

Summerside - Arcade = A Society in Shambles

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Sundance kids here reporting from the beautiful County Fair Mall in Summerside, Prince Edward Island. We're inquiring about the student concern or DISCONCERN for local arcades. There has been a lot of buzz around campus. Students comments range from "an arcade is an arcade" to "get the hell away from me, you arcade rats." Well these rats did their research. Recent studies from Tokyo Japan (conducted by SCIENTISTS) show that arcade revenues have reached record highs in 2004 (10,000+ Yen). After purchasing our VIP passes and with these newfound statistics on hand, we traveled to the County Fair Mall expecting a long lineup behind the Cruisin' USA gaming terminal. To our disbelief, the arcade was as tame as a circus monkey that had undergone years of brutal lashings at the hands of highly abusive animal trainers. This was obviously odd when we considered the facts.

The booming metropolis of Summerside parallels Tokyo in many ways. For example: industry, sheer size, advances in computer technology, and so on. So you understand why we may have expected a flock of Asian youth, flocking about in their game-crazy flockery. But instead we were greeted by a slightly overweight caucasian man (mopping vomit, no less) bearing an eye-catching fluorescent fanny-pack, and two acne-ridden adolescents exchanging bodily fluids.

We then proceeded to circulate throughout the premises but were left dumbfounded and disoriented. After discussing our current situation, we were forced to con-

sult with our one true and wise friend, the information superhighway (the Internet, for those who can't adapt to our brilliant lingo). While on the net, we stumbled upon a tasty little treat of information. It turns out that there is a significant correlation between the decrease in local arcade activity and the fall of our beloved YTV programming tyrant. We, of course, are referring to the skillfully-crafted Video and Arcade Top 10.

So we went to work. After consulting our extensive library of Video & Arcade Top 10 tapes, we discovered the root of their problems. In the late 90s, Canada was starved for a superstar in the gaming world. We needed the equivalent of the wrestling world's Rowdy Roddy Piper. But Canada grew impatient with their heavysset unkept host, and began to reject its bountiful gaming tips.

Armed with a plethora of gaming wisdom, we again set out to the County Fair Mall in an effort to educate the gaming community instead of fulfilling our own selfish need to game. Once again, we were greeted by the same three locals exchanging and mopping up bodily fluids. But this time we were ready to spoon-feed them a delicious bowl of knowledge. After hours of failed attempts, it became evident that there was no getting through to these locals. In disgust, we left concluding that the town of Summerside has eaten up and shit out the possibility of a successful arcade. The foundation that once supported our economy has been broken down along with the dreams of individuals like ourselves... THE SUNDANCE KIDS!

Extreme Make Over: Campus Edition!

Parking Disruptions May Occur

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Reporter

Sorry, Ty Pennington won't be here to unveil the new and improved UPEI campus, but I am sure everyone has noticed our campus has been undergoing some serious renovation and construction. And it is not bad enough that our picturesque campus now looks like a project for "Bob the Builder", but with each new project seems to come a reduction in parking availability. Hey, I am no math major, but I do know that when student enrollment is increasing and parking spaces are decreasing, nothing good can come out of it.

And to make things worse, we seem to be being tortured this year by some sort of weather bomb that doesn't wanna leave. Soon we will see students freezing in their tracks while getting out their car that they somehow managed to park (illegally) between snow banks. The point of driving to school is to AVOID the elements, but as our parking situation becomes more and more of a problem, we will be doing everything but avoiding the PEI winter.

But, we are told not to worry! If you act fast, you can return your UPEI parking pass and purchase one from CARI, with guaranteed parking. According to the Department of Finance and Facilities, this exchange was supposed to be over on October 22nd,

but they are extending it for us because of our current parking dilemma. Ahhh, how nice of them! So, it sounds great! But...as with everything that sounds too good to be true, there is always a catch! There are a very limited amount of spaces available there, it costs more, you cannot use it to park anywhere else on campus, and by the time you are reading this, the passes are probably gonna be all gone.

There have been rumors buzzing around campus as to the measures being taken to ensure student parking, most of which are simply rumors. So for now, all that stands is that we have been given more time to purchase a CARI pass and return our UPEI pass.

So, I guess my efforts to solve UPEI's parking problem has not really been solved, but it seems that best we can do is remember that short term pain results in long term gain, even though most of us will not be around to see the final product of our extreme campus make over! But look on the bright side, we could be faced with human-eating monsters that sleep under our bed (hey, it could happen!), so having to get up a few minutes earlier, or car pooling to get a spot to park doesn't seem quite so bad.

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