The persistence of FM, the joy of Foreign Exchange

City of Fear FM on Viva Records.

Foreign Exchange Ben Mink on PVC Records.

She marked the debut of FM, a Toronto-based progressive rock trio. Their album also marks a welcome relief from ELP and similar clones — FM avoided the standard bass/drum/keyboards formula, substituting an electric violin/mandolin for a bassist. The violinist, Nash the Slash, was responsible for FM's unique sound, and his departure for a solo career seemed to signal the band's demise. Nash's return to the band earned success slip away, the remaining members of FM recruited a new violinist, Ben Mink. The album that followed this addition, Surveillance, was a fitting attempt to recapture the band's original sound. Together again FM was written off, but they're back again with a new release.

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Lectures

The United Nations Association of Greater Boston is sponsoring an International Careers Forum on February 28 to inform students of the many international careers available in the public and private sectors. Seminars will be held on topics such as law, journalism, banking, and non-profit organizations. Those interested should contact Elizabeth Reed in the Career Planning and Placement Office as soon as possible.

A Community Energy Planning Forum will be held on Thursday, February 19, at Lincoln Park Community School, 290 Washington St., Somerville. The subject is "Community Research in Energy Planning." Speakers include Scott Bass of the University of Massachusetts College of Public and Community Services and Arnold Naady of Nader Energy Consultants.

The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) will hold its annual National Conference at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. The conference will feature workshops, seminars, speakers, exhibits, and panel discussions. It will be held on all aspects of elementary and secondary education. Attendance fees are $50 for members and $70 for non-members. For information, contact Anne Rosenfeld, NAIS, 18 Tremont St., Boston, at 723-6900.

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