

The Nugget

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NEST ROBBED

Students, your favorite place at NAIT was robbed on December 15, 1991!

The Nest, NAITSA'S licensed lounge, located in the activities center, was the victim, of a thoughtless individual or individuals who decided that they liked the Nest's atmosphere and decor so much, they wanted it for their own. Their target was mainly beer signs and related objects and NAIT sports memorabilia, items that carry no real market value. This senseless act has left the Nest without many of the characteristics that made it appealing to the eye and a place where NAIT students and staff felt at home.

"We're not sure how entry was gained. There was no sign of forced entry," reported Nest Manager Gord Matthew. At this point, we can only speculate."

The Nest has since beefed up its security measures. "Obviously, we're concerned about the motive for such a robbery. You wonder who would target an establishment mainly for

unique items that aren't resaleable," said Gord.

The Nest is hoping that someone, somewhere will spot one of the unique stolen items.

"We feel that whoever did this may show some of it off or put it up at their place" said Gord. "We're hoping that they do so someone will report them."

The Nest is offering a reward for information leading to the recovery of its items. As well, the Edmonton Police Department is conducting their own investigation.

"All together, there was over \$4000 worth of items stolen. This was an extremely serious crime," reported Gord. "As well, a few 'one of a kinds' can never be replaced."

Following is a list of items stolen. If you have any information on this crime, you may contact NAITSA, the Nest (471-8560) or the Edmonton Police Department. Help the Nest get back its atmosphere!

MISSING FROM THE NEST FROM DECEMBER 15 BREAK-IN:

- 1) Large guitar shaped "Molson Rocks" neon beer sign.
- 2) "NEST" sign also in Neon.
- 3) "Molson Dry" neon beer sign.
- 4) 'Bud Light' neon beer clock
- 5) 4 framed wall pictures approximately 3 ft x 18 in
- 6) "Molson Dry" mirror
- 7) Approximately 20 CD and 10 tapes
- 8) NAIT Hockey Jersey - blue, #19
- 9) "SUDS SQUAD" banner - 8 feet x 4 feet
- 10) NAIT Hockey Sweatshirt with signatures (1990 Nationals)
- 11) "Bud" brass draft tap cover
- 12) 'Molson Canadian' large umbrella
- 13) NAIT Soccer Jersey and soccer ball (head)
- 14) Calculator - Texas instrument with printer
- 15) "Molson Dry" mirror - poster paper approximately 8 ft x 2 ft
- 16) 'Fosters' Boomerang
- 17) "Bud Light" inflatable bottle - Large approx 5 ft.

AUTUMN GRADUATES



Jane Bansema - Management Norma Camba - Marketing Tammy Casavant - Marketing

About 500 winter entry students graduated from our hallowed halls December 7, 1991. Due to academic excellence, hard work, perserverance, and dedication, these students have claimed their final goal from NAIT.

SIT DOWN AND SHUT UP

Staff Writer

"Sit Down and Shut up" was called to an out of order speaker at the latest special meeting of NASA (NAIT Academic Staff Association), as the association voted on a motion to suspend the publication of The NASA Intercom. In a narrow vote, the

membership decided 39 in favour of keeping the newsletter, 37 to suspend.

One of the reasons cited for the proposed suspension was the content of the editorials. Some of the members felt that their views were not being represented within their own newsletter. However, the factual content of the

newsletter was not questioned, only the editorial content.

The meeting was characterized by some strong opinions on the suspension of the newsletter.

Surprisingly, these opinions were more often expressed by name-calling and bickering rather than meaningful discussion.

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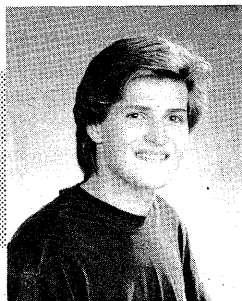
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SIMPLE DIGNITY



By Tim Pasay
Editor

The recent oven cleaner scare with the "Chill-Buster" chocolate bar has confirmed some of the worst aspects of human behavior. That is, to impress one's opinion on a fellow human being to the point of lasting damage.

Take for example, the chocolate bar injecting Animal Rights Militia. The Militia believes that animals were abused during the testing and development stage of the "Chill-Buster" bar. Because these individuals are interested in protecting animal rights, they felt that something had to be done to raise public awareness. Of course, the only reasonable action they could take is to try and poison the population.

It concerns me that the drive to liberate a few lab rats has led once humane beings to abandon all regard for their fellow man. How can they justify this action in their own minds, and conscience. Well, that's a question too tough to answer in an editorial, but maybe someone should tell the Animal Rights Militia people that the fastest way to liberate an experiment rat is to take its place.

Where are these animal rights activists when the city gasses hundreds of dogs and cats every year that no one wants. The SPCA gasses these animals in a way that reminds me of Nazi Germany. Do not these animals have the same rights as laboratory rats?

And how about the fur activists? If they abhor the killing of wildlife for their skins, how can they condone the slaughter at the SPCA?

Obviously, the question of animal rights is not the issue. It's the "who can bitch the loudest" contest that has gripped us. The extremely high standard of living this country gives us has allowed her citizens the luxury of giving animals the freedoms humans enjoy. Strangely, some humans will even fight for these animals' rights, by poisoning their brethren.

STUDENTS DIG A LITTLE DEEPER



By David Harvey
Assistant Editor

Students suffered another blow last weekend as the U of A raised its tuition by \$200, the most allowable by provincial law.

This was just the latest salvo in the provincial government's program to bring tuition costs up to the level of twenty percent of the total post-secondary education bill. Under the plan, the government has steadily reduced its grant to schools. Yet they have allowed universities to raise their rates \$200 each year until they reach the twenty percent plateau.

If you think you've escaped the increases, you're wrong. Grants to technical institutes are also being decreased and schools like NAIT are also allowed to up tuition, yet only \$100.

The NAIT Board of Governors, the same board who recently voted themselves a raise, will be voting this March on tuition increases for next year. Unfortunately, you can bet on a full \$100 increase in tuition.

One of the reasons that students can expect increases is that we do very little as a group to protest them. To be sure, our student representatives are concerned about tuition hikes, yet they are only a handful of people. It's easy for administrations, or governments for that matter, to ignore a few people. It's a little harder to disregard thousands.

Right now, NAIT tuition sits at about eight percent of total cost. A full twenty percent would make this years tuition somewhere around \$2200. If this shocks some, it should. Students now live in a world of survival of the politically fittest. A world dominated by a generation who paid much less for their education but demand that we pay more. If we, as a student body, don't do something to shatter our reputation for passivity, then governments and administrations will continue to nickel and dime us until education becomes a privilege and not the right it is.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The following is in response to an article that appeared in the November 28, 1991 issue of the Nugget titled "Greener Curriculum Needed." I believe that the curricula may already be "Greener" than some believe. As an example, WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Material Information) is a part of the curriculum for thousands of students at NAIT (800+ in Heavy Equipment Programs alone).

The IHET students also had an opportunity to have their curriculum made "Greener" via a one day seminar last November titled "Lubrication, Wear and the Environment." All topics expounded at the seminar addressed related

environmental issues. Some of the topics included were, "Environmental issues as seen by a major Canadian Petroleum Supplier," "New trends in Diesel Engines and their effect on Lubrication" (these trends were introduced in part to meet stricter emission standards), "Material Coatings in Use Today" (Rebuild, Recycle, Reuse instead of Replace) and "WHMIS and Transportation of Dangerous Goods" (a presentation that I am sure all present can still vividly recall).

The IHET course curriculum provides detailed instruction in many environmental related areas such as the characteristics of the combustion process found in various internal

combustion engines. This process is a contributor of many emissions and understanding the factors affecting the production of these emissions allows the control of them. At all times environmental issues are addressed in each area of study.

I and the environment thank-you, business, for converting the Do It Yourself Oil Changers (A Cottage Industry) into a "mass production" industry. However, let's leave Bossy out of this as she has been around much longer than I have or may be. I know there are people out there in the world that are very allergic to Cashews and Brazil Nuts and I hope the cooks are aware of that fact as their lives may depend on that information (my mother for one).

Signed,
Ralph Baker
Assistant Program Head IHET

Dear Editor:

Re: Unamused Student

Relax Babe! The Nugget is a form of free expression and personally we could stand to see it a little saucier. Crude is not the word to explain some of the comments but the word "erotic" comes to mind. You wouldn't believe how many people read The Nugget to see the fun hearted "smut" in the Grapevine. Besides, the only real thing that is as cheap as \$3.00 is you mom!

Signed,
5-Skin

Dear Editor:

Regarding the Dec. 5th edition of the Nugget, the unamused student. I'm also a person who enjoys reading the grapevine and I find it appalling that you think that you can speak for the majority of the student body. Maybe you should spend an extra \$3.00 and buy yourself

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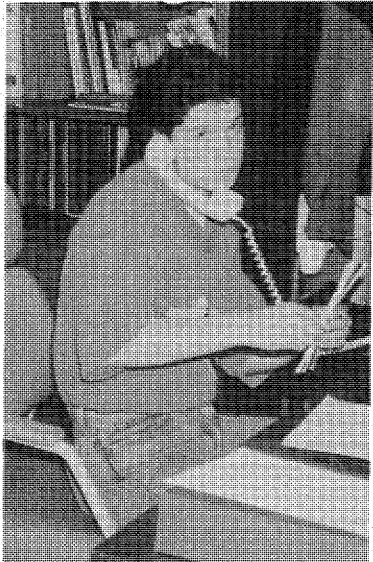
however NAMES WILL NOT BE PRINTED if the submitters request it.

a new set of eyelids so when you come to that bad section of the paper you can close them. The reasons of the grapevine being there is to amuse, inform, and yes disgust, BUT you don't have to read it if you don't want to.

Signed,
Graphically Approved

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Chris Horne
NAITSA President



The Nait student association executive have decided to speak out! The Naitsa Executive decided to inform the students of what we are and of what we are going to do. This, along with your technology representative, should give you the opportunity to get involved with or voice your concerns to your student association.

If you have any issues you would like to discuss with us, please stop by our offices at E-133 or drop off a letter in our submissions box at the same location.

Topic of the Week: The Nait Foundation Car Raffle

The Nait foundation is the fund raising organization of Nait. This group organizes projects to help support Nait's operation through financial support. You may ask yourself why Nait needs more money? The answer is because of the provincial government. Nait has a goal of high quality education, but this is hard to fully achieve when the government keeps cutting back funds towards Nait. This is why we need the foundation to succeed and avoid future auxiliary fees (such as locker fees).

The Nait Foundation Car Raffle is where you can help. By selling tickets you can obtain from your technology rep, you are putting money back into Nait. You also have the chance to win some great prizes.

As the chairman of this year's raffle, I hope you have the change to help out Nait through this campaign.

FIRE ALARM

There will be a series of fire alarm demonstrations conducted at various campus locations by Facilities Management. The purpose of these demonstrations is to familiarize staff and students with NAIT's new fire alarm system.

The first demonstration will be held on **Friday, January 10th at 11:05 a.m. in the Business Centre.**

The second will be held on **Tuesday, January 14th at 11:05 a.m. in the Engineering Technologies Annex.**

An announcement on the speaker system will precede each demonstration. **As these are only demonstrations, you will NOT be required to vacate the building.**

Further notices of demonstrations scheduled for other campus areas will be printed in the Nugget.

COLLEGES LEFT OUT OF BILL 31

By Taras Kaznistry

The Provincial Government announced on December 20, 1991 the appointment of trustees to a newly created university foundation, which paves the road for Albertans to provide private donations in support of educational and research activities. The following foundations: University of Alberta, University of Calgary and University of Lethbridge are agents of the

crown and donors will be able to claim for tax purposes the full amount of their donation or 100% of their income for the year, whichever is less.

"In contrast to this, the contributors to NAIT foundation can only get 20% tax credit per year" said Chris Horne, NAITSA President. Horne said that this gives universities an unfair advantage in comparison to our school.

Despite this, the NAIT foundation is not concerned, because until now, there has not been any one with donations that would fall in this category of tax credits. Still, why our school was excluded from such a lucrative tax deduction opportunity is not clear. Other colleges in the province have raised their concerns. For example, in Bill 31 - The Universities Foundation Act, Andrew Beh asks why has Mount Royal College been left out.

Is Your Resumé Looking Blank?

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and not April 11, 1992 as
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Upcoming games:

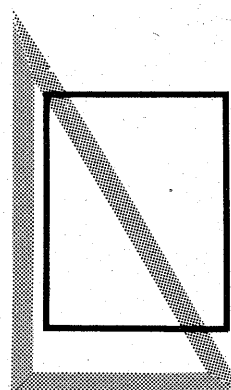
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WOMEN IN ENGINEERING: WHY SO FEW?

By David Harvey
Assistant Editor

When a woman has scholarly inclinations there is usually something wrong with her sexuality. Unfruitfulness itself disposes one to a certain masculinity of taste; for man is, if I may be allowed to say so, "the unfruitful animal."

Friedrich Nietzsche

The above passage was written over a century ago, yet it reflects an ethos that is still very much alive even today. Women have long struggled to overcome society's perception of femininity, an image somewhat analogous to a flower. A woman was delicate and beautiful and perhaps most importantly, she was dependent upon circumstances outside of her control.

Yet, through higher education, women are challenging these perceptions. Women are becoming less and less economically reliant upon their husbands or fathers. However, despite the fact that women are attending post-secondary institutions in unprecedented numbers, this growth is largely limited to the social sciences and traditional female enclaves like education. The natural

engineering's more tolerant attitude, female enrollments at universities and technical institutes rarely surpasses ten percent of total enrollment.

Some believe that the blame for this dilemma belongs squarely on the shoulders of apathetic male-dominated administrations. Others say that the present situation is simply the result of a male biological superiority in understanding the principles of engineering. However, under closer scrutiny, it appears that both women and engineering are victims of society's expectations and influence over women's career choices.

In principle, Canadians freely choose their occupations. Yet, upon examination, it may be more true to say that vocations are largely thrust upon us based on our sex. This process begins long before a student even begins to contemplate a career. For example, a student's high school experience often serves to guide people into traditional career paths. This is especially true for girls. Teachers do not encourage girls to pursue math or physics to the same extent that they would urge boys. This is not because there is a diabolical conspiracy, but because women do not have the wide distinction that

few girls become engineers and engineering role models. Thus the myth that "girls can't do math" is not only perpetuated but becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Torvell says that even if girls are able to overcome the pressure and enroll in an engineering school, they may face other problems as a result of their sex. As any engineering student will tell you, much of the learning in engineering is informal and

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from fellow students. Unfortunately, men and women are not always comfortable with one another, especially in an academic relationship. The result is that women form fewer supportive links with their classmates. Furthermore, Torvell says that the relationships that remain sometimes "wander into romance" or other relationships that are "not suited to getting onward" with academic success.

Torvell is quick to add that since the Montreal massacre and even before that event, engineering colleges have made an effort to make themselves "more friendly to women." A conscious attempt has been made to eliminate sexism and sexist humor from engineering events. Yet, Torvell says that despite engineering schools "increased awareness of a chilly climate" for women,

"The demographics are just not going to be sufficient to provide men into (engineering) career areas, especially if they keep going down their traditional patterns," says Bradshaw".

"the net result is really very hard to state with any clarity." Despite their efforts, female enrollment in engineering schools across the country has not increased significantly since the massacre; most schools' enrollments remain at approximately ten percent female.

Here at NAIT, the female enrollment in engineering technologies is slightly higher at fourteen percent. Yet, while there is an overall higher female representation, most of the women are almost exclusively in Apparel Design or Architecture. In fact, some large technologies like Petroleum and Mineral Engineering and Electronics have less than five percent female enrollment.

Dean of Engineering Technologies, Lee Bradshaw, admits that there are far too few women engineering students at NAIT. Bradshaw says that NAIT is "trying to do anything we can to break down those traditional attitudes" that discourage

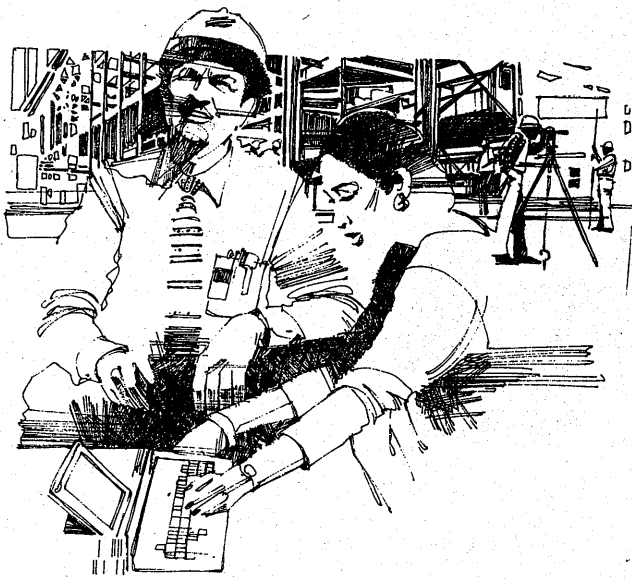
offer scholarships to women, the only scholarships offered exclusively to women at NAIT are from Canadian National Railways and these are only for \$500 and only for a few technologies.

Bradshaw agrees that "financial incentives of some kind do work." He says that the tech system is looking at a bursary program much like that offered at many universities. Within a year, he expects that a set of scholarships with federal funding will be offered exclusively to women in engineering technologies. Bradshaw also endorses setting a quota of scholarships that would be offered to women.



Some argue that scholarships solely targeted towards women are discriminatory towards men. Yet, men are hardly in any danger of becoming underrepresented in engineering. Further, aside from the economic incentive, scholarships to women take on a whole new dimension that are not applicable to men. While men are not so intimidated by engineering, women often do not feel welcome. Scholarships are a way for institutes and corporations to put their money where there mouth is and openly welcome women into engineering.

Overcoming sexism in engineering, and indeed in society, is not a simple task. There are no secret police at the doors of engineering schools to stop women from enrolling. Rather, the barriers to women are much more subtle and insidious. We must make the conscious effort to eliminate our sexual stereotypes as they manifest themselves in our schools, our families, and with our peers. For, if our strict ideas of femininity continue, not only are career choices restricted, but our prosperity is jeopardized by a future labor shortage. Yet, encouraging women into non-traditional and higher-paying fields like engineering is not just a "women's issue" or just a question of prosperity, but it is also perhaps the final tool we need to rid society of a grossly unfair prejudice that has plagued us for a very long time indeed.



sciences, especially math and physics, remain male-dominated. This has left many professions like engineering in the embarrassing position of being one of society's last "boys' clubs."

For engineering, the embarrassment is particularly acute. Engineering's reputation for male domination was underscored after the massacre of fourteen women at an engineering college in Montreal two years ago. Since then, engineering students have become more sensitive to allegations of sexism and engineering weeks and their newspapers have dropped controversial items or events. Yet, despite

men have for dealing with these subjects at the work place. In short, there is something unfeminine about these sciences. Thus, girls are subtly discouraged by peers, teachers and general society from choosing an untraditional career in engineering.

Dorothy Torvell, professor of Women's Studies at the University of Alberta concurs that there is a vicious circle of bias against girls in our science education. Torvell says that without female role models, engineering remains an untraditional career, thus fewer girls consider engineering. Neither are they encouraged by teachers or peers. The result is very

OVERTIME OOKS FINISH THIRD AT VIKING CUP

By Brian Stein
Staff Writer

The NAIT Ooks did not continue their tradition of winning at the Viking Cup as the team posted a record of two wins and two losses to end the tourney in third place.

The Ooks almost came home empty handed, but a 3-2 win over the 18 year old Czechoslovakian National team on Saturday, January 4th gave the Ooks the bronze medal.

Brad Fallis scored his second of the contest - a one handed chip shot over the sprawled Czech goaltender Robert Slavik--at 7:06 of the first overtime to propel the Ooks to victory.

Despite outshooting the Czechs 46 to 30, the Ooks did not control the tempo of the contest early. Patrik Krisak scored at 8:03 of the first to give the Czechs a 1-0 lead. Ondrej Steiner then increased the advantage to 2-0 46 seconds into the second period. With 7:47 gone in the middle stanza, Brad Fallis pulled the Ooks to within one. Kevin Lovig of NAIT then tied the game at the 14:53 mark of the third.

In semi final action on Friday, January 3rd, the Ooks squandered a 4-2 lead with less than 10 minutes left in regulation and dropped a 5-4 overtime decision to the University of New Brunswick Red Devils--the eventual tournament winners.

Trevor Boland netted his third of the game for the Red Devils with seven seconds left in the first overtime to end the Ooks chances of a third Viking Cup Gold medal.

Kevin Lovig netted a pair while Greg Geldart and Brad Fallis added singles. In addition to Boland's hat trick, UNB also received goals from Dominic Niro and Jamie Colvin.

The Ooks led 1-0 at the end of the first and 2-1 at the end of two before running out of gas in the third.

In preliminary play, the Ooks placed second in their three team pool with a record of one win and one loss. The 18 year old Commonwealth of Independent States national team finished round robin play with a record of two wins and no losses while the Farjestad Elite Juniors of

Sweden ended round robin action with a record of no wins and two losses.

On Tuesday, December 31st, the Ooks lost 4-3 in overtime to the 18 year old Commonwealth of Independent States -- the eventual silver medalists.

Roman Zolotov scored the winner at 5:54 of the first overtime. Alexey Loshkin, Ivan Vologshaninov and Bogdan Savenko rounded out the CIS attack. Greg Geldart, Wayne MacDonald and Shaun Hebert replied for NAIT in a losing effort.

On Sunday, December 29th, the Ooks opened up the Viking Cup with a 6-1 victory over the Farjestad Elite Jrs. of Sweden. Wayne MacDonald, Dean Beattie, Kevin Lovig, Darren Perkins, Jason Krueckl, and Brad Fallis netted singles for the Ooks while Mathias Johansson replied for the Swedes.

The two teams were tied at 1-1 following the first and remained deadlocked for the first twelve minutes of the second when the Ooks exploded for three goals in 135 seconds. The Ooks sealed the victory with two third period markers.

Sergey Brilin of the CIS was selected as the Tournament MVP. NAIT captain Greg Geldart was named to the tournament all star team along with goaltender Chris Somers (UNB), defencemen Mike Cavanaugh (UNB) and Libor Prochazka (CSSR) as well as forwards Alexey Loshkin (CIS) and Trevor Boland (UNB).

A pair of players from the Ooks narrowly missed selection to the all star team. Goaltender Don Davidge posted a goals against average of 2.67 in four games and played solidly throughout. Winger Brad Fallis netted three goals and one assist in the final two games and played a key role in the Ooks bronze medal showing.

"The Ooks did not play to their potential and the shortcoming resulted in a disappointing third place finish. NAIT coach Perry Pearn is convinced his team is better than what it showed in the Viking Cup "We faced a tough challenge in this Viking Cup and came up short in the game against New Brunswick. I think we were still a team capable of winning the tournament "

ON THE BENCH

UNB doubled CIS 4-2 in the championship game played on Saturday, January 4th. Scouts from 18 of 24 NHL teams attended the tourney, not 20 of 22 as reported by some scribes. Ottawa, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hartford, Boston, and Pittsburgh did not send representatives to the tourney. Of the future expansion franchises, Tampa Bay was represented while Ottawa was not. . . The Ooks (11-1-0) next action will be on Friday, January 10th when they meet the SAIT Trojans (9-3-0) in Calgary at 7:00 p.m. The Ooks then play Mount Royal (5-7-0) in the Stampede City at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 11th

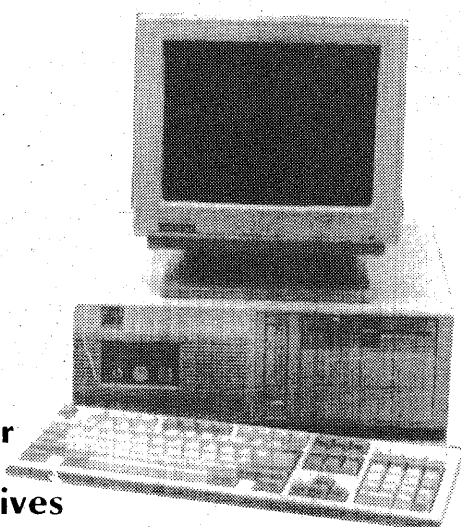
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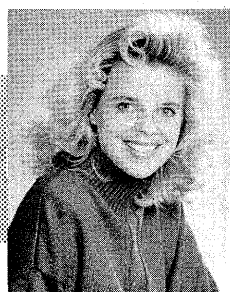
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CANADA CAN LEARN FROM USSR

INTRAMURAL
NOTEBOOK

By Kathy Spenrath
Sports Editorial

There's no question about it. Canadians have been fighting for national unity for a very long time. Although we live in one nation, under one flag, our problems appear to be insurmountable even at the best of times. And in recent months, these conflicts appear to be spilling over into the sporting world as well.

The whole Eric Lindros/National Hockey League fiasco now seems to be another way to alienate Quebec from the rest of this nation. And as time goes on, the problems this country is facing seem to be getting worse.

But let's hope that we will never have to face as much change in as short of time as the "Soviet" people have undergone in the last few weeks.

It's amazing to think that this country managed to send its USSR Junior Select hockey team to Canada to play in a tournament over the Christmas Holidays.

The team took part in the Viking Cup in Camrose which also featured Augustana College (from Camrose), the University of New Brunswick, the Sweden Farjestad Elite Jrs., the Czechoslovakia Jr. Selects, and the NAIT Ooks.

I was sitting in the quaint, nearly decrepit, yet well-kept Camrose hockey arena, watching the "USSR" team (now the Commonwealth of Independent States team) take on the Ooks. Both teams were playing their hearts out and the rink was jam-packed with fans watching the exciting overtime period in which the "USSR" managed to eventually win.

With one team being Canadian, you'd think the majority of the fans would be cheering for the home team. But they weren't.

I know the Ooks may not be very highly regarded in the Camrose arena since the two teams are rivals in the ACAC League during the regular season. But that's not what this was all about.

Here is a foreign team with no name, no flag and no national anthem to speak of, playing in a hockey game in Camrose, Alberta. The fans *wanted* to cheer for them.

The coach of the USSR Jr. Selects summed it all up for a CBC reporter that day, saying, "As we played this game and even at this particular moment, my country has disappeared... it's gone. Everything has changed and nothing will ever be the same."

The "Soviet" players seemed very happy to be here in Canada - and they definitely took advantage of the things our country had to offer them. They seemed to flock to the banquets and the home cooked meals in Camrose. And now they must go back to the unknown.

At least we, as Canadians, have some sort of unity still in place, albeit not much. So, it'll be nice when the 'national' cohesiveness of sport, especially hockey, comes back into place.

So, forget about Eric Lindros and all the other problems in Canadian sport - just for awhile. Guys like that could learn a lesson or two from the Soviets... And after all, isn't that what hockey's all about?

OOKS BEAT CZECHS IN JASPER

By Brian Stein
Staff Writer

In exhibition play at Jasper on Friday, December 27th, the NAIT Ooks scored an exciting 6-5 victory over the 18 year old Czechoslovakian National Team. The game was a

preview of the bronze medal game played at the Viking Cup eight days later.

Greg Geldart, Dale Dach, Mark Souch, Wayne MacDonald, Brent Harden and Kevin Lovig pocketed goals for the Ooks in the win.

The two teams were tied at 2-2 following the first. The Ooks trailed 4-3 after two periods, but rallied for the 6-5 victory.

By Kathy Spenrath
Sports Editor

In women's intramural volleyball playoff action, the independent "B" team defeated Dental Assisting in the final game before the semester break.

The winning team was made up of Oriana Shwetz, Sharon Bowman, Kim Vanheitzma and Roseanne Grygus.

In other intramural news, men's water polo will start up on **January 13th**, while men's 3 on 3 basketball, women's badminton and 5 on 5 basketball will all get underway **January 14th**.

The entry deadlines for women's ice hockey and badminton will also be on the **14th**.

Other important dates are **January 15th** with men's and women's racquetball starting up and **January 20th** when women's ice hockey begins.

In other intramural news, the entry deadline for men's and women's squash and men's and women's racquetball will be **January 21st**.

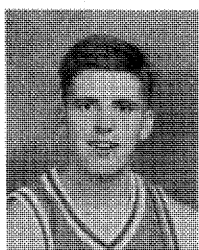
If you have any questions or concerns about the intramural schedule contact Athletics VP Shane Warawa in E-13311.



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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Men's Basketball
Rob Hansuk



Rob Hansuk is a key member of the 1991-92 Basketball Ooks. His scoring ability and work ethic continue to be a large part of his contribution to the team. The third year veteran, recently graduated from Finance, is currently averaging 17 points per game and is the top 10 in scoring in the ACAC. Rob had an excellent exhibition series over the Christmas holidays capturing an All Star award in the 8 team SAIT Holiday Classic.

Women's Basketball
Robbie Ross
Height: 5'7"
Position: Guard
High School: Jasper Place

After a promising preseason, Robbie injured her knee in the first league game, missing the next two games and seeing limited action in the following four games. As her knee strengthened, she once again emerged as an offensive threat and contributed to the strong showing of the Ooks in the Blue-Gold Classic, where they were 3-1 and lost in the final. For her efforts, Robbie was named to the tournament All-Star team. In Phoenix, Robbie was instrumental in NAIT's 67-64 victory over Malaspina College Lady Mariners. Robbie is a great example of a student athlete who is achieving success on the court and attained honors in first year Computer Systems Technology.



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OOKS TOUR THE STATES

Even though the Christmas break meant a temporary halt to regular season ACAC Basketball action, both Ooks teams saw action. On December 21, 22, and 23, the women's team hosted an exhibition tournament with clubs from Grant MacEwan, Augustana University college, and the Edmonton Women's League taking part. The team's coach, Gregg Meropoulos, said the purpose of the tournament was to be able to try some new strategies in a game environment.

The men's team welcomed the new year in style. They were in Phoenix, Arizona to participate in an exhibition game against Phoenix College. Coach Dave Hoy

said the purpose of the trip was to better the team and experience the cultural aspects of the area.

A major highlight from the trip included a trip to the Fiesta Bowl, complete with a pregame tailgate party. A small negative incident during the trip was the cancellation of an exhibition game against Luke Airforce Base, but it did give the team an extra chance to practice in the warm weather.

With studies back in full swing, the first regular season games of the new year will take place this weekend in Calgary.

The next home action for both teams will be on Friday, January 17, against cross-town rivals Grant MacEwan Community College.

CLIFFIE CUFFS CALGARY

BOB PRINCE SPEAKS OUT

By Bob Prince
The Dean of Sports Columnists

Though a week and a day late, Calgary Flame GM Doug Risebrough gave Toronto Maple Leaf GM Cliff Fletcher a great Christmas present -- Jamie Macoun, Doug Gilmour, Ric Nattress, Rick Wamsley and Kent Manderville. At the same time, Fletcher let the world in on a secret -- the GM in front of Riser's name does not stand for General Manager but rather Great Mistake.

Upon the departure of Cliff Fletcher from the

Calgary Flames, the owners decided to make Doug Risebrough General Manager. Risebrough may have the spirit of a winner but he does not have the sense to know that he cannot hold down the jobs of coach and general manager and do justice to both. Riser wants to do it all -- and he is just doing that -- making the Flames a pretender from a contender.

An intelligent GM would have noted the discontentment of Doug Gilmour during the summer and could have packaged Gilmour, Wamsley, Colin Patterson, and Manderville to Quebec for something more than a washed up 50 goal scorer in Gary Leeman,

a suitcase defenceman in Michel Petit, a shellshocked goaltender in Jeff Reese, a tough guy everybody wants and nobody keeps in Craig Berube, and an unproven youngster in Alexander Godnyuk. Through the trade, the Flames ability to wheel and deal in the future has virtually become nonexistent.

One thing should be told to Risebrough -- "Cliff's not your boss anymore so you don't have to ask how high when he says 'Jump!'"

VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

By Kathy Spenrath
Sports Editor

The men's volleyball club took advantage of a break in their ACAC schedule to take part in the North Am Volleyball Tournament last month. The Ooks played fairly well throughout the round robin portion of the U of A hosted event, beating the SAIT Alumni before being pushed to the consolation side of the draw after losing to the U of A Bears and the Calgary Volleyball Club.

In the consolation playoff round, the Ooks defeated the Cold Lake Air Force Volleyball Club, the Calgary Volleyball Club, and the Edmonton Lazers in two games apiece.

The Ooks met the Calgary Roadkill Volleyball squad in the consolation final, losing in two games.

This marks the first time in over four years in which the Ooks have taken part in the North Am tournament, and even though they came up short in the end, head coach Mike Trent was pleased with his team's performance.

"There were a lot of good club teams in the tournament. Many of the athletes we were up against are ex-national players and

we managed to do quite well in the tournament. We did better than I thought we might - our players went out there and really played well."

The Ooks took a well-deserved Christmas break but have been practicing since December 30th, getting ready for the second part of the ACAC schedule. NAIT is currently 2 - 6 on the year, and is hoping to up their record to at least .500 this season.

It'll be an upward climb since the club is now down to nine players on the roster after captain Matthew Blokker had to step down from his position over Christmas to concentrate on his studies.

But Trent remains optimistic about his team's ability and is looking forward to the last half of the season. "It will be difficult to finish 50% on the year, since we have no back-ups and no subs to speak of. But, with players such as Terry Maik (setter) it looks as though we could do really well."

ON THE BENCH

The Ooks will take on last year's national champions, the Mount Royal College Cougars on Friday night in the Main Gym. NAIT will then play host to SAIT on Saturday afternoon.

What's on This Weekend

VOLLEYBALL:

Friday, Jan. 10, MRC @ NAIT

6:30 pm (w)

8:00 pm (m)

Saturday, Jan. 11, SAIT @ NAIT

1:00 pm (w)

2:30 pm (m)

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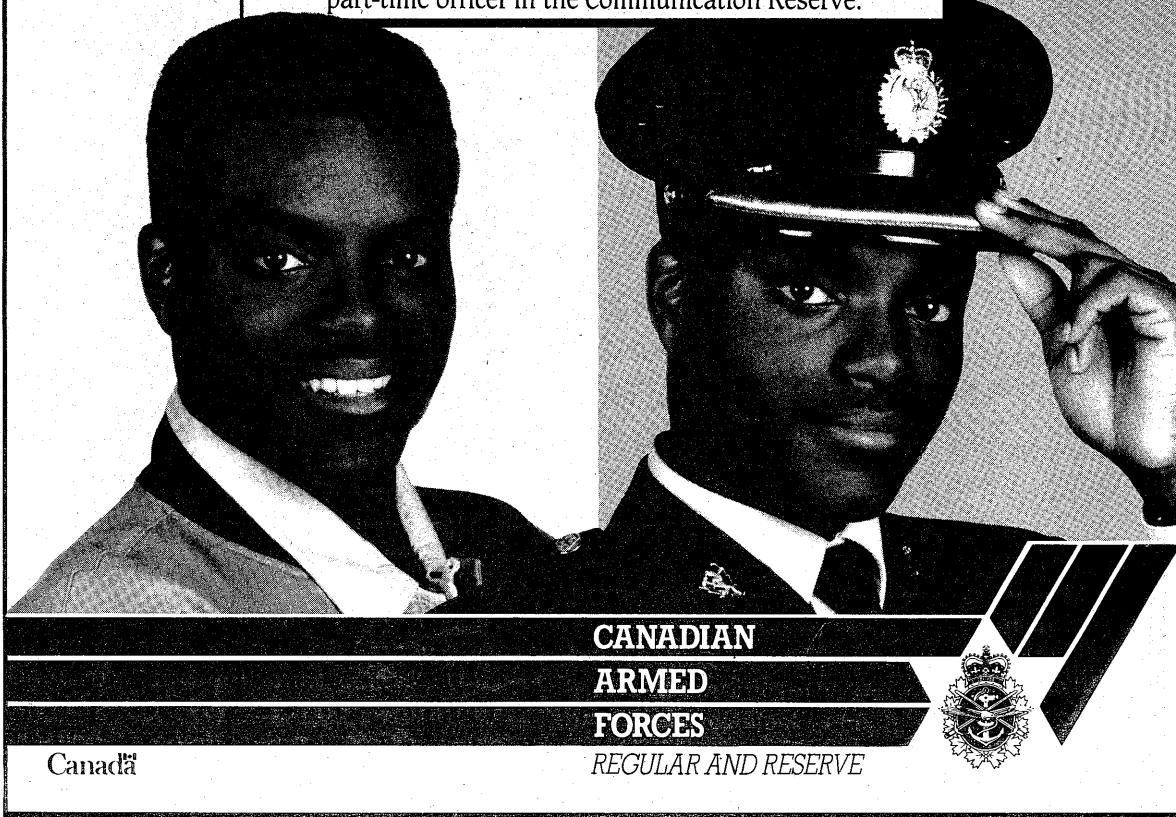
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SHIRT AND MUG

IMPRESSIONS OF 1991

Entertainment Editor: Troy Brehaut



By Miller Malone
Opinion



The following is a pretty fair representation of what struck me as the best and worst of 1991.

This isn't in any particular order because bad is bad and good is good and to differentiate in degrees is much too much.

BEST

1. The peaceful withering away of the communist state in USSR.
2. My grotesquely huge student loan.
3. Saturday Night Live, Northern Exposure, Kids in the Hall.
4. Bands like G & R, U2 and Tom Petty putting out innovative music.
5. Late Night with David Letterman; still the driest laughs on TV.
6. Fisher King, Cape Fear and T2. Thoughtful commentary, psychological thrills, and a high tech blast.
7. People becoming more aware of the environment and their place in it.
8. People waking up to the fact that AIDS kills everyone not just "Fags", "Junkies" and hemophiliacs.
9. Getting just a little bit hammered and acting like a middle class barbarian.
10. Subjecting people to my "humor", personal beliefs and assorted phobias.

WORST

1. The Civil War that followed the fall of communism in Yugoslavia.
2. The deepening recession; how the hell am I going to pay off my grotesquely huge student loan?
3. Anything Bob Saget from Full House, or anyone he's associated with, touches re: America's Funniest Home Videos, America's Funniest People
4. People with names like Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch and Hammer who call themselves musicians and ingratiating themselves with Arsenio Hall.
5. The Arsenio Hall show, despite all the style and flash, it's just Arsenio and the rich and famous mutually stroking each other.
6. Hook, Highlander II, Suburban Commando. Over rated, over cooked, really dumb.
7. People defending the rights of animals by injecting chocolate bars with oven cleaner.
8. Hard core minority groups of religious fanatics and moralists trying to block education about aids and the distribution of condoms. "If you ignore a problem long enough it'll go away" must be their motto.
9. Trying to convince the judge that it was a momentary lapse of reasoning that wouldn't happen again - ever.
10. Having uptight self-appointed judges of the public conscience up close and in my face.

Non-Rhyming Poetry By Miller Malone The Christmas Orange

Who ate the last Christmas orange?
Oh, that was me.
That tears it, I'm going to kill you!
Oh yeah?
Yeah!
You want a piece of me let's go!
Come on, old man.
Hey is that any way to talk to your father?
I thought you said you weren't my real father.
I was just kidding about the milkman.
I didn't know that; I've spent the last 15 years thinking of him as Dad.
Oh sorry.
It's ok... Dad.
Glad you came home for christmas son.
Me too Dad...
Me too.
Nonny, nonny, nay.

Vanity

You think you're so beautiful
I think you're a hammerhead
What kind of goof has personalized plates worth \$150 on a \$30 car
You, that's who
I hope they find you shriveled like a raisin in a tanning bed
After being trapped by technology beyond your complexion
You wouldn't date me because I have a tattoo on my face of a naked lady
You're so petty I could puke.

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To all the volunteers who helped out with the Children's Christmas Party. The NAIT Social Club will be holding a meeting on Thursday, January 30 at noon in room E129. Everyone is welcome to share ideas and suggestions for next years party.

Questions: Michou @ 7605

MUSIC REVIEW

Achtung Baby U2

By Miller Malone
Entertainment Editor

U2 is back and this time they came sans B.B. King and the annoying preachy/prentensions of their last album **Rattle and Hum**.

Achtung Baby more than makes up for Bono's annoying "Am I Bugin U?" line from **Rattle and Hum**. (I always wished I could've been there to yell at him, "yeah you're buggin the **** outa me.")

The music on **Achtung Baby** is reminiscent of U2's unforgettable fire days and is

full of the deep probing lyrics set to a sometimes driving and at other times haunting music.

This album serves as a rebuke to those who thought that U2 had reached its artistic peak with Joshua Tree and a reward to those who kept the faith in U2.

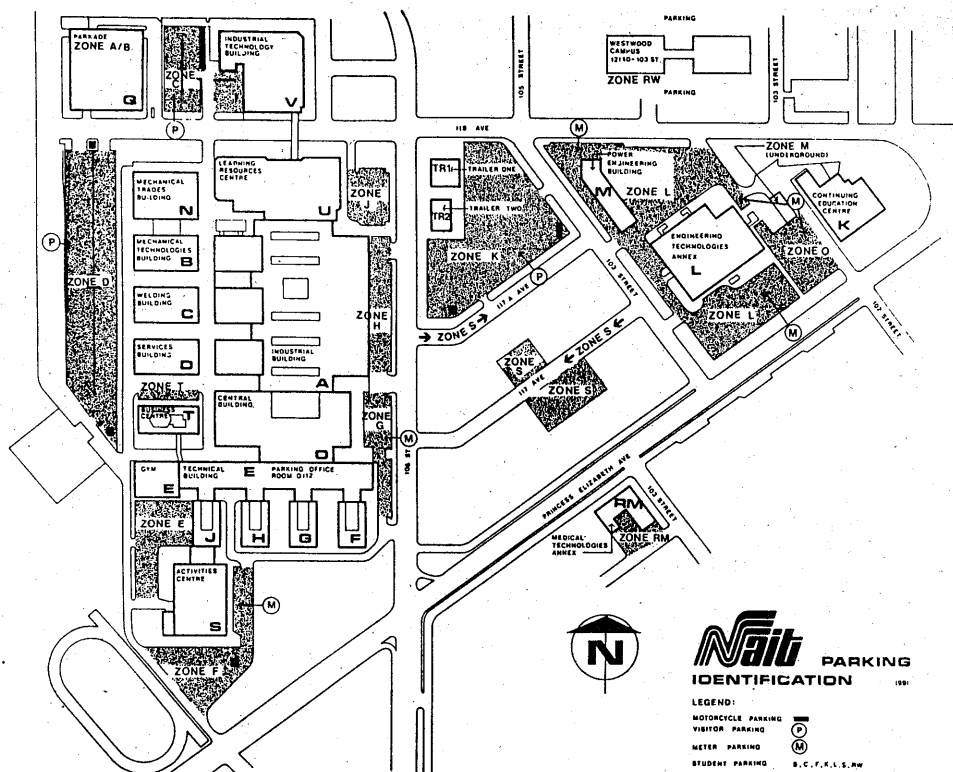
"Sunrise like a nose bleed

Your head hurts and you can't breathe

You've been trying to throw your arms around the world."

-U2

Now that's deep.



TOO LAZY TO MASTURBATE

by Miller Malone
Entertainment Editor

Tuesday, January 7 saw Clark Robertson perform love at the Nest.

His show consisted of comedy and juggling mixed with comedy. The juggling was more for humorous effect than a display of his juggling skill.

Some of the highlights of the show was the interaction between Robertson and the audience.

- "Anybody who'd fuck you is too lazy to masturbate"

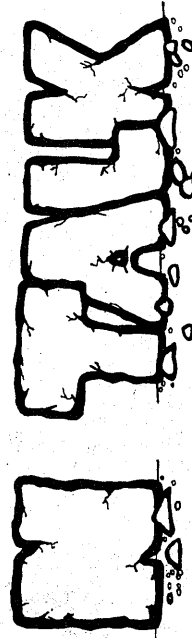
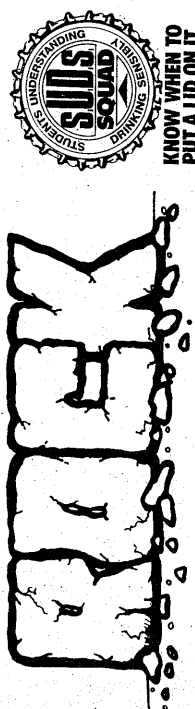
- "Do you use your personality as a means of birthcontrol?"

- "Nice shirt, finally get enough Club Z points?"

The show lasted for approximately sixty minutes and all present enjoyed themselves.

The Nest which is the home of live comedy at NAIT every Tuesday, has a double bill next week. Edmonton based Atomic Improv and Gichi Guy who has appeared on The Tonight Show will be performing next Tuesday live at the Nest.

Come early as seating is scarce the closer to eight o'clock, the lower your chances are of getting a table.

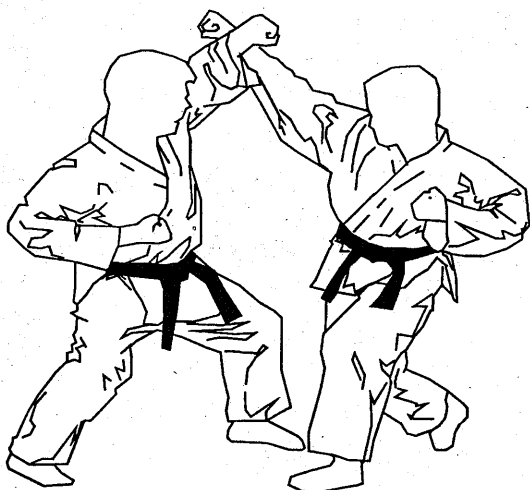


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To C in IET:

First I'll tell you that I wrote both letters last week - one was supposed to be in the previous week's paper. Secondly, I'm sorry that I didn't make it to the Rock'n Talk on Friday. I got called in to work at the last minute but my friends told me you were there. I'm glad that you wanted to meet me though. I'd like to talk to you sometime but I don't know what's convenient for you. Write me back through the Grapevine and let me know.

Signed,
An Admirer

To D:

Do you really eat with that mouth?

Does your mother know you say those things?

So, who's the flavor of the week?

You know D, life's a bitch.

Does it bother you that there are some people out there who know about both sides of your split personality?

Can you keep your lies straight?

I'll admit that you can be a sweet person but the things you said to Red (I don't care if red is no longer your favorite color).

It is still inhuman to say those things to her; shame on your "evil" twin!

Signed,
The Angel

M. Me. Fo. B

I hope all your Christmas wishes come true. Maybe you'll get an unexpected present. Keep an eye out for your model. J-Jay says Happy B-Day to N.G..

Peace, TX.

P.S. Waiting for an address and phone number.

Sports Answers

1. Bobby Hull
2. Brett Hull
3. Maurice Richard
4. Henri Richard
5. Gordie Howe
6. Dave Schultz
7. Dave Williams
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9. Tony Esposito
10. Johnny Bucyk

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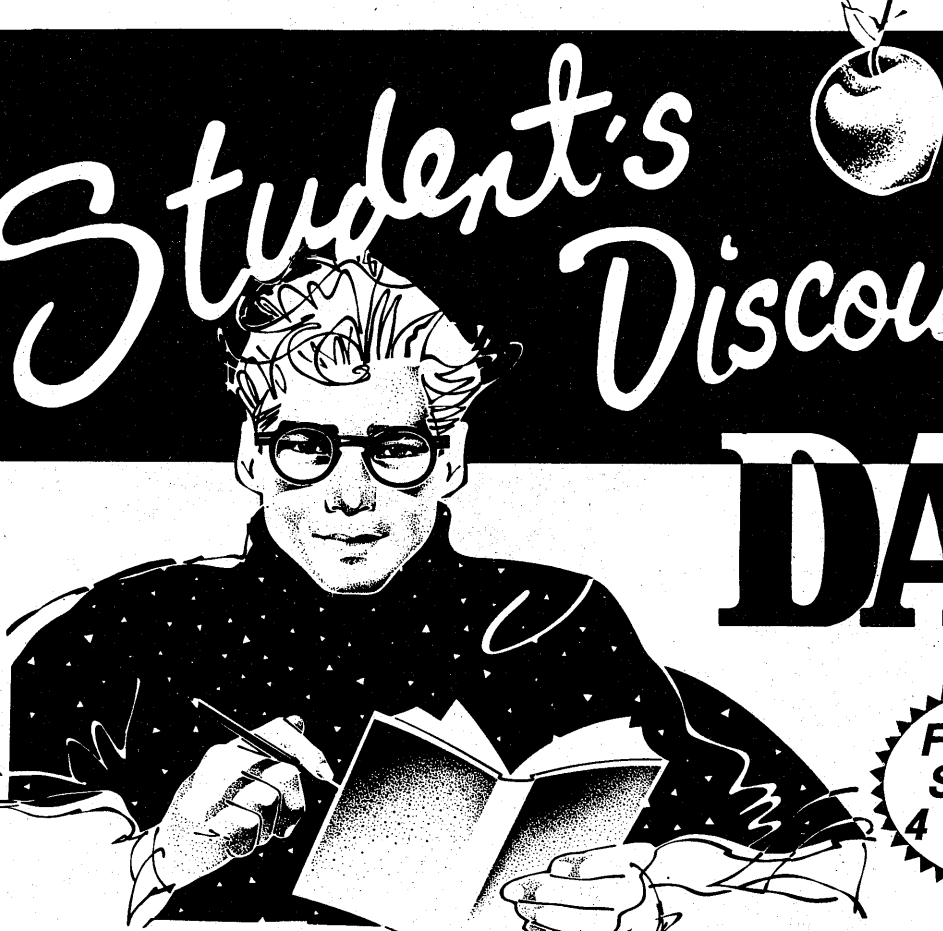
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