

Train cuts

MONCTON - VIA Rail has announced a 50% reduction on many regular fares and accommodation charges on its Western and Atlantic transcontinental trains.

The half-price offer begins on February 1 and ends on May 15, 1988. Reservations must be made at least 7 days prior to travel and should be made as soon as possible. Those new rates will also reduce the cost of VIA's Getaway city packages.

In Atlantic Canada, the offer applies to round trips from any point serviced by the "Atlantic" (and connecting trains or buses) between Halifax and McAdam to destinations in the Quebec Ci-

ty - Windsor - Sarnia Corridor. They are also valid to destinations served by the "Ocean" and "Chaleur" between Moncton -Gaspé and Matapédia. Fare reductions are not valid for departures on March 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20.

As an example, a return trip on the "Atlantic" from Halifax to Montreal, in a roomette, is cut from \$316 to 158 and a return trip on the "Ocean" from Moncton to Montreal, in a roomette, is reduced from \$264 to \$132.

VIA Rail also announced its exciting new individual ski getaways to Mont Ste-Anne, Quebec City, Quebec, Squaw Mountain, Greenville, Maine and Mont Farlagne, Ed-

munston, New Brunswick.

Each destination offers a unique winter experience and VIA Rail Ski Getaways make it easy to plan a wonderful winter break where you'll find some of the finest skiing - and apres ski - winter has to offer.

Don't let winter driving conditions deter your plans. Sit back, relax, travel by train and let VIA handle all the arrangements: transportation, accommodations, lift tickets and round-trip transfers to and from the ski hill. Some packages even include meals.

For further information on these and other packages, contact an authorized travel agent or VIA Rail for full details of each Getaway.

World Chess Festival

By HEATHER MCNAUGHT

Saint John Mayor, Elsie Wayne, is quite proud of herself. And for good reason.

Her "Greatest Little City in the East" is the host of this year's World Chess Festival. The biggest and most important chess event in the history of North

America began on January 23 and will be running until February 20.

The prestige of entertaining 14 grand chess masters is astronomical. The games will decide who will go on to compete against reigning champion Garry Kasparov in the 1990 World Championships. Grandmaster Kevin Spraggett of Mon-

treil is the only Canadian taking part in these matches.

The festival is being sponsored by municipal, provincial and federal government, as well as corporate sponsors. The \$1,700,000 budget for the festival goes towards the salaries of the 14 employees, expenses of the 14 champion players and the \$400,000 available in prize money.

In the spirit of the success of the Festivals-by-the-Sea, the 1986 Canada Summer Games and the military tattoos, it seems Mayor Wayne has done it again.

New rag at UNB

There's a new rag at UNB put out by some dedicated engineers, who appear too chicken to put their names on it.

This example of yellow journalism, entitled E.R.T.W. (Engineers Rule the World) claims to be UNB's other rag, although Perspectives is not commonly referred to as a rag.

The four page production, despite some of its "repulsive

filler," is an attempt to rekindle the Engineering spirit, and to make the largest faculty's presence felt on campus.

They are seeking help from any Engineer who can write or even speak coherently. Their first issue is perhaps lacking in content, but that will hopefully improve.

We, at the Brunswickan, wish them the best of luck.

DINOSAUR!

Well-known dinosaur expert, Dr. Phillip Currie will be giving two lectures on February 8.

A public lecture will be given at 8:00 pm in MacLaggan Hall, Rm 105, entitled *The Dinosaur Project - Ancient Ties Between Canada and China*.

Currie has recently returned from a dinosaur dig in the Gobi desert of northwestern China. He also received national attention as the result of his role in

leading students to uncover dinosaur fetuses in the Badlands of Alberta. The results of both finds will be discussed in the public lecture.

Currie will also be giving a lecture at 4:00 pm in the Department of Geology entitled *Small Carnivorous Dinosaurs of the Late Cretaceous of Southern Alberta, and Their Bearing on the Origin of Birds*.

Everyone is welcome.

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The War Lake Indian band in northern Manitoba has made an interesting choice for their new chief. Kip Thompson (the new chief) is not an Indian and does not speak the band's native language but band members nonetheless voted him in.

The last time it happened was over 900 years ago. Last week it happened again. Burhham Burnham, an aborigine from Australia unfurled a flag below the white cliffs of Dover and proclaimed "I, Burnham Burnham, a noble man of ancient Australia, do hereby take possession of England on behalf of the aboriginal people of Australia." Eat your heart out Argentina.

-Montreal Gazette

It was inevitable. City council in New Brighton, Minnesota has put a \$75 tax on parades and processions to cover funerals.

New Brighton has joined with New Orleans as the only two cities in the U.S. with such a tax.

-Associated Press

Most people realize a computer bug is bad news. But now, computers can be infected by viruses. Just as a human virus can spread throughout the body and cause mischief and harm, so too can the computer virus.

recently, a virus was discovered at the Hebrew University which threatens to wipe out thousand of files and years of research.

The virus spreads from disk to disk and was discovered as a result of a minor side-effect. It causes programs to slow down on Fridays and the 13th of each month.

Researchers have developed an antidote, but there is still some fear that this virus will do to computers what AIDS has done to sex.

Estimated number of Americans in a permanently vegetative state: 10 000.

During the 50's, the U.S. army worked towards a bomb that would spread hog cholera by an explosion that would release "thousands of turkey feathers." No test ever took place.

Sacramento Bee

Hunters Eldon McElroy and Jeffrey Clark, both dressed in camouflage, exchanged wild turkey calls in Iowa's Stephen forest before Clark mistakenly shot McElroy

Des Moines Register

Real shows on Japanese T.V. (Exact translation): Babbling Meat, Super TV Blood Type, Amusing Vehicles, Let's appear on TV, Young Oh Oh, Fanky Tomato Show, Love Attack, Surprise World #1: "Fried Ants", Unknown World; "Toilet Seats of The World."

