



Editorial

Why is it cool to be apathetic? The typical image of coolness is that of the person who doesn't let things bother them and who doesn't work at anything more than necessary. Recent movies such as *So Fucking What* epitomize this kind of thinking. The ad campaign for this movie featured statements describing situations that should raise one's ire and counter them by saying "so fucking what?" Why get emotional about things that should disgust us? Why care about anything? Why try to change things? Why donate time to good causes? Why get involved with anything at school? Do you think I'm a nerd or something?

We at the Other Press believe that it is time for people who care about things enough to try to change them to be considered cool. Those who don't care about things can gather moss while watching television. They should rightly be exposed as losers instead of those who join the science club, the student society, or Amnesty International.

The whole concept of self-actualization relies on the fact that people will strive to become well-rounded individuals. They should try to accomplish this by learning and doing as much as they possibly can. What better reason for living is there than the goal of becoming the most complete individual possible? Being cool and doing nothing will not make anyone a complete individual and ultimately provides no reason for continuing a sorry life.

Student apathy is a major problem here at Douglas College. Too busy, lazy, or cool to be bothered, most DC students do little more than attend classes and leave. This is very frustrating to student-run organizations like the OP. We are understaffed and overworked because very few people come here to volunteer. In this issue, we are flogging our readers with "Join the OP!" advertisements. We really do want you to join the OP. Not only do we enjoy fresh faces, we also want writers, photographers, coordinators, and all other kinds of helpers. This will help lighten our workload and put out a better quality paper.

Many people complain that the Other Press isn't as good as it could be, and they're right. The problem with such complaints is that those who voice them don't come down to help us put out a better product. We're just volunteers doing the best we can with what we have. You know what 'they' say: if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. Come join us! We're in room 1020. Here's a map...

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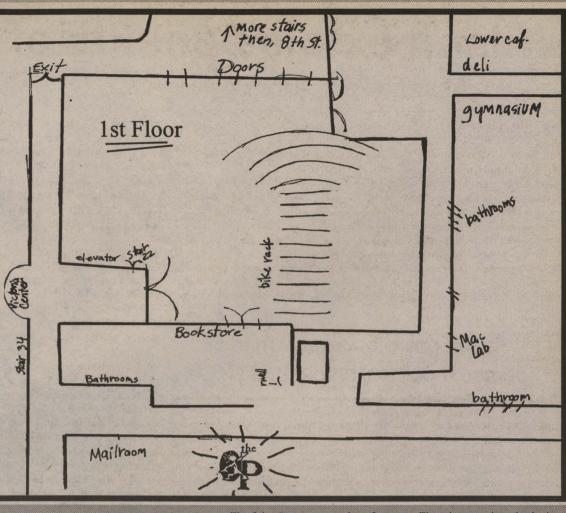
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# **Dear Jet girl**

I totally agree with Boyd who wrote to you in the second to last issue of the Other Press last semester and I do not agree with you and the Penguins responses in a subsequent issue. Your response to Boyd (Get the point, Boyd) made me laugh and also angry. You told Boyd he "got the point and missed the point". one that's a contradiction and two Boyd got exactly what you meant in what you wrote the problem is that it sounds like you either didn't write what you meant or you're just trying to dig yourself out of a hole that you dug.

Letters

I agree that women should be cautious when out in the world but I don't believe we should hate all men because of the acts of a minority of men. Also men are not the only violent gender out there women can also rape and murder just like a man and some have done just that. Taking precautions to keep yourself safe from violence be it inflicted by a man or woman is very different from hated a group of people for the acts of some.

Be precautious but do not make yourself a victim being controlled by that fear and not do anything about that fear. You say that laws will not do anything to change the state of things not there. I

### Deer Other Drees

I totally agree with Boyd who wrote disagree, I believe that laws are a start ou in the second to last issue of the in making society change for the better.

You ended your letter to Boyd by writing "Don't blame me, blame our society." Well, girl, I blame both but unlike you I do something about it. I march for the rights of victims, I have volunteered for victims rights groups, I have signed petitions, and I back all that up by living what I say and believe in unlike you who writes crap like wanting sex for Christmas and giving some guy "some awesome head."

Jet Girl go do something more productive with your life and leave the rest of the female population of the world out of it.

# Print Futures student, friend of B.P. and all fellow humans (female and male)



# Dear "Jet Girl"

Before the latest issue, I was going to write you a letter regarding your immature, trite, stale rhetoric. However your cutesy uninformed articles have been overshadowed by your correspondence with Boyd regarding "man bashing". As an ardent, I have to say— I <u>do not</u> hate men.

Not all men are abusive, and they do not deserve your stereotype. You are a bigot when you generalize about an entire group. Your outlook simply perpetuates the divisions between the sexes. Women have struggled to "catch up" with men in society, and in many ways we have surpassed them. Women are able to express their emotions-and it is socially acceptable whereas men are warned since childhood that "boys don't cry". Jet, this is not simple issue. Not all men rape and not all women are victims. Stop generalizing and start to understand the issue from both perspectives. Stop being a victim. Get the point?

PS. you are going to remain "Horny" (O.P. Dec 95) if you treat men as the enemy.

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I am enclosing a copy of my petition, which I mentioned in a letter to the Other Press, to replace the inferior telephone registration system with superior human beings. I am seeking support of the Student Council, the Faculty Association (I have meeting, on December the 4th, with Dr. Terry Farrel of the Political Science Department) the Administration, the Faculty and the Students because the majority of Douglas College people (that I have talked with) agree with my initiative. In other words, if the majority of Douglas College people sign my petition the registrar will have to replace the inferior telephone registration system with superior human beings; to do otherwise would bring Douglas College into disrepute, and it would no longer have the support of its own people.... In addition, can the Other Press please print a copy of my petition in its next edition (I am unable, due to the sheer volume, to print 5,000 copies of my petition) as that is the best and most efficient way of contacting the people of Douglas College. Finally, I know many Douglas College people read the Other Press; therefore, they will be able to sign my petition (if they want to); also, anyone who signs my petition can drop it off at the Student Society office; however, they should ask the receptionist to place the petition in my file.

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Sincerely Linda Meyer

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# Wilson extols benefits of his party at DC

# But no news on post secondary education

# by Paul Andrew

the B.C. Liberal Party, and his wife Judi Tyabji, visited Douglas College Saturday, December 2 to encourage She as the MLA in Okanagan east, and undecided voters to join their new he as the leader of the Progressive political party, the Progressive Democratic Alliance. Democratic Alliance (PDA).

this dinner, the focus was clearly on back in 1991 when I was leader of the Wilson

Gordon Wilson, former leader of press almost as much as it was in their personal lives.

Still, Wilson and Tyabji carry on.

"Few people understood who I Even though Tyabji was present at was and what I wanted to accomplish Liberal Party," Wilson said as he began Wilson and his party seemed his speech. "I have learned a lot between

government is putting the brunt of the provincial debt on the elderly and the poor because of the financial cuts to social programs, therefore blaming these groups for the provincial mismanagement of social transfer payments. Instead, he feels NDP cabinet minister Glen Clark's spending is suspect and does not help the financial difficulties in B.C.

# "You've got to be slightly mad to pursue a political career in B.C...,"

the scandal that crumbled the dominant Liberal party in 1991, partially as a result of the romance that developed into a marriage between Wilson and Tyabji.

And in the midst of one political blunder after another at the hands of whatever political party happens to be in power, the governing of B.C. is becoming a questionable career.

"You've got to be slightly mad to pursue a political career in B.C.," Wilson admitted. "It doesn't matter to me if I'm the next Premier of British Columbia."

Wilson, who was an instructor of Resource Management when he left Capilano College in 1991 to end a 17year career there, appeared to be at ease in the Douglas College Room as he and Tyabji posed for pictures and mingled with the modest gathering of some thirty people.

The amount of people seemed to be just what Wilson expected though.

"I like to have small crowds for a membership drive," Wilson explained.

The PDA is Wilson's effort at bringing fundamental structural changes to the governing of British Columbia. He extols the same policies that brought the Liberal Party huge popularity when he was the leader in 1991, and before any political improprieties shook the party that he and Tyabji were instrumental in dismantling, thanks to the romance that was played out in the

motivated, displaying a resilience from now and then ( ... ) we must start to do business differently in this province," he continued

Even though Wilson's popularity as a politician has declined in this province, he does have a knack for putting the political problems of B.C. in perspective.

"We cannot simply replace the existing government with a whole bunch of new faces and names and allow business to continue as usual," he said. "That's what's happened federally, and that's what's happened provincially. Now we have such an enormous cynicism in the electorate in B.C. that they don't believe any politicians anymore'

Wilson went on to talk about the televised political debate in 1991 among the Social Credit, the NDP and the Liberals. He cited this occasion as the moment British Columbian's realized there may be some hope that a political party (the Liberals) was prepared to invest in the future of the citizens of B.C.

"Maybe we've finally got some politicians in B.C. who are prepared to say 'my job is to look out for your interests, the people of British Columbia, not the interests of corporate downtown, not the interests of the off-shore investor," Wilson said, when he was referring to the reaction of British Columbian's regarding his appearance in the 1991 debate.

Wilson feels the current

Wilson asked. "Because Glen Clark, who is involved in some kind of scheme to prove his manhood, is out there spending \$800 million on an aluminum catamaran to knock off 20 minutes in sailing time from Horseshoe bay to Nanaimo," he said. "That's why we have fiscal mismanagement."

"Do you want to know why we're \$29 billion in debt?"

Armed with knowledge that is upsetting British Columbians and distancing them from the current government, it's not difficult to see why politicians like Wilson, who do not have any significant power in the B.C. political picture, are coming up with answers that seem so simple yet so hard to implement in this province.

"One of the main reasons I'm still doing what I'm doing is because I fear for this country,' Wilson said.

"I can't sleep at night when I think about what's happening to my country.

Wilson feels the \$9.6 billion that will be spent on social programs for 300,000 status aboriginal people in B.C. is not reaching those it is intended for. and as a result, the aboriginal population still lives in an atmosphere

of poverty. "Only 12 percent of that money actually goes to the aboriginal people," Wilson said. "The rest is all spent on this

huge bureaucracy that is taking that money and is putting that money into the pockets of people who are simply

living off the avails of our continued problems of post-secondary students in discrimination against those [aboriginal] people."

offered no solutions to solving the to come.

B.C. regarding the federal reductions to education funding in this province, Even though Wilson's speech was which in turn will boost the tuition in taking place at Douglas College, he this province considerably in the years



# **Douglas News Wrap-up '95!** We remind you of the hell that was Fall Semester

by Samuel Lapalme-Remis

students and faculty were forced out of their classrooms and into the streets five New at Douglas College? times. Thankfully, there was never a Suffering from amnesia? Can't bomb or a fire present at DC. The threats





Gordon Wilson and wife Judi Tyabji

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remember anything before the day after New Year's Eve? What follows is a quick wrap-up of important news from DC's greatest semester yet, Fall 1995.

Most newsworthy of all was the threat of a faculty strike that persisted until early November, when the government finally came to the negotiating table. This issue is still unresolved and may lead to a strike this semester. The faculty seeks a fair pay scale and salary increases to fend off inflation. The government, one assumes, wants to profit from inflation and an unfair pay scale. It's always the be as wild and crazy as the government's fault ...

Perhaps because all this craziness was distracting them from their studies and leaving them unprepared from examinations, some people took it upon themselves to distract everybody by calling in a bomb threat four times and pulling the fire alarm once. As a result,

may have led some students to actually speak to each other, although these farfetched rumours remained unconfirmed at press time.

The government reared its ugly head again with plans to cut funding for post-secondary education, which could lead to massive tuition increases for students at DC and everywhere else. This story is still in progress, so the OP encourages everyone to get involved in the debate.

Will the next semester last? It is up to YOU, the vast number of OP readers, to decide since you are the ones who make the news. Let's make it good news.



# **Computer Theft!**

# By Gweny Wong

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the school not a creature was stirring, not even a fool.

The computers were locked in their offices with care not knowing that soon a thief would be there

Security was nestled all snug in their room unaware 'round the corner that danger did loom ....

More than \$10,000 worth of computer Coumont said. equipment was stolen from Douglas College over the Christmas break.

and enter, as the thieves (or thief) were but at least \$5000 worth of memory extremely selective in what they took and (SIMS) went missing. A laptop and a where they hit.

Systems and Computing, all the computers' casing. computers in the computer labs are alarmed. However, computers located in the rooms hit by the thieves. Coumont staff and business offices do not have the hopes that these thefts do not hinder the same security. Five offices on the "Zero Print Futures students. However, it hundred" and the "One hundred" levels shouldn't take longer than one or two of the school were hit by the thieves, weeks to replace the missing equipment.

Theft of this magnitude is rare at Douglas. The final cost of replacing the This was more than just a crude break stolen equipment has yet to be calculated, number of video cards were also MIA. According to Mark Coumont, of The thieves also damaged or destroyed the

The Print Futures room was among

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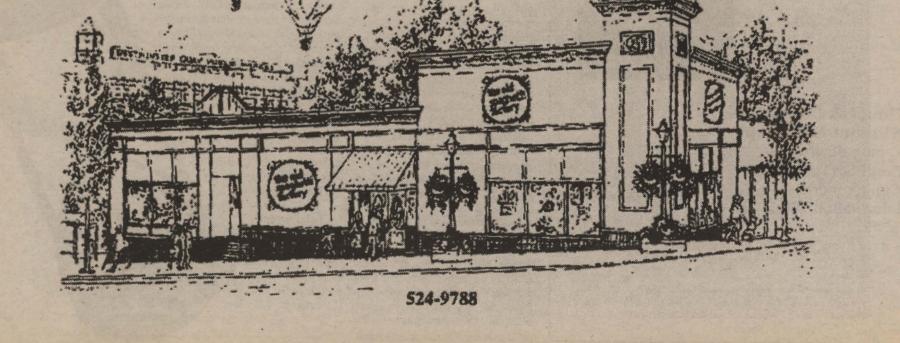
The Douglas College Bookstore has extended its hours to accomodate the book buying rush during the first two weeks of school.

January 10 -	11 9am - 7:30 pm
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There is almost always a long line up so get there really early, or wait a couple of weeks if you hate line ups. Although waiting in line is a good time to meet new people, get reaquainted with someone you met in one of your classes, read the Other Press, stare at the ceiling or at the the back of the person in front of you, sing campfire songs, learn or teach line dancing, reflect on the New Year's resolutions you have already broken a dozen times or think about the other ways you could have spent your book money.

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# Opinions

# **Vive le bilinguisme!**

# Battons l'hypocrésie bureaucratique

par Samuel Lapalme-Remis

À la récente conférence de la CUP, l'organisation canadienne Flakes mais ils négligent la solution la plus simple: apprenez le des journaux universitaires, on a insisté sur le fait que la CUP veut français! De cette manière, la boîte sera toujours du bon bord pour

J'entend fréquemment les gens ici se

plaindre qu'ils doivent endurer du

français sur leurs boîtes de Corn

Flakes...

devenir une organisation bilingue. Bien que cette position est noble, il est évident qu'elle n'est pas souvent appliquée dans la vaste majorité des journaux universitaires anglophones. personne-ressource La officielle de la Other Press, qui était présente à la conférence, m'a demandé de mettre la position officielle de la CUP en application en

écrivant un court éditorial en français.

qu'il n'y a presque pas d'anglophones canadiens qui maîtrisent le les adeptes du français pourrons donc rire d'eux dans cet espace. Si français? Pour un pays bilingue, le Cananada est très unilingue dans vous voulez contribuer à la politique officielle de la CUP, sentezhuit de ses dix provinces. J'entend fréquemment les gens ici se vous libre de venir nous voir. Ne vous attendez juste pas à pouvoir y plaindre qu'ils doivent endurer du français sur leurs boîtes de Corn parlez français...

que vous puissiez lire les ingrédients.

Si vous, les gens qui sont incapables de lire cet éditorial, voulez rendre les liens entre francophones et anglophones plus étroits, il serait recommendable que vous fassiez un effort et que vous appreniez un peu de français. Apprendre une seconde langue aure peut-être peu d'utilité pratique, mais ce serait un ajout considérable à vôtre culture personelle. En plus, vous pourrez impréssionner tous les québécois et les convaince, dans nôtre langue, de rester ou de quitter.

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Et voilà, c'est mon éditorial en français. Malheusement, ceux

Vous qui avez la capacité de lire cet éditorial, avez-vous noté qui ont le plus besoin de le lire seront incapables de le faire. Nous

# Are you opinionated?

Get off the fence and speak your mind

# by Kevin Sallows

Everyone is opinionated. We all have our own ideas about the way things are and the way things should be. Whether it's a deep conviction about a contentious issue or a simple preference, having an opinion is one of the things that makes us human.

So why is it that some people are labeled as being opinionated while others are not? Well, it has something to do with voice. "Opinionated" people are those who speak their mind, they're the ones who let others know just how they feel or what they think. The quiet observer is often no less opinionated, he or she only gives the illusion of being so by withholding the opinion, by choosing not to share with others the way he or she feels. The only difference between the opinionated individual and the quiet fence-sitter is that the opinionated person gives voice to his or her thoughts.

And giving voice to one's thoughts isn't something which is overly encouraged in our culture, particularly if you're a woman, a child, a member of a marginalized minority. One only has to look at some of the stereotypes that we maintain to see the stigma attached to speaking up about something you believe in: the zealous street-preacher — loud and opinionated, probably crazy; the impassioned environmental activist — preachy, dope-smoking tree-hugger; the confident, outspoken woman — overbearing, man-hating femi-nazi, must be a dyke

We are quick to label and slow to understand. By slotting someone into a category - radical, Christian, lesbian, East Indian, liberal we are able to dismiss what they are saying before even trying to listen, let alone understand.

In an atmosphere such as this, it's no surprise that people are hesitant to make their opinions known. Every time you voice your opinion, you risk standing out from the crowd. You risk being labeled and dismissed. You risk rejection. Let's face it, people can be pretty damn cruel, especially when they're running with the pack.

But the fact is, if you want to be heard, you have to speak up. This newspaper is your place to be heard. Those of you who think that the Other Press is an exclusive club that shuns outsiders have got it wrong. The Other Press is a forum for you to say what's on your mind.

Once again, though, it's up to you to raise your voice. I didn't have to do anything particularly special to get this piece printed, other than care enough to write and submit it. If you've got something to say and you care enough about it, then speak up. Get off your fence and come down here. Write a letter, a poem, an opinion piece, a comic. If you're feeling really ambitious, pick an issue that you feel strongly about and that's relevant and write a feature on it.

Sure, you might take some flack, some people might disagree with you, they might even go so far as to say, "You suck and I hate the way you think." So what? Fuck 'em if they can't take a joke. Life's a lot more than a popularity contest. But then, that's just my opinion.

# An Atheist's View of Christmas

# by Boyd Pearson

During the past holiday season, something kept popping up in my mind. How many people really know what Christmas is all about? Sadly, I believe very few people really do understand the true meaning of Christmas. Sure, many people blame this on the commercialization of the season — the BUY! BUY! BUY! mentally that is constantly drilled into our heads. The birth of Jesus Christ is the reason why we have Christmas, but it is not the reason why I celebrate it. What does Christmas mean to an Atheist?

"ALLOWING BILIGUALISM TO CONTINUE TO GROW IS VERY DANGEROUS." NEWT GINGRICH STATED AFTER A TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS FORUM.

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"I CAN TELL YOU THAT A STRONG AND UNITED CANADA HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL PARTNER FOR THE UNITED STATES," WAS BILL CLINTON'S TAKE ON THE QUEBEC REFERENDUM.

"I LIKE THAT, THE UNITED STATES OF CANADA ... HAS A CERTAIN RING TO IT. WE'LL MAKE ALL THOSE AMERICANS PARLER FRANCAIS," QUOTH ONE OP MEMBER, AFTER ONE TOO MANY HOURS AT SCHOOL ....

OKAY, SO SHE WAS DRUNK TOO.

**Battle of the** Genders

Jet Girl strives to be her outrageous self

# By Dia Richardson

Women and men: we are so similar, yet so, so different. There are the obvious physical differences that immediately come to mind, but what I'm talking about is much deeper. It's the way we perceive and act to the world about us. Women and men definitely have different operating styles. Of course there are exceptions to the rule, there always is, that's what makes the human species so interesting and unique.

There are many factors that determine the various traits attributed to each gender. Biology can have a major contributing factor, as well as the society that we are raised in. Men have for centuries been looked to as the provider and defender of his family and country/community. On the other hand, women have been the nurturers who have cared for their homes and children.

In the twentieth century, women have worked hard at changing their role in society. We are now allowed to vote (unless we are in prison), and it seems to be more rare for a woman to be a Ostay at home momO than to be out in the work force. Although we as women have seemed to achieve many rights and advantages, we are often still expected to act like the women of old, caring and nursing are our men and children. There are many men that welcome the changing roles of women. They are happy to stay at home and have their partner support them, without taking it as a personal blow to their ego.

Still, as much as we work for change, some things just don't seem to. Take the way men and women react so differently to sexual harassment. It comes down to the way we think. What a woman considers Oover the line, O a man could consider a compliment.

At the recent 58th National CUP (Canadian University Press) Conference, which was held in Sidney, B.C. over the holiday break, I decided to test my theory. A sexual harassment committee had been set up to deal with any offenders so I put my black leather mini skirt on and went out to offend. Now, I admit I have a serious fetish for men's bums. I love to look and if the butt looks nice and firm then I find it very hard to resist touching. I could not believe how many men at this party let me drool over and grope their bums. All I had to do was to state that I had a bum fetish, and most of the men would just turn around and display their merchandise proudly. Usually the proudest would also let me touch. I was in ecstasy. I would like to especially thank Athol from the Excaliber and Rob from the OK Phoenix for helping to make my evening most enjoyable. Needless to say, I was not charged with harassment by any of these men. I tried, I did my best but they seemed to enjoy the attention. Whereas a woman in a similar situation might have been very offended by having a man rate their tush. Was it right for me to sexually harass these men? Actually, it technically was not harassment if they invited the attention and offered it up for my perusal. I'll admit, being raised as a nice girl, I did not feel that 'nice' that evening, but I sure had fun. Maybe that is the only way we can get away from being gender based, by just doing what feels right for us at that particular time. Regardless of whether it's perceived as a Ôfemale' or 'male' role by our society.

Lets face it, for the most part, Christmas is meant for kids, just like Trix. All of us can fondly remember finding that Transformer (Starscream) or Cabbage Patch Kid (Mary Lou) under the tree on Christmas morning. Maybe this has absolutely nothing to do with the birth of Christ, but it sure made me happy.

Which brings me to religion (Oh great, not one of those discussions! Watch out, it's a touchy subject!). Should an Atheist celebrate Christmas? In my opinion, yes. But an atheist does not believe in Christ, right? Well, right, but so what? The spirit of Christmas is something which should touch everyone, especially every child. Whatever your own religious and spiritual beliefs are, I think you should embrace the spirit of Christmas, which is the spirit of giving.

This past Christmas, I was feeling a bit down and out, disillusioned by the whole holiday season. Watching It's A Wonderful Life, and Scrooged didn't even change my spirits. I watched as my friends and relatives "celebrated" by getting pissed out of their skulls. Some of them were drinking eggnog (with rum of course), but I couldn't see how this had anything to do with Christmas. My attitude soon changed after a few drinks, however, and I got pissed out of my skull along with them, quite happily, I might add. Being with friends and relatives is one of the benefits of the season.

It was on Christmas morning when my spirits really changed. I watched as my two year-old nephew awoke to find a train underneath the tree. He sat transfixed for half an hour watching the train go around and around under the tree, tooting and whistling. Personally, this is what Christmas is all about (it smells like stinking cheese, but it's true), making kids happy. Children need a sense of wonderment to spark their imaginations. They need to believe that there is a Santa Claus. With all of the depressing events that happen in the world everyday, children need to believe in something good, even if it's just for a little while out of the year. Regardless of religious beliefs, Christmas should be celebrated by all. This doesn't mean that you have to put up a tree and Christmas lights. Simply by going out of your way to make Christmas special for children is enough.

Women, men, I don't know if I'll ever completely figure out either gender. But isn't that half of the fun? Is it really the battle of the sexes or are we just battling to be ourselves?

# the Press

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# January 10, 1996

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A young persons guide to the VSO

# by Trent Ernst

Those of you who have watched my meteoric rise to mediocrity here at the Other Press know that I have a soft spot for "classical" music. I enjoy those rare occasions when I can actually get out and see the VSO (Dvorak, January 7, featuring cellist Frans Helmerson).

However, going to the symphony can be an uncomfortable experience. Much as I love the Orpheum and its lavish glory, a poor boy like me cannot help but feel out of place in hiking boots and jack-shirt, especially when surrounded by the three-piece crowd that one expects at these events.

The VSO has been trying to dispel the myth of the symphony as a place for old fogies or yuppie scum, but, judging by the crowd at Dvorak, it hasn't been working. Which is unfortunate, because the worst thing that can happen to music is for it to become institutionalized. Music is a living art that will suffocate if placed under glass, reserved for the select few.

Fortunately, the VSO is willing to let the music live, performing newer compositions by Canadian composer Oskar Morawetz, or obscure gems such as *Five Pieces for Orchestra* by Anton Webern. Now the trick is to get the music heard by the younger generations.

I have come up with a few suggestions that the VSO could look into:

Much as I love the Orpheum, try playing the Commodore once in a while, especially on a Friday night.

Cheaper tickets! I know that the ticket cost goes to paying the salaries of close to a hundred musicians, and it is little more than the price of a Peter Gabriel ticket, but we

Book

How I Learned to Speak Dog & Other Animal Stories Collected by the British Columbia S.P.C.A.

**Douglas & McIntyre** 

Those of you who have watched my meteoric rise to students are a poor lot, and Gabriel only comes around once iocrity here at the Other Press know that I have a soft every few years.

Dress down more often. If the musicians are in jeans, perhaps I wouldn't feel so uncomfortable in the audience. More cross-over events. I, for one, would love to see a

VSO/NIN collaboration. Speaking of which, would a mosh pit really be that bad? Better sound system...and crank the hell out of it!

Cheaper booze, and allow beverages inside the auditorium A dance floor.

Fetish nights. (Hey, it works for the Commodore.)



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# On Campus

Gallery

A New Year, and no "best of '95" lists, I can die happy. This ish we have for your perusal many lite, no cholesteral, lots of chemical additives, to make it taste, well, flavourful.

favoured beverage], and belly up to the banquet. Welcome to 1996, Year of the [insert catch-phrase].

Ceedee reviews, a book, films, and ways to better enjoy your symphony experience are the buffet offered. Grab a plate, some eating tools, a [insert container of choice] of [insert

> Rita Monaco Jan 8 to Feb 12, in the Amelia Douglas Gallery -up on the fourth floor. Admission is free.

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# Noon at New West

Painting by Rita Monaco

See?

Free concert series, Thursdays at 12:30 in the Performing Arts Theatre. Jan

11 Tony Sheppard, saxophone; Colin MacDonald, saxophone; Stephen Smith, piano. Jan 18 Uzume Taiko, Japanese percussion.

# Oddities

Wendilo Self-defense for Women at Douglas College. Taught by women, open to all women employees and students. Free two hour workshops, Boardroom - Room 4630. Jan 15 2 - 4pm. Jan 16 4 - 6pm. To register call 527-5440. And then there's more, 5 week course, Jan 23 -Feb 20. 4 - 6pm Room 1250. Cost \$20 - sliding scale. Pay at first class. Register, call 527-5440, or Just show up.

Off Campus

# Theater

The Crucible. by Arthur Miller, at the Vancouver Playhouse, Begins January 11. Call 873-3311.

The Vancouver East Cultural Centre presents Penny Arcade - True Stories, Jan 11-13, 8pm; Jan 16 a special performance benefiting the Neurological Centre, Scraping the Surface, 7pm.

Sea Theater presents Vivienne Laxdal's Karla and Grif. Opens January 11 at the Station Street Arts Centre, running until Jan 27. Tix \$12/10 for students and seniors. Call 688-3312.

Arts Club Theater presents Keely and Du by Jane Martin. Jan 24 -Feb 24 at the new review stage. Mainstage is playing The Passion of Dracula. Call 687-5315.

Tiger's Heart at the Frederic Wood Theatre. Jan 10-10, 25-27. Call 822-2678.

# Gallery

Vancouver East Cultural Centre has Arlene D. Byrne, The Widow's Weeds, Jan 15 - Feb 9.

Vancouver Art Gallery (750 Hornby) Eikoh Hosoe: Ordeal by Roses; Vancouver 1965-1975: Context and Influences; Maxwell Bates: Secrets of the Grand Hotel; Aganetha Dyck; The Art of Mary Pratt: The Substance of Light.

Community Arts Council of Vancouver Gallery (837 Davie St.) Figures in Space, Eldon Underhill. Jan 16 - Feb 10.

Surrey Art Gallery (13750 - 88th Ave) True Grid: Selections from the Permanent Collection until Jan 21 in the Main Gallery. Visions of Light: Textiles by the Peace Arch Weavers and Spinners Guild. Until Jan 28 in the Main Gallery too. Works by Surrey School District Art Teachers until Jan 28 in the Theatre Gallery.

# Concert

At the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, The Flirtations Jan 17-20, 8pm. Jan 21 2pm.

Yefim Bronfman, Jan 21 8pm at the Vancouver Playhouse, the Russian born Israeli pianist will be performing some Schumann, Tchiakovsky and Prokoviev.

Group Home w/Onyx Jan 14 at Richards on Richards.

Bel Canto Italia presents Opera in Concert with soprano Sofia Alexandrova. Jan 13 8pm at St. Andrew's Wesley Church (1012 Nelson St.) Tix \$20. Call 985-3948.

I read this book at about three in the morning. My dog, being somewhat more sane, was trying to sleep. I had to keep waking him up to make sure he was still alive. And to ask him if he would like some ice cream, to go for a hike, perhaps a vacation in the Bahamas.... So many dogs die in this book. Rodents die. Horses die. Birds die. Fish die. Just warning you.

How I Learned to Speak Dog contains submissions from fifty-seven people. Many of the contributers are previously published writers, but others are published here for the first time. It consists of true stories about both domestic and wild animals. The stories explore the roles that animals play in our lives. Why do we care about animals in a world full of starving, neglected children? When we don't, we risk cutting ourselves off from a wealth of experience. We are a part of the natural world. The fact that we have prehensile thumbs and electric can openers does not exempt us from this.

The animals in this book have lives filled with both the commonplace and the mysterious, with both comedy and tragedy. In one story, a three and a half pound cat trees a bear. In another, a sick horse drags himself to the vet's. Because



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to Speak Dog

they're animals, the unexpected and the impossible happen. Because this is life, sometimes the impossible fails to come through.

More than anything else, *How I Learned to Speak Dog* is a book about the relationships between people and animals. A horse follows an ostracized man everywhere. A woman rescues her dogs from a pack of wolves by kicking the wolves' leader. A terrified dog teaches prison inmates about what they have to offer. This book is a celebration of generations of love, perseverance, and an often difficult but necessary co-existence.

by Corene McKay

# Oddities

The 8th Annual Women in View Festival, Jan 25-28. All sorts of kuel stuff, all sorts of different places. Open an eye and look for the events calendar, the usual places.

Jan 13, 8pm, Video in Studios (1965 Main St.) presents Brevity...1.economy in expression; conciseness. 2.shortness (of time, etc.) Donna Jones talks about her art. Premiere of Maigre Dog; and Whispers of Kisses, a meditation on David Hume assertion that humans are nothing but bundles of desires. Admission by donation, reception to follow. Call 872-8337.

Kiss Project, Performance Works, Granville Island. Jan 2 - Feb 18. Jan 12, 13 8pm Canadian Quintet, John Alleyne, David Earle, Daryl Hoskins, Joe Laughlin and Judith Marcuse. Jan 19 8pm Off the Wall, Jan 20 8pm An Evening of Fire. Jan 25 8pm Scared Scriptless with a Kiss -Theatre Sports. Tix \$15. Info 606-6425. Phone Reservations Visa or Mastercard req.

Vancouver Theatresports League presents St. Valentine's Massacre begins Jan 17 thru 'til Feb 14. At the Planetarium. Call 688-7013.

Twisted and dark, Mr. Bungle are best known out in mainstream-land for being Faith No More frontman Mike Patton's first band and favourite side project. Their first self-titled album, released in 1991, was produced by avant-garde jazz composer John Zorn, and it built up a cult following. The band recently released Disco Volante, an album that seemed destined for only the most underground of Bungle crowds. Oddly enough, it has received guite a bit of commercial success. On the strength of that album, Mr. Bungle played at the completely full Commodore Ballroom on December 13. A few hours before the show, I spoke with guitar/keyboard/trumpet player Trey Spruance, who has also been known professionnally as Schmmy and Uncooked Meat Prior To State Vector Collapse. As well as being an original member of Mr. Bungle, Sprhance has recorded with John Zorn and Faith No More. Story by Samuel Lapalme-Remis Photos by Kevin Sallows

No More, you've had a lot of time between albums. What the music is kind of gypped because you've got to interchange have the other members of Mr.

Bungle been doing with their time? TS: Well, Trevor's (Dunn, bass player) been playing in jazz groups, making a living playing jazz music. I've been doing a really wide assortment of oddball projects; constantly filling my time with fucked-up noise music.

# How long have Mr.Bungle been together?

It's been a little over ten years. It started off as a death metal high school band.

# When you started this band in high school, did you think that it would become your livelihood?

Livelihood? It's not really our livelihood (laughs)! It's not bad, I can't complain. We do get some money from it, but not enough to live or anything.

For a while maybe, but how much time did we take off here? Like three-and-a-half fucking years! You can't sustain yourself, it's like being out of work for that long.

Trey Spruance

# Would you say that Mr. Bungle is a rock band?

You would have to classify it as a rock band, I think. The people who buy our records are primarily rock music fans. We don't try to worm out of that. That's kind of a trite thing, to say, "Oh no, we're these creative art geniuses, this is not a rock band!" I don't really care. It would be nice to play at venues where we could have a little bit of variety, with people not drunk and screaming in our face all night. That might be interesting.

Is that what you get when you tour with Mr. Bungle? I get a lot of shit. A lot of just moronic bullshit. A lot of this album? Faith No More fans. I've got nothing against that, obviously all of us come from a rock background, it's no problem. It's

If you say anything in reaction then you've just handed the whole OP: Because of Mike Patton being busy with Faith show over to those people and everybody else who came to hear

> with these fucking assholes. It's a drag. We try to avoid it as much as we can.

> > How would you describe Disco Volante? Describe it? I've given up on that.

# Can you describe Mr. Bungle's first

Now I probably could, because time gives you a certain perspective on that, but this one's

Absolutely, there were more discernible

one. Vocals don't carry the melody as much on this one as they did last time. It's a

more of an arrangement-based album.

# Any particular reason why you chose to do it this way?

We're into arrangements a little bit more than we are into emphasizing the harmonic elements of songs. When you think of a song you usually think of melody and chords. It's boring, you know, we just got tired of that. I'm into good songs and I'm certainly into songwriting but in this band it's not what we're currently emphasizing. That could change tomorrow.

# Is a single or video being released from Trevor Dunn

Nothing's been released, I don't think. Now that the tour's done really well, Warner Brothers came to our show in Atlanta just that sometimes people get really drunk and they start and said, "Well actually, we'd love to do something!" Like what?

screaming ignorant shit and then that takes over the whole show. I don't foresee anything like that. I'd rather stay away from it. I like our situation a lot. I wouldn't want to change it. I really wouldn't want them to start promoting it at this point, it's doing fine!

> What's that weird thing on the cover of Disco Volante? It's a fish that lives 20 000 feet under the sea. The photograph came from a deep-sea diving book where they illustrate different sea life. We were excavating these tomes of under-water exploration photos because it was fitting in with the associative themes of the record. We weren't exactly looking for a cover, but we turned to that page, and here it was in a crusty old book that nobody looks at. We all agreed right at that moment that it should be the cover, and that was it. It was perfect. It has reference to a lot of other symbolic things that are woven into the packaging. It seemed very obvious.

The artwork was important in the first record as well Ithe layout includes drawings of violent drunken clowns, among other things]. What was that all about?

They were all drawings by this guy, Dan Sweetman, that were from a comic book that I found

called A Cotton Candy Autopsy. Actually, I don't think it's possible to find anymore, since a lot of people have snatched them up.

You played guitar on Faith No More's King For A Day ... Fool For A Lifetime but did not tour with them. What happened?

I just quit. I was going to be a member of the band, but I decided to quit.

I read in the British press that you were this rich boy and couldn't keep up with the rigours of touring with Faith No More.

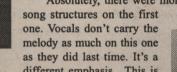
Yeah, I heard about that. That was a really interesting thing. The thing that they brought up was that I was a silver

spoon-fed rich kid. What they are referring to is the fact that I'm blood-related with someone who is a vice-president of the Dupont Chemical Company. The part they left out is that my dad broke his ties with that family and moved to the West

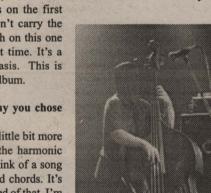
album? harder to describe. Volante.

# It's very sparse. On your debut, if you cut out the sparse bits you were left with very melodic songs. That's not the case with Disco

song structures on the first



different emphasis. This is



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Coast before I was born and I've never even seen a no. It's just a branch of Humanism. It's really picture of my grandfather. So there's not exactly money rolling around.

# But how would they even know that?

Well, Mike knows me. He probably told them. I think the main thing is that they were feeling really guilty because they jacked me around a bit and they were afraid that maybe I was going to make them

look bad so they had to make me look bad first.

# Do you hold that against Mike or Faith No More?

I just watch their record sales plummet and I'm satisfied. I have no beef, really. If they had done really well and then they were fucking me over, then I'd be pissed off but they haven't done well, so there's no harm done.

# Have they broken up?

No. It's just rumours. There's a lot of paranoia every time a Mr. Bungle record comes out that it's going to destroy Faith No More. It's bullshit. There's no real problematic dichotomy between the two bands. It actually works out pretty well. They

something.

# I read in the press that you are a Satanist. scene. Is this true?

Satanic and scary for some reason. My answer to that is there are so many perspectives on that issue. If you're talking about the way that William Blake talks about the Devil, then I have to say that I ally myself with those kinds of things, but if we're talking about Anton Levay, or those who like that kind of thing, then I'd have to say emphatically



Mike Patton, my hero. . . nay, my GOD (-ed.)

(laughs)!

over there. The British haven't broken up. In fact, they just recorded press are totally crazy and evil and all that.

# They're very destructive of their own music

I don't care how predatory they are, they can Oh yeah, the British press think that I'm really do no damage to us. People who take kind that kind of press seriously can fuck off anyway.

> The funny thing is that people take it very seriously over there. Mmm-Hmm. Well, they can FUCK OFF



boring to me. It's just a bunch of moralistic bullshit. I'm not really into morals, so I'm not really into Satan.

What would be something that you would want to tell the readers of the Other Press?

I'd just say distrust in every appearance. Appearances are there only to deceive. There's

never been a truth behind any appearance. I've found that relevant to every aspect of my character, my being, and my experience.

So you're not a Satanist or a silver spoon-fed rich kid as you've been labeled in the press...

I wish you could see where I live (laughs)! I should just send them a picture of my room. I don't need to clean the fucking slate and clarify issues. People are going to believe what they want. I can't wait to go there [Great Britain]. I'm just going to admit all of it and hopefully get this reputation as this world traveling philanthropist. I should dress really nicely

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# **Films**

# **Four Rooms**

# by Trent Ernst.

For all those people who didn't catch the drift with Destiny Turns On the Radio, let me reiterate; Quentin Tarintino is not infallible.

For proof, look no further than Four Rooms, the latest offering from Tarintino and three of his director friends, Allison Anders, Alexandre Rockwell and Robert Rodriguez.

Of the three, People will be most familiar with Rodriguez, whose El Mariachi is a cult favorite, and whose stylish, bloody Desperado found commercial success last summer.

The film revolves around Ted the bell-hop (Tim Roth, whose performance evokes a Python-era Eric Idle with shades of Mr. Bean), who has to deal with the odd-ball guests of a prestigious hotel, 30 years past its prime. The film is divided into four segments (hence the title of the film),

with each segment directed by a different director. Each segment stands as an almost distinct piece of work. Therein lies part of the problem. There is little or no coherency between segments. This movie barely holds together as a movie. It feels more like watching two hours of TV sitcoms than a movie.

If we can't judge the movie as a whole, we can look at the component parts. Allison Anders is the first director up to bat, with the tale of a coven of witches holding their annual rites in the honeymoon suite of the hotel. They are trying to save their "goddess" (a stripper named Diana) who was turned to stone on her wedding

night back in the 1950's. The segment includes some really campy special effects and some gratuitous nudity, but is ultimately pointless. 'The Wrong Man', directed by Alexandre Rockwell almost lives

up to the movies billing as a comedy. Ted the bell-hop delivers a bucket of ice to the wrong room and winds up involved in a deranged domestic dispute. Husband Sigfried (David Proval) thinks that Ted has been having an affair with wife Angela (Jennifer Beales - Hey! She's actually doing something other than Flashdance!). There are

some funny moments (Tim Roth's "My name is not Theodore" rant is a stand out), but in the end, it is as hollow and pointless as the previous piece.

Robert Rodriguez's 'The Misbehavors' is by far the best of the bunch, which isn't saying much. Ganster father (Antonio Bandaras, surprise, surprise) and beautiful mother (Tamlyn Tomita) go out for a night on the town leaving 12 year old Sarah and 6 year old Juancho in Ted's unwilling charge. A simple variation on the "children from hell" theme, but taken to ridiculous extremes.

As for Tarintino's segment, he one-hands it throughout. Not only does he direct the segment, but he feels compelled to star in it as well. Unfortunate, because as an actor, Tarintino can't support a role that lasts longer than two or three minutes. His cameos are great, but once his characters needs character, look out. Some occasionally good dialogue (this is Tarintino, after all), but the segment only becomes interesting in the last two minutes. I, for one, do not need to watch Tarintino wank for half an hour.

Bottom line? Catch this one at a two-dollar theatre. Maybe then you'll get your money's worth. But I doubt it.

> Mack 10 Mack 10 Priority/Viscin

**Twelve Monkeys** 

# by Darin Clisby

Not your typical apocalyptic/time travel kind of movie. That is for sure. Think the Terminator and Eco Terrorists or CNN meets the Twilight Zone.

Here is the premise (don't read if you like secrets): A virus destroys virtually the entire human population of the earth. Future society moves underground to escape further contamination. "Volunteer" time travelers (who are also convicts) go into the past to research the virus' origins in order to find a cure or end the threat.

Now here is an interesting bit in the movie...we are the species that is threatened with extinction. Animals rule the world. Interesting juxtaposition here, neh?

Ha ha...take that humanity!

And the Twelve Monkeys? Well, I'm not going into all that.

As far as placing the movies categorically - impossible! It does not fit into a category. It is filled with subtle surrealism, flash backs, insanity, sudden violence (animalistic and territorial) and images of man's primitivism within civilization.

It's a good flick. Go see it and talk it over with your friends over a hot cup of cappuccino. Keep the earth clean.

# **Ceedee Critique**

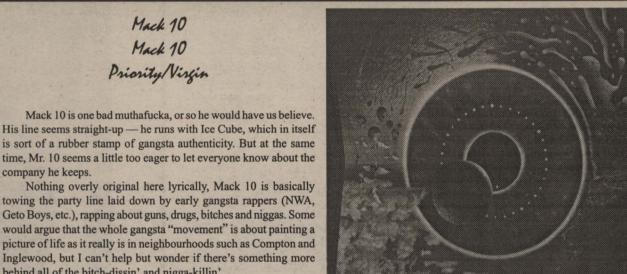


rappers are grabbing them, cashing in on the public demand for tabloid rap. The sad thing here isn't so much that guys like Mack 10 and Ice Cube are glorifying the guns, drugs and misogyny characteristic of the inner city gangsta lifestyle, but that the public is eating it up.

If you've got no beef with gangsta rap, this is a fine disc full of fat beats, minimalist funk guitar, 70s synth sounds and cleanly executed e got an aversion to guns drugs death and misogyny, you'd best stay away from this o

company he keeps.

comes to mind:



Pink Floyd Pulse Sony

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Tone Brand New Lunatics Soul Purpose

behind all of the bitch-dissin' and nigga-killin'

A line from a Channel Live tune, 'What! (Cause and Effect),'

So stop the nigga/bitch, yo, what's up with that dis? I'll tell you what's up. Six-figure record deals are up and gangsta

This is their first album. It feels as though the vocalist and the rest of the group are off in two separate directions. Hopefully they'll muster some unity as they work together more.

Vocalist Jen Hershman has stolen her banshee wail from National Velvet. There is bass and guitar abuse that could easily drown itself in hard music excess. Dreamscape imagrey and lyrics that, well, I can't figure them out, and no one was considerate enough to include liner notes, so all I can tell you is that each song has a kuel title, such as 'This is not about a relationship' and 'Revenge of the Average Apartment Renter.' Actually, I am exaggerating, the lyrics are decipherable, but outside the bit of art known as the song they make little sense. Each composition is a bit of musical excess, welcome to it.

They opened for Our Lady Peace not too long ago. I have no idea how that went, haven't heard anything about it yet. Not that I'm endorsing anyone's opinion but my own, but keep your ear to the ground.

Or you could watch Much, they've got a video for 'Waters be Still.' Hell, request it.

by Kevin Sallows

The wide-market release of Pink Floyd's Pulse is out, and the big difference between it and the limited edition is this one doesn't have the flashing light on the cover. C'est la guerre.

Listening to Pulse is a bit like walking through a forest covered in varnish - you know there is something beautiful there that was once alive, but now it is glossy and missing the vitality that made it so special in the first place.

Blame it on Roger Waters, the genius behind The Wall and Dark Side of the Moon, the big staples in the Floyd library. Waters left Floyd in the early eighties, and the band hasn't been the same since. Instead of a band constantly reinventing itself, keeping itself fresh, Floyd became a band trying to recapture its former glory ever since.

Don't believe me? Then riddle me this. Why is Dark Side of the Moon, the biggest selling album of all time, repeated in its entirety on Pulse? Can you say "Marketing?" I knew you could.

Dave Gilmour, who took over as frontman for Floyd after the departure of Waters does an adequate job of leading the band. However, he lacks the driving passion of Waters, and his singing can be grating at times. (He just can't hit those high notes.)

There are some nice moments on Pulse (it is Pink Floyd, after all), but it is tough not to interpret this album as Gilmour and Co. milking the cash cow once more.

by Joyce Robinson

by Trent Ernst



# The Other Horoscope

# "To believe or not to believe; that is the question." Anonymous quote from the Internet

Okay people, the experts of astrology and the configuration of the cosmos all point toward a significant shift in energy that emphasizes a "coming of age". Simply put, you should be able to make decisions easier, with more confidence and less inhibition. The highlight is on Capricorn and Aquarius, and should stay that way for the entire calendar year. To start of the new year, I've included the tangible as well as the untangible. Enjoy!

# by Paul Andrew

# Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) "The Ram": planet; Mars.

The joyful, dynamic personality of Aries is flawed only by the assertive nature of this outspoken, brave sunsign. Everything in your "house" points toward success this year. Caution is the key. So be forthright and confident, but don't underestimate or take anything for granted. In other words, be a sensible individual, not a smart-ass!

# Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) "The Bull": planet; Venus

You will rely on practical methods to get your work done this year. Your home-loving, conventional approach to life will not be abandoned, so take heart in tradition. This doesn't mean you should be a home-body or a hermit! Lead by example, and all who respect you will follow. Don't take advantage of this or your friends will think you're a power hungry control freak, and that's not very nice!

# Gemini (May 21-June 20) "The Twins": planet; Mercury

Mercury is in Aquarius for the next two weeks, so things should be hot for a while. The mentally quick personality of Gemini will pick up on that right away because of the sharpness of your thoughts. You've always been curious and experimental, that's nothing new. However, curiosity has killed more than just cats! Experiment with people instead, it's a lot more fun!

# Cancer (June 21-July 22) "The Crab": planet; The Moon

The crab has nothing to do with cancer's mood, that's for sure. This melancholy moonwatcher has traditional values and protective instincts (so don't cross this one). They feel most comfortable making their homes inviting and cozy. A little bit of the "romantic" is evident in the house of cancer, so get to know one and persuade them to have a fling or something. It soundslike they could use some excitement.

# Leo (July 23-Aug 22) "The Lion": planet; The Sun

Leo has simple pleasures dating way back to the age of the cave-man. Artsy and risky, this sunsign enjoys gambling and the "house" they occupy is always partying. If they seem upbeat and outgoing, it's because they are always wondering why everyone else is so psychologically different than they are. Leo's are almost always fun to have around. That is, until the party is over! So like...party on dude!

# Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) "The Virgin": planet; Mercury

Virgo is another sign that will have to accommodate Mercury for the year, so make room now and you won't be put-out later. Diligence is the keyword for you, and your down-toearth work ethics should pay-off big time! You feel duty-bound to stay healthy, but don't bore your buddies with health food talk. Nobody likes a lecture from their friends. But make it the topic of your next class seminar and you will dazzle your instructor!

# Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) "The Scales": planet; Venus

This marriage conscious person will settle for a good partnership if weeding bells are not ringing. Look for good business savvy and survival instincts of the fittest in this sunsign. The scale merely imply fairness and the ability to avenge a wrongful deed. Don't assume anything about Libra, you could get into a whole whack of trouble! Instead, make friends. You can never have too many friends.

# Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) "The Scorpion": planet; Pluto

The area around Pluto is unstable at the beginning of the new year, so the passionate Scorpion in your life is on the prowl! Relatively secretive when all is well, expect the odd outpouring of truth from this person for the time being. That could mean just about anything, so expect the unexpected! Oooh...scary!

# Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) "The Archer": planet; Jupiter

You usually broaden your horizons with philosophy, travel, and an open mind. The same will be on the agenda for the new year. You're bookish but not boring. Friends respect the way you can put it all together, so don't let them down! Any significant change in your lifestyle will only make you more dimensional, so embrace the new year wholeheartedly. Also, you will have a secret admirer this year, and it's not that geek in you English class!

# Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20) "The Goat": planet; Saturn

The more stable Capricorn is, the more energy Aquarius receives, so it seem as though your cosmic partner is already chosen. A public person, you enjoy yourself the most when you have status among your peers. You crave power and respect, and you'll only receive more in the new year. Again, caution is the keyword here. So don't get big-headed about yourself or you'll

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Volunteer for Body Casting I need a somewhat fit female for a torso body cast. This is for a senior exhibition for my Bachelor of Arts degree. So if you like to support the arts, like getting plastered and feel confident about yourself then please...respond. Ask for Byrun at 524-8781.

Single Bi Female seeking new friends for fun & more. Enjoy red wine, working out, sci-fi books/ movies and cuddling. I'm butch and know my own mind. If you like black leather & denim then you could be the one. Reply to Box # 96

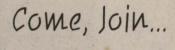
Single Lesbian Female seeking new womyn for casual and serious dating fun. I'm a playful romantic who's into close, intimate, non-sexual touching and I'm the new breed of lesbian who loves to be both butch and femme. Looking for same plus someone who is free to be humorous, outrageous, wild and woolly, physical, wants to be fit with "me," philosophical and optimistic. If you like what you read, find it interesting and *want* to be with me then reply to Box # 88.

Funky Young Fag Looking for a somewhat civilized mate for procreation (or at least the attempt) in the woods on warm summer nights. I've got the handcuffs if you bring the saddle. Looks, race and genital size not important, but you must have a pulse and the ability to groan in five different languages. If interested or just desperate, reply to Box #69.

Lonely Gay Male Looking for someone to take care of my needs. I am sensitive, caring, average looking, and wishing to explore in many different areas. No head games or S&M. I like hanging out with my friends so I am not really into the party scene and I'm a pessimist looking for an optimist. Looking for a good man to turn my mind. If you would like to hang out with me reply to Box # 21.

Probing Straight Male Likes analysis, frank speech, oral activities of all sorts. Looking for fun, bold, enlightening and wild experiences with those certain someones. You like gothic lore, beachsides and long, possibly awkward silences...Write to Catharsis at Box # 101.

Mature Professional Female Prof. at local college looking for first year student to harass and drive completely mad. I am a mean vindictive bitch who enjoys watching little people squirm with pain. I have a whip and am not afraid to use it on your skinny soft ass. If you do not write back to me I



will find you, tie you up, piss all over you, and beat you with Lego until you beg for mercy. So reply now to Box # 666.

Heterosexual Transgendered Male Looking for HAF to fill my nights with erotic and euphoric games, sex, and some S/M. I like extremely strong coffee, weak herbal tea, eating frozen hot dogs and pizza pops, walks in blinding snow blizzards, howling at the sun, peoplewatching people watchers, pretending to be a vegetable and singing in the rain. You love children, like to laugh, play jokes, eat and drink food, walks, and more. If interested please write to Beefcake c/o the OP

Perdu en Colombie-Britannique Je suis un étudiant belge et je suis tout seul. J'ai besoin d'amis ou peut-être un amour, quelqu'un qui peut me faire bander et bien utiliser les menottes et un fouet. Je sais qu'il y en a un ici, mais je voudrais savoir qui. Si vous vous sentez de même, repondez a la boite # 0

Single Celebrity Soft, cuddly, lovable character with orange fur looking for special animator who has good control, friendly attitude, and most important is not afraid to stick their hand up my butt to make me work. If interested respond to Fuzzy the Dysfunctional Emu at Box # 3.

Help Needed A+ student to be ghostwriter for failing DC student. Work includes research papers, essays, reports and presentations. Occasional proxy classroom attendance required. Pay is minimal if not non-existent and please send photo. Reply to Box # 33.

Tall Slim Beautiful Intelligent Blond womyn seeking a bi-curious encounter with lesbian butch. Recently divorced with two children, employed professional. Likes being earth-friendly, discovering self, romantic walks, long talks and sweet organic chocolates. You, a little bit of a femme and a love of openness in all things. Reply to Box # 48.

Free to Good Home One dysfunctional stepfather. Already housebroken, good nature, non-drinker. Does not work well with headstrong stepdaughters. Comes with all his own clothes and toys to entertain himself. If interested, respond to Box #8953.

**Body Needed** One broken down and dispirited soul. Has lived several lifetimes and has had good lives. Last owner sad and dead, looking for good home to be part of. Really needs stable, positive, loving, lovable and open host body. Please reply to Box # 000

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turn into one of those artificial people who frequently visit places like Richards on Richards (yuck!).

# Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19) "The Waterbearer": planet; Uranus

You are an ambitious person who values friendship above anything else. You're experimental personality attracts countless individuals who are eager for your company! They'll say; what's your secret? Ever thought about starting a mail-order business designed to get rich quick? At a dollar for each inquiry, it shouldn't take long!

# Pisces (Feb 20-Mar 20) "The Fishes": planet; Neptune

Sorrow. Karma. Self-undoing. Frustration. Doesn't sound too good, does it? You usually make the best of these things by letting them work for your benefit though. Your melodramatic lifestyle has you wearing your heart on your sleeve. What's up with that? Half the time, you're confident and fun-loving, so stick with that a little more and you will be surprised at the results. And stop smokin' so much dope!

# If it happens to be your birthday while you are reading this ....

You'll have to deal with the affects of Aquarius for now, but that's a good thing. You should find yourself a little if not a lot more attractive to the opposite sex, so take advantage now. Saturn will be playing in your "house" for the next little while, so if it seems a little crowded there, don't worry about it. You'll still have a shit-eating grin on your face, so revel in it while you can. Good huck!



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# sports shorts

# Badminton

January	13	Douglas @ UCC	9am-5pm
January	14	Douglas @ UCC	9am-5pm
January	27	Douglas @ BCIT	9am-5pm
January	28	Douglas @ BCIT	9am-5pm
February	10	At Douglas	9am-5pm
February	11	At Douglas	9am-5pm
February	24-2	4 BCCAA Badmintor	- I WAR AND A STATE OF THE ADDRESS
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# Men's Basketball

January	14	Douglas @ CAM	6pm
January	19	Douglas Vs. CAP	8pm
January	20	Douglas @ UCFV	8pm
January	24	Douglas @ TWU	8pm
January	26	Douglas Vs. CNC	8pm
January	27	Douglas Vs. CNC	12pm
February	2	Douglas Vs. UCC	8pm
February	3	Douglas Vs. OUC	8pm
February	9	Douglas @ CBC	8pm
February	16	Douglas @ MUC	6pm
February	17	Douglas @ LC	8pm

March 1-2 Men's Basketball Championships To Be Announced

March 6-9 Men's Basketball Championships at John Abbott College

# Men's Volleyball

January	12	Douglas @ CAM	6pm
January	20	Douglas @ MUC	4pm
January	27	Douglas @ UCC	4pm
February	9	Douglas Vs. TWU	8pm
February	10	Douglas @ OUC	4pm
February	23-24 BCC	CAA Men's Volleybal	l Provincials at
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Douglas College

March 6-9 CCAA National Championships at Nova Scotia Agricultural College

# Men and Women's Soccer

February 17-18 Tournament 9am-5pm

# Women's Basketball

January	14	Douglas @ CAM	4pm
January	19	Douglas Vs. CAP	6pm
January	20	Douglas @ UCFV	6pm
January	24	Douglas @ TWU	6pm
January	26	Douglas Vs. CNC	6pm
January	27	Douglas Vs. CNC	10am
February	2	Douglas Vs. UCC	6pm
February	3	Douglas Vs. OUC	6pm
February	16	Douglas @ MUC	4pm



February 17 Douglas @ LC 6pm March 1-2 Women's Basketball Championships To Be Announced March 6-9 Women's Basketball Championships at John Abbott College

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January	20	Douglas @ M	UC	2pm	
January	27	Douglas @ U	CC	2pm	
February	9	Douglas Vs. 7	WU	6pm	
February	10	Douglas @ O	UC	2pm	
February 23-2	24 BCCA	A Women's Vo	lleyball ]	Provincia	als a
Trinity Weste	rn Unive	rsity			
March 6-9 CO	CAA Nat	ional Champion	nships at	Nova Sc	otia
Agricultural (	College				

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