

National Campus News

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Women's V-ball tournament attracts top teams

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WINNIPEG (CUP) — With the CIAU women's volleyball championships returning to the University of Manitoba in March, fans got a taste of what the competition will be like this year when the inaugural Coast to Coast Classic was staged at the Investors Group Athletic Centre on the weekend.

The big pre-season tournament showcased 14 of the top university women's teams in the nation in addition to a pair of alumni squads. Six of the eight teams that were on hand for last year's CIAU championships took part in the event.

"All the coaches are really pleased with the format of the tournament and with all the teams they got to play from across the country," said Bison head coach Ken Bentley. "From that perspective, I'm really happy with how this worked out."

The Bisons finished in third spot at the tournament, beating McGill in the bronze medal match after falling to UBC in the semifinals.

"I felt we had a really consistent weekend," Bentley noted. "We won a lot of sets and we lost very few."

The Bisons' tilt with UBC was close

and exciting in every set, but the Thunderbirds prevailed 3-1 by scores of 18-25, 25-21, 25-22 and 26-24.

"UBC served a lot tougher than we did and I thought that was a big difference," explained Bentley. "We have to the serve the ball better."

"Yet it was still very close. I'm not terribly discouraged by it because we could have just as easily won the match. One point, the ball hit the tape and rolled over to give them 24 in a set. It wasn't like they blew us out 3-0."

The Bisons rebounded in the third-place match to beat McGill 3-1 (22-25, 25-18, 25-16, 25-20).

"We were a little better defensively in the last three sets," Bentley said after the bronze medal win. "From where we are as a team, I thought we played pretty well."

UBC fell to the Winnipeg Wesmen alumni team in the gold medal match. It was a thrilling five-set encounter that saw the Wesmen squeak by 15-13 in the final frame.

Brenda Westwood of the championship squad was named the tournament's MVP.

The Bisons shared all of the responsibilities of putting on the event with the Wesmen women's squad. Next year the tournament will be held at both universities.

Canadian students research rape drug prevention

Steve Lillebuen

Gateway

EDMONTON (CUP) — Canadian university students have recently invented two anti-rape drug products.

Close to 1,000 students applied for 500 positions at nine Canadian university campuses to create anti-crime products, last summer.

Selected students from each campus then participated in the Shad Valley entrepreneurial conference recently, an annual event that asks students to come up with products or services that help prevent crime.

The McMaster University and Lakehead University campuses created products that could help prevent the use of Rohypnol in campus bars. Rohypnol, a drug that causes users to fall unconscious, has been linked to rapes in campuses across North America.

The McMaster product is a double-lid system that prevents the drug from entering a person's drink.

Called the "lockup," the edge of the cup's outer layer has a small slit in it. The apparatus is big enough to drink from, but small enough to minimize access. The inner lid has a similar opening. By twisting both openings, the user prevents access to the drink altogether.

Clement Ma, co-leader of the McMaster team, said their product is very effective. "There's nothing like this on the market... If someone does drop a drug into your drink, [the Lockup] will catch it— it prevents exposure to the drug."

Lakehead campus created a date-rape

indicator enclosed in a necklace called "Minerva."

The students' invention allows women to place droplets of their drinks on paper that will indicate if Rohypnol is present in the drink.

Ma said the biggest challenge will be getting the word out about their product.

"Our company plan was to start at three

bars and get the idea out. Then we could move on to Hamilton, Toronto, and the rest of Canada."

Both products are still in the beginning stages. It will take sponsorship money to make the products a reality.

"It's important [for students], so I hope someone takes it and runs with it," Ma said.

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Let the contest begin! Who are you going to vote off?

Survivor fever hits College

LONDON (CUP) — Students at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario will soon have the opportunity to be voted off the island. Or more accurately, their school.

The school's student union will host a 48-hour Fanshawe Survivor Contest in early November. The rules of the contest will be similar to those of the hit TV show, but the setting will be more reminiscent of the claustrophobic Big Brother.

Sixteen contestants will be selected from a maximum of 100 applicants, and on November 13, the struggle to survive will commence. Each contestant will be allowed to bring one item from home, and must be prepared to stay in a caged area 10' high, 40' x 20' for two full days. Survivor wannabes will be given two washroom passes each day. The grand prize is \$1,000 and second prize is \$400.

This is not the first time Fanshawe has hosted a contest based on a popular game show. Last year the school held Who Wants to Win a Thousand Dollars?. "That filled up the student union building," says John B. Young, the manager of the building and organizer of Fanshawe's Survivor.

Second year graphic design student Andrea Courtis plans to throw her name into the Fanshawe Survivor hat. "Of course I would," Courtis says. "You can win a grand, and it's only two days."

Courtis isn't overly worried about the prospect of missing class time. "I wouldn't mind, even though I'd fall behind," she says. "But even if I didn't win, it would still be worth it. It would be fun."

Organizers of the event will split the contestants into two groups at the beginning of the event, similar to the way CBS divided its group into the Pagong and Tagi tribes. The two teams of eight people will compete in award challenges (for prizes such as extra washroom passes or a meal from a campus bar) and immunity challenges, where the losing side will have to vote off one of their members.

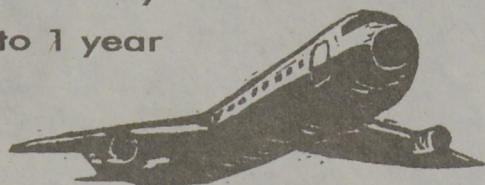
Immunity challenges are not time sensitive, so participants can expect to be sent packing in the middle of the night. Organizers will hire overnight security to help enforce the rules, but will also pay transportation costs if buses aren't running when a contestant is voted off.

Once there are 10 contestants remaining (after 24 hours), the teams will merge and will continue to compete in award and immunity challenges until two people are left. The last seven students voted out of the cage must return on November 15 if they want to collect their prize, which will vary from \$50 to \$150. These seven contestants will also vote for the winner and recipient of the \$1,000.

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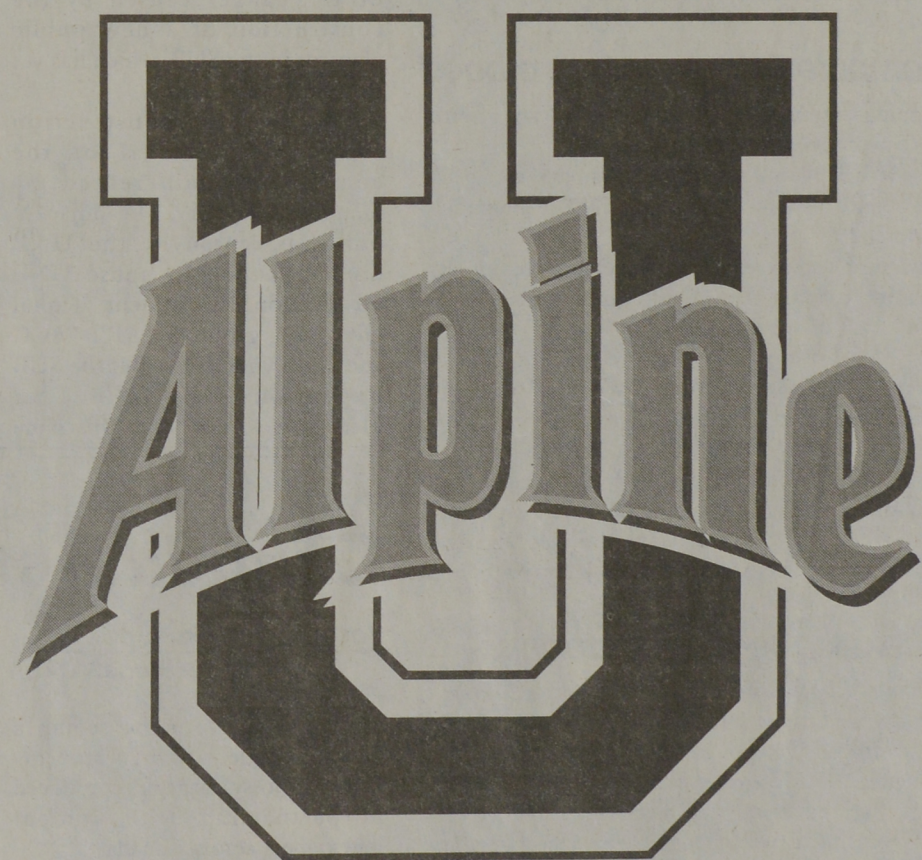


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