

Appendix B: Digital Reading Room (DRR) Article

2003 Bryon Paege Memorial Award Call for Nominations

CUPE Local 3911 is currently accepting nominations for the 2002 Bryon Paege Memorial Award. This annual \$450 award, sponsored by CUPE Local 3911, is presented at the end of June in each year to a recipient selected by the Bryon Paege Memorial Award Selection Committee from among those nominated. Bryon Paege graduated in June 1988 with a Bachelor of Administration from AU. Starting in 1990 he was employed by AU as a tutor, and worked in that capacity until his untimely death in 1995. He really lived the ultimate AU student dream, achieving his degree and then joining the AU academic community in giving his knowledge and expertise back to other AU students. Bryon was a valued member of the AU family. He is vividly remembered by his sisters and brothers in Local 3911, and it is their intention that his achievements, contributions, dreams and passing never be forgotten. Any AU tutor, AU counsellor, or AU student may make nominations for the Bryon Paege Memorial Award. Self-nominations are also acceptable. Tutor and counsellor nominators must obtain written consent to disclosure of personal information from their nominee. Self-nominations should be accompanied by a written reference from a teaching or counselling member of an academic community. Nomination and consent forms are available at <http://www.cupe3911.net/paegie.shtml>

CRITERIA: A nominee must: be currently enrolled in an AU course, or have successfully completed one within the six months prior to the nomination deadline; have, in the opinion of the nominator, demonstrated courage and/or resourcefulness worthy of commendation in the overcoming of, or current coping with, some particular challenge or adversity in order to pursue distance education studies.

Such challenge or adversity may include: financial adversity; being a member of a minority or marginalized group required to make challenging adjustments to mainstream Canadian academic culture; physical disability, or any challenging health problems, generally; personal loss (for example, loss of family member, loss of job); adjustment to a new country and culture; difficult family circumstances, past or present; other challenge that in the opinion of the nominator corresponds with the spirit of these criteria.

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 10TH, 2003

If you have any questions about this award, please direct them to donnak@athabascau.ca or (780) 424-2915

New ORGB Course Integrates Latest in Learning Technology

Academic Claude Dupuis, who authored the course, agrees with the statement: "there's no other course like it. It uses what's called a Digital Reading Room. I've been able to fuse that technology with the actual learning assessments. In other words, this DRR is not just a passive collection of articles, which students are encouraged to read – they must read them, because ultimately their grades depend on it. It's the first time that's ever been done. The course is also web enabled so it can be taken on-line, or print-based. Another advantage is that students benefit by reading only the most current articles which are replenished on a continuous basis."

Cool! Now what's the course about? "Well, it's called Organizational Culture, but don't let that scare you away. It's a lot of fun at least in the way I designed the material. I've already had two staff members tell me they intend to enrol in the course (insider knowledge). I started from the basic premise that: The culture of an organization is the fundamental driving force, which influences every facet of organizational life from entry to exit. So, it's totally relevant to everyone. Then I mixed in just the right amount of theory in the first part, and real life cases at the end with plenty of humour a la Dilbert."

ORGB 300 deals with such issues as: ethics, employee morale, leadership, motivation, supervisor-subordinate relations, unions, and the impact of perception in organizations. In fact, it's so topical it even delves into last summers' corporate fraud scandals. Its structure consists of 3 written assignments and a final exam worth 25%.

Anyone wanting a preview of the DRR can log on at: <http://library.athabascau.ca/drr/orgb.php?id=100> . Or, should you want to learn more about this course and when it will be available contact Claude Dupuis at:

<http://www.athabascau.ca/html/staff/academic/ccas/clauded.htm>