

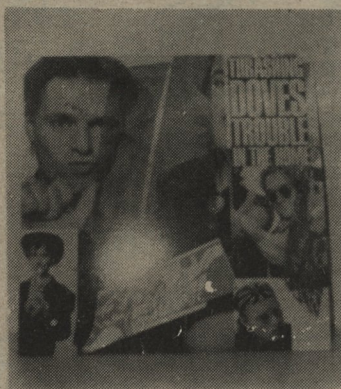
Thrashing Doves — Trouble in the Home

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“A fortress of songwriting excellence”; ‘nothing of a debut masterpiece’. These were just two of the accolades that greeted the *Thrashing Doves*’ album debut *Bedrock Vice*. A hybrid of musical styles, seamlessly marrying blues to dance, garage to pop, the album was one of the fresher moments in an otherwise bleak musical year. Despite, or possibly because, being borne by a wave of media attention, the *Doves* failed to achieve the domestic success that was anticipated for them and which the album was merited. Four singles, each more “successful” than the last, and successive UK tours, won them a host of admirers and took them to the brink of chard success.

The time that’s elapsed between *Bedrock Vice* and this Spring’s equally consummate follow-up *Trouble in the Home* would thus suggest a deliberate period of re-appraisal. Far from it; the success of *Bedrock Vice* in America necessitated prolonged visits and tours, the line-up at the time supplemented by

bassis/vocalist Gail-Ann Dorsey. Meanwhile, *Jesus on the Payroll*, a track from the album, was being resurrected by certain DJ’s as THE Balearic track of the season (it was also an American dance chart hit). Indeed, the track surfaced in 1988 on the definitive compilation *Balearic Beats Volume 1*, thought the bad was desisted from releasing it as a single.



In the Spring of '88, the *Doves*, still featuring Ken (guitar/vocals) and Brian (keyboards) Foreman, Ian Button (guitar) and Kevin Sargent (percussion and piano) began work on

their second A&M LP. The absence, this time around, of big-game producers, indicates a rationalization of the *Doves* operation, something that stems from experience gained after the release of *Bedrock Vice*.

“We wanted to make an LP close to home” Ken explains, “both geographically and metaphorically speaking. This is a much more direct LP, more representative of how the band has developed whilst touring”. Produced by the *Thrashing Doves* and Gavin MacKillop and mixed by Hugh Padgham, the album features eleven songs from Ken and Brian Foreman. Once more reflecting the band’s diverse stylistic inputs, songs include the first single “Reprobates Hymn”, “Lorelei”, “Candy Women” and “Like Heartbreak”. The album also continues the *Doves*’ liaison with Gail-Ann Dorsey, who contributes vocals and bass on four of the tracks.

Three Panther Paws

Review of “Beaux Strategem”

By Wendell Blackett

The play, “Beaux Strategem” is a comedy which is meant to be farcical.

The performance by the University Theatre Society was done quite well, with this in mind. The play is an early 18th century British comedy, dealing with the love interests of Aimwell, (Derek Martin) and Archer, (Gordon Cobb) as they attempt to win the love of Dorinda (Elizabeth Reynolds) and Mrs. Sullen, (Maryanne FitzPatrick). All four did a fine job with what, personally is a dated theme. The character of Archer, is highly sexist, and is extremely obnoxious. This is the one area where Cobb has a problem with, otherwise he fits the part. Aimwell, who begins as a person looking for easy money, falls in love with Dorinda. In this sense the play is modern for all eternity. However the sexist attitudes of the characters, while not being totally overwith is nevertheless exaggerated.

The best performance, to this observer, is by Ed Fobes, who plays Scrub. The comedy of the play centers around him, and he fits the part to perfection, (almost) the remainder of the parts are played well by the performers.

The director, of the play, (Gregson Winkfield) has obviously worked hard at finding people who suits the various parts. In this he makes the play more accessible to the viewers. His selections, were quite good, especially when one considers that there are 17 roles to be filled in the play. It is difficult to find any particular moral lesson from the play. Although Aimwell, who did not intend it, falls in love with Dorinda. His original purpose is merely to gain an inheritance. This demonstrates the strange nature of love.

Winkfield, also must face the difficulty of, a few characters whose roles are poorly defined. Cherry, (Laurie Murphy) and Lady Bountiful, (Dawn Ambler)

this is not a reflections upon either Winkfield, or the actors. This is a fault of the play itself. For example, the beginning of the play, has one a tendency to portray Cherry as a major character, when in actual fact she becomes almost non-existent as the play progresses. The opposite is true of Lady Bountiful, who is non-existent until the last half of the play.

the play also had a fencing scene which was done well, excepting for the conclusion, when Highwayman, suddenly fall without any provocation, as if they slipt on a banana peeling.

Ultimate worth is something which is difficult to find. like any typical farce, there is no sterling message to give to mankind. The ultimate worth is to make people laugh, which players are able to do. Overall the play “The Beaux Strategem” must be commended because of an overall fine performance by the UPEI Theatre Society.

PROBLEM CORNER

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science is pleased to announce a project to be known as “PROBLEM CORNER” and to be coordinated by Dr. Tomasz Kaczynski. The aim of the project is to make available to students a set of interesting and challenging problems. Another aim is the encouragement of problem solving.

The basic rules of operation of the project are as follows:

- A set of problems shall be posted at the beginning of each month.
- Solutions to any of the problems will be welcomed until the end of the month and should be submitted in writing to Dr. Tomasz Kaczynski, Memorial-104. (Please slide your submission under the door if Dr. Kaczynski is absent).
- Queries about the project and questions should be directed to Dr. Kaczynski.
- Prizes will be offered to the authors of correct and/or original solutions of any problem at a social gathering at the end of the semester.

SET 2-FEBRUARY & MARCH

1. A hat contains 7 ballots labeled with the numbers 1, 2, 2², 2³, 2⁴, 2⁵, 2⁶, respectively. We randomly select ballots without replacement until the sum of numbers printed on them exceeds 124. Which value of the obtained sum is most probable?

2. A French boat is fishing on Canadian waters without permission. Each casting of their net into the sea brings a catch of equal value, but during each casting the probability of being caught by the coast guard is $\frac{1}{k}$ where k is a given integer. We assume that the event of being or not being caught during consecutive castings is independent of the number of previous castings. If the boat is caught by the coast guard, all the fish is confiscated and the fishing cannot continue.

The captain plans to return home after n castings. By taking account of the risk, the total gain during the cruise is a random variable. Find the number n which will make the expected value of that random variable greatest.

3. Decide whether the number $x = 1 + \frac{1}{10}(1 + \frac{1}{10^2}(1 + \frac{1}{10^3}(\dots$ is rational or irrational.

4. Prove that, for each positive integer n, the polynomial $P(x) = 1 + (\frac{x}{1!}) + (\frac{x^2}{2!}) + (\frac{x^3}{3!}) + \dots + (\frac{x^n}{n!})$ has no multiple roots (notation $n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times (n-1) \times n$).

Solutions are accepted until the end of March.

We are now a Society

The Math and Computer Science Society is proud to announce that we are now officially a society. In elections on Tuesday, Terri Blanchard, a third year Math major, was voted in as President by an overwhelming majority vote. She is returning after spending one year as a Math representative in the pre-society executive. There, she helped put together the constitution for the new society.

John Doucette, a second year Math and Computer Science major was elected as Vice President.

Beryl Mallet was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. She is a third year Math major and, along with Terri, worked on putting to-

gether the Math and CS constitution.

Much thanks goes to Professor Pineau who sat down with the constitution committee and helped them draft the final product. Professor Pineau is currently the head of the Math and Computer Science Department.

All math and computer science majors should note that the date for shirt sizing will be announced on Tuesday, Mar 26. The society will be purchasing sweat-shirts with the society crest on the upper left of the front and will sport a second crest on the back. The society is still open to suggestions for the style of crest that will be put on the back.