

Opinion

Editorial

Video's a villain

So 17-year old Dwayne Richard of Grande Prairie "has become the world's top video game wizard after winning the 'Super Bowl' in video arcade competition" in Ottumwa, Iowa (quote courtesy *Edmonton Sun*).

So what.

It just goes to show how much fun there is in Grande Prairie on a Saturday night.

At a time when Richard should be broadening his horizons, stepping out, if somewhat tentatively, into the adult world, he is instead risking the possible transformation of his brains into tapioca pudding, courtesy of those electronic, incessantly beeping, quarter-mongering monstrosities known as Frogger, Pac Man, Galaxian, ad nauseum.

What possible benefits could he receive from becoming so proficient at these video games? Misguided social psychologists and other champions of the electronic age have claimed that dedicated video athletes display superior eye-hand coordination resulting directly from their continued practice before the monitor.

Really? I guess that means that when Richard's life is threatened by a hurtling beer can flung by a demented Latvian serial killer he will quickly jerk the finger muscles responsible for his success in the video arena and cause the can to explode in mid-flight before it does anybody any harm.

Uh-huh.

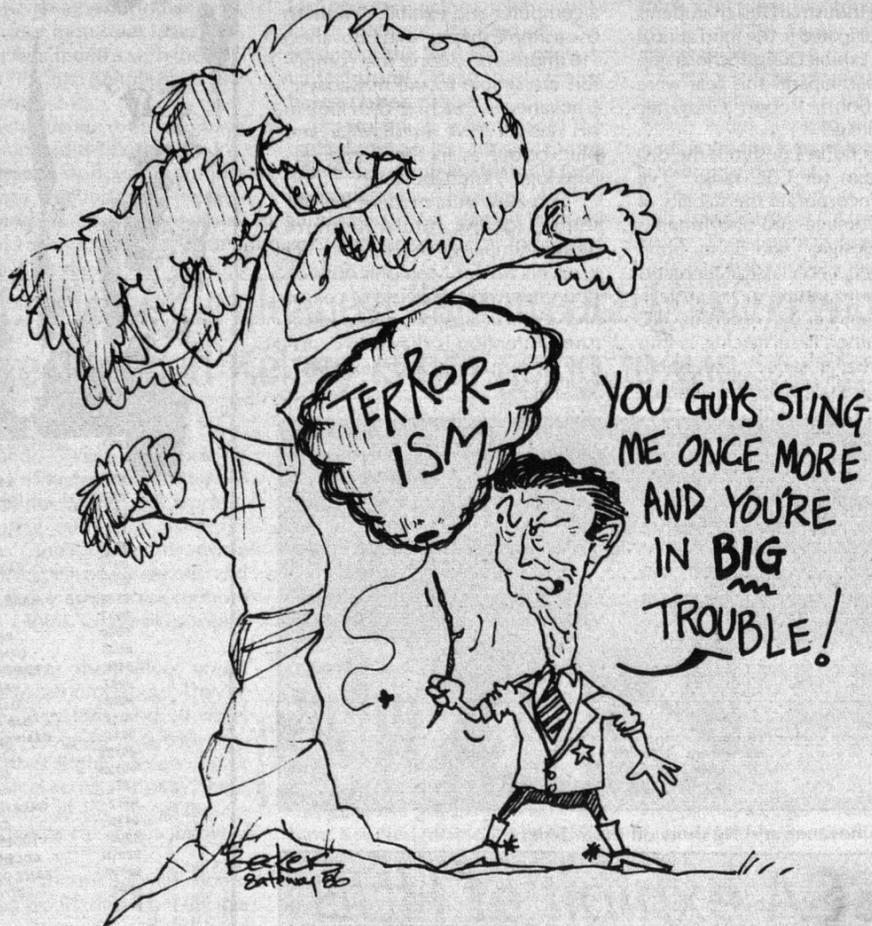
More than likely he will be dazed by the persistent images of asteroids and extra-terrestrial warships burned into his retina by the obnoxious phosphor-dot screen of the most popular video games and will be struck between the eyes only to die a painful death at the hands of the Silver Bullet.

Poor fella. He's not even old enough to drink yet.

Instead of risking that fate to the multitude of U of A students who frequent the SU games area in the basement of SUB, the Students' Union should dismantle all the video games on the premises and purchase nineteen or twenty new hockey games for the benefit of its members.

God knows that that game will teach people real life skills.

Mike Evans



Letters to the Editor

Frat invite

Dear Editor:

On behalf of all fraternities on the U of A campus, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all interested students to participate in the second semester rush period, lasting approximately one month.

To publicize fraternity activity on campus, the Interfraternity Council is sponsoring Fraternity Frostbite '86 for the first week of this semester, ending Friday, January 10. A number of special events will be held in several venues in the university area for this week and should prove an ideal opportunity for prospective fraternity members to examine fraternity life.

Of special interest to all students is fraternity Open House to be held Wednesday, January 8. Students should meet in room 278 SUB at 6:00 p.m. for a short slide presentation followed by a tour of all fraternity houses. There will also be a Snow King and Queen contest at Our Place Wednesday evening.

If anyone has any questions regarding IFC activities this week, or is interested in joining a fraternity and would like more information, please call the IFC office at 432-2107.

Thank you.

Cam Chauvet
IFC President

Drug help

Dear Editor:

The Public Information Committee of Narcotics Anonymous is now operating a 24-hour telephone "help-line" to aid the drug addict who wants to stop using drugs.

The phone line serves the area of Edmonton. Hence, we are contacting some newspapers who publish in our area.

Narcotics Anonymous is a fellowship of recovered addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean and free from drugs. We offer a means of recovery to others who wish to stop using. We charge no dues or fees. We are not affiliated with any hospitals, drug recovery houses or any other agencies, but for emergencies our workers do have referral numbers.

We are trying to let the public know of our service, and would greatly appreciate your using the enclosed Public Service Ad in your newspaper. We would like to send you a weekly update for your files.

We are sincerely grateful for any consideration you may give us. Please don't hesitate to call if further information or clarification is needed.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Drink bitch

Where the hell's the Beer Gardens? I made a point of cruising from class right after he handed out the shit so I could hit the Gardens and get hammered. You know, sort of ring in the new semester and all. Well I get up to Dinwoodies and there's a bunch of idiots walking around in these white bathrobes!

I asked one guy where they were selling the beer tickets and he just gave me kind of a funny look so I asked another guy and he told me that they never drank before their Tie Quon Doe practice, or something like that. Then I figured since we've been having this nice weather and all maybe they decided to have the gardens out there in the field where that girl was riding on that horse with no shirt on.

Well by now I was getting pretty thirsty so I ran out to the field, keeping my eyes peeled all the way for that girl, but there was no people out there. Well I'm a pretty smart guy (in fact my grade one teacher said that I had about the biggest brain in the whole class) so I figured that maybe old Myer Horowitz was having everyone back to the Faculty Club for a little New Year's toast.

Well, I never took much of a liking to toast, but I went anyway, figuring on maybe they'd have some beer there too. Well nobody was there either. What the hell's going on? Are those student union guys spending all of our money on these dumb newspapers?

All I know is that the next guy who runs in one of them elections better make damn sure that there's going to be beer gardens twice a year or he sure ain't getting my vote.

Straight and Right
Pissed Off About It

Beyond the pale

Dear Editor,

I just wanted everyone to know that the issue of double parking is not dead.

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Parking Services

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