





# Special Events

# The America's Cup ... Gone With The Wind



1983 was the year America lost a prized possession that it had held for nearly 125 years. The America's Cup was taken away by the crew of the Australian yacht "Australia II."

The yacht itself was the topic of controversy throughout the trials. The keel, which had wings protruding from its sides, was said to be illegal. After several meetings with the New York Yachting Association, the claims were dismissed and the grand finale between the U.S. yacht "Liberty" and the Aussies yacht "Australia II" was set.

America jumped to a three to one advantage and things were looking good for Captain Dennis Conner and his crew. However, a change from heavy winds to light winds shifted the advantage to the Aussies, due to the fact they had a lighter yacht. Australia sailed to three straight victories, sinking Americas hopes to retain the Cup.

America will have to wait three years to see if she can get back what had been hers so long. This time however, the advantage of home waters are with the Australians, for the race will be held off the coast of Perth.



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# Politicians Battle It Out

The question people in America are asking nowadays "Who is going to lead the nation for the next four years?"

Well, election time will soon be here and the politicians are busily canvassing the United States trying to drum up support.

Ronald Reagan is campaigning for yet another term in the White House. His charismatic leadership will offer tough competition for the battling Democrats, who are each vying for the party's nomination.

URI journalism students covered first-hand some of the heavy democratic politicking going on in New Hampshire, where the primaries are the first in the nation and the area residents pride themselves on that fact.

The eight major contenders for the Democrat presidential ticket were: Reubin Askew, George McGovern, Fritz Hollings, Alan Cranston, John Glenn, Jesse Jackson, Gary Hart and Walter (Fritz) Mondale.

As the weeks progressed and the primaries moved from state to state, three fighters have emerged from the battleground. Former Vice President in the Carter Administration, Walter Mondale, appears to be the frontrunner. However the "new ideas" candidate, Gary Hart, has been giving Mondale a run for his money. Jesse Jackson has gained tremendous headway in the campaign with his "rainbow coalition." Jackson has remained in the limelight of media coverage as the first Black contender for the highest office in the land. He has also organized a large-scale voter registration drive around the country.

But alas, who will emerge triumphant? Only the polls will tell.

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1. NBC studios



2. Walter Mondale



3. Glenn campaign quarters



1. John Glenn



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2. Albin Cron



3. Jesse Jackson



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4. Gary Hart



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5. Fritz Hollings



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6. George McGovern



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# "Trivial Pursuit" The New Campus Craze

What 1951 film featured Ronald Reagan raising a chimp? What film has Marion Crane stabbed to death in the Bates Motel? What drink is the best thirst quencher?

If you know the answers to these questions you've probably been playing the new board game sweeping the dorms (and the country) — "TRIVIAL PURSUIT."

"Trivial Pursuit" is a Canadian board game that tests a player's knowledge of trivia. The questions come from the categories of geography, history, science and nature, sports and leisure, and entertainment.

Teams of players compete against each other in answering the wide variety of questions. The object of the game is for the players' game pieces to go around the board, landing on different colored squares (categories).

But you don't have to be a trivia buff to enjoy "Trivial Pursuit." It's a challenging game which forces



people to think together and work together. The game has proven to be a favorite for dorm students and dorm staffs alike and is rising in popularity throughout the campus.

The popularity of the game spurred on the idea of a large scale "Trivial Pursuit" tournament. Michael Lapointe and Mark Brady, both Residence Hall coordinators, organized the competitions in the Winter and again in the Spring. Six dorm teams were pitted against each other. The Office of Residential Life was the primary innovator of both tournaments.

Both Lapointe and Brady had organized the semi-final competitions in which 14 dorm teams competed against each other in hopes of making it to the finals.

The final events were held in the Memorial Union Ballroom and came complete with several television screens so the audience could watch the action up close. Throughout the intense games, the audience cheered on their players. Prize drawings were held sporadically to break up the game. Winners



won Caserta Pizzas, Casey's dinners for four, and gift certificates. Three faculty judges were also on hand in case of a disagreement over an answer.

The game is fun, Lapointe said, adding that many of the activities planned in the Residence Halls focus on physical events. "Trivial Pursuit" is like "mental gymnastics and very informational."

"The exciting part for me," said Brady, "is that the game is mentally stimulating."

Both Lapointe and Brady observe that the audience becomes as much absorbed in the game of trivia as do the players. The audience's applause when their winning team got a right answer and the "OHs!" when their players missed the trivia question made this quite evident.

"Trivial Pursuit" is the perfect game for a dorm activity, a party, or anywhere because the energy level of the people involved is, as Lapointe said, "INFECTIOUS!"

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