

COLD! COLD! COLD!

The films this evening were created by students in their final term of 4th year film production in the Department of Media Production and Studies at the University of Regina. The short 1.5 to 2.5 minute long works are shot on high contrast, low iso black and white 16mm film. The film was then, in a workshop environment, developed by hand in large buckets of chemistry. These films, some edited, some presented just as they were shot, are accompanied by soundtracks cued on the fly to the image from a separate cd.

The subject matter of the films is wide ranging, from car races and bumper shinning to toy soldiers and smoke breaks; from abstract lights coming to life to moments in time on the UofR campus. Black and white aesthetic aside, these films seem to have little in common except that the students were all faced with one great adversary, the weather. Due to the low sensitivity of this particular film stock, shooting outside in the sun became the only option for most of these filmmakers. Unless you have just arrived in town in the past week, you are certainly aware of the two months of bitter cold which brought the city nearly to its knees. The university does not have snow days so the show had to go on. The weather was not fair, but it was "just" in that every day was as cold as the previous and every student needed to deal with it. Those who hid inside, created work that isolated them and only reinforced the sense of futility the temperatures provoked. Those that dared the open air faced cast and crew mutiny, camera failures, and even film breakage due to the cold. I applaud the bravery of all these filmmakers for surviving this project.

Now that spring has arrived, we can look back with a shiver and remember how cold, cold, cold it was.

Gerald Saul, March 22, 2003

**Saskatchewan Filmpool
301-1822 Scarth Street
Regina, Saskatchewan
March 22, 2003, 7:00 pm**

Filmmakers, in order of appearance:

**Victor Lam
Rob Meier
Judd Bakken
Jordy Grassick
Genco Ulgen
Adam Budd
Regan Jans
Nate Bower
Lioz Bouganin
Jason Shabatoski
John Allbright
Tyler Elynuik
Logan Parkinson
Tim Smith
Jon Tewksbury
Jesse Linklater
Jarrod Slugoski
Rob Miller
Erin Erlendson
Dan Crozier
Liz Farrer
Dylan Worts
Laura Toth
Sarah Fedorchuk
Brent Braaten**

**Program length: approximately one hour.
Program cover photo: Margaret Bessai
Audio compilation by Tim Smith.**

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event.**

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