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UNB Debating Union hosted Debating Tournament

Lamrock and McPhee win awards

by Aime Phillips

The Second Annual Theoria Invitational Debating Tournament took place at UNB last weekend. The event put on by the UNB Debating Union, saw teams from Dalhousie, St. Thomas, Coast Guard College and Carleton universities.

Topics debated were BIRT (Be It Resolved That) Moderation is a key to success in the prepared rounds: BIRT Get your ducks in a row, BIRT Darn there goes any beeper and BIRT you should look a Trojan Horse in the month, in honour of the tournament's theme Ancient Greece.

First place team consisted of Patrick Toner and Kelly Lamrock from STU, the second

place team was from Dalhousie.

The award for top debater went to Kelly Lamrock of STU. Tracy McPhee from Dalhousie received the award for Top Novice Debater.

Vish Nandlall, Tournament Director, says he was "very impressed with the tournament. There were high levels of debate, and it is a good prelude to the Nationals (debating championships). There were no

problems at all - it went off without a hitch." And contrary to most debating tournaments, Nandlall claims "We can honestly say this tournament did run on time."

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- Nandlall

UPEI students get a long spring break

No other choice but to leave campus

HALIFAX (CUP) Students at the University of Prince Edward Island are in the midst of what may be the longest spring break in history.

Over 3000 athletes taking part in Charlottetown's Canada Winter Games have taken over the campus for an entire month -- and students have been told to stay away.

When the city was chosen as the site for the games in 1987, the university's administration kindly offered its campus, including student residences, to organizers for a month.

This year students have been told they have a break from Feb. 10 to March 9 -- a sort of "reading month" -- and that are not only free to leave campus, they have no other choice.

UPEI president C.W.J. Eliot said he expected "some minor inconveniences."

"The students have all been looked after," Eliot said.

But students say they have had to scramble to find places to stay. The university residence office tried to find free billets for the 24 students who didn't have the money to go home or friends in town to stay with.

One student, Wendy Nicholson, the single mother of a two-year old, found a place to stay two days before the dead-

line. Because she is a single mother, Nicholson could not get a billet.

The residence manager, "made every effort to find me a place," Nicholson said, "but in the end I had to get an apartment." With the cost of moving, telephone and electricity hook-up, damage deposit and rent, the Canada Games are costing Nicholson \$1300.

According to Jach Kane of the Canada Games Host Society, displacing students is standard practice.

"Since the first Canada Games in '67, the athletes have been put up in schools or universities the majority of times," said Kane. "It's really only a problem for the winter games".

With the university entirely taken over by athletes, classes have also been cancelled. Students were given a number of options as to how to make up for lost time.

It seems that the least painful of these was extending their year into the summer break, which means starting summer jobs late, if the jobs aren't already taken by students from other provinces.

It also means problems with next year's student loans. University students' expected income over the summer is gauged on an 18 week work term. The PEI student aid department said they will account for the shortened summer but students from outside of the province may have a lot of headaches.

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So what does the university get out of this?

For a \$750,000 outlay -- \$300,000 of which came from a single alumnus -- the campus receives a shiny new \$6.5 million fieldhouse. And for an extra \$550,000, they get a \$1.2 million cafeteria.

"Like every improvement," said President Eliot, "the benefits will be around for 40 years. The students in the first year will just have to foot the bill."

Three UNB students attended Engineering competition

Press Release

Last weekend the Atlantic Design Engineering Competition was held at Memorial University of Newfoundland. This annual event, which rotates between Atlantic Canadian Engineering schools, saw the participation of three students from the Mechanical Engineering Department here at UNB.

John Sargeant placed first in the Entrepreneurial Design category for his presentation and received a trophy, plaque, and \$1000 cash prize.

Chris Konings and Steve Bonham, both entered in the Corporate Design Category, placed second and third, respectively. They received award plaques and cash prizes of \$750 and \$500 for their presentations.

The top two finishers in each category are invited to attend the National Competition, this year being held at Universite de Sherbrooke from March 22 - 24.

Sargeant and Konings will therefore be travelling to Sherbrooke to compete next month against competitors from the Quebec, Ontario, and Western Canadian regions.

The UNB Mechanical Engineering Society wishes both Sargeant and Konings the best of luck at the competition.

Memorial service

by Aime Phillips

A memorial service will be held April 2 for Dr. Vicky Gray of the Psychology Department who passed away this past weekend.

Dr. Gray was involved in the development of Women Studies at UNB, the Psychology of women and in the evaluation of the French immersion program in district 26, to name a few of her accomplishments.

To remember Dr. Gray, the flags at the Old Arts Building flew at half mast on Tuesday.

Condoms discovered to be spoiled

by Andrea McPhee

A memo was issued February 7, to all UNB Proctors in Residence informing them of a batch of condoms which had spoiled.

The incident began when one student informed his proctor of a foul odor being emitted by the opened condom.

The proctor gave the student another condom, only to have the next one smell just as bad. The proctor then informed Associate Dean of Residence, Ric Cuthbertson of the event.

Cuthbertson states "It would be very obvious to the potential user that the condom is spoiled."

Although the problem has yet to be confirmed by the manufacturer, Cuthbertson believes the lubrication on the condoms has spoiled.

Proctors in Residence are issued condoms which residents are free to ask for when needed.



Spilled: Ric Cuthbertson, Associate Dean of Residence, says it would be very obvious to the potential users that some of the condoms are spoiled.

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