

The Gateway

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"It's to our advantage to be the underdogs. Nobody, to this day, expects us to win."

—NAIT's Kevin Stapleton on who will be favored on Sunday.

"The way we're playing right now I don't think that we are going to lose."

—Bears' Bill Ansell on the suggestion that Alberta has more to lose than NAIT.

FACE OFF '86

by Mark Spector

The war of words is over, let the battle begin.

On Sunday at 6:00 p.m. the University of Alberta Golden Bears and the NAIT Ooks resume what has become an ongoing fight for the Edmonton bragging rights, as the two teams square off in Face Off '86 at the Northlands Coliseum.

The game, originally intended to be a showdown between Canada's number one university and college teams, has now become a chance for NAIT to prove that they are good enough to play in the same league with the perennially powerful Bears. For Alberta it has become a mission in tradition.

"Reputation and tradition. That is what this team is based on," said retired Bear Perry Zapernick. The Zapper was Alberta's MVP in last year's contest, his last game ever as a Golden Bear. "We had just come back from losing the national championship game in Toronto, and the general consensus in the dressing room was that we didn't even want to play the game. But once we got on the ice and NAIT got up on us by a couple of goals, it became a case of preserving the Golden Bear tradition."

Zapernick and his mates went on to win that inaugural Face Off by a 5-4 score to claim the Ronald McDonald Cup. The cup derives its name from the fact that 50¢ from each ticket sold goes to the Ronald McDonald House Foundation.

But NAIT coach Perry Pearn has worked hard to build some tradition of his own. And he'll never do it until his club can beat the team that has defeated the Ooks in their last four meetings.

"I've looked forward to this game for a very long time. Since the final buzzer sounded last year," admits Pearn. "From an atmospheric point of view, this game is going to be great."

Last year's match-up attracted over 13,000 people to the Coliseum, and this year at least that many are expected.

But because Alberta plays in what is regarded as a better league, many people think that they may have more chips on the table than NAIT.

"We've got nothing to lose and everything to gain," says NAIT winger Darren Schmidt. "There's definitely got to be much less pressure on us because we're not expected to win." But teammate Ron Amyotte doesn't necessarily agree. "That may have been the case last year, but not anymore. It was so even last time that everyone knows it'll be a close one this time around."

But Alberta coach Clare Drake has seen this situation from both sides of the fence. "Because our calibre of hockey is perceived as better, we definitely run the risk of losing that reputation. But on the other side of the coin, I remember when we were badgering the old Edmonton Oil Kings to play us and they were very hesitant because they were juniors and supposedly better. We played them in a five game series and it was awfully close and definitely some of that prestige was worn off."

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Cowboy vs Pistolero

by K. Graham Bowers

The "Urban Cowboy" met the "Pistolero from out of town" in yesterday's inconclusive debate between proponents of Atheism and Christianity which was part of Christian Awareness Week. The U of A's own Dr. Wesley Cooper of the Department of Philosophy defended Atheism by defining an "Urban Cowboy Christianity."

Dr. Cooper's argument was that just as a person can dress and behave like a cowboy without being one, a person can also hold Christian-like morals without believing in Christ. Cooper referred to this as "Urban Cowboy Chris-

tianity" or "Atheism with a human face."

Dr. William Craig of the University of Chicago refuted Cooper's assertion with the claim that right and wrong are relative and purely subjective without the existence of a Higher Being.

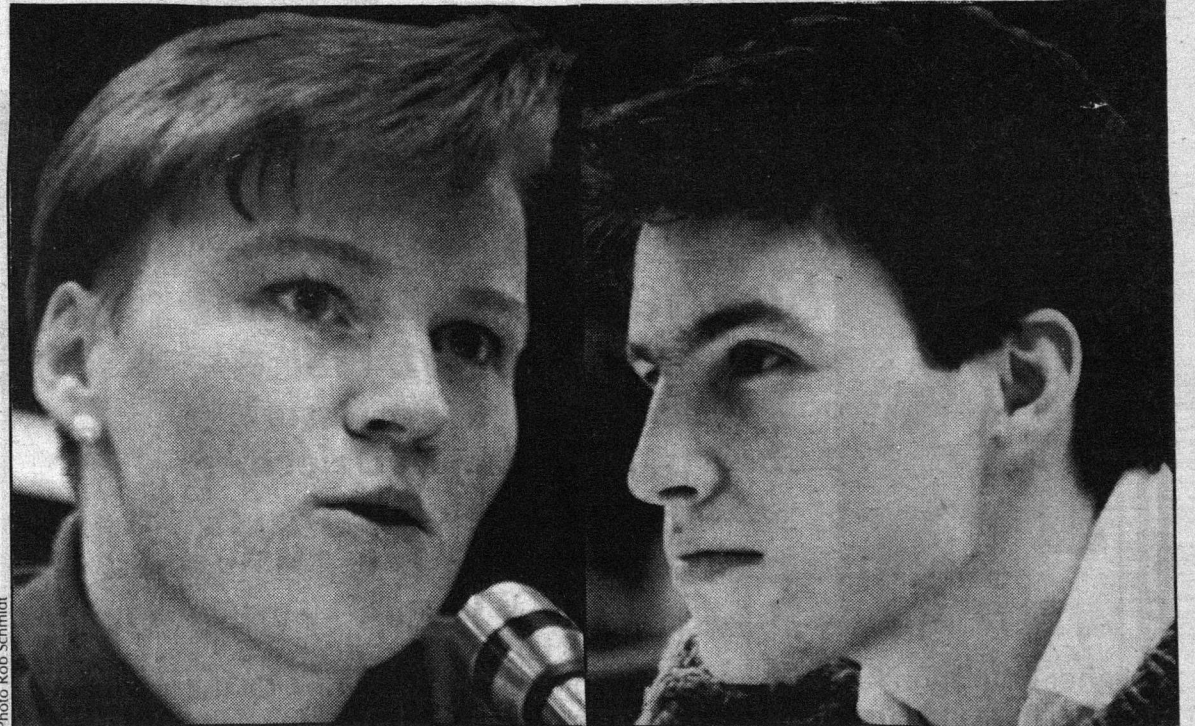
It was in reference to both Craig's deft skills as a debater and his American nationality that a member of the audience dubbed him the "pistolero from out of town."

Such catchy phrases were in stark contrast to the otherwise very academic and indecisive debate. Approximately 200 people attended.



Nuke the Ooks! Face off '86 6:00 pm Sunday

Photo Dan Watson



Morris (left) and Woodbridge (right) haggle over how to force exec to meet obligations.

Exec gets slap on wrist

by Ann Grever

Executive members are now required to spend at least fifteen hours a week in the office to be accessible to students.

Students' Council passed the legislation last night on a motion by Gayle Morris, V.P. External, and Constance Uzwyshyn, V.P. Academic, by a vote of 16 for and 4 against.

Morris put the motion forward

because she felt in-office relations and the professionalism of the executive were suffering.

"I didn't want to take this to council," said Morris, "but we had this problem earlier in the year and tried to deal with it to no avail."

There were a number of amendments to the original motion. Jayson Woodbridge proposed the executive members spend forty hours

a week "inclusive of meetings and in consideration of class time."

Three councillors were also chosen to sit on the Student Media Committee that selects next year's Editor-in-Chief for the Gateway.

The councillors chosen were Dianne Middagh - Nursing rep, Richard Rakochev - Business rep, and Richard Stedman - Science proxy.

Yes, nascent journalists have fun too!

We're really bored with one another so why not drop by SUB 282 tonight at 5:00 for wine, beer, cheese, etc. We're even willing to drink with old Grind types.