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AN ODE TO A WINTER SEMESTER

SARAH DAVIS

At long last!
The snow melts and the blue skies do clear
As the summer months welcome
The end of the year.

And as my last address
I am proud to proclaim
These last notable triumphs
That fall under our name

For the first time
IN AGES
In central we broke
As Rankin and Noah
Turned heads as they
Spoke

After a well-run Ed Open
Our TDs did glow-
Too bad Nathan, Emma, and Em:
We won't let you go.

And a French tournament was hosted
For the very first time!
Thanks to Em, Mike, and Ashvin
For inducing its climb.

And surely Nathan and Robbie
Can attest
Why bombing pirates
Makes us
The very best in the West

And Mary and Robbie
Sent U of C to the morgue
In a National novice final
In a round about Borg!

And as organizers of the Interfaculty Cup
Aaron and Sean
Gave us
Our campus close-up.

But before I conclude
With a few final words
Best of luck on exams!
You all better be nerds.

To those of you who will be around next year
Have fun with the club!
We all hold it dear.

To those of you graduating
I wish you all the success
And hope you look back fondly
On the UADS.



UADS members at Saskatchewan Nationals, forming our largest Nats contingent yet

THE SUMMER MOLESTER: YOUR GUIDE TO EX ACADEMIA TOURNAMENTS

SEAN LEE

So that's it, folks. Nats is come and gone, and with spring lurking somewhere around the corner, you've got nothing left to look forward to. For the Arts students, you've been sitting on your duff all semester, and now it's time for two weeks of mad panic while you write all your term papers. For you scientific types, you get to study yourselves into oblivion as you make one last mad scramble up the curve. Without debate consuming all your free time, is there nothing left in life worth looking forward to? What will keep you sharp after you hammer your brain into mush on your keyboard?

Don't Panic.

There are others like you. Help is available. Because we care, and because you're not alone. Besides, debate isn't just recreation, or even a hobby- it's a Way of Life. Drink our Kool-Aid, and partake of these fine activities this season:

Sask DDT, May 2-3. For the third year, U of S brings the West its very own Debate Death Trudge. This year, however, they're calling it the "Torturous Agony Trudge", in recognition that our generation is getting soft, and can no longer stomach even the thought of lethal force anymore. Held in Saskatoon, it will last at least 18 hours of back-to-back debating. This is a good chance for many of you to run all those cases you submitted at the last minute for your funding requirements. Style will be in standard CP- however, a variety of styles will be thrown in, including: British Parliamentary, Cross Examination, Australasians, Irish Times, Backwards, Balloon, Bad- and anything else they concoct. For an explanation of Cross Ex, see "High School". For "Backwards", see Funspeak. For Australs/Irish Times, Google "lunacy". For Balloons, see a clown.

Registration: Check out their post in the Western forum on CUSIDnet, or email iainireland@sasktel.net no later than Saturday, April 25th.

Waterloo DDT, May 8-10. Tagline: "Free billeting in a local church for all. The power of price compels you."

The original DDT, with all the glory of death in trudging. Held at the University of Waterloo, in the city of the same name, somewhere in Ontario (head towards Toronto, stop one hour short). They also use standard CP style, which can be expected to degrade into anarchy and the state of nature somewhere after the 10th straight hour. Tight and loose link resolutions are provided. Spec knowledge rounds are being run as well- interest will determine on which topics. Other: Judges can sleep through rounds! They crave YOUR company! Bonfires! It's not Brandon!

Registration: See their post in the CUSID Announcements forum. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 24th.

Athabasca NorAms 2010, July 1-4. To continue this programme of highly legitimate tournaments, why not consider Athabasca NorAms? Held on a chartered cruise ship plying the waters of Lake Superior, live the free and easy life of a failed-state pirate, while flouting rule of law and evading the mercenaries of the Border Patrol. Celebrate Canada Day AND Independence Day with your host Bob Barker, while drinking really awful beer from both countries. The highly transparent adjudication process will consist of rolling dice. And it won't cost you a penny- Athabasca, as a subsidiary of Daimler-Chrysler, has secured a bail-out bonanza, and will offer everyone the special AIG incentive plan treatment!

Registration: Send an email containing your personal bank account info, including PIN, to my Swiss account. Include the financial information for your gullible elderly relatives as well.

I'm graduating suckas!!

ON THE CHARGES AMASSED AGAINST ME

NATHAN PINKOSKI

For each year that I have been a member of the UADS, I have written an article for the final issue outlining an ingenious directive for addressing social ills or improving debate. However, these articles were notorious for dominating a good half-page, and so were seldom read with any attention, leaving my metaphors woefully ignored. Further, this year, with the insolence of office upon me, I recognize I must curtail some of my more outlandish remarks that have often come to haunt me, as over a three year career in the UADS my reputation is somewhat... altered. So instead of a directive, this year I have decided to address the insidious accusations that have been raised against my character with concise replies so that I am able to enter office as pure as Pilatus.

On being an antiquarian and anti-progressivist: Utter nonsense--when have I ever worn garbs from by-gone eras?

On being too keen to believe Universal Conscription is the solution to all of society's ills: Lies--Conscription can't help those countries with no society.

On being an English Nationalist: Stuff--My ancestors hoisted the fleur-de-lys over Montreal, not the Union Jack over Halifax.

On being a Bonapartist: Nonsense, I'm too English.

On being too quick to quote Shakespeare in Debate rounds and in life: Wormwood, wormwood.

On being an Imperial Apologist: False--I've never apologized.

On getting a useless degree: No comment.

On a propensity to insane behaviour: Who would elect the crazy to office?

These, then, will show you that I am innocent, and have buried these baseless attacks away from the creeping eyes of posterity. Thus I am ready to assume the noble mantle of office and become a statesman, for the greater glory of this organisation. See you in September.

POWERPOINT FOR THE UADS

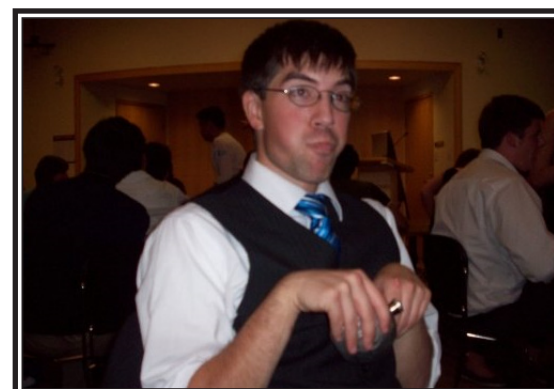
KELSIE, ALTHOUGH HER WORDS HAVE BEEN HAPHAZARDLY AND SHAMELESSLY LIFTED FROM CUSID.NET

I am planning on making a large collection of UADS propaganda, and am asking everyone to please send me:

- 1) Interesting, thought-provoking resolutions (if you've come across some funny ones too, let me know, although first and foremost I feel we should be promoting ourselves as an intellectual club)
- 2) PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS. Visuals to all the different places you've seen: World's destinations, Canadian landscapes, socials, actual debate
- 3) Subjective words and quotes describing your club experiences, preferably positive since this is propaganda to get people to join and see how awesome UADS is

Furthermore, I am asking that in addition to photos and quotes to add into the power point, that you tell me your thoughts and ideas to me on what we should be promoting as a club.

My email is: telserman@hotmail.com



Sean Lee, UADS Debater, 2004-2009

SEX, DRUGS AND RIGHTS ANALYSIS: DEBATE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A MOOSE

MOOSE LAKE

Joining debate, I had few expectations, perhaps a discussion or two of current events, much to my surprise debate turned out to be so much more. Sex, drugs (yes alcohol is a drug) and rights analysis. My first venture to a "social" as they call them was Diefenbaker 2008 where harems were formed, cuddling was encouraged, the sexual energy of Jen's refrigerator was stolen and CUSID west was happy. Until someone puked on the floor. Then we went to out rounds and talked about U-Pass, squirralble BP a feat usually only seen at Cambridge, brought out West.

UBC IV was a tournament of great ideals, high standards and euthanizing aggressive animals. As well as hearing about certain members genitalia in finals, there were loud renditions of Barretts Privateers, much drinking and forming of a militia called the ANR.

Hugill, was on home turf and of course it went wonderfully in the lovely moot court rooms. There were cases glorie, from AIDS gulags, AIDS Tattoos and pirates for the North West passage. The socials are a tad hazy but I'm sure something interesting happened...

Sadly I missed attending worlds, after being carelessly lost. However the stories from those valiantly returning from worlds impress us all. Nathan and Dylan and Em pretended to go to Harvard, Sean and Rachelle... I don't know what they did, but I'm sure they looked very pretty doing it. And Iain dropped a girl. Nuff said.

At McGoun Nathan and Robert proudly defended firebombing Somalia against Calgary to take home the crown of CUSID west. This tournament I wen into season and realized debate was full of other stuffed animals who were easy to take advantage of. I



My conquest of a teddy bear in an Abstinence-only round of Debate

had my way with Emily's goat, a teddy bear and a turtle. The turtle would continue to be in my life, but sadly never again in my bed.

And to the glory of the CP season, Nationals which were as Flat and Sassy as promised. CUSID descended on Saskatoon which provided ample social time, delicious food and a lovely tournament where the Mary and her lamb triumphed to prove that resistance is never futile.

Debate: so much more than you expect. Not only are there pro's who wear sheets, novices who will assure you that they're not drunk, but really it's never too soon.



I always wanted to be an animal mascot for a coffee shop



As an animal mascot, I need to be intimately aware of my competition.

QUOTABLE

NATHAN PINKOSKI

"Lets pull up in style! Give everyone a reason to know we are Albertan, and rent GIANT Ford Excursions
- Noah discusses the finer points of tournament arrival

"If I were a boy..."
-Aaron reveals his innermost wish, which, for clarity purposes he would like to have it known that he meant a "real" boy.

"Why can't we just get our knowledge from time travelling rather than from just Pompeii?"
-Rachelle wins a debate round with a P.O.I.

"Sean, you must prop the octopus."
-Dylan, in a fit of 5AM lucidity

"Sean... is that banana straight?"
-Nathan notes the peculiar shape of Sean's banana-- there was a joke about objective genitives in there which was later exploited

"What's a Kant?"
-Emma reveals what is **not** one of her majors

"Robert and Burch are a lot alike, but the difference is that the former knows when to stop when he is being offensive...sometimes."
-Anonymous, since both these people love anonymous posts

UADS EXECUTIVE 2009-2010

At a well-attended (and long-lasting) election on March 25, the UADS membership selected the following individuals:

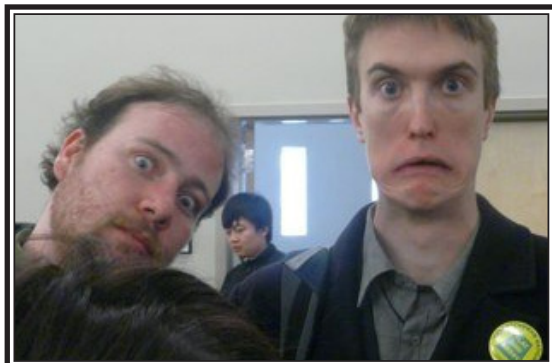
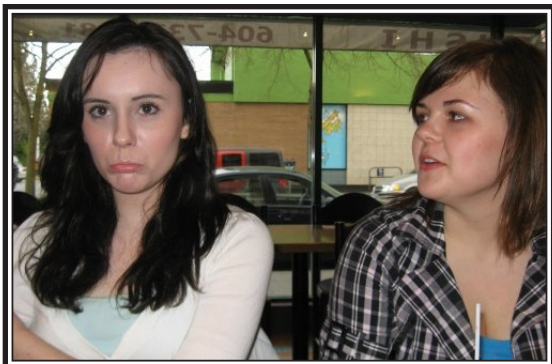
NATHAN PINKOSKI	PRESIDENT
EMILY CLIFF	EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
ASHVIN SINGH	VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE
KRISTEN PUE	VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL
MARY MCPHAIL	VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNAL

Elections for Member-at-Large and Novice Member-at-Large will be held in the fall.

Thanks to this year's Executive for all of their hard work!

A COLLECTION OF INCRIMINATING PHOTOS

GOSSIP GIRL



You know you love me,
XOXO
Gossip Girl

SECRETS FROM THE EXEC MAILING LIST! SOME REJECTED SLOGANS FOR NORTHAMS BUTTONS

NATHAN PINKOSKI

During the NorthAms discussions, a variety of catchy witticisms were tossed about for the purposes of occupying our buttons. Here are some of the ones that never made it to the final edition:

"Alberta: Tarsands to fuel your gluttonous lifestyle"

"Alberta: The piece of Canada that still matters"

"Edmonton: Well, it could've been Compton"

"Alberta NorthAms: The West wants in"

"You can't stop the Tarsands and you can't stop Alberta NorthAms!"

"NorthAms in the Tarsands"

"Because Monica Ferris and York are gross"

"Alberta NorthAms: because our province has money"

"Alberta NorthAms: Come to debate, come to get a job!"

"Alberta NorthAms: So you don't have to freeze in the dark!"

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