

So close yet so far



He shoots! He misses! It was a great year last hockey season for the Welland Cougars Jr. B hockey team, and thanks to Journalism-Print student reporter Ray Spiteri, *news@niagara* covered the local sports team. Next year's reporters will have the chance to cover whatever they are interested in, such as Jr. B hockey, or intramural college sports.

Photo by Ray Spiteri

College sports teams get next chance

By Staff Writer

Niagara Knights college sports teams include men's and women's basketball, volleyball, golf, indoor soccer, touch football and curling. Information about the 2005-2006 season can be found at <http://www.niagarac.on.ca/athletic/>.

Ray Sarkis, director of athletics at Niagara College, says, "I always look forward to new students coming in September, and to the return of current students."

There are also self-run sports played such as dodgeball, ice hockey, ball hockey, basketball, and softball.

At Knights basketball games you can enter your name into a prize draw. Then you get to "shoot for cash:" shoot all three baskets and win \$1000 courtesy of sponsor Spalding Inc.



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Summer renovations taking shape

By SANDOR LIGETFALVY
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It's been another busy summer for Niagara College Facilities Management Services (FMS).

Facilities staff and about 20 summer-employment students have been knocking down walls in the Welland campus' Voyageur wing in preparation for the rebuilding of the Broadcasting — Radio, Television and Film (BRTF) wing.

The two large projects at Welland campus this summer are the renovations in BRTF and starting renovations for the advanced technology (AT) programs which are relocating to Welland campus from their current home at Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

Bertollo gave credit to information studies dean Leo Tiberi, BRTF co-ordinator Alysha Henderson, and FMS director Mal Woodhouse. She says the three of them worked in conjunction with Quartek, an architectural firm out of

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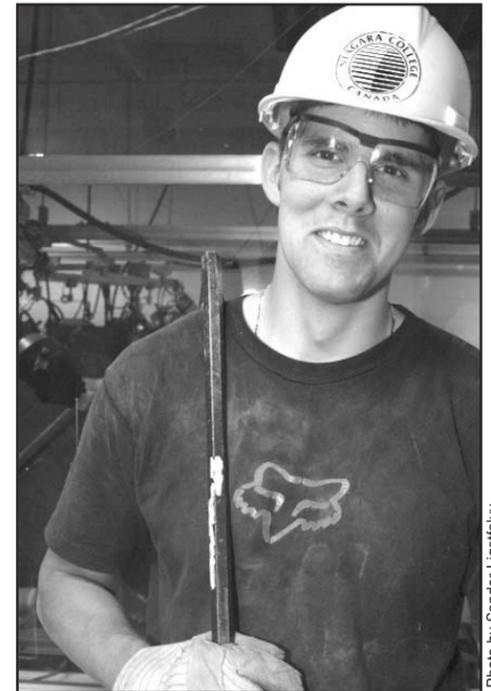


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Free music courtesy news@niagara

By SANDOR LIGETFALVY
Promotional Team

Niagara College's Journalism-Print program is launching a new promotional campaign that includes an online portal for area bands and music lovers.

<http://www.noiseatniagara.com> has singles from bands local to Welland, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, and cities in the greater Niagara region. The site boasts 11 bands at the time of its launch on June 4.

The bands now appearing on the noise@niagara free online album are The Strange, Pouring

Glass Dreams, Cue the Crowd, the Morning Announcements, Murder Thy Maker, Ceremonial Snips, A Prime time Tragedy, Mark Vida, Senate, Outlier, and Shade.

Music fans are encouraged to check back frequently. As many as 15 more bands will be added to the site throughout the summer. The compilation reflects the sounds of the Niagara-region scene, demonstrating a wide variety of flavours.

noise@niagara is a promotional project created and developed by a graduating student of Journalism-Print.

Niagara College sending Sri Lanka project volunteers

By ELISABETH BAILEY
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Six Niagara College graduates left by plane for Sri Lanka May 12 helping to rebuild and re-design a tourist destination and “developing marketing strategies and tourism development plans” as a relief effort after Sri Lanka’s profitable tourism industry was negatively affected by the Dec. 26, 2004 tsunami.

About \$22,000 was raised for the graduates’ travel and accommodation expenses through Niagara-on-the-Lake Mayor Gary Burrough annual fundraising dinner.

Before leaving for Sri Lanka, the students took part in a pre-departure orientation program that included team-building exercises, cross-cultural communication workshops, work and risk management plans and international skills assessment.

“We’re going to be expecting a significant learning curve,” said Katherine Mead, 27, of Mississauga, a graduate of the Ecosystem Restoration Graduate Certificate program at Glendale campus.

“This orientation is meant to expedite it; to make us more prepared for when we get there,” said Eric Berard, 24, of Markham, a graduate of the Environmental Management and Assessment Graduate Certificate program.

Caitlin McLachlin, 19, of Smithville, a graduate of the Journalism-Print program, said the



From left to right: Brandon Prouse, Katherine Mead, Caitlin McLachlin, Pamela Graham, Eric Berard, Patrick Vandersuys. The team of volunteers left May 13 to Katarunda, Kalutara in Sri Lanka. They are working on rebuilding part of Sri Lanka’s tourism industry. The volunteer graduates will be in Asia for two months.
Photo by Sandor Ligetfalvy

group worked together well.

“We all gelled, which I thought was a great relief,” McLachlin said. The ease of co-operation, explains Mead, is “because we’re leaders in different areas.”

Berard adds, “Everyone understands it’s going to be a challenge. No one thinks (going

to Sri Lanka) will be easy.”

The team is now stablished into Katarunda in the Kalutara province of Sri Lanka.

“It’s rewarding to see our graduating students use the skills and knowledge they have gained through their programs of study to make a significant difference in another part of

the world,” said Jos Nolle, Niagara College’s director of International Education and Development.

“This opportunity will provide a world of experience that they will bring back to Canada and assist them as they pursue their individual careers.”

Facilities improvements continue at Niagara College

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Port Colbourne, Ont., to design the \$940,000 new BRTF wing.

Manager of FMS at Welland campus, Julia Bertollo, says this year’s budget “allows us a little more leeway to provide the money where it’s needed.”

A \$2.4 million 10,500 square foot building will be built in 2006 at the Welland campus beside the Skills Center for Motive Power to service the advanced technology.

At Glendale campus they are preparing for the convocation (graduation) ceremonies set for mid June with a slew of odd-jobs and touch-ups such as repainting and fixing windows and potholes.

With notes from Craig Sebert



About 20 students were hired to help Facilities Management Services with the slew of renovations taking place this summer.
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It’s not easy moving all the way to college



By SHERI-LYNN WEBBER
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Column

There are times in your life when you’re faced with difficult choices.

Deciding to make a dream come true or to let it pass you by can be distressing. Especially when you’re unsure if the opportunity will knock twice.

As a mother of three, returning to college as a mature student and taking the Journalism-Print program was a hard decision to make. After many sleepless nights and long discussions with my children, I enrolled, with their support.

Niagara College has moved some departments around but it is the same when I attended many years ago. During that time, I experienced the stigma associated with going to college first hand.

Having fun, hanging out with new friends, drinking, skipping too many classes and not giving 110 per cent to my studies affected my grades and taught me a valuable lesson.

With the amount of money we invest in ourselves, it is our responsibility to ensure we get out of it what we need to succeed with our career goals.

I hope that all new students keep in mind that building your career with the first steps of college will elevate you as a person with such pride of accomplishment.

If I could give any advice, it would be to have fun but remember not to sacrifice your

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Student newspaper has new mission

Your time spent at college is fresh, exciting, and interesting, but your college newspaper hasn’t reflected your interests. Not yet anyway.

Someone woke up and realized there’s more going on than just the college news you’re used to expecting from us. That someone was the Dean of Information Media Leo Tiberi when he spoke to last year’s second-year Journalism-Print class. He was searching for new ideas for the newly named news@niagara.

That first year of the new JP newspaper was excellent, and was spent producing a fine product. Momentum is now picking up with our new approach to college story-telling.

We’re still going to do the crucial hard news stories you rely on to be informed about your college, but we have features in the coming year to increase our appeal to readers.

Those features include Word of Mouth, the noise@niagara online album, press-screening movie previews, and other projects still in the works. It’s going to be interesting.

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future for it. Some fun does come at a cost and if you are able to decide what is important to you, you will have a successful college experience.

Wishing you all the best in 2005-2006 and as the executive vice-president for your Student Administrative Council at the Welland campus, my door is always open.

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Word of Mouth “What do you think about the Michael Jackson trial?” First published Feb. 18, ‘05



“I think it’s ridiculous [because of] all the media attention, and I think he’s guilty as sin.”

—Irene Lochad, 51, Pharmacy Technician



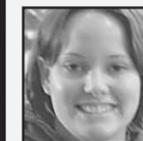
“I don’t know Michael Jackson, but it seems suspicious that he has a child’s theme park in his backyard.”

—John Gagne, 21, General Arts and Science



“I guess he should be locked away. I don’t think he’s guilty. It doesn’t matter if he is or isn’t, his life is going to be ruined anyway.”

—Mike Hedden, 20, General Arts and Science



“I haven’t been following it, but I don’t think Michael did it ... I love him.”

—Samantha, 18, Early Childhood Education

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