share her feelings. "We don't know if we're going to be able to make that time up."

But Carol Nielson, communications officer for one of the two unions representing support and technical staff at the affected schools, said the strike was mandated by the union's 3,500 workers after nearly a year at the bargaining table.

"We needed to send a strong, clear message to the government that the strike was about more than just money," she said. "It was about fairness and respect for support staff, and that it was time to get serious at the bargaining table."

"It was unfortunate that the colleges were shut down for a couple of days," she added. "We didn't want to disrupt education for students. Nobody ever wants to go on strike, but sometimes you have to in order to achieve a fair settlement."

In response, Burkell said other techniques can be used to pressure governments and employers, like the work-to-rule campaign she witnessed as a high school student in Ontario.

"It gets the students upset enough to do something about it, to really pressure," she said. "But at the same time it doesn't affect your academic career."

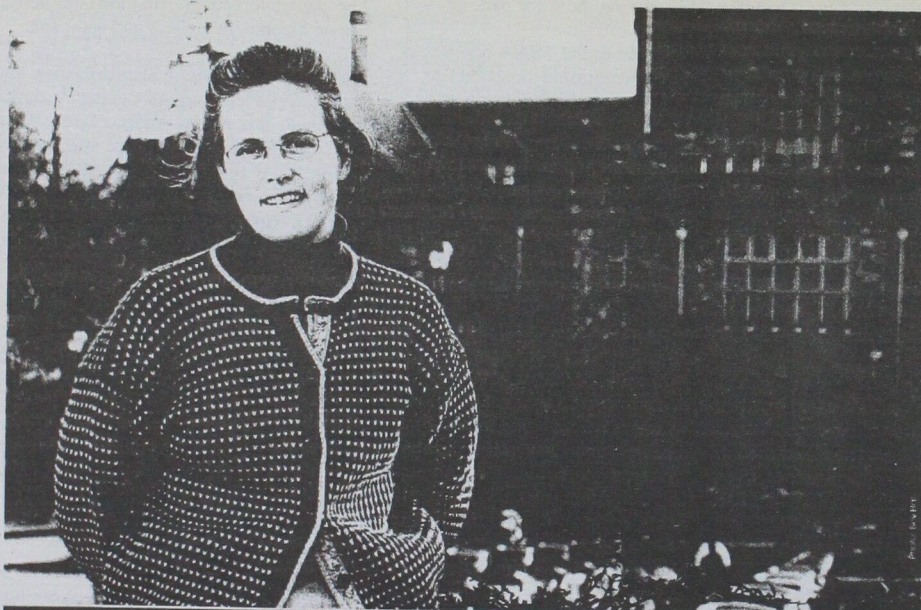
Yet despite the concerns of students like Burkell, the strike action got official support from the Canadian Federation of Students, which represents students at seven of the 11 affected institutions.

"Many students joined our members on the picket lines and showed their support," said Nielson, whose union was joined in the dispute by the Canadian Union of Public Employees. "It only lasted two days, and I think most students saw the issues that were on the table and the issues that were important to our members and supported them."

While school administrations and the unions were able to reach a tentative four-year agreement to end the strike on February 25, Nielson said the deal won't be voted on by members until sometime in April.

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# Media concentration hurts journalism: press critics

ANDRE FRANCIS  
Canadian University Press

CALGARY

The concentration of media ownership in Canada is degrading journalism, the audience of a recent Media and Democracy forum was told.

The somewhat sombre event, organized by the women's group Arusha and the organization Friends of the Herald, featured a panel of media critics, activists and journalism instructors discussing problems with the media and how to improve it.

David Rooney, a journalism instructor at Mount Royal College, says concentration of media ownership chokes out fairness, balance and ethics in journalism.

"Where does this leave newspaper journalists?" he asked.

Rooney suggested that alternatives must be sought. However, as he pointed out, start up costs for print media are prohibitive. So one solution he brought forward was for cyberspace to become the new home of independent journalism.

"If independent voices are ever going to be heard in Canada during the future, some band of journalists must hive off and establish a presence in print or in cyberspace," said Rooney.

Rooney quoted from a 30 year-old report by the Davey Committee, a senate special com-

mittee on mass media, which called Canadian newspapers, "the boneyard of broken dreams."

According to the committee report, between 1958 to 1970 newspaper chains increased their share of daily circulation from 25 per cent to 45 per cent. In 1980 that figure had risen to 57 per cent.

Today, almost all of Canada's 105 newspapers belong to chains - including the Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, National Post, Southam Newspapers and the Sun Chain - while 58 of these papers are owned by Conrad Black's Hollinger International Inc.

Gillian Steward, a writer and journalist, spoke on specific problems she saw with the media in Calgary.

"Calgary, compared to any city of comparable size in Canada, is the worst served by its local media," she said.

Ann McGrath, an international media activist, echoed this harsh critic by comparing Calgary to other Canadian cities.

Toronto has four daily newspapers - the Post and Globe publish special city editions - while Montreal has many different publications in French and English, including four large alternative weeklies and four dailies. Vancouver, meanwhile, has only two major dailies but a slew of weeklies.

McGrath claims says these

cities enjoy a wider spectrum of debate on many issues due to the greater number of media outlets. Calgary, in contrast, has two major dailies and one of them, the Herald, is currently involved in a bitter strike.

All of the above has led, McGrath believes, to a serious lack of debate in Calgary.

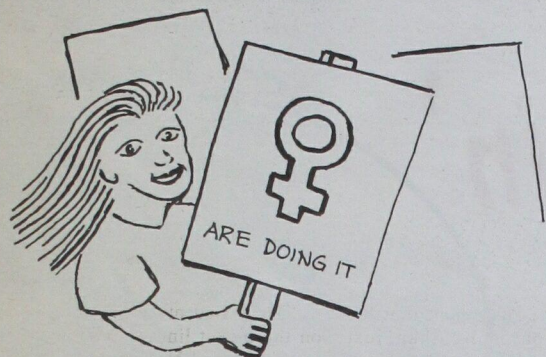
"That's death for democracy," she said. "[We need] lots of ideas, lots of debate, discussion, points of view . . . because that is how people make decisions."

A lack of fairness and objectivity were the main problems discussed at the forum. Solutions to these problems ranged from communities starting their own papers, to opportunities on the Internet, to simply better journalism.

The most immediate and practical solution for the public to receive better media was suggested by Talbert Walters, a Calgary Herald editorial writer.

"You gotta phone," said Walters. "Phone the person whose name appeared in the story, if it's a wire story phone the editors of the paper that produced the story. Ask the questions you have and then, insist on an answer."

Walters argued that if people voice their complaints to the paper, then the product must change. And if it doesn't, he suggests you withdraw your support by not buying the paper.



## Women prepare for world-wide march

SOUIS CHAN  
Canadian University Press

MONTREAL

Five years ago a group of 850 women from the Fédération des femmes du Québec (FFQ) marched in three contingents for 10 days yelling "Bread not Roses" and demanded social and economic equality. About 15,000 women cheered them to the finish line.

When a group of women met at the September 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, they decided it was time for a similar march on a global scale.

This year, on Oct. 17, what is now called the World March of Women, is expected to have women participating in 70 per cent of the countries in the world.

"We should march for all the women who are not free to march themselves," said Nancy Burrows of the FFQ.

The official launch is on March 8, with the start of a signature campaign in support of demands for international women's rights.

Still, women have been working hard all year to get the event up and running.

The FFQ would like Quebec women to write their own personal message on support cards, sign them, and mail them to the FFQ, whose members will pass them on to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, on the day of the march.

The FFQ has also requested

meetings with the presidents of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington on Oct. 15.

For reasons such as war, politics, repression, geography and financial resources, women in different countries will use different means to get their messages across.

The two main themes emerging around the world are poverty and violence. Recognizing the connection between the two, organizers are urging countries to adopt a tax on financial transactions.

The so-called Tobin Tax - named for James Tobin, an economist at Yale University - proposes a 0.1 per cent tax on speculative transactions.

The United Nations says this could raise \$720-billion (US) per year for a social development fund, managed by equal numbers of men and women. March coordinators say this would be enough to put an end to poverty.

The World March of Women is calling for the cancellation of all third-world debt.

Johanne Emond from the FFQ, says the march has already "exceeded expectations" with women in 145 out of 210 countries participating in the event. However, women in countries such as Afghanistan and China aren't.

Organizers say they don't want this to be a one-time action. They hope to establish a concrete women's network, and facilitate future calls to action.

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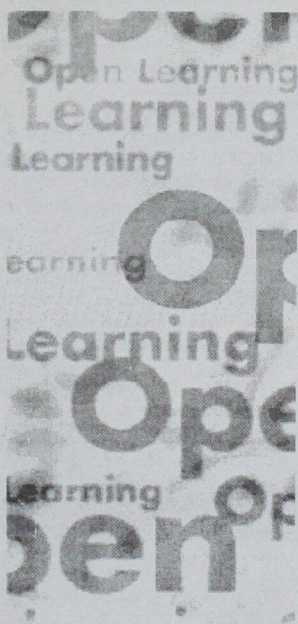
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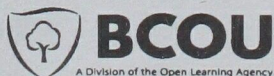
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## Te Vaka's uplifting Polynesian sounds

**TE VAKA**  
*Ki Mua*  
(Creativenz)

This is one of the most refreshing sounds I have ever heard in a long time. After listening to this album for a few months, it is still in my CD player. It is always dynamic, uplifting and relaxing to listen to these original and contemporary sounds of the south Pacific. It makes me just want to get up and go. Go far away from here to the tropical Polynesian Islands of beauty and love.

Tevaka are an amazing amalgamation of ten people, including dancers, singers and multi-instrumentalists. They are much more than a music band, they're a world music sensual experience. *Ki Mua* is their second album released, and has been receiving appraisal continuously from all over the world. Led by Opetala Foa'i,

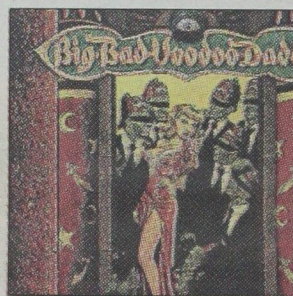
The band has evolved into a one of a kind Polynesian celebration. At first he was influenced by, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Samoan traditional music and dance and later was exposed to Jimi Hendrix and other American and European artists. His inspiration comes from speaking with the older generations and learning from their parents.

Tevaka express their views and various aspects of Polynesia in English and in a Polynesian language (Tokelauan). The result is beautiful, compelling and touching. *Tevaka* is a brilliant performance of dance, rhythm and harmony, bound together naturally with honesty and soul. I recommend this to any world music advocate or anyone simply searching for something refreshing and uplifting.

David Lai



# Spinnin' the disks



**Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**  
*This Beautiful Life*  
(Universal Canada / Coolsville Records)

Now this CD was my pleasant surprise of the bunch. When I visit my editor to pick up CD's, I usually expect a few hits, a lotta misses, and maybe a surprise or two in the bunch. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy definitely hit a nerve with me.

They are a big band with a sound that ranges from jazzy to Latino in feel, with classy horns and smooth vocals. "This Beautiful Life" reminded me of "Johnny Favourites Swing Orchestra", but was a significant improvement over the aforementioned band. This is big band music with a modern edge, with clever production tricks and very polished tunes. These guys are jazz aficionados that put fun to music. You can't help but wanna get up and dance, or at least tap your foot to the music of Big Bad Voodoo Daddy.

They got their big break with the soundtrack to "Swingers" with the tune "You and Me and the Bottle Makes 3", and they then went on to write the theme song to "Third Rock from the Sun." These guys are movers and shakers, and their music is extremely professional. Big Bad

Voodoo Daddy is no longer the young party band they started out as, these 7 classy boys are all grown up.

If you've been one of the "trendy people" who has taken a swing dancing lesson or two, I suggest you pick up this album, it will most certainly inspire you.  
Erin Garlick

**BECK**  
*Midnite Vultures*  
(Geffen)

At first listening to this album I was a little turned off. The sounds seemed too synthetic and the music no meaning or heart. But after listening to it a second time, I began to understand it a little more and start enjoying it. Now I can listen to it several times and still not get

bored of it. There is so much going on in each track, it's hard to notice and catch everything that's going on. Beck makes fun of mainstream sounds and artists and twists them into his own stylized originalities. Beck is still his odd self and plays it well in a "beautiful way". His music is definitely not for the classical listener, but given some time I think most alternative, offbeat musicologist will adapt and eventually embrace Beck's latest release to follow *Mutations*. *Midnite Vultures* is another great

product, from Beck. And don't get his name mixed with Jeff Beck.  
David Lai



**Jethro Tull**  
*J-Tull Dot Com*  
(True North)

This is an awesome album, returning to the true Jethro Tull roots. This release is a statement of the technology available today. The name itself refers to the official Tull website. Ian Anderson, a.k.a. Jethro Tull, continues to astound us with his incredible flute performance. He is very fluent in expressing his feelings and ideas through the wind instrument. It is rare to see the flute in place of the traditional guitar. Ian Anderson takes the flute into the lead and carries the melody and rhythm with style and confidence. No one plays the flute so aggressively and sings with such assurance to a mainstream rock audience. There is no other band like Jethro Tull. Originality has always been a trademark with them. The website is also very intricate, with many links. This is definitely an album to click on at [www.j-tull.com](http://www.j-tull.com).

David Lai



## Memories of Kissin

NAMHEE HUH  
Link Arts and Culture  
Reporter

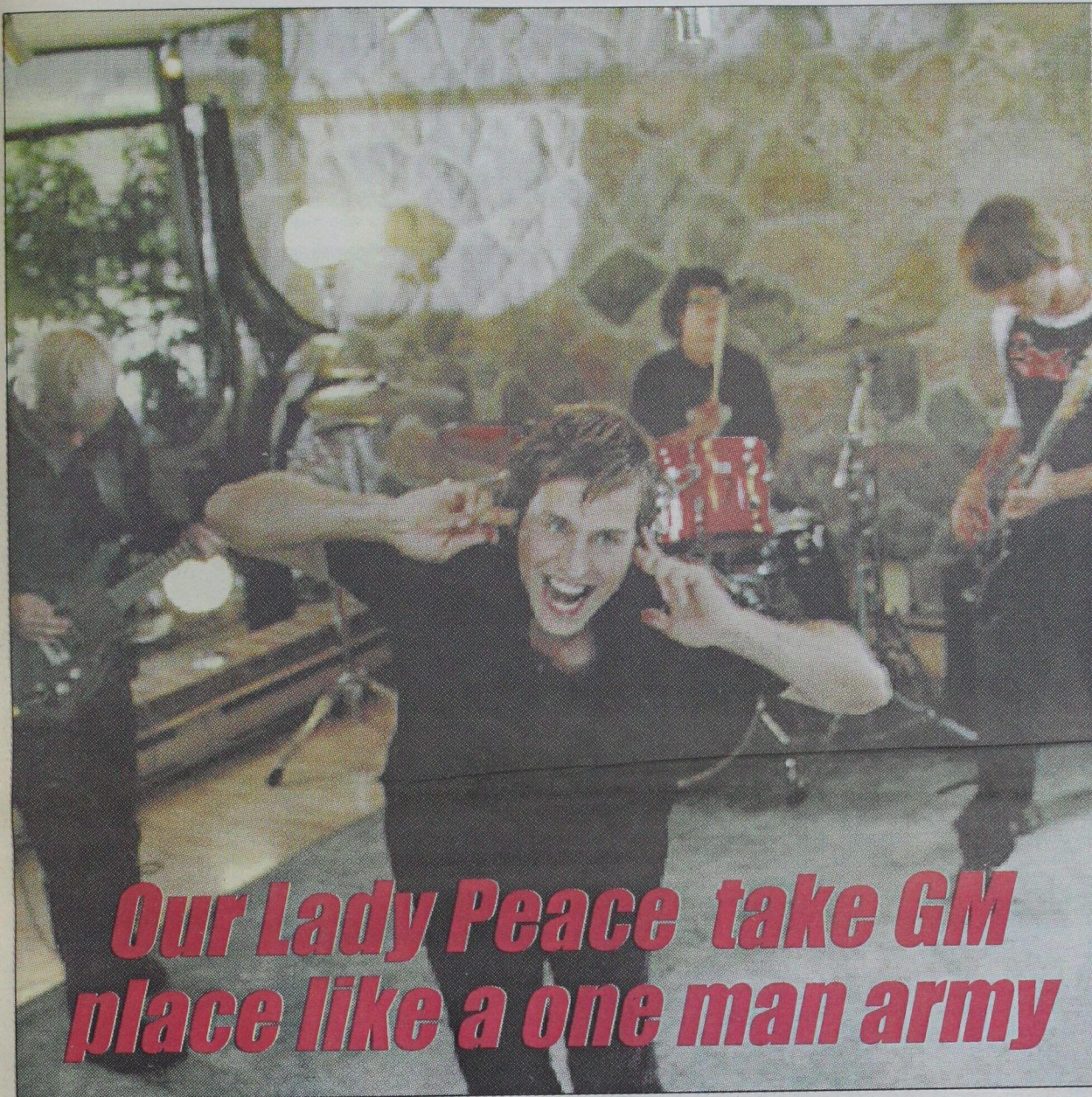
As soon as the baby-faced, fluffy hair Russian pianist sat on the bench, I fell into the world of his magical performance. It was Evgeny Kissin's second visit to Vancouver since 1997. As a child prodigy, at age 12, he gave his first recital in Moscow with the Moscow State Philharmonic.

CONCERT REVIEW  
**Memories of Kissin**  
At Orpheum Theatre  
Sunday, November 21,  
1999

It was rather unusual that he didn't take any time to prepare before starting the piece. However, it didn't sound rushed or harsh at all. He started with 9 little pieces-but technically demanding- from the Etudes- Tableaux, op.39 by S. Rachmaninov. He played them with tremendous sensitivity and virtuosity. His technique was just perfect and the emotion was right there.

When he finished his performance, the audience didn't stop applauding. Eventually, he played an encore four times. Without accepting the request of Chopin, which disappointed me, he played 'The Lark' by M. Balakirev, 'Flight of the Bumble Bee' by R. Korsakov and two preludes by S. Rachmaninov.

Evgeny Kissin's performance was 2 hours of dream-like moments. Since that night, I am still looking forward to his next visit....



## Our Lady Peace take GM place like a one man army

TAMARA ROUSSELLE  
Link Arts & Culture Reporter

The time had finally arrived for the much awaited Our Lady Peace show. It had been a while since they last played GM Place and with their new album they were hoping to bring the fans out again.

CONCERT REVIEW  
**Our Lady Peace**  
GM Place

I've been to concerts at GM Place before that were also in the "Concert Bowl", like tonight, but this cramped floor space looked more like the "Concert Cup". It's no wonder the floor sold out in less than 30 seconds.

Now that OLP have 3 albums to choose songs from, I was curious what would make the cut. As per most bands, as an album gets older and older, fewer and fewer songs get played off it. "Clumsy" still got quite the nod with

"Automatic Flowers", "4am", "Carnival", title track "Clumsy" and "Superman's Dead". From "Happiness..." we heard first single "One Man Army" and current single "Is Anybody Home?" as well as "Blister" and "Waited", just to name a few.

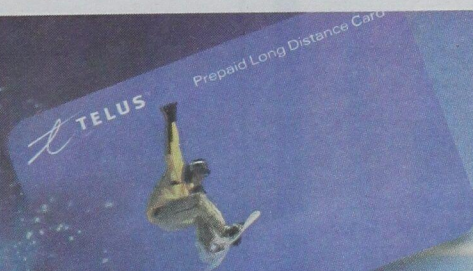
The actual performance was a little more lively than OLP shows I've seen in the past. Raine actually ventured from side to side on the stage, giving a hello to seated fans. During the encore he even

left the stage to get help on vocals from the fans seated in the reds. He went around the entire edge of the crowd taking a far bolder approach than his sometimes seemingly shy position. It's a total crowd pleaser but it had my attention.

OLP can't boast of an amazing stage show but they can be proud of writing some pretty kick ass tunes. And tonight they diehards showed up to hear them.

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# Ninth Gate's horror shows Polanski's touch

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Link Arts & Culture Reporter

Dean Corso (Johnny Depp) is a money-hungry New York book broker who specializes in rare books. Eminent book-lover and scholar of demonology, Boris Balkan (Frank Langella), hire Corso. His mission is to compare Balkan's newly acquired edition of the legendary manual of satanic invocation, 'The Nine Gates of the Kingdom of the Shadows' with the two remaining copies located in Europe, and identify the authenticity of the three books.

FILM REVIEW

**The Ninth Gate**

The novel, 'El Club Dumas,' by Arturo Perez-Reverte gets told the Roman Polanski style — The Ninth Gate. This movie draws you right into the depth of Polanski's telling a story visually from the intro of the movie. He subtly takes you into the world of demonology and depicts the religion-like devotion and explores the devil with a greedy momentum. Glorified vilification of witchcraft and the attempted invocation of devil himself feed Dean Corso's growing appetite of curiosity.

Likewise, in the Bitter Moon by Polanski, a civilized, married

men (Hugh Grant) with a bit of cynicism can't control himself from exerting himself to his desire for vulgar infidelity, Corso can't resist to feed himself of 'the rebel of the cosmos.' Corso's cynicism turns into a doggedly determined devil seeking.

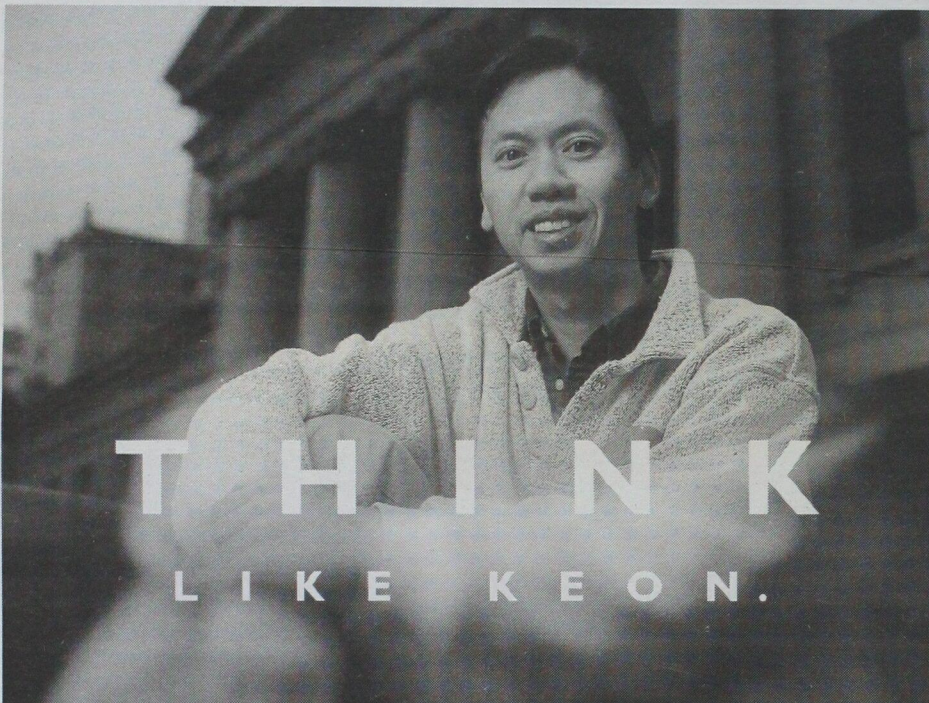
The Ninth Gate spreads the puzzles of the demonic riddle through out the movie and certainly doesn't forget to make you chuckle on Polanski's bizarre humor. Suspense build-up keeps you interested through the scenes of Spain, Portugal and France.

The characters are wickedly well fitted and well performed to add the intensity to the movie. It

is, rather, Johnny's usual self being the main character is enhanced by the animated characters in the movie such as the Jose Lopez Rodero brothers who play

the diabolical twin Ceniza brothers.

134 minutes of being Polaskied was worthwhile for a movie fling.



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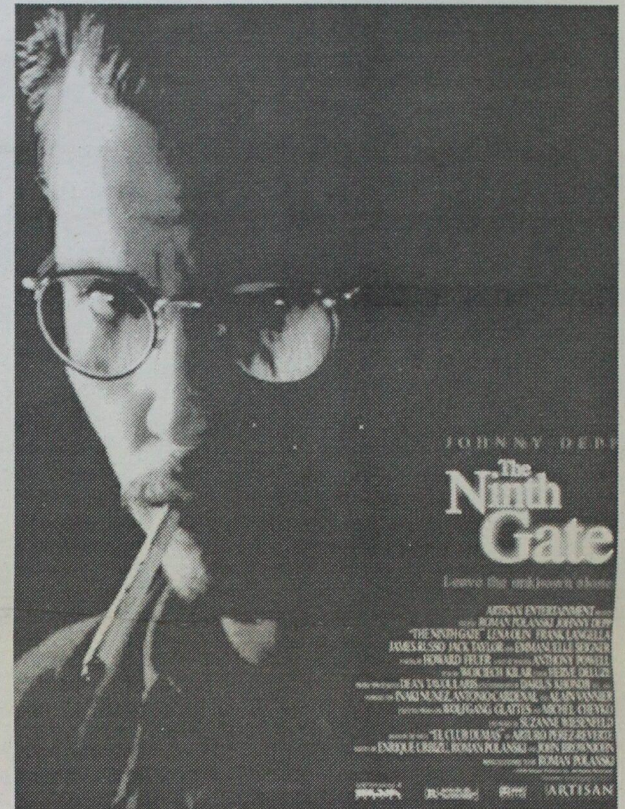
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# Board of Governor's Elections 2000

## MARCH 20 TO 24

### Come back from Spring break ready to vote

#### Candidates Statements

##### Steve Corrie

Dear fellow students:

I am a first-year student in Radio Broadcasting. In my short time here I have learned first hand what it means to get involved. I make it my business to keep informed and carry my own weight. Even though our course load and ongoing projects don't allow much time for extra-curricular activities, I feel it is my responsibility to keep informed about the issues here at BCIT. But it's not that easy while on the outside looking in. Being on the Board of Governors would afford me an opportunity to participate in this body that has such an important influence on my education.

Radio Broadcasting is my second chosen career. I had a full one as an Air Traffic Controller, including ten years as an instructor. That experience, coupled with the training I received in teaching technology, should give me a good foundation to better understand the complexities of BCIT and assist with my duties on the Board.

I feel I have a good ability to express myself, both orally and in writing. My trouble-shooting skills are a source of pride and I rely on common sense. Coaching both soccer and hockey were helpful in reinforcing team spirit and improving people skills.

I am convinced that I would be an asset to the Board and assist it in fulfilling its mandate. Most notably, I would work diligently to ensure that the teaching staff at BCIT are empowered and enabled to maximize their contribution to the organization. Their remuneration, hours of work, workload, and other working conditions must be at a level that attracts the world-class instructors BCIT is famous for.

It is not easy to represent such a large student population, and try to keep them informed, and represent their interests, but if elected, I will do just that. Our set reps will be busier than ever! We are the client here. Education is supposed to be for our benefit. We have to work hard for it, but in the end it is we who win.

It would be an honour and a privilege to serve as a student representative on the Board of Governors. Give me that chance and you won't be disappointed!

*Yours sincerely,  
Steve Corrie*

##### Linda Lee

Dear fellow students:

I am very excited to be nominated for student representative for the Board of Governors. With my resourcefulness, diplomacy, professionalism, creativity, drive to succeed, and a passion to pursue meaningful causes, I am positive I will represent the Student Body of BCIT with extraordinary excellence and dedication.

Wait a minute! I was going to continue with prolific eloquence, but would I get my message across to the masses in the most effective manner? Probably not, so now I want to continue in layman's language and utilize this chance to be heard. I can give you plenty of reasons to vote for me and the normal spew that comes from election campaign speeches, but will anyone truly remember me? So let me reveal to you my concerns for the Student Body.

How will I improve the role of Student Rep. on the Board of Governors:

- I want to uphold the quality of education that BCIT students want
- I want to represent equality and justice
- I will always make my presence known with the Student Body and the Board of Governors
- I always care about matters that affect us
- I always think ahead at where we will be

I will be the ear of and the voice for students' concerns. I believe each and every student has the right to voice their opinion and I am here to look out for the future of BCIT students.

*Sincerely,  
Linda Lee*

##### Victoria Wills

Fellow Students,

Being the student body, we have the right to have a voice in the policies and decisions made here at BCIT.

My name is Victoria Wills and I am looking forward to having the opportunity to be that voice. To the best of my ability, I fully intend to represent the students with pride and confidence.

My strong interest in Public Relations has led me to enroll in the Marketing Management Program here at BCIT. I have been very active in volunteering my time while attending BCIT, whether it is through the Student Association or the American Marketing Association. In other previous experiences, I have had the honor to represent my peers and community in organizations such as student council, grad committee and my hometown youth ambassador program. My enthusiastic role in these activities has given me the ability to lead and communicate effectively.

If elected as your student representative of Board of Governors, I can assure my commitment and dedication to all of the responsibilities upheld by this position. If you would like any clarification or have any questions concerning my candidacy, please do not hesitate to contact me at  
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*Sincerely,  
Victoria Wills*

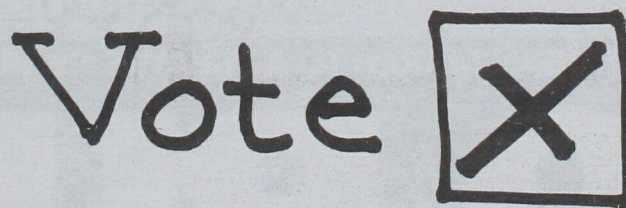


## Polling Stations

Voting will take place March 20 - 24. Ballot boxes will be stationed

- in the Registrar's Office, (SW1-2170),
- at the Student Association Offices just off the Great Hall in the SA Campus Centre (SE6),
- at PMTC,
- at DTC,
- and at the Sea Island Campus.

On Wednesday, March 22, during the three hour break (11:30 to 2:30), voting stations will be set up in the Great Hall of the SA Campus Centre (SE6) and the Inglis Building (NE1) Cafeteria



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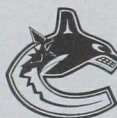
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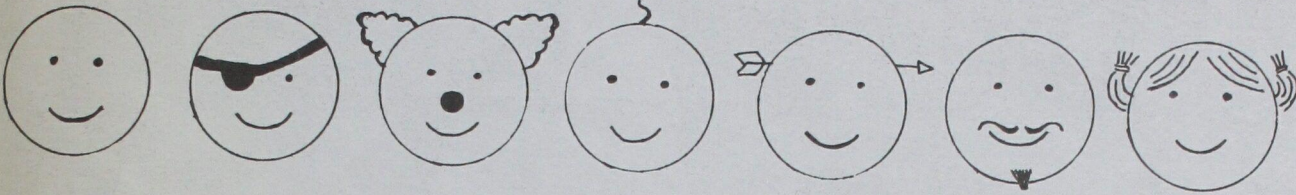
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## Grabbing life by the testicles and squeezing slightly

If, hypothetically, you somehow found out the meaning of life, what would be the point of continuing to live? I know that I would kill myself and either be reincarnated, forgetting everything I learned, or go to a heaven-like place. Coming back as a ghost or a spirit would be cool, but I still need proof that ghosts and spirits exist. They say that England has the highest population of ghosts, but I didn't see any when I went there.

The meaning of life. I think everyone on earth is here just to find the meaning of life...and then die before they can tell anyone else. What would be the point of living if you already knew the answer? Let's say the meaning of life is the number four. So you know it's four. Now what? You walk because of four. You talk because of four. You grow old because of four and you live because of four. So now you know four, what else is there to do? You won the game of life (or some people call it the dance of life, personally, I call it the business of life) and then you die.

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Simple.

Now some people don't want to find the meaning of life because they don't want to die. These are the people who get hit by buses. They are automatically disqualified from continuing the search for the meaning of life. But I think that one second before their face meets the cold steel of the bus, their guardian angel tells them the meaning of life and then pushes them into oblivion. These people come back reincarnated as fish sticks and eventually work their way back up the food chain.

Back to the actual meaning of life...don't you ever wonder what it could be? Could it be a cliché like, "If at first you don't succeed, blame someone else", or "The guy with the most toys when he dies wins"? I hope it's the toy one

because I think I have a chance there. What if the meaning of life is something like "a good cup of coffee" or "mom's apple pie" (Faith Hill's song, let's keep in mind that she is a natural blond). I hope life isn't a good cup of coffee, but only because I hate coffee. I don't know how people can drink something so gross. Tea drinking is where it's at, yeah baby yeah! And mom's apple pie. My mom doesn't even know how to spell apple pie, and I don't want to miss out because my mom never makes apple pie. But she does buy pies from Safeway (when they are on sale). Does that count? I hope so - if not, I'm screwed.

Now this is really trippy. What if your meaning of life is different from mine? What if your meaning of life is four and mine is three thousand two hundred and forty seven? Is that legal? Do you think that god, or whoever is in charge of this sort of thing, would be that mean to us? How do they keep track of all this information anyway? It can't be in a computer, hackers would have hacked it

by now. The only logical solution is that god, or whoever is in charge of this sort of thing, is a woman. Only women have the ability to remember every little detail. They know how many lesbians it takes to screw in a light bulb. They know why we still hate Milli Vanilli (I think it had something to do with the way they danced, or maybe their hair, I don't know). That's how women get really good marks on tests and exams: they remember everything. Guys need a pair of lucky underwear to scrape a passing grade.

I wonder how long I will have to think about the meaning of life. If I could buy the meaning of life right now, I would, providing they accept MasterCard, just so I don't have to spend the rest of my life looking for it. I could then just rest in peace. I bet the meaning of life is something really stupid like: "Never drive and gift wrap your cat at the same time, because you might hit a pothole and rip the wrapping paper." Man, that would really piss me off.

## How to recycle people you really hate

Do you remember in elementary school when you tried everything in your power to stay away from the bully? You literally tried to become invisible so you wouldn't get caught in the bully's path of destruction. It's a terrible time for kids...the ones who are not bullies. I can't imagine what it feels like for the bully. Do they get a high from pointing out obvious differences between people? I don't know.

In every 80's sitcom (Full House, Growing Pains), when the kids had to deal with a bully, they dealt with him (it's usually a him) in a half-hour and never had to think about him for the rest of the season, or series for that matter. How unrealistic. In real life, you have to deal with a bully everyday of school, unless he's sick that day.

Have you ever noticed the name of the bully haunts you for the rest of your life? Let's say the bully's name was something that rhymes with heater and starts with a "P". (Yeah, I'm just making this up; it's all fake). Anyway, there was this guy who used to push my buttons. He was mean. But I

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guess it was expected, like some sort of hierarchy thing. I noticed that the "cooler" bullies picked on him, he being in the "not-so-cool" group, and in return, he picked on me, me being in the "loner club group," of which I was the only member. My circle of friends included the great me, fantastic myself, and infamous I. That's right; I wasn't the most popular pencil crayon in the box. Popularity wasn't just a contest; it was a way of life. I don't know who invented popularity, but if I ever met her, and I know it's a her, I would have sucked up to her like there was no tomorrow.

To me now, "Peter" is a word that means "big meanie." Everytime I meet a person named "Peter," I assume that he will be an asshole.

Over the years, as you age, more and more names are added

to the list. A list of not only bullies, but people you hate, people who hate you and people who are related to you, even if you don't want them to be (my dad's entire side of the family, for example: they hate me and I hate them back). Suddenly, you have a phone book sized list of names. It's just easier to hate everyone(except Cindy Crawford, who can hate her? Notice her name is Cindy Crawford and not CindyCrawford. Yes there is a difference). So now what do you do? The best thing to do is recycle the people you really hate!

How you ask? Easy, just send \$39.95 plus postage and handling...(joke). So this is how to do it: just be nice to the person you hate. It's called killing them with kindness. It's really hard to do at first, but give it a try. It's worth it. Here is a true testimony from my second personality (I have three...that I know of):

"I was nice to someone who really irked me, and now I can even stand to be in the same room with them."

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You see the reason you hate someone is because of something stupid they said or did when you first met them, so you give them a second chance. And the other catch is that you have to be the one to start the niceties. Like I said, it's pretty hard, but it really works! For me personally, I can carry a semi-adult conversation with anyone named Peter. Like this guy named Peter in my class: when he asked me if I was a transvestite, I thought it was very adult of me to remind him that his girlfriend called, and she wanted him to pick up some milk and tampons on the way home from school. I was looking out for him; I didn't want him and his girlfriend to have to have a big tiff over something he forgot to do. I even told him to get some more condoms, because he was all out at his house. See how kind I was? And it really works.

P.S. If you still want to send the \$39.95, just mail me the money care of *The Link*. I'll gladly take it from any fool. See how kind I am?

## BCIT's missing time capsule

On Feb. 11, a time capsule (closed on Feb. 11, 1982) was to be unearthed for the historical and cultural benefit of everyone at BCIT. Except no one knows where it is!

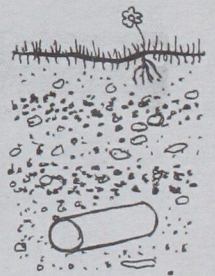
The time capsule contains a copy of the throne speech (submitted by Bill Bennett), a copy of the Canadian Constitution signed by Pierre Trudeau, newspapers of the day, and numerous other items.

The capsule was planted in honour of the new racquetball courts at the student campus centre (now the SAC building). Special guests, including then-premier Bill Bennett and then-mayor of Burnaby, Bill Leware, were invited to attend the closing of the time capsule. However, no one has any record of where the time capsule was placed. Don Rix, then-chair of the Board of Governors, recalls the ceremony but does not recall where the time capsule was "hidden". None of the retirees know where it is, either. BCIT landscaping staff have been alerted to keep an eye out for the time capsule as they begin their spring gardening. More than 100 others have been asked, to no avail.

One person may know its whereabouts: Robin Williams, then Student Association president. But we don't know his whereabouts either!

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