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cure profits for the capitalist class. Clearly, these struggles show the inability of the capitalist system to provide a secure life for working people as a whole. Contrary to providing for the majority of people, the system is premised upon providing for the few by exploiting the many.

This can and must be changed. First and foremost, what is necessary is full support and solidarity for the BC workers in their struggle towards a general strike. This means organizing unions in sympathy strikes in all areas and all sectors of the country. This would provide massive economic support for the BC workers. Through their current struggle, they can win gains for working people everywhere.

Important message for all UNB students

Students,

Do you feel you have been disadvantaged by the current academic appeals structure?

The Fredericton Senate will be considering modifying the current procedures governing academic appeals regulations in the near future. The proposed changes may affect how the Student Standings & Promotions Committee (SS&P) and Senate Review Committee—the two academic appeals bodies at UNB—conduct their business. If you have any concerns or suggestions of how the academic appeals process should be reformed, please contact either Lyle Skinner at lyle.skinner@unb.ca or Nick Ouellette at nick.o@unb.ca.

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Cellular technology decoded – somewhat

SHINY THINGS THAT DO STUFF

by Jeremy Elder

Alright, so last time I told you all that picking a phone is a personal choice.

That being said, there's no reason why you should go into the store saying to yourself, "what the #&@% does that mean?" Jargon – I don't blame you for hating it (I do too, sometimes), so let's take a look and see if we can demystify some of the less obvious stuff. Half glossary, half intro guide; here's something to lessen your acronym allergies.

GSM – Global System for Mobile Communications

You'll find it in phones from Rogers and Fido. Cool feature: you need a SIM card, but it means that if the phone is on the same network or isn't locked, you can use

your SIM card in someone else's phone in a pinch.

While we're talking about GSM, I should let you know that frequencies can make a difference: In North America, for instance, we use 850 and 1900 MHz; Europe uses 900 and 1800. That means that a phone with three or four bands has the possibility to be used around the world. Even if you aren't going to travel, it's good to know that 850 MHz is a good thing, especially when it comes to receptions in buildings (like, say, the near-impenetrable Tilley Hall).

GSM's associated data technologies are GPRS and EDGE (EDGE is significantly faster, with a max speed approaching that of cable internet). These technologies are used for things like wireless internet, text messaging, instant message, games, graphics, and downloading ringtones.

CDMA – Code Division Multiple Access

It (or some variation thereof) is the other major technology used

around here, by Aliant, Telus and Virgin. It doesn't have a SIM card, so you can't borrow a phone. Data rates are comparable (if not faster). Need analog service, though? If you're going to find it anywhere, it's more likely to be in a CDMA phone.

CDMA's associated data technologies are often referred to as 1xRTT and 1xEV... Suffice to say that 1xRTT is fast, but 1xEV is faster.

SIM card – Subscriber Identification Module

This is a thumbnail-sized chip that identifies you on a GSM network. It can also store phonebook entries for easy transferring from one phone to another.

Locking

This is a practice whereby a phone is set to only access one company's network (and those it has roaming agreements with). Basically, your Telus phone won't work on Aliant, nor will your Fido phone work with a Rogers SIM, even though they use the same

technologies as one another.

Bluetooth

Sad dentition? Only if your teeth are sensitive to radio signals. Bluetooth lets your phone communicate with your computer, accessories like handsfree devices, or other phones and digital devices that also have Bluetooth. It's sort of like a laptop's wireless (WiFi) card, but with shorter range and slightly different technologies.

Infrared

Infrared looks like it's being replaced by Bluetooth, and it does pretty much the same thing. It's a short range way of exchanging data from phone to phone, PDA or computer, but it isn't really practical for accessories because it's line-of-sight with a range of a few inches to a few feet. You can still find it on some phones, though, and a lot of laptops have infrared, which makes it handy for sending phone book contacts or multimedia back and forth.

SMS – Short Messaging Service, also known as Text Messaging.

Basically, this lets you send discreet messages to other cell phone users, and best of all, it doesn't use up your minutes. You can often get a plan with free included messages, or stay on pay-per-use.

MMS – Multimedia messaging

Text messaging has a newer, cooler brother. Multimedia messaging lets you send and receive photos and sound and video clips attached to a text message. It usually costs more than SMS, but c'mon... just think of the possibilities for embarrassing yourself and others!

Predictive text input

Basically, this technology will try to guess what you're writing, which (once you get the hang of it) can save you a fair bit of time and hitting buttons when typing. It can be frustrating to get used to, but great once you get the hang of it.

There's so much more we could cover but hey, you've got to have something to Google when you should be studying...

The wanderings and thoughts of Kip Kellogg

by Vin Doctor

Kip Kellogg had trouble sleeping. Kip could never fall asleep. He'd lay there for a spell, just thinking, then Kip would get right up. He'd pull on his pants, find his dirty sneakers, and go wandering into the night. Trying to find that something, that something that would make real sense.

Kip wandered some, not really heading in any specific direction. But soon he came to a large house that was used as an old folks home. Although it wasn't that late, Kip noticed that all the lights in the house were already out. Kip thought about what it must be like to be old, and then he tried to picture himself in his 70's or 80's, but he couldn't. Then he thought about how people in those homes are always told what to do, and what to eat, and how to live, and

it seemed very strange to him.

Kip figured that, when you get really old, it's just like going back to being a child. You're not allowed to do anything for yourself, and you can't go anywhere unless somebody says you can, and even then you have to be watched.

It seemed to Kip that old people were kind of like prisoners, and there was no chance of escaping because once you're old, you can't ever be young again. Then Kip thought about Mother Nature, and imagined what she'd be like if she were a real person. Kip tried to picture her as kind, but at that moment he really couldn't. All he could see her as was cold. Cold and indifferent and cruel.

Kip left the old folks home and went down past the arcades. The whole place was lit up, and the machines were buzzing like crazy. Kip was surprised to see so many young kids out at that time of night, and wondered if their par-

ents knew they were there. Some of them looked about only eight or nine years old, and Kip kind of worried that they might be stolen. He thought back to when he was younger, and it seemed as if it were a million centuries ago.

Kip was only 30 years old, yet he felt like he was ancient. Time had speeded up on him, and now he didn't recognize some of the sights around him. It was almost as if he'd woken up one day, only to find himself in a different world. People talked and acted so oddly now, and nothing seemed familiar to him anymore. Everything moved way too fast, and Kip simply couldn't keep up.

Feeling a little blue, Kip left and wandered to a place that was more quiet. It was this spot right behind a movie theater, where some trees had been left standing. Kip sat down against a tree, and tossed a few pebbles around. He was drawn to these quiet places. They helped

him think more clearly. Then he thought about the universe, and all the quiet places that must be in it. Kip figured that somewhere out there, someone else might also be wandering. And they might also be sitting against a tree, tossing pebbles around just like him. Maybe there were even thousands of people doing that exact same thing, at that exact same moment in time. Kip stopped what he was doing, and looked up at the Moon. He never felt so alone in all his life. He felt like he didn't exist.

Kip got up and walked away from the trees, but he did it pretty slowly. As he wandered, he thought about what life meant, and why things were the way they were. At first he figured that everything was wrong, and that there was no way to make it right, but then, he kind of changed his mind, and came up with a different point of view. Maybe, he figured, things were a certain way,

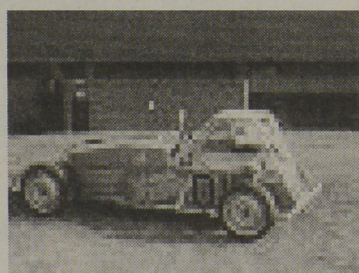
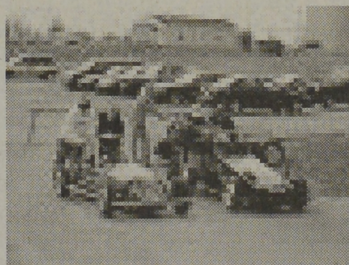
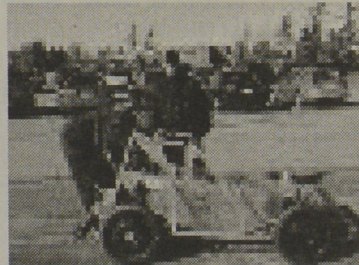
because that's how it had to be.

Kip realized that a person really only learns from grief, and that if you don't have that you'll never understand anything. He knew that too much grief was a bad thing, because too much of anything always is, but perhaps, if you have some obstacles in your way, you'll learn how to overcome them. And maybe, by doing that, you'll be better off, and that will make you more of a true person in the end. You'll understand because you've been there. To Kip, that seemed like the only way real life could be, and it made sense because it was true.

Finally, Kip went home, undressed and went to bed. He closed his eyes against his pillow, and tried to sleep like the rest of the world.

But sadly, Kip couldn't sleep. Like always, he was wide awake.

Coaster Derby



The SSME is having it's 31st Coaster Derby on October 29, 2005 starting at 9am and going until the sun goes down!! There will be a day long BBQ with free burgers!! Campus roadways will be closed down for this exciting engineering event. So, come on down and catch the races next Saturday.

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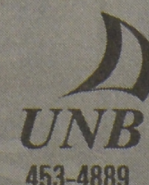
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