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## Off-Line: Stuck on the Information Sidewalk

by Tammy Shewchuk

Where do you want to go today?" asks Microsoft in its Internet ads. But Douglas College students won't be going anywhere soon. Nobody seems to know how to get students traveling along the information highway. The demand for access to the Internet is growing and Douglas College hasn't kept up. Information highway? More like an information sidewalk.

Leah Bennett is a full-time Criminology student who has been attending Douglas College for the past two years. "The computers at Douglas are pathetic," she says, "Either the labs are all full with classes or the system crashes. You can never win." As for Internet access, Bennett says, "I have to go all the way to the Vancouver Public Library for free Internet access. The research I do on the net for my Crim papers is much more current than any book or journal. The net saves me research time. My instructors don't require this, but it's stuff I'm going to need to know out in the real world."

The computer problems on campus are acknowledged in a recently released report, "Setting Our Course for the Future: An Educational Technology Action Plan for Douglas College." The report is a compilation of information from users, service providers,

and consultants. It outlines an action plan to improve the computer systems at Douglas College—systems that are plagued with chronic problems, such as unreliable equipment, crashing hard drives, failing networks, and out-of-date printers.

However, the report devotes only two pages out of its 42 to addressing the issue of Internet access for students.

According to Patti Romanko, librarian at the New Westminster campus, the report ignores students. The definition of "a user" (on page six) states, "A user can be an individual, faculty or staff person, a manager, a vice president or a department." Romanko says, "Our mission is to serve students and faculty and it is appalling that students are not mentioned. This is a major oversight."

New Westminster's campus library does have limited Internet access for students. A small room at the back of the library is allocated to on-line terminals. But, according to Romanko, the library does not advertise Internet access because the service is unreliable. At any given time, two terminals are working. Romanko feels that to advertise at this point does not make sense. As a result, the back room is often empty, and the computers sit unused.

At the David Lam campus, Internet access is included in the library orientation held at

the beginning of each semester. The campus has better access with more Pentium workstations than New Westminster has. Romanko adds, "Here, there is only so much you can do with computers that might be older than some of our students."

Lloyd Morin, Interim President of Douglas College, believes there is an equal level of frustration at other colleges. "I've had three requests from other colleges (for the report)." But when asked to elaborate, he would not reveal the names of the other colleges.

Capilano College's Computer Services Department provides Internet access for every student for \$10 a month or \$100 a year plus a \$5 start-up fee. These fees include Internet access, an email account, and a personal web page. Kwantlen College's access is similar; all students receive an email account with telephone registration.

Vancouver Community College also provides Internet access, but it is limited to specific programs such as computing sciences.

At Douglas College, faculty can request Internet access for use in specific classes, and email is limited to faculty and staff. Students are not given Internet access.

There are many reasons for not giving students access. Marsh Price, Director of Systems and Computing Department, says, "Any access to the Internet must be authenticated so that problems can be tracked to the source." Price explains that Douglas College is regulated by an Internet govern-

ing body outside of the college's jurisdiction and until every Internet user's activity on campus can be traced back to the source, the campus will not have full web access.

Cost is another factor. According to Mark Coumont, Manager of Computing Support Services, Douglas' system is technically capable of providing student Internet access, but whether the service is reliable still has to be determined. The entire Internet system would be extremely expensive to run and staff. Price estimates that SFU pays \$60 000 a month just for the phone lines for student dial-up access. Coumont says, "The price at home doesn't relate here. The telephone line costs you \$23 at home, but for us it's closer to \$100."

"Systems already receives a lot of money for computers and we still can't keep up. We've got 14 labs, all of them have 20 to 30 machines that have to be replaced every three years, that's about \$300 000 a year," adds Coumont.

Other colleges are also faced with high monthly bills for phone lines and Internet service. The community colleges and BCIT are in the process of putting in a request proposal in the hopes of gaining insight on how other institutions, such as universities, have successfully cut costs. The request will be directed at Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and their choice of ISP will be based on the discount, and level and quality of service. Price anticipates a plan in place by September but also adds that, "this might be too ambitious."

As an ISP, Douglas College is a novice.

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**Douglas College may not have full dial-up access to the net in the near future, but plans are being considered to improve current facilities**

# Editorial

This week's editorial is dedicated to the memory of the late Allen Ginsberg, who passed away Saturday April 5, at the age of 70.

He was a man who lived through and with William S. Burroughs, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Neil Casady and of course Jack Kerouac. He was aware of and involved in the turbulent literary and musical subculture of the 50s. But, unlike his contemporaries, he was able to transcend the boundaries of age and his status as a Beat icon and merge with the youth movement of the 60s. He embraced Indian spiritual concepts and the protest against the Vietnam war equally. He embraced his experience as a human being without reservation. He was a gay poet during the McCarthy witchhunts. He practiced transcendental meditation. He was a Jew with an Eastern consciousness. He sang with the innocence of a child and the skill of the tone deaf. He was the Open Heart: easily broken, easily won but never stirred by the sweet come-ons of money-managing-market-

analyzing-shills to hock his love to the tune of popular acceptance. He won his notoriety by the drop.

He was someone we never met. He is someone we will never know. He strove to be someone that we all should become. He wrote in the most open, vulnerable place that a writer can be. It cost him as much as it rewarded

but he never railed against his burden. He did with what he had, as well as he could and he did it with an understanding that elevated the collective consciousness towards its better self. May we all live to be as fondly remembered by strangers and loved by our families and friends.

V'yisgadal v'yisgadash shmei rabah...

Omar and Husker



## Opinion

### Pass the reconstituted sushi, Jose Feel like a hostage

Octothorpe J. Pilcrow

As the Purgatory of March morphs into the Hell of April, students generally become a little more self-involved than usual. Everyone has too much homework, too much reading, too much coffee. Life becomes more functional than decorative and even downtime becomes exploitable; I'll study on the bus. School-life is like an open prison where the only bars and fences lead from school to home, along the SkyTrain tracks or the bus route. Could there be anything worse?

are more cursory than anything, taking a minute, or a half dozen column inches, to say, "Yep, they're still in there." We are told that the hostages are getting tired and unhealthy, though they do attempt to combat the situation. Some are teaching the others to play guitar, language lessons are being swapped, and there is an intermittent stream of books that come in with the letters from the hostages' families. There is a lot of sleeping going on, and many of the men are growing beards as mementos of their time spent in the camp. Meanwhile, students in New West,

### My drug dealer The coffee machine

Eric Johnson

Every morning thousands of people wake up to the sound and smell of a percolating coffee machine. This godlike machine gives us our daily dose of wake up nectar. After the first sip you start to see where you are, and if you are even wearing any clothes. You start to feel a hell of a lot better after your first cup, and can act civilly towards the rest of the world.

This is your coffee machine; it is

a gift from the gods and you are its worshipper but after a while the coffee machine becomes your drug dealer. You cannot live without it. You start stressing when you cannot get what it gives you.

Then it happens. Your coffee machine breaks down. Suddenly your addiction becomes prevalent. You start to shake, you get angry, and you hate the world; but, wait a minute, there is a dealer just down the road. So you get into your car, and you are pulled as if by an invisible hand to the nearest dealer.

It is in a store, beside the rack full of donuts. By the time you leave the store you have a coffee in one hand, and a donut in the other. You take the first sip, and suddenly the world does not look so ugly. You turn from being a monster into a normal human being.

You have started down the spiral. You cannot live without this miraculous drink. It takes more and more coffee to make you civil. The machine knows this, and you are at its mercy. ☿

### I know exactly who has the better end of the deal: those lucky bastards down in Peru; they should try being a student.

Meanwhile, as all of our terms have unfolded, since before Christmas, some 70 men have been held against their will, down in the Japanese Ambassador's Residence (JAR) in Lima, Peru. Unfortunate fellows, they were attending, with their families, a midsummer's banquet. They were dressed to the nines, and following hors d'oeuvres, all they expected was a fancy five-course dinner. As of press time, they are still waiting.

Just before the soup was done, some of the waiters brought out weapons that had been hidden under their white jackets. Faster than the guests could say, "Hola! That's not a pepper grind," the guests were taken hostage.

A couple of times during this term, during breaks from the computer monitor, when I've had a chance to catch the news, I am reminded of the 70 remaining in the JAR in Lima. The news reports

Coquitlam and Maple Ridge pace the concourse, sulk into the cafeterias and wear a month-long scowl. Some of them study, some of them write, some of them talk about studying and writing. And I conclude, in anger, that I know exactly who has the better end of the deal: those lucky bastards down in Peru; they should try being a student.

We can only sit in the library and daydream: beating the rebel leader at a lyrical week-long game of chess, using the fingers of your right hand to checkmate, because your left hand is sore from guitar practice. Spending mornings actually finishing the weekend newspaper. Drinking ground-filled coffee over Japanese lessons in the early evening.

Ahhh, the life. I wonder if being held hostage would count as a co-op. Does my cover letter need to be written in Spanish, or Japanese? ☿

### Against animal testing for cosmetics

## DC students save animals

Marnie Williston

I have not met one person who is in favour of animal testing for cosmetics. Think about that for a moment please. Now consider that we live in a democracy. Add the first fact to the second; mix the two together and add a pinch of ratiocination; and I leave the taste test up to you. It's not as though animal testing is required by law. Companies are choosing to do it, and we should be able to stop them.

Animal (and human) rights have been a passion of mine for many years, and animal testing for cosmetics drives me nuts. On Thursday, March 20, I decided to collect signatures in the concourse from students who are also against animal testing for cosmetics and household products. This is my third year at Douglas, and I thought (after attending social nights at DC with only 30 out of our 8000 students bothering to show up) that there would be only



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a few people interested in signing the petition. But getting 350 signatures in one day has restored my faith in my fellow students. Thank you Douglas College!

These signatures are going towards trying to stop Procter & Gamble from testing on animals. Procter & Gamble tortured and murdered 500 000 animals without

painkillers from 1985 to 1994. Professional scientists, in many cases, would prefer to use alternative tests such as *in vitro* tests, but top management at many companies aren't interested.

Here's what you can do:

- Check the packaging of anything you buy (shampoo, cleaning supplies, mascara, etc.) to make sure it doesn't have Procter & Gamble's name on it; you'd be surprised how much is theirs
- Telephone Voices for the Animals (988-7176) for a list of products and companies that test on animals (and addresses for complaint letters if you are motivated) and don't buy the products
- Write to Procter & Gamble CEO, John Pepper at:  
Procter & Gamble, Inc.  
Box 599  
Cincinnati, OH 45201  
and tell him off!
- Write to your MP and say you want animal testing for anything but medicine banned. ☿

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The Other Press reserves the right to choose what to publish, and what not to publish, but usually we print everything, unless it is racist, sexist or homophobic. If you have any quibbles with what we choose, maybe you should get your lazy butt down here and help.

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## Credit where credit is due

### Agnes Street BC21 sign accused of being "misleading"

by Jim Chliboyko

What is blue and green and takes credit for something it doesn't quite do? The BC21 sign outside the new Student Resource Building, according to members of the Douglas College Student Society (DCSS).

"It's the students' building," says DCSS president Katrina Lennax. "The students took out the mortgage, and the students will eventually pay it back." Lennax also mentioned that it is the students and the DCSS which is employing the 100 workers.

The sign, which proudly greets students entering Douglas College by the Agnes St. entrance, claims that the building is being provided by the taxpayers of British Columbia: "Your Tax Dollars at Work." As well, the sign alludes that the Government of BC is footing the

entire \$2.5-million bill, and that it is the government that is providing the 100 jobs created by the building.

It isn't taxpayers that have made the Student Resource Building possible; Douglas College students have funded the building of the building by paying \$9 per student, per semester, since 1990.

There are a couple of reasons for the sign's presence, explains Peter Greenwood. Greenwood, Douglas College VP of Finance and Administration, says that the Student Resource Building, through its obvious connection to the College enabled the DCSS to save money by tying into the college infrastructure. "The College provided expertise that the DCSS didn't have," said Greenwood. "Instead of banks providing funding, it's government providing the funding."

The second reason was that the DCSS was able to take advantage of government financing, "getting a 20-year fixed rate mortgage at a rate considerably lower than most commercial rates," said Greenwood.

Although Greenwood admits that "students are paying for 100% of the building," and that the sign is "misleading," several considerations complicate the issue. "The building was designed to DCSS specifications, is built on college land, and is legally part of the building. As well, the College is entering into a lease with the DCSS."

"It's really a win-win situation." Lennax, however, seeks a little more for the credit the government takes. "We're going to ask the government to help contribute to the building, like they have at other institutions," she says. ☛

## The Martlet, University of Victoria Dead trees

Sharon Bennett

VICTORIA (CUP)—For years, BC's forestry industry has challenged environmentalists to prove their claims that forests are being cut at unsustainable levels.

Now, after six years of research, the Sierra Club of BC has met their challenge. On March 19, the club released maps that show over half of BC's old growth rainforest has been destroyed.

The map, based on interpreted satellite imagery, shows only a few areas where large sections of temperate rainforest remain, mostly on the central coast and in Clayoquot Sound.

The Sierra Club was joined at the press conference by professional forester Herb Hammond, who said now that the evidence has been compiled, forestry in BC has to change.

"As a professional forester, I'm here to say the cat's out of the bag," Hammond said. "These maps are an embarrassment to the

profession of forestry."

Corporate-based economies are a big part of the problem, according to Hammond. He points out that as long as the forest is exploited for the benefit of shareholders, the communities who depend on forestry, and the ecosystem, will suffer.

Hammond says we humans need to shift to a community-based economy.

"Economies are subsets of human cultures and human cultures are subsets of ecosystems," Hammond said.

"If you have a light hand on the ecosystem you have a far more diverse economy."

The Sierra Club's announcement comes hot on the heels of the follow-up conference to the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit.

At the March 18 conference, it was announced that Canada was one of the countries who had not lived up to commitments it made at Rio. ☛

## The Muse, Memorial University Student parents hit hard by Newfoundland budget

Denise Rideout

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP)—The Newfoundland government's decision to cut social assistance to student parents will double the amount of debt they have upon graduation, say outraged student parents.

In last week's provincial budget, Brian Tobin's government cut funding for social services recipients attending post secondary institutions forcing recipients to take the maximum student loan available. Previously student parents on social services were provided with living arrangements but were required to get student loans to cover their schooling costs.

The old system generally kept total student debt lower for student parents, as it recognized the added strain of raising children while getting an education. But now the government has said student parents must get the maximum student loan and social services will provide funding only if it is needed.

Joyce Aylward, a student at Memorial University and a mother of three, said she was shocked by the announcements made in the recent budget.

"Overnight the government turned around and effectively doubled the future debt load of the majority of student parents on the whole island," she said.

Aylward said the new ruling was unreasonable and she was disgusted at how the government tried to present it as a positive benefit for student parents.

"The government made it seem like they were helping us out by giving us a bigger student loan," Aylward said. "But what they are really giving us is a bigger student debt."

Under the old system student parents only had to get a student loan of about \$5000 for a full academic year. Now that will almost double to \$9000 for two semesters.

Julie Fleet, another single parent attending Memorial, said the

government cuts to social services recipients has gone against the many promises it has made to the women of this province.

In September 1995, Brian Tobin and ministers of his cabinet signed a non-legal contract with the women of Newfoundland and Labrador promising to help them overcome many of the struggles they have to face.

"We pledge to work for economic justice and to end the increasing burden of poverty on women and their children, who are a majority of the poor," the contract read.

But Fleet said that the announcements in the recent budget go to show that the government does not always uphold their promises.

"Even though the contract was not legally binding, the govern-

ment of this province still made a promise to us," Fleet said. "But now the government has broken these promises by increasing the debt load of single mothers."

Fleet also said she believes the provincial government has contradicted everything it has ever said about its policies towards social assistance.

"The government talks about getting people off social assistance and back into the workforce, but now it is making it harder for people on assistance to get an education," Fleet said.

Many members of the student parent society said they think the government has in effect hindered the future of many people in the province.

"Right now the government has built such an enormous barrier to

getting out of poverty," Aylward said. "And statistics show that the only way out of poverty is through education."

Dale Kirby, provincial chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said the provincial government should be prepared for a fight from single student parents in the province.

"I don't think the people affected by these cuts are going to sit back on this issue," Kirby said.

"If single parents are faced with a high debt after they graduate, there are going to be a lot of hungry and cold children out there." ☛

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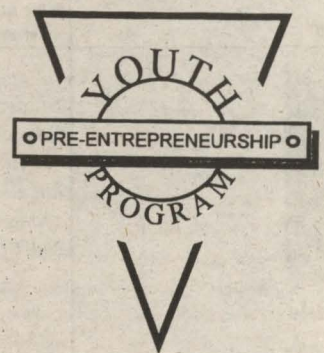
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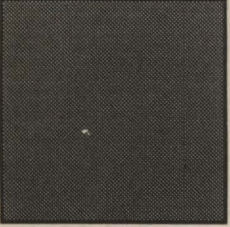









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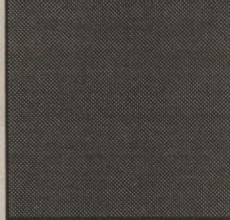







# YOUR GUIDE TO THE

Candidate name and position running for.	What experience do you bring to the job?	What is your position on the CFS?	What are some initiatives you wish to bring?	Any other comments?
 Bonny Shotropa Vice President Internal	<p>I've been a member of the DCSS Rep. Committee for two years and am fully aware of the responsibilities of the position of VPI. I'm very organized and believe in fairness for all.</p>	<p>I do not have an opinion at this time. I do not have enough information on the CFS.</p>		
 Alissa Ophoff Vice President Internal	<p>Currently Soccer Manager and employee of the Athletics department. My job has given me the opportunity to get to know the student's needs and concerns and has sharpened my organizational and management skills. I was also president of Johnston Heights' Multicultural club.</p>			<p>I believe that when looking back on your college years, you should remember more than just your GPA, that's why I am a big supporter of Athletics, Student Functions and Activities.</p> <p>I don't want to make any promises I can't keep. I can only promise to do the best job I can. I have the leadership and interpersonal skills needed for this position, and will do everything in my power to represent the best interests of the students.</p>
 Darryl Flasch Vice President Internal	<p>I have been very active in social issues for many years. In the last year, I participated in the Aids Walk, World Aids Day, International Day of Elimination of Racism, International Women's Day, Stop the Violence against Women and Student Council as Social Services Rep.</p>	<p>I believe the students of DC have the final say and a referendum should be held.</p>	<p>To bring accountability of the Student Society to the students. Make the DCSS and all its initiatives open to all students. Fight for student centered Education.</p>	
 Laura Selman Vice President Internal	<p>One year as a UT representative with the DCSS. I am also the women's liaison for the David Lam campus and am very organized.</p>	<p>Improve upon the student handbook. Keep communication open between the clubs, associations and Student Society. Also wrap up on any union negotiations that need to be completed.</p>	<p>Hope voter turn out isn't too disappointing.</p>	
 Rhonda Lussier Treasurer	<p>I am currently DCSS Treasurer and have maintained this position for the winter semester. Previously, I served as representative for students with disabilities for a one year term. During my term as rep for students with disabilities, I opened two new telephone lines equipped with telecommunication devices for the deaf. As treasurer, I am busy organizing all of the DCSS accounts and bringing them up to date. I have also been quite active in contributing time to various college committees as well as student society committees.</p>	<p>I believe in the freedom of choice people have the right to choose what is right for them. Let the students decide whether they want to be part of the federation or not.</p> <p>I would like to have the opportunity to complete the projects which I have started as</p>	<p>well as continuing on with the completion of the new student resource building. Some of the new projects I wish to commence work on are such things as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Reassessing the Student Society finances.</li> <li>-A stronger relationship with clubs and associations within Douglas Colleges.</li> <li>-Designing a more efficient Student Society budget.</li> </ul>	
 Leah White Treasurer	<p>I am currently the Treasurer of Student Council at the Native Education Centre. Native Ed. is a satellite campus of Douglas College. I am also in a theatre group that promotes social awareness through short plays.</p>	<p>As a member of the CFS, and a representative to the International Student Conference in Cuba, I think there is strength in the CFS' numbers. I believe the CFS would be beneficial to Douglas College, but this question needs referendum from the student body.</p>	<p>I would like to see more recycling programs throughout the school, as well as maintaining current student programs and clubs.</p>	<p>The most important aspect of the Treasurer position is fiscal and financial responsibility. In an era of governments who cannot provide balanced budgets; I can promise and assure you that if I am Treasurer, I will balance more than your budget.</p>
 Jack Shehadeh Business Rep	<p>I like to help students. People think of me as a mediator.</p>	<p>I support the CFS.</p>	<p>Hopefully to bring the most action in the program.</p>	<p>Must enhance the co-op program to hold meetings at all three campuses and hopefully have more positions available, as well as a better course selection, especially during summer semesters.</p>
 Tia A. McCullough Psych Nursing Rep.	<p>Years of experience with mediation and intervention. Assistance with provincial and federal elections. Member of secondary school debate team.</p> <p>Excellent communication skills especially public speaking.</p> <p>Involvement with NDP party.</p>	<p>Douglas College and CFS need to work out differences in the past and work together. However, it is ultimately up to the students at Douglas College whether or not they wish to be members. Referendum is a must.</p>	<p>Increase in number of bursaries and scholarships available to psychiatric nursing students.</p> <p>Students centered education.</p> <p>Maintaining tuition freeze. Referendum Re: CFS.</p> <p>Vocalize concerns of nursing students.</p>	

# DCSS ELECTIONS

**Note:** Due to technical difficulties, we are unable to provide coverage of the presidential candidates at this time. However, a supplement will be posted on the boards later on this week. Watch for it.

Candidate name and position running for.	What experience do you bring to the job?	What is your position on the CFS?	What are some initiatives you wish to bring?	Any other comments?
 Mark Rowe VP External	<p>One year as PE and Athletics Rep            Two year involvement with Student Society            Sit on furniture fixturer and equipment committee, policy review committee, I also ran my own business in high school and I know what it takes to promote yourself in the community and how to make contacts and deal with people in a professional manner.</p>	<p>I believe that the CFS is a good vehicle for students' issues. Unfortunately, there are bad drivers at the wheel and I see the CFS as heading the wrong way down a one-way street. Before I could support Douglas as being a member of the CFS, I would want different people running the CFS in the right direction.</p>	<p>Financial management re: investing DCSS money to make money for the DCSS. We would use this "profit" to create more scholarships and bursaries for the students that need them. I want to improve the relationships the DCSS has with other colleges and universities and make Douglas a proud place to be. I don't like hearing student say "I'm just going to Douglas," like we're some sort of second-rate institution. We're not, and we need to develop a good image of ourselves.</p>	<p>I have learned a lot in the last year, and I would put this knowledge to good use to improve ourselves. Being VP Ex. would give me the means to accomplish my goals, and the goals of students in general.</p>
 Christa Peters VP External	<p>I am currently the University Transfer Representative and women's liaison. In addition I am a member of several college and student society committees. Finally, I was a student society delegate to the Canadian Federation of students semi-annual general meeting in 1996</p>	<p>My goal is to hold a referendum to join the CFS, giving the final say to students on the only student organization which represents the rights and interests of students on a provincial and national level.</p>	<p>Some things include a summer semester at the Coquitlam and Maple Ridge campuses, a registration book that gives student a year-at-a-glance look at registration to better plan their educational year.</p>	<p>Get out, meet the candidates, vote.</p>
 Kyle Thorpe VP Maple Ridge	<p>I have worked in many different environments and have had experience in human relations.</p>		<p>Student participation in obtaining objectives; Safewalk program at Maple Ridge campus; computers; cold food machines.</p>	<p>To motivate student body to actively participate in goals.            To motivate community of Maple Ridge; student card discounts at local Maple Ridge merchants.</p>
 Amber Wilton VP Maple Ridge	<p>Experience            I have been a representative for two years and taken over as interim VP for the past three months.</p>	<p>I think the CFS is a good idea when it is truly looking out for the best interests of the students. However, I'm not sure that the people in charge have their priorities straight.</p>	<p>More classes to Maple Ridge, updated computers, summer semester...</p>	<p>Even though there are three separate campuses, Maple Ridge, David Lam and New West, we are all Douglas College students and we need to work together to improve the facilities for the students of Douglas College.</p>
 Amanda Wheeler VP Maple Ridge	<p>Central in beginning Amnesty International Group that will be a club at DC in fall.            Full-time student at MRDC, so I know what it is like to go to school there. Former resident Council Rep. at University Western Ont.</p>	<p>I think it's an excellent organization but that the students of DC should be able to make an informed vote on a referendum.</p>	<p>I hope to get more courses offered at MRDC.            The computer lab needs to be updated            There needs to be a stronger communication line between all three campuses as MRDC often feels isolated.</p>	<p>Maple Ridge campus needs a strong representational voice. The students that attend this campus pay the same tuition and student fees and yet there is a chronic lack of courses, services and facilities. These deficiencies will not be addressed unless the student council and the administration are made aware of them. I will ensure that Maple Ridge campus needs are known and addressed.</p>
 Coley Mansfield Vice President David Lam	<p>Experience and knowledge of DCSS procedures.</p>	<p>They are an ineffective, expensive organization that would be of no benefit to the students of Douglas College.</p>	<p>Since I have held the position for the past year, I hope to work toward more of the same issues, services, acknowledgement, increased FTE, etc.</p>	
 Teresa Kollias Disabled Students Rep	<p>Experience            I have a disability which is deafness. I have different kinds of experiences working with people who are deaf, or blind, or both, or have learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, etc...            I understand the needs of people with disabilities.</p>		<p>My position is to run a candidate for students with disabilities. I'm responsible to stand up and fight for their needs. So everyone can be equal and aware of what is going on at Douglas College.</p>	<p>Deaf students should have interpreters provided to them when there's something special going on like plays, etc.            Also there should be better lit fire alarms at Douglas and more light alarms in the parking lot.            There should be more posting of events at Douglas' Disabled students area to keep the students posted of what is going on, etc...</p>
 Medelaine Frolak UT Rep	<p>I feel Douglas college has literally given back my life. I left school at 16 years old. As a single parent wanting more, coming to Douglas has given me self-worth, lifelong friendships, meeting incredible faculty and inspiring teachers. I asked my son the other day what he wanted to be when he grows up. He said, "I want to be like mommy and go to college."            For that alone, it's very important to me to give back to Douglas though it's given me more than I could return. I love to help other students obtain all from themselves and Douglas, and to "go forward." (our class motto)</p>	<p>I think the CFS is great. It's because of them that there's no GST on the student loans and let us not forget (!) the tuition freeze.            Getting the students cheaper travelling, which allows students affordable breaks from school.            They don't and can't do it alone without the incredible help from the students. Which is amazing to see students doing and supporting each other and themselves.</p>	<p>Nothing that I can see needs to change, for me I like Douglas as it is, but that's where if I was chosen to be a University Transfer Rep, it would be my responsibility to listen and see your views on Douglas and we'd take it from there.            Since they're going to all the trouble and expense to build us a student lounge with a bar, why not throw in a grocery store and student housing, then I'd go to class in my Pjs. A girl can dream, can't she?            But seriously, Douglas I believe meets the students wants, needs and desires.</p>	<p>If you feel you know a little about me, what I think of Douglas, and would be any use to you or the college, Vote for me to take the responsibility for the University Transfer Student Representative.            Remember, I'm a student and a mother, and if you put your name on the back of the ballot, I'll send out your Starbucks coffee coupon to you. (Only kidding, I hope this means I can still run, only if you promise to case me. I better stop now before students from psych. come get me to use for lab.) PS: Yes, it's true, the patients are running the asylum.            Thanks ever so.</p>

# David Lam

The DCSS in Coquitlam

## Compromise and conflict within

It's election time once again. Which means it's time to pull out your politicking filters and root through the hype and hypocrisy to find the candidate most capable of representing your concerns.

The Douglas College Student Society (DCSS) is an organization dedicated to bringing your concerns to anyone capable of altering your education, your programs and funding.

Federally and provincially, there are forces at work and they've got their own agenda. The DCSS's agenda is the Douglas College Student. Vote for the Rep that truly represent your concerns. Make a difference.

Marcel Martin

The upcoming election at David Lam should be an interesting experience or ordeal, depending upon your relationship with Coquitlam's Student Government. It has been reported that there has been turmoil and arguments inside the inner cabinet of the David Lam Chapter of the DCSS. These accounts can be backed by the two current David Lam Reps: Ivor Shanks and Rob Tang.

Rob Tang and Ivor Shanks both agree that the internal conflict has to stop. Both David Lam Reps are in the running for the position of Vice-President at the David Lam Campus, along with Coley Mansfield, the current VP. Of the positions available, the quest for David Lam may prove to be the most interesting. The initial results may be without interest, it is the

complexity of the rapport between current elected Reps that will be intriguing to follow. Will the bickering continue? Will there be a renewed resolve to keep internal strife away from the eyes and ears of the David Lam students?

Coley Mansfield, the incumbent, believes she has a number of notable achievements. They include a good rapport with administration, an open door policy, involvement in the opening barbecue and Winter Social, and the organization of the Montreal Massacre Memorial. She helped to introduce measures to achieve lockers, bike racks, and a student phone that have been implemented during her time in office.

Mansfield wanted the introduction of a shuttle bus to move students to and from the New West and Coquitlam Campuses. In her estimation, and after consulting

administration, this program was not cost-effective. In the future she hopes to maintain the good rapport with students and administration. She would like to see more positive growth at the David Lam Campus for many semesters to come.

Mansfield believes she is the best candidate for the job because she feels that the role of a student representative is not one that should be political. The elected official should be doing the job for the enjoyment of serving the students. She believes she has met her objective.

For some reason, not fully explained to me, I had to ask the candidates about their favourite Smartie colour. Coley Mansfield's favourite Smartie colour is purple.

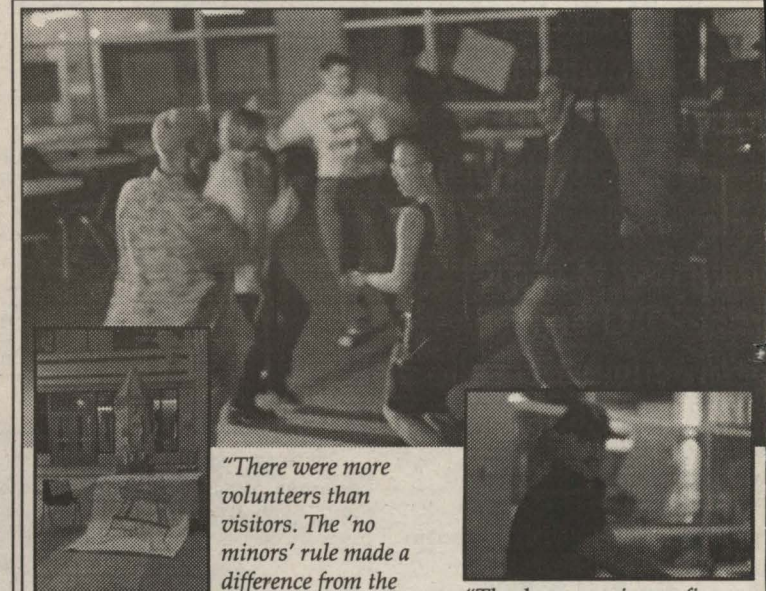
Rob Tang offers a different perspective of the inner mechanics of the David Lam DCSS. Like the others, he is tired of the constant bickering within the office. He would like to put aside the personal differences between DCSS members and strive forward with the best interests of the students at heart. He believes that much of the turmoil within the office could have been resolved long ago, if compromise was made.

Tang believes he is best suited for the position because he has played the role of the mediator and peacemaker between Mansfield and Shanks. Tang believes that "both candidates never get anything done because of constant

squabbling. They point fingers and call each other names instead of doing what the students want." Tang goes on to say that "teamwork is the only way to get things done." Tang also believes that there should be no need for David Lam Reps to consult the David Lam VP before preparing a statement to the students or media.

Tang believes he is best suited for the position of David Lam VP because he is able to work with both administration and the students. He is a firm believer in an "open door policy" by making time for listening to student's concerns.

Rob's favourite Smartie colour is blue. ☿



Lori Robinson Photos

"There were more volunteers than visitors. The 'no minors' rule made a difference from the WinterFest."

"The dance music was fine. The dance itself wasn't so good. I had fun, but I wish there were more people."

Perhaps it was a little ambitious of the LGBC to hold an unprecedented second social this semester. Some peculiar karma is the only possible reason the *Post Cards from Paris* social had such poor turn-out. There were nine volunteers, three security guards, a DJ, the appropriate number of responsible administrators, and at any given time, a dozen guests. But that doesn't matter, because, aside from the security guards, everyone had a good time.

## Peaceful serenity Mighty Hoy Creek

Miguel Strother

On a thin, quiet stretch of contemplative green belt next door to the dreams of an aspiring few, sits the habitat and safe haven of salmon and old folk. It's not the redwood forest and it doesn't even compare to the vast, about to be tamed, wilderness that lies not half an hour above it, but Hoy Creek is the perk that every real-estate salesperson in the league is looking for.

Less than two years ago this forest was an untamed bit of land that provided "grounds for quiet contemplation" according to one of the many travellers that I encountered on what could have been the most beautiful day of 1997, the 4th of April.

This trail, carefully manicured by the city of Coquitlam, is the last thread of wilderness which seems to wow and inspire the residents of Coquitlam. Every November salmon make a perilous run up the creek to fulfill their life quest and hundreds of residents and passers by stand to reflect on nature's majesty. The massive fish blend with the speckled pebbles and fight to their death up this shallow run off of Coquitlam lake. It's

nothing more than a perk to the high property taxes and dreams of an aspiring few yet it keeps people from the burbs in touch with nature no matter how thin the life line may be.

If you look on a map of the Coquitlam-Port Moody area you will be hard pressed to find Hoy Creek, yet many of its polluted, tire infested cousins will pop out instantly. Both the cloudy Coquitlam river and the shopping cart lined shores of Scott Creek run parallel to the pride of newly developed property near the David Lam campus. None, however, seem to be cared for like the Hoy Creek trail.

Freshly laid gravel and perfectly built salmon habitats line the well travelled Hoy Creek path. Ducks find harbour and dogs find a brief moment of freedom, albeit on a master's leash, on this carefully laid trail.

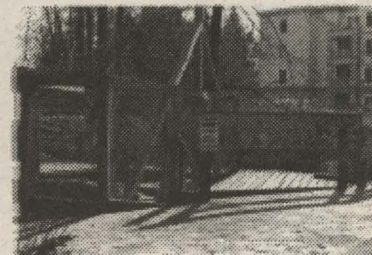
It may look fake and it may be nothing more than a cheap gimmick for real estate sales but the fact is that this is one of the few strips spared by the bulldozers of development, so enjoy it and find solace in it, for it too may one day be lined with rusty shopping carts and bald old tires. ☿



See those two buildings? If you keep walking in that direction, for about a (Coquitlam) block, you'll hit David Lam.



On the southeast side of the bridge there's a map of the entire Hoy Creek Trail. It's a nice Sunday walk, if you're into those sorts of things....



The fishies' house.



The Streamkeepers' shack... the notice board is covered in useful fish etiquette information. In case you haven't figured out where the creek is yet, look across the monthly parking lot, behind Douglas Daycare, the copse of trees surrounds the spring-melt swollen creek.

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# Feature

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Price states, "We only have 12 modems and about 400 people online. Most ISPs have ten subscribers per modem." Users dialing-up and parking on a line, even after sending and receiving their email, is a barrier to providing efficient service.

Morin agrees with Price. "Eventually everyone will have access to the Internet, but we will not provide remote access to students," he says. Staff and faculty will continue to have remote access.

The decision-making process within the college is another constraint to providing full Internet service for students. Before any drastic changes can occur, access to the Internet must first be established as a priority. Price says, "It's not up to us to establish priorities in this department. We are told by management where to put our resources."

Morin hesitates to say that student Internet access is not a priority. "This is something that will have to be determined. It would certainly be nice to have. We have to start by being more program specific as maybe certain

wall.

Morin also discusses the possibility of a single open student computer lab rather than separate labs throughout the campus. In his vision of the open lab, a technical person will always be available to deal with problems and security will be increased by having all computer equipment in one place. He says, "The lab would be hooked up to the various networks so if you have a notebook computer, you could plug it in and have access to the college networks.

"The more service that's provided, the higher our expectations rise and the more we require of the system. Our expectations just keep rising. I don't know what to do about that," Morin adds.

Morin believes the problem is not just a college or a system-wide issue, but rather a province-wide issue. "High schools are also dealing with the same concerns. It's very tough for every educational institution." He also thinks that the college community recognizes the complexity of the problem. So, no Internet soon.

Many cash-strapped students rely on school computer facilities to write term papers and complete assignments. Douglas College is sometimes unable to provide reliable computers for these simple tasks, let alone more complex tasks like Internet access.

Students attend colleges to prepare for successful futures, but will not be ready without effective communication skills and access to technology. Students also benefit from using the Internet and the World Wide Web. The web provides research materials, which can be more current than any print source. And the Internet allows access to libraries, museums, and organizations around the globe.

The Internet is also becoming a required tool in the competitive job market. More and more businesses, including Douglas College, are hanging their sign on the World Wide Web and require Internet literate employees. Internet literacy should be taught by educational institutions, but no one seems to know how. So far, at Douglas, there are no solutions. ☛

## Computer frustrations at DC

by Jim Chliboyko

Down in a perpetually bustling computer lab, a student who goes by the name "Sudog" is riled about the state of Douglas College computers. He doesn't seem impressed. Sudog points confidently at individual computers from where he sits, giving a brief maintenance history of the more troublesome ones. One broken computer, he claims, had merely been moved from its usual perch to another place in the same lab. He says he's been labelled a nuisance for pointing out the troubled computers. "I tell them [systems] and nothing gets done. Technically, they [systems] are there for the students."

His neighbour pipes in; "There's a dot matrix printer upstairs that's been broken all year." She is sitting one row behind a particular computer that is infamous amongst the more hard-core lab users for tearing up floppy disks. There is no warning sign on that computer, though there are some on others.

Four floors up, administration is still ruminating over the state of technology on campus, and is still hoping for feedback encouraged by a 42-page report released in February. The report, entitled *Setting our Course for the Future: An Educational Technology Action Plan for Douglas College*, was inspired by the campus-wide, computer-directed vitriol inspired by most DC computer labs.

The report was an internal document compiled by a working group comprised of Susan Greathouse, Marsh Price, Rob Linschoten, and Interim College President Dr. Lloyd Morin. By way of its proposals, the report makes references to debit cards, centralized labs, restructuring and help desks. Says Morin, "The response has generally been positive,

though, of course, I would want to think that."

The group used research from the past two to three years to help them compile the report. Says Morin, "We have not started from a blank state." The action team also sought advice from other institutions' technological plans.

Those in the college community seeking specific kinds of satisfaction may have to wait before the suggestions kick in, though. "There are some specific actions but more often the plan is there to put processes in place; when we have decisions, this is how we'll make them."

As for email and Internet service, Dr. Morin believes that students will eventually get access. But it won't be accessible from home. Citing the practice of those who park on the Internet, plugging the lines, Morin says "the only way to provide remote email, was not to provide the Internet."

Dr. Morin claims that the action plan's suggestions will also reduce the amount of hierarchy involved in the decision making process. Though the action plan does promote the establishment of two more committees, this doesn't mean more work for the college administration, claims Morin. "I don't think it adds (to the workload); it's a big enterprise, but it should facilitate the work because it should only involve the people that need to be involved."

The language of the report is rather cautious, occasionally defensive, and is careful not to place any blame for the current dilapidated state of DC computers. According to the report, "the dynamic impact of rapid technological changes, exponential growth of user expectations, coupled with the increasing demand on limited resources challenges our

ability to plan effectively." The action plan seems to apologize in advance, "Setting priorities will mean that our plan will inevitably fall short of meeting all users' preferences and expectation." The report also takes on an occasional dire tone. "Just trying to find enough resources to support our goals will require a focus on financial management that is unprecedented."

Another of the changes the action plan promotes is a melding of Systems and Computing and the Center for Educational Technology (CET). Says Dr. Morin, "it's going to have a real impact on all of them." As for integrating the two departments, "that's going to mean some role-changing for all of them, but I think they feel settled now that there's a plan out there."

Dr. Morin hopes the college community will be cooperative. "I hope they're willing to give it a chance," he says. "No plan works, it's people who work. The people who wanted it a different way will have to have the good graces to accept that it isn't exactly the way they wanted, but they'll have to find ways of realizing their objectives through these processes."

Dr. Morin seems aware of the perpetual dissatisfaction that the computers inspire. "The more service that's provided, the higher our expectations rise, and the more we require. I absolutely know for sure that people will still be frustrated with the level of service," he says.

Back in the basement, Sudog is making a list of things that anger him. Among other things, he says, "It's taken way too long for email to happen..." It's not just problems with email though. Sudog talks for awhile; his list isn't short.

### Thirty classrooms, spread over three campuses, may soon be connected to the Internet

programs could use it more than others. I'm only speculating and I'm not making any recommendations." He does, however, see a time where Internet access and other communications systems are more readily available to students.

Douglas College may not have full dial-up access to the net in the near future, but plans are being considered to improve the current facilities.

Thirty classrooms, spread over three campuses, may soon be connected to the Internet. The report mentions that establishing active connections in some classrooms will be a priority. Instructors will be able to use the Internet as a teaching tool by using portable carts with computers, which will plug into active phone lines in the

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# Sports

## West Coast Rivals

by Miguel Strother

After a sold out house in their not so triumphant return home from the lonely road the Vancouver Grizzlies ended a miserable 12 game skid by defeating the Denver Nuggets 102-109. This win marked only the 12th for the young squad and it appears as though the Grizzlies may finish up with a record more dismal than the stinker they posted in their freshman season.

After being manhandled 106-92 by the Seattle SuperSonics, the Grizzlies made a couple of trips to overtime against the Los Angeles Clippers and the Los Angeles Lakers, both winding up in tragic disappointments.

I know that it's getting repetitive but the fact is that this team *cannot* close. They hang tough all game long but it's like putting a salmon in front of a cub, sure the thing is kind of neat and it looks like it tastes sweet but how the hell do ya' ripper the slippery critter's guts out?

Against the Lakers, a team that the Grizzlies obviously get up for, it took everything Vancouver had to scrape even with the powerful superstars of tinsel town, including two last second freethrows from Rookie second rounder Chris Robinson to tie the game, giving

the young squad a chance at a win in the extra 5:00 minute period. Despite having the momentum and the rare pleasure of a hot shooting Anthony Peeler, Stu Jackson was unable to find the man capable of stepping up and closing the door behind their West Coast rivals.

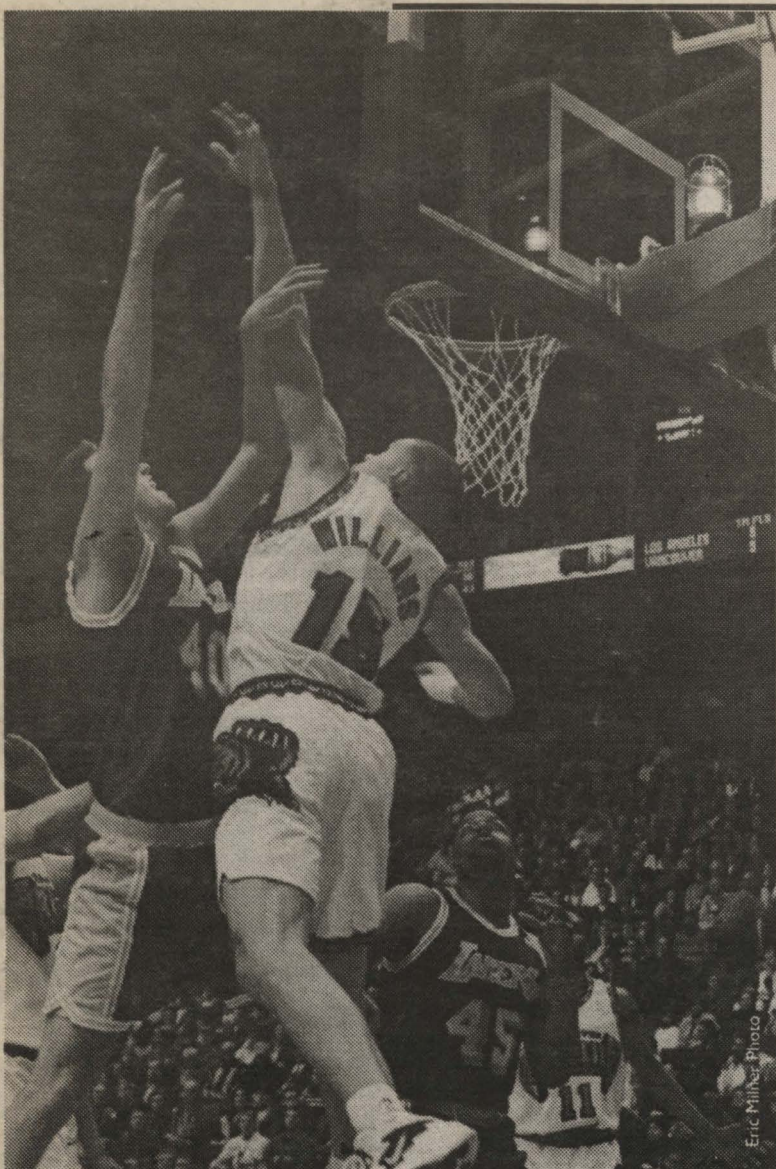
Abdur-Rahim was the guy to go to, but he showed signs of rookie confusion, throwing a pass away on the first Vancouver possession, leading to a four point swing for the Lakers. Abdur-Rahim did, however, have a couple of points keeping it close enough for a Lee Mayberry three, making the score 98-101 and giving the Grizz a shot at another life in double OT. No dice. Yet another rookie mistake, a Chris Robinson turnover off of a

Peeler inbound pass ended all hope for Vancouver fans as they began to pour out of the Garage with under 20 seconds left on the clock.

The Grizzlies were, no doubt, victim to an off night for the officials but they also were their own worst enemies as nerves and indecision took over in OT.

Positive notes were that the Grizz played very well defensive out-rebounding the Lakers 47-49. Also the strong play of late season edition Aaron Williams, who scored six of his 16 points consecutively, gave the Grizzlies a slight lead at 9:09 of the fourth quarter.

Whether it's longer or not, the song remains the same for the Vancouver Grizzlies and their youthful band. ☿



Aaron Williams is showing signs of becoming a first stringer.

## An excuse to go outside Field hockey

Jonathan D. Chapman

Picture a beautiful Sunday morning without a cloud in the sky. The sun beating down on the fields at Burnaby Lake Park, while the crisp, cool wind blows, whistling through the trees. At this time the Douglas College field hockey team took to the field, set to play the very strong and powerful team from Maple Ridge.

The ladies went out on the field a couple of players short because their other players were playing for the Burnaby team on the adjacent field. The showing has been weak because the team is in its second year and they are still needing players from the high

school ranks to have a full squad. By the end of the first half the ladies fell to a 2-0 deficit.

At the start of the second half Maple Ridge kept pouring it on when they scored another quick goal to jump up to a 3-0 lead. Douglas was down, but they weren't out of it yet. The ladies kept playing hard, moving the ball, and worked hard on defense. As far as offense goes, Douglas had a lot of opportunities, but couldn't finish their plays off. By the end of the game Maple Ridge had finished off the game with a 4-0 loss, putting the Royals in second place overall in league play at the half way point of the season.

After the game I had the oppor-

tunity to speak to the coach, Anne-Marie Fearn. "I liked the girls efforts. They played hard and never let up through the whole game." When talking about the Maple Ridge team she commented, "The whole team played on the provincial team and have won the league many times over the past few years. Their experience got the best of our inexperience.

"To win the game, I think we would have to go up the wings more and keep the ball out of the middle," was Fearn's comment on what they should've done more during the game. "Now that we are out of first, we can work our way back to the top!" ☿

photos courtesy Eric Milner



Elections for Coordinating positions will be April 23 @ 4pm. Hopefully the weather will hold up and we'll have the meeting somewhere not-inside. Check to office for the location of the meeting (and possibly a map if it's somewhere obscure.

With monthly production copy deadline gets bumped-up. For the May 5 issue copy deadline is April 28, midnight.

## Classifieds

### VOLUNTEER PUBLIC SERVICE

Burnaby Volunteer Centre has volunteer opportunities in the following areas: Planning school events Apr 23/May 1, secretary, maintain bulletin boards, home-making and parade. For more information call 294-5533

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Monsoon: Asian Lesbians and Bisexual Women of Vancouver are presently in the planning stages for ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH. Among proposed events are a panel discussion critiquing democracy, a cabaret, and film nights. Venues, dates and times are to be determined. For more information call June at 254-4545, or Da at 253-5110.

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