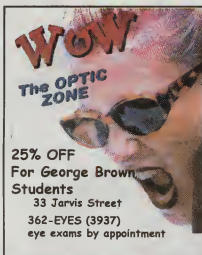


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Daniel Bell, Vice-President of Casa Loma campus for the Student Association (SA) has been suspended with pay pending the outcome of an investigation.

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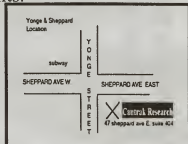
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EDITORIAL

Defending the Student Press

by Allan Stokell

They are called the Subway Tabloids and they are everywhere. These free daily newspapers appeal mostly to the commuters and are distributed mainly to TTC customers who, once they have read them dispose of them on the floor.

Until recently that has been a problem mostly for the TTC. They have to pay staff to pick them up and recycle them.

Our *Dialog Collective* members are encouraged to keep the 27 boxes and drop points of

our paper clean and neat. An extra effort is made when we have inserts such as Agent magazine inserted in the paper. We pay a premium to have the inserts put in between the pages and not in the fold. Inserts put in the fold drop on the floor when you open the paper. Not everyone stops to pick it up.

Not everyone is such a good community member. Some publications merely dump

their papers here, never clean up and we all pay for that. It costs our college to clean them up and it costs KPI points when our campuses are a mess. In the winter when the floors get wet, this also becomes a personal safety issue for students as they may slip on papers dropped on the floor.

In our management agreement with the College, *Dialog* has the right to call itself the exclusive newspaper in the College. The reality is that we are far from being the



exclusive newspaper of the College because of a relaxed attitude taken by Facilities Management. The worst example by far is at St. James campus where they have allowed 8 publications to be on campus.

To my critics let me state that I am not suggesting that these papers not be allowed in the College. The number of paper boxes at the perimeter of the

College buildings speak of how many of these publications reach our students. We at the Collective also know of the impact they have on us. People wedge them in our boxes and drop them on the floor.

What gets me angry the most is not the presence of these publications in the College, but the cavalier attitude of the College management towards the concerns expressed by the *Dialog Collective*.

My solution to the growing problem is simple. It won't cost the College a penny and it will solve the problem to everyone's satisfaction.

At various areas in the college the *Collective* could place a community news stand to replace the clutter of a group of unregulated boxes. This would be one larger box that would have a number of selected publications available inside, along with community information. The *Collective* would be responsible for stocking the box and keeping it clean.

How many jobs do these outside tabloids create for George Brown College students? Only one paper has any GBC student employees. Only one can answer that every employee is a GBC student. That newspaper is *Dialog*.

Letters

Dear *Dialog*,
Here is our message to the students:

The Bathurst Davenport Community Association welcomes the students of George Brown to the neighbourhood. You bring energy and vitality to the community, not to mention because of you students we are the most surveyed area in all of Canada. We are proud of our community and we would like to keep it clean. Please don't litter and if you see litter pick it up. Thanks for your support.

Kathleen Wronski
The BDCA

WE>I: Municipal Election-Nov. 13 Federal Nov. 27th!!!

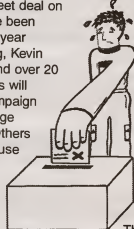
By Edwin Huang

It's coming! It's coming! The time is near, the gloves are off, and the rubber chickens are being thrown about. Election fever is here! Peeps, Bump and Hustle your body to the nearest polling station and find out who 'gwan pon ya particular ward, sen? The municipal elections take place on Monday November 13 with the federal election to follow on the 27th. Who will be the next "Bad Boy" for the Megacity? If you care, you'll vote. If you don't vote you are essentially saying you don't care, and you invariably endorse what will happen to the municipal mechanics that is City Hall.

You don't let someone pick out your clothes. You don't let someone pick out the clothes you wear. So why would you let someone decide on issues that greatly impact the way you will live? In a democratic society, we are empowered with the ability to choose our elected leaders and in turn the decisions which impact our lives in one aspect or another. Who we vote for is our personal choice. It is up to

you to get informed as to what each candidate's platform is through media, electorate meetings, and debates. (If the candidate is willing and to take part that is...) Don't just vote for the first guy who'll get you a sweet deal on a new dinette set you've been eyeing. Candidates this year include Tooker Gornberg, Kevin Clarke, Mel Lastman, and over 20 others. Some candidates will operate with a large campaign budget allowing for a large advertising onslaught. Others on a shoestring budget use a more grassroots approach opting for leaflets, public forums, and media

"opportunities". One candidate, Kevin Clarke, utilizes the recycling approach-writing "Vote for K Clarke" on the back of condo sandwich boards. At times during the election, it reminds one of the story of David vs. Goliath. When the favourite becomes just too cocky and is vanquished in the end. (Could it happen again?) However, keep in mind that the MESSAGE is what is of importance not the method! Sugar coated shit is still shit.



Remember "Suffragette City"? No not the song by David Bowie! (Ed. By the way, Q107-Lo IQ upside-down). During this election frenzy, I think back to the Suffragettes, those brave women in our collective memories who defiantly and bravely FOUGHT for their RIGHT TO VOTE. By way of loud protests in the streets, and hunger strikes, the Suffragettes "suffered" in order for future generations of women to be considered equal to men with respect to the right to vote. You thought the Spice Girls meant GIRL POWER! These women were some of the originators.

They are afraid of us. It is time for us to take a stand. We cannot afford to tune in, turn on, and drop out of the collective decision making process that social democracy has built over the centuries in Canada. We as students are often regarded as disinterested in politics mainly due to the general non-participation amongst students. At the GBC elections, the collective voter turnout all campuses taken into account was 9%. Granted perhaps

those in the GBC community, do not have as much as an interest in "college activities", as we are by in parts a transient student population.

I encourage you to make the effort to vote in the upcoming elections. You can call 416-338-1111 for any election questions pertaining to the municipal election. Keep your ear to the ground for information on federal candidates in the upcoming federal election. One last thing, remember: WE>I. If any one of us falls chances are the domino effect will eventually occur sooner than later...

Until next time, I bid you adieu.
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erratum

- In the October 27th issue of *Dialog*, we published the incorrect number for the Life Works Centre. The number should have read 416-415-2846.
- The *Dialog Collective* regrets this error.

ACCESSIBILITY

by Bonnie Briggs

My access has been denied. What access do you ask? My access to the computer room at George Brown College, St. James Campus has been denied. Let me give you some background. I was a student at the St. James Campus of George Brown College from 1995-1997. I graduated with Honours from the Community worker Program in 1997. After graduation, I continued to go into the computer room to read my e-mail and maintain my newly created website. One day, I was called into the office of the Library Technician and told that I could no longer use those computers because I was not a current student. I fought for and won two Alumni computers for the computer room. I had to buy an Alumni card at \$25.00/year in order to retain my access to the computer room. After a rocky beginning, I was once again able to go into the computer room, until this September.

The St. James computer room closed down last year for renovations leaving myself and the other students with nowhere to go. (That's another story). When the computer room opened again for the 2000/2001 school year, I noticed that the Alumni computers had been moved to the school library. This really upset me. I left the computer room very angry at the thought that the Alumni students had been segregated away from the other students. Out in the hallway, I ran into a friend of mine from the Community Worker Program. I told her what happened and we both went down to the Students' Association. I ended up in a big argument with the woman who was working in there when she told me that I was no longer welcome in the computer room. She said it was because I was spending all day on the computer and that they were only for homework and research. She also said that people had complained about me although she didn't specify what those complaints were. I tried to tell her that I was on welfare and couldn't afford Internet at home. I also told her that I had nowhere else to go. That didn't seem to matter to her. She said that they were getting a lot of money from the students and that paid for their computer access; never mind that I am paying \$25.00/year for the same access. I finally left the office in tears. My friend and I went back to the library and I got onto one of the computers. It was shortly thereafter that I discovered there are no games on the library computers, which I guess I can understand. Then I discovered that there were no Word Processing programs on those computers. This really upset me as it meant that I couldn't do my writing. I am a writer. I need to write. There are also no printers in the library and limited scanning.

A few days later, a woman who worked at the library came and told me that I couldn't do e-mail in the library, that I had to go in the computer room to do that. I tried to tell her that I was not allowed in the computer room, she didn't care. She told me to go to the public library. What a joke that is! I was so upset and crying that she called the Security Guard on me! I left, again in tears. The Security Guard followed me out. I ended up having to go

to the local Community Computer Club. I could do e-mail and games there, but if it's busy, e-mail is considered personal, and I have to get off.

I had another run-in with the same Security Guard on September 26/2000. Bill Fallis had e-mailed me and asked me to come in to talk to him and Bob Luker about this issue and see if we could come up with a solution. I went in on September 26 to do that. When I got to the office, the door was locked and they weren't there. I decided to come back



another day and started to walk away. I saw a box of free books down the hallway, and stopped to look at them. The Security Guard came up behind me and demanded to know my name and to see my Alumni card. I didn't feel this was any of his business. I told him that and that I was an Alumni student. He still demanded to know who I was. I told him my first name in the hope that he would leave me alone. It didn't work. By this time, I was starting to get angry. I finally said I would leave and started walking towards the elevators, all without ever being allowed to look at the books. He followed me again and the

whole time we were standing there, he was staring at me and wouldn't leave. I was really angry by now and in tears once again. I told him that I didn't appreciate being followed and that I was not a baby. I told him to leave me alone, but he wouldn't. I was yelling at him by this point. I just wanted him to go away and get out of my face. I walked around to the other side of the partition in front of the elevators to get away from him and he followed me. Just then, Bob Luker walked by and I told him what was

happening. I felt I was being harassed. Bob spoke to the Guard and told him that I could come to his office with him. I waited there while Bob taught a class. Shortly after Bob came back, Bill Fallis showed up. I told him what happened and he offered to speak to the Guard for me. We went first to look at the free books and I wanted to be pick out the ones I wanted. The next stop was the computer room. They said that I could use the computers in the library for e-mail only, no word-processing or web page maintenance and only for an hour/day. That made me feel a little better. We then

went to talk the Security Guard. Bill spoke to him and told him that I was allowed in the school and not to give me a hard time. He agreed to leave me alone.

I'm back on the computer again, sort of. I still have to go to the computer club for my word processing and web page maintenance. I was also going to the local Employment Resource Centre (ERC) until yesterday when I was told that I could not do e-mail. I had to do job search; never mind the fact that my worker does not require me to do job search. I turned in my ERC card and walked out in tears. That is another form of computer access that has been taken from me. What do I have to do to get uninterrupted computer access?

If this is how they treated me, an Alumni student, what do you have to look forward to? Hey, Alumni Association, open your eyes. Do something now so that future Alumni students don't have to go through what I've had to endure. Don't let another student suffer like I have. My Alumni card comes up for renewal on November 20/2000. I'm seriously thinking of letting it lapse. Why should I waste \$25.00 on access I no longer have? I have better things to do with that money. Good-bye George Brown.

You can still reach Bonnie at bonniebriggs@yahoo.ca

Disability Issues

By: Judith Allen

One of the hot topics on everyone's mind right now is the upcoming federal election. While many find this a seriously boring issue and would rather spend the afternoon at the dentist - having a tooth pulled without any freezing - the results of the election will have effects on all of us. Because of the importance of this, I thought it might be interesting to look at how each of the federal political parties is addressing disability issues (or in some cases, not addressing them).

A short look through the various parties web sites revealed some interesting things. First, neither the Conservative nor Reform Parties find disability to be a big enough issue for them to include it in their platform. This is startling given the fact that in excess of 3 million Canadians have a disability of some type. Second, of the other two (main) parties, only one sets out how it will work towards making all the governments' programs and services more accessible.

The Liberal Party's web site points out all the wonderful things that it has done for Canadians with disabilities. Well whoopee, I'll just run to the bank - or maybe book a one week, all inclusive trip, to Wawa Ontario - with that \$680, non-refundable, tax credit I got for the additional costs associated with having a "severe" disability. Let me tell you, \$680 doesn't go far when your mobility difficulties force you to take cabs because the cutbacks to provincial transportation funding meant that you can't get on Wheeltrans. They also talk

about the \$30 million in funding that they provided for employment opportunities for people with disabilities - and how much of that was sucked up into the Labour Ministry accounting fiasco?

The New Democrat Party gets my vote for actually including disability as a real issue that needs addressing. Given the chance, the NDP plans to address the issues by making all future policies, practices, department and agencies accessible and disability friendly. They also say that they'll make the Disability Tax Credit refundable - so that people with disabilities (many of whom are unemployed because of barriers to employment) are able to claim the money even if they did not earn enough money to pay income tax. This is in addition to their promise of increased eligibility for C.P.P. disability pensions and improved access to employment training programs.

I know who I'll be voting for. Do you?

News

There are some interesting events coming up over the next few weeks. On November 15th there is a rally in support of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act. It will be at Queen's Park between 3 and 5:30 pm. Students who wish to attend but who may require some assistance getting there, can meet us at 2pm in the Access Centre, Room 165B at St. James. Also, on November 29th, the first joint Organization of Students with a Disability/Athletics event takes place. We will be meeting in room 581C. Arrangements have been made for an ASL interpreter to attend this event. More details of exactly what we will be

doing will be available soon. The next two meetings of the Organization of Students with a Disability will be held on:

November 22nd and December 13th in the Access Centre, Room 165B, At St. James Campus, at 5pm
All students are welcome to come and join us.

Submissions for this column are welcome and appreciated. If you have something to say or share, we'd like to give you the opportunity to do so. Send your comments, ideas, or articles either to the Access Centre c/o Disability Issues, or to me at accessdiva@atlavista.com.

Reviews

If you are looking to increase your knowledge of disability issues there are two books that I can highly recommend. The first is **The Rejected Body: Feminist Philosophical Reflections on Disability** by Susan Wendell of Simon Fraser University. It explores disability in relation to feminism and capitalist ideology. It's an easy read and very informative - it's also reasonably priced at about \$25.

The second is **The Politics of Disablement** by Michael Oliver, a British Sociologist who has profound and multiple disabilities. This is a challenging book, but great if you have some knowledge of politics and sociology. Both of these should be available to order from any bookseller or are available for use in the Central Reference Library on Yonge Street.

Our Community

Networking On The Internet

By Barb Simmon

What a great boon the Internet is to worksearchers...and particularly to networkers. And, no one gives better advice to us all in my opinion, than author Mark Swartz in *Get Wired, You're Hired*. In partnership with CACEE (Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers), Swartz suggests:

"Going online to do a portion of your networking is a great way to increase your efficiency. Just about anyone with net access can take part in electronic discussion groups. These enable you to exchange information with people locally, nationally and all around the world. The idea here is to make contacts that you might not otherwise be able to make. Since you are not limited by time, geography or expense, vast new realms become available to you."

A perfect case in point involves a recent student of mine at the college who

arranged her final practicum (placement) 3,000 miles away...with most of the initial networking and gathering of possible placement sites/supervisor's names obtained through research on the Internet. By the time the telephone communication and final arrangements took place,

everyone felt like they knew one another.

So, how do traditional and electronic networking differ?

Instead of approaching targeted companies or specific people directly, identify discussion groups that focus on your interests. Then make a contact, exchange information and build/develop individual relationships.

According to Swartz, "...from a career standpoint, you can learn more about your field and ask

advice from practitioners in your industry. Sometimes you can just share your stories with an interested party. You may even find people who know of employment opportunities, or can refer you to others who are hiring."

Now, on to Swartz's quick review of steps for going online to network:

1. Identify relevant discussion groups by conducting online research
2. Get and understanding of the group by noting key topics and tone of

communication by signing on and monitoring discussions before posting your own message.

3. Decide if this group meets your needs
4. Make your first contact by posting a private message to a group member who seems particularly approachable
5. Respond promptly if contacted by

answering in a timely and professional manner

Check out Swartz's book for more good advice on Netiquette (rules of electronic conduct) and active websites. A few for now include:

workfonet.bc.ca/forum/discussion.cfm
www.globecareers.com
www.compuserve.com
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and two others I recommend:

<http://www.gu.edu.au/au/aa/ss/careers/articles/employenet.htm>
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Happy Online Networking!

*This is an excerpt from a new booklet called **Networking** which is part of a series entitled **Path to Employment** written by counsellors in the Career and Employment Services office.*

George Brown College Food Banks

by John Tomcik

Hello Everyone! I am the George Brown College Food Bank Coordinator for this year. The Food Bank is an emergency service for students who are in need of food. The Food Bank is also a social service that raises public awareness around the issues of hunger in our community. All George Brown students bearing a student card are eligible to access the service and will be served with pleasure. A special Food Bank fundraising event is in the planning stages. More event details will be released shortly.

There is a Food Bank at each of the George Brown campuses namely Casa Loma, Nightingale and St. James.

Whether you are a potential user of the service or not, I encourage you to drop by the Food Bank and lend your support! The Food Bank cannot function without the support of students' donations and volunteer time. Please check the Student Association bulletin boards or Food Bank doors for current hours of operation.

The Food Banks strive to be safe places for students to access. If you have any questions, concerns or are interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact myself or Sharon Kamassah, at the Life Works Centre at 416-415-2846.

Welcome To The Women's Centre

By Ann Robinson

The Women Centre is now open for fall 2000. The Women's Centre is a division of the Student Association, working in conjunction with the Life Works Centre. The Women's Centre is located at all three campuses. The Centre aims to serve as a safe, quiet space for women to access information on various issues such as community activism and counseling referrals. It is also a place to meet and socialize with your peers and participate in a number of student driven events. Upcoming events include a clothing exchange, movie nights and discussion groups. Guest speakers and a fundraising

campaign are also in the planning stages.

This school year, the Women's Centre is coordinated by Zahra Siddiqui and myself. The centres will be kept open at various times with the help of volunteers. Their time and effort is essential and always appreciated. We are in great need of volunteers and also encourage students to make donations. Please contact Zahra, Sharon Kamassah, the Life Works Manager or myself at 416-415-2846 for more information

regarding our services or how to better participate in women's initiatives. Feel free to visit any of the Women's Centres or our team at the Life Works Centre in room 165B, St. James Campus.

On the behalf of The Women's Centre, we look forward to seeing you!

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ELECTIONS



by Allan Stokell

The Federal Election will be held on November 27th. It is predicted that 500,000 people will vote for the first time. Many of these first time voters are college students.

All citizens 18 years and older with a pulse can vote.

Do you know who to vote for? Do you know what services the federal, provincial and municipal governments are responsible for?

Is this going to be like a civics class? NOT!

The federal government is the national government of Canada. It represents all thirty some-odd million of us. The representatives or Members of Parliament (MP) we elect will sit in the House

of Commons in Ottawa. They are members elected from right across the country and are members of various political parties. The party with the greatest number of seats or MPs will form the government. The leader of that party will be the Prime Minister. He/she will select other MPs from their party to be ministers of the government. These ministers are responsible for their ministries or departments of the government which provide services to the citizens of Canada.

Our national or federal government provides many services. Those services it does not provide directly it may contribute to along with your provincial or municipal government. The federal government is responsible for product and health standards and information,

programmes to help us plan our careers and help out when we are between jobs, support to new businesses, passports and travel support for citizens, parks and museums, protection of the environment, a retirement income for seniors, assistance for people with disabilities, and much more. They raise money to support these programmes through taxation.

Now you are really confused, let me tell you about the various political parties.

Groups of people with similar political beliefs band together to form parties. I know it sounds like you might have a great time at a political party, but parties are actually political enterprises that run

feel make it far too easy for immigrants to enter Canada. If you believe in these values you may be described as conservative.

The left wing is just the opposite of conservative. They believe all citizens should enjoy equal access to high quality health care, education and social services. They also realise that these services cost money and are willing to pay for them in their taxes. They also believe that every citizen should have the right to make choices about their life and lifestyle. Those who believe in these kind of freedoms are also called liberal.

Canada has a great number of registered

term. The Liberals are an interesting party. In the last few years they have made tax cuts, and often brag that their party introduced national health care. They might be described as a party of the moderate, part way between the left and the right.

In Toronto it is unlikely that many people will vote for an Alliance candidate. The anti immigrant, anti-health care and education policies too closely reflect the unpopular Ontario government of Mike Harris.

Since you will be voting for a local candidate running in the riding where you live, you would be wise to check out their campaign platform. Often candidates or their representatives go door to door at election time. If you are not alone they will drop a brochure outlining their objectives if elected. If you have further questions you can contact them through their election campaign office.

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Can you vote? Only if you are registered. If you are already registered you should have already received a flyer from Elections Canada. If you are not registered, check out Elections Canada at www.elections.ca

How will you vote? It depends on where you live. If you are living in Toronto, you can vote for one of your local candidates in their riding, or area they represent. If you continue to live outside of Toronto and commute, you will have to vote in your home riding.

You don't have to vote on election day. You can vote at one of the Advanced

Elections 101...what you absolutely need to know...

very much like businesses. These businesses decide on platforms, or what we might call mission statements, outlining where they stand on issues of the day. Parties are usually categorised by their standing on a scale of right to left. These views are said to have wings.

If you have right wing beliefs you usually believe in less government, lower taxes, fewer social services like health care and employment insurance. You also are against equal rights for minority groups like women and gay couples, you dislike abortions and are in favour of state executions (capital punishment) and dislike current immigration laws that you

political parties. (See sidebar) The party that most represents the right wing is the Alliance (formerly the Reform) their leader is Stockwell Day, a former fundamentalist Christian minister.

Alexa McDonough represents the left. She is leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada (NDP). For years her party have spoken for the poor, the marginalised and the concerned middle class.

In the middle sits the Liberal Party. Headed by Jean Chretien our Prime Minister. He hopes to have his government re-elected for third five year

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Potables

REAL GOOD BEER

by Malt Disney

We are lucky indeed that within walking distance of St. James campus there is one of the world's finest bars. C'est What is hard to find. It's downstairs on the southeast corner of Front and Church. Once inside you note it is divided into two sections. One side for punters who like to drink cheap lager while listening to loud music, and the bar, where genteel people meet to discuss literature, world politics and sexual deviance while drinking Canada's finest ales.

To this venue comes the Annual Festival of Small Brewers. For twelve hop drenched years, the management of C'est What has hosted this widely acclaimed celebration of all that is good about Canadian beer.

Noticeable by their absence are the really big brewers. You won't find Blue, Kieths or Canadian here. The boycott list is a long one. No corn beers are allowed. This excludes just about every product the big two (Molson and Labat) make.

On Friday, October 13th the serious Canadian brewers gathered to offer praise to the barley malt and hop vine. Thirty nine products from Canada's independent brewers were available for tasting.

If you had a pint of each it would take you a month to go through the card. Gord Holder has been to most of the eleven previous festivals. He is a beer expert, founding member of the Canadian Brewerianists, and the Canadian Association for Better Ale and Lager (CABAL). Gord gave me some hints on how to sniff out the best products. Even with 4 ounce (125 ml) I figure I could only do 10 or 12 different products before time and specific gravity took its toll.

Holder suggested a few offerings. Creemore Springs urBock is a sweet, nicely balanced, full bodied lager only



available

for a short time in the autumn. He warned that Anniversary Ale from Upper Canada Brewing was an invention of the new owner, Sleeman Brewing and Malting of Guelph, Ontario. Sadly one of the best possibilities,

Charles MacLeans F&M Pale Ale was not in good condition should have been a none starter.

I took what I thought was a unique angle to the quest for the perfect elixir. Since beer is made from similar ingredients as other foods like grain, yeast, water and herbs, I thought I might do a four course Zymergical meal.

I started with an appetizer of Hart's Dragon's Breath Ale. As near to perfect a beer may get. A stunning balance of hops bitterness to malt sweetness.

The Main Course could be nothing but Durham Breweries Blak Katt cask conditioned ale. A Real Ale made in the traditional manner and served with a hand pump beer engine. Dark in colour, this brew has the full body a main course requires.

Dessert has many possibilities. Apple Ale from Niagara Falls Brewing, Kawartha's Raspberry Wheat or Muskoka's Honey Brown Lager.

My choice was McAuslan's Spiced Pumpkin, one of the few bottled entries. If you want to talk pumpkin pie, then this full bodied spiced ale has quite a voice.

After dinner, often people like to smoke. I find it a disgusting one habit I could get is C'est What's own Hemp Ale. Yes folks, it is made with a small amount of hemp, and no, I am assured that it does not contain any THC. Too bad. The ale is small of body, but inoffensive and a good choice for a session ale. If you don't smoke, how about a coffee? The C'Est What Coffee Porter could be a good choice. This ale is deep, dark delicious and dangerous, cause a pint of this will cause a sleepless night. Then again, if that's what you're into...

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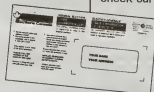
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THE ARROGANCE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

BY BONI

What can I do?
I say the powerless
few.
With a lump in
their throat and a
tear in their eye. Can't you see that
their poverty is profiting you?

**-Buffy St. Marie, My Country
T'is Of Thy People, You're
Dying.**

"Politics? It upsets you when we discuss politics? You're a social worker who doesn't want us to discuss politics because kids can come in this room? Our children are born and bred in politics. What man wants to have to teach that to his children? But without understanding their legacy, how can our children survive this destruction?"

**—Joe Sanford, Tyendinaga
Mohawk, said in a Native internet
chat room responding to a
newcomer.**

I sit here praying. Tears stream down my face as I call on the spirits of Louis Riel, Poundmaker, Big Bear, Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, Gabriel Dumont, Adam Lucier, Art Solomon, Crowfoot—I petition anyone from the otherworld who will listen and provide counsel. I need to write an article about the frustration we face as a nation getting through a Euro-centric social system that claims to be "diverse". I need to finish a class that's purpose is beyond my understanding. I want to know how to be heard by those within that system. Hopefully, this article will pass an editorial board and a lawyer.

The spirits remain silent except for Louis, educated in Catholic university who whispers, "They haven't listened to us for four hundred years they are not about to hear us now."

All the above names likely mean very little to you. I risk myself.

Assumptions could be made about my sanity from a Euro-centric viewpoint. Certainly it cost Louis his life.

When I started my first year to get a diploma that will allow me to work as a 'Human Services Counsellor' there were 10 First Nation's students in the course. By the end of the first year there were two of us left. Yet, 90% of the Euro-Canadian students were still enrolled. By the second month of the first year, all but one of us had dropped out of group process classes. We have been involved in "group processes" for 10,000 years. We are well aware of how to survive as a group or we would all be dead after 300 years of colonization. Yet, we are told that our ancient ways that we have improved upon for 10,000 years are inferior to the unproved European based methods less than 50 years old.

All of the books I have cracked for these classes make absolutely no mention of us other than as criminals and alcoholics. Nowhere was there an account of our heritage, our incredibly courageous history of survival in a country created on our backs with rules we did not agree to meet. Yet, we are 12% of the population—with the hidden Meitis and non-status we may be more than 20%. We are the invisible people. We come into a class with a history of starvation, poverty, economic and political assault, generational residential school abuse, physical and cultural genocide as well as forced assimilation through political bureaus backed by social service agencies—the latest in a long chain, Child Protection Services. We have no trust in this system, these people. We can't speak the truth of what we know, feel, hear, see, as the other students and teachers have no starting point

from which to relate to our experiences. There is stunned silence whenever our collective rage and grief emerges. So we respond with our only alternative for 300 years—we disengage.

We are told to speak in words that declare feelings instead of in our colourful metaphorical expressions. When we speak of ourselves as 'we', we are told to speak in the singular 'I'. We are told to adapt or fail. This speech pattern is foreign to us except in certain circumstances. Many native languages do not have pronouns. Often we don't use them in English either. There is no 'I', 'you', 'us', 'we' 'them'. In Ojibwe, we are "the people" (Anishnaabek/Anishnaabek-quay), while others are "those not from here" (shauganash). When amongst ourselves, when we speak do for ourselves alone, in a formal environment we preface what we say by our real names and clans—names we do not speak in front of non-natives.

It must be difficult in a Eurocentric culture even attempting to understand the mentality of a people who believe in collective responsibility. I am responsible to my people to get this sheet of paper from this school. It was not an individual decision. It took the work of a Medewewin (medicine man), a woman healer, four native 'counsellor/teachers' two Elders and countless caring friends and family for me to get this far. I am responsible to my people—emotionally, mentally, spiritually, physically, financially. They are responsible to support me as I carry it through. We are all responsible for the failure of those Native people who could not finish, to understand the incredible frustration and anguish they faced in a racist Euro-centric system that they could not face for a single

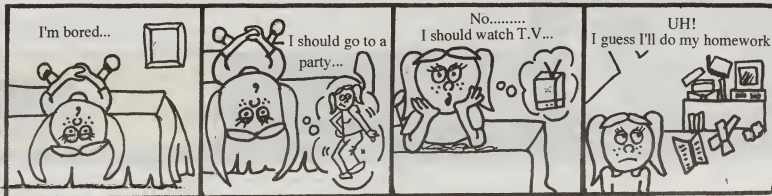
day longer. I am responsible for my one friend who remains and she is responsible for me. How can someone from a culture that preaches 'the cult of the individual' even begin to fathom that kind of responsibility to all our relations?

When social services defines our technique as 'visualization' and steals part of the method—that's all very accepted in the world of academia. However, to take the whole process of "having visions" is defined as a form of mental illness. If it is called 'meditation' or 'hypnosis' it is permissible. However, if a medicine man uses a drum to induce a state of healing through the spirits—it's called 'superstition'. That's only the very beginning of the appropriation—what about Art Therapy? Singing? Dancing? Dreaming? Therapy Group vs. Healing Circle? Life Skills Group vs. Teaching Circle? Who has the 10,000-year history of refining these techniques as part of their collective responsibility for the well being of the people? We have been the masters of cognitive, emotional and spiritual healing long before the Europeans sailed here. Yet, not once in this course were we mentioned as the original creators of any information. Our own spirituality is carelessly adapted by paid 'professionals' to wound our own children through psychiatry, psychology and social work.

I usually work in Euro-Canadian organizations. When I come across our tortured children there I gently lead them home. I am asking you to take on your collective responsibilities as non-natives to do the same. Please, do not damage us further with your arrogant belief that that your newly acquired ideas are superior to our ancient traditions.

College Life

by Tiffany Sallai



ENTERTAINMENT

No one took up the challenge I issued in the last edition. I can't believe that people don't want to share their star sightings - I guess I am the only person who finds it exciting. Go figure?! Well, the challenge is still out there folks. You can email He and I at headshebc@hotmail.com - we love to get mail from our many fans.

This week, He and I will be reviewing the newly released movie "Billy Elliot" and our take on the sneak preview of "The Legend of Bagger Vance", starring Matt Damon and Will Smith.

"Billy Elliot"

Starring: Jamie Bell, Julie Walters, and Gary Lewis.

She said: Set in a coal-mining town in Northern England, "Billy Elliot" is really a story about achieving dreams and dealing with despair all at once. Not only does Billy (portrayed by newcomer Jamie Bell) stink at boxing, his home life leaves a lot to be desired. Both his father and brother, employees at the local coal mine, are on strike. His grandmother is slowly losing her faculties and his best friend has developed a fondness for women's clothes. Everything seems hopeless until Billy finds himself in Mrs. Wilkinson's ballet class. Billy has raw talent and his teacher encourages him to audition for the Royal Ballet School. Unfortunately, father and brother aren't as accepting as his chain-smoking instructor. This movie

may sound like an overblown BBC drama, but it is filled with comic moments that make this film wonderful.

While watching this movie, I was reminded of my own early tap dancing days. Perhaps if my talent had been recognized, I too could have become Billy Elliot. Well, you don't get many do-overs in life so to ensure that you have no future regrets, make sure you see this film!

Grade: A

He said: I have to concur with my compadre about just how great this little film is. "Billy Elliot" is more than a film about hopes and dreams, more than about ballet. It is also strikingly about parental and personal recognition and acceptance. Billy's home life is obviously lacking, but you get the sense that Billy might not notice the poverty or the hardship if his mother were still alive. Now rather than running to his mother for comfort and escape, Billy dances. In some scenes when he is filled with anger and frustration he dances so hard as though he were beating the pavement he's standing on like a boxer would an opponent.

"Billy Elliot" is all at once tender, brash, loud and subtle. It opens us up to fantasy

and then slams the door on us with harsh realism. It is a truly sweet approach to film making and story telling and the lead character and the actor who plays him will, without a doubt, steal your heart. If you're looking for great movies these days, say hello to Billy Elliot!

Grade: A



"The Legend of Bagger Vance"
Starring: Matt Damon, Will Smith, and Charlize Theron.

She said:

Ok, Robert Redford is quite the sentimentalist. His directorial turn on "The Legend of Bagger Vance" is no exception. Narrated by Jack Lemmon, this film tells the tale of a once-extraordinary golfer Rannulf Junuh (Matt Damon) whose life the First World War alters. Having "lost his swing" among other things, he finds himself assisted by the mystical Bagger Vance (Smith) and soon becomes the third participant in an exhibition match between famous golfers Bobbie Jones and Walter Hagen.

The cinematography in this film is excellent; the grass of the golfing green

feels alive and I longed to take up a 9 iron and practice my swing. I was thoroughly entertained by the supporting characters in this movie that brought interesting touches to a somewhat predictable story. In all, if you have a sweet tooth, you might need to visit the dentist after this one.

Grade: C

He said: I wasn't sure what to make of this movie before I sat down. I wasn't sure of what to make of it after it ended. I'm still not sure what to make of it almost 24 hours later. What I do know is this...I enjoyed this movie. Whatever Bagger Vance had to do with the movie for me was lost amid the scenic spread of Savannah, Georgia, her wonderful cast of characters, one very Wiley young golf enthusiast and a really great game of golf! The underlying stories that are happening within this movie feel contrived and are never developed to merit any real examination. In truth, Bagger Vance himself seems less like legend and more like ambiguity.

But this criticism aside, the stand out performances of Charlize Theron and young L. Michael Moncrief combined with some very exciting (Yes! Exciting...! said exciting!) scenes of golfing more than made up for what was an uninteresting idea to begin with. Had they had the foresight, they might have thought to ditch the mystery caddy idea and just stick with the real story... The legend of Bobby Jones!

Grade: C

LEAH CHERNIAK DIRECTS TORONTO PREMIERE OF TIMBERLAKE

Long-time Toronto theatre artist and Co-artistic Director of Theatre Columbus Leah Cherniak, comes to George Brown to direct the graduating students in the Toronto premiere of Timberlake Wertenbaker's **THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD**.

Canadian born Timberlake Wertenbaker

has established herself as a leading playwright in Britain over the last couple decades. Her plays include Our Country's Good, New Anatomies and The Grace of Mary Traverse. Three Birds... enjoyed great success with a Royal Court production in the early 1990's. It's a parable of Thatcherism

using the art world as a vehicle to explore the still stringent class system in England. Populated with art dealers, art critics, posers, con men, money grubbers and upper class fossils, it is a funny and poignant work that examines the nature of art and art-collecting. It is also a portrait of an improbable pair: Biddy,

with her Gucci bags, polished accent and wealth; and Stephen, the rough diamond and hard-up artist.

Other creative artists for this production include: Yvonne Sauriol (set & costume design); Jeff Logue (lighting design); Alexis Chubb (stage management)

WERTENBAKER PLAY

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ENTERTAINMENT

K-Sera Sera

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Please help me

Here is your help Sweetie

Don't fret and take it slow. If he really loves you as much as he says then there shouldn't be a problem. After all good things come to those who wait.....

Dear K SeraSera,

I was working at a part time job a week. It was a really big help as far as funding my social life.

However they have recently laid off all the part time staff which leaves me without a job and no access fun fund\$.

Now that my \$\$\$ has been cut off I am without a social life and feel like old mother Hubbard.

Give the Dog a Bone

Wruff Wruff

Don't despair there is a lot out there especially around the school. We offer a lot of resources that will help to get you by. There is a food bank that entitles all full time students to healthy nutritious food. FREE and if you are serious about working then there is the

SA that has lots of jobs for students, another good way to make \$\$ is by tutoring international students, there is also a program that allows you to keep notes for other students and gain from it financially.

Also look forward to social events coming your way just before the winter break, to keep your spirits high and you in check with your peers.

Let me Let me Help where I can

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Who is the leader of the Canadian Alliance Party? If you know, and are the first person to call 416-415-2710 and talk live to Jacque or Allan will win a BMG prize package.

What's Happening at

THE CITY COLLEGE

Glitteratti

Our theatre arts school is proud to present us with two productions starting November 8th. The first is titled Three Birds Alighting on a Field by Canadian playwright Timberlake Wertenbaker, directed by Leah Cherniak runs Nov.8-18.

GBC's Staff Shines

Michael Hlinka, Professor in Financial Planning, won the CN Tower Stair Climb for the United Way. His time was just under 11 minutes.

Clotheshorses

Peter Felder and the Fashion Management faculty hosted a conference of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association Education Committee in October. The group included representatives from many US universities and the industry. The conference was extremely successful, thanks to the hard work of the staff involved.

IN FOCUS

by Sera Gordon

What do you know about the municipal elections?



Rochelle RPN
"Toronto is behind Mel Lastman"



Trevor RPN
"The elections are very competitive this year"



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"That they are coming up"



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SPORTS

MICHAEL "PINBALL" CLEMONS: A TRUE GIANT

by Jeff Sieger

The greatest non-quarterback in CFL history retired a couple of weeks ago, playing his final game on Friday, September 15, 2000.

When looking back on Clemons' career, many think about his size, his constant smile and good attitude, or his dedication to his fans.

What some people tend to forget is that "Pinball" was a tremendous player. He holds the all-time record for combined yards (which includes rushing, receiving, punt return and kickoff return yards) in pro football. All of pro football includes NFL, USFL, etc. He holds 12 Argonauts records, including most receptions in a career, most kickoff returns in a season and most kickoff returns in a career. He has caught 100 yds., or more in a game 14 times, including four time in 1990.

The aforementioned 1990 season was arguably the best of his career. In only his second season in the CFL, he was an all-star as well as the Most Outstanding Player Award winner. It was during that season that he set the CFL record for the most combined yards in a season with 3300 yards, despite only leading the league in one category (punt returns with 1045 yards). He also picked up 18 touchdowns (14 combined and 4 rushing).

The only season he had that was almost as good (or better, depending on your opinion) than the 1990 season was the one he had in 1997. His ninth season was another statement season for Clemons, once again capturing the Most Outstanding Player Award as well as being an all-star. He smashed his own record for most combined yards in a season with 3840 yards in the same season he set the CFL all-time combined yards with his 21,266th yard. Also, he led the CFL with 122 receptions. The big difference between 1990 and 1997 is that Clemons and the Argos won the big prize (the Grey Cup) in 1997, something they failed to do in 1990.

As I mentioned at the beginning, a lot of what made Mike "Pinball" Clemons a hero and role model is what he did off of the field. He always had a smile on his face and was tremendously dedicated to his fans. He was the Wayne Gretzky of the CFL, a great player and a true ambassador of the game.

Michael "Pinball" Clemons: a great athlete, a great role model, and a tremendous person.

by Jake the Biker

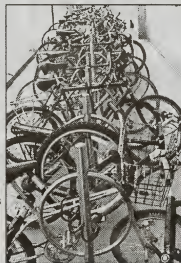
So just as I was telling everyone in the last issue how I found a great new off-road path to get downtown, some dim wit from a construction company decides to close the path from 7:00am to 5:00. That is the prime time for biking to and from downtown and the jerks at city hall let some half wit who drives an SUV set the policy of the City Cycling Committee. As you can tell, it really pisses me off.

While I'm on a rant, let's get into the bike thing at the college.

At any one time this semester, there are literally thousands of bikes littering the campus precepts. Many are in places campus security consider to be illegal. Each year campus cops go on a rampage that includes removing bikes from railings etc. The truth is, this college does not have a serious policy on bicycles. The powers that be ride here in cars. As long as they have a parking space they have little concern for us eco-warriors who are saving the planet for them. As

long as their ride down from Markham is uneventful, they are happy to give us lip service to our complaints and that's all.

As students are spending their hard earned cash on bike transportation and risk being



hassled by the campus gestapo or the bike thieves who are around everyday picking off bikes like ripe cherries from a tree, other companies in this area have developed reasonable and bike friendly policies.

Case in point is Sun Media, that sits a few blocks from the GBC St. James campus. They have a proper covered lock up for their employees who ride bicycles to work. A fitting sign of respect for those who care to consider their future health and the future health of our small planet.

At George Brown College the Kampus Kops think we are a bunch of fools. When asked

about the problem of bicycle thefts, they point to their bicycle registration programme. It's not their programme at all, but an ill conceived, out-dated poorly organized scam not run by them, but the Toronto Police. The last time I tried to report a bike theft to the police they didn't have the time of day. If the crime had been committed by someone with a gun, a SWAT team would have arrived in a minute with helicopter back-up. When I reported the theft of my first bike to campus security in 1998, the guard told me that if I hurried up to George and Queen streets I might be able to buy it back.

By all means bring your bike to the college. Lock it up well and remove any quick release items like seats or wheels and put it somewhere near a door or windows where lots of people see it.

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- ◆ Must have excellent communication skills
- ◆ Must be able to type
- ◆ Should be able to work minimum 3 evenings

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