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CSU gets flak after strict uniform policy implementation



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NO ENTRY. Security Officers heighten the implementation of the University Uniform Policy after the grace period of two months to acquire the school uniform expired last October 1. Most students did not approve of the said policy and took it to social media to rant about the policy.

By ERWIN M. ELICOT, JR.

After heightening the implementation of the university's uniform policy, EVSUnistas took it to social media to rally sentiments about the allegedly over-the-top and unnecessary rule governed by the Committee on Student Uniform (CSU).

Said allegations were raised in a Facebook confessions page, EVSU Tacloban Confessions, after the guards did not allow a student from entering the university due to an accusation that the student just borrowed the uniform.

"Pa shout out nga po doon sa guard na bis naka complete uniform ako waray la gihap ak pasudla kay hinuram ko daw," said a student complaining on the said page.

("I would like to give a shout out to the guard who did not allowed me to enter the university due to an

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OCC reigns over Sports, Culture and the Arts Festival '18

By ANNISA S. YANGZON

EVSU Ormoc City Campus (OCC) soared higher than the six colleges of the Main Campus and four other external campus and became the overall champion of this year's Sports, Culture and the Arts Festival.

OCC White Magnificent Eagles bagged 14 gold, eight silver and five bronze medals in the sports fest anchored on the theme, Engage, Enrich, Elevate, held at Eastern Visayas State University last October 22-26.

Moreover, OCC pair Mr. Ritzie Maning and Ms. Kim Bocao was crowned as the new Mr. and Ms. EVSU 2018. Both are the first participants coming

from an external campus to win both title since 2013.

College of Engineering (COE) Red Fierce Eagles landed on the second place with five gold, nine silver and three bronze medals while College of Technology (COT) Maroon Buzzard Eagles was left on the third spot with five gold, one silver and three bronze medals.

Regaining their stature from their eighth-place finish in the sporting events, College of Architecture and Allied Discipline (CAAD) Green Majestic Eagles painted their rule over the several arts competitions last October 25 at

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PHOTO BY JM LLORA

MAGNIFICENT WIN. After taking 14 gold, 8 silver and 5 bronze medals, the Ormoc City Campus Magnificent Eagles lead the Sports, Culture and the Arts Festival against 10 competing teams from the Main and External Campuses. Winners of this year's festival will represent the university in the regional stages starting next month.

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Pres. Aguirre talks on educators' incentives on Teachers' Day '18

By REBECCA JOY A. ESCLEO

University President Dr. Dominador O. Aguirre, Jr. announced the incentive programs lined up by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for teachers during the celebration of the World Teachers' Day at the EVSU Auditorium last October 8.

By the start of 2019, the incentives programs namely, Scholarships for Faculty, Increased Attendance Training and Seminars, Faculty Immersion, Increased Base Scale and Salary Standardization are expected to take effect.

"Your loyal and sincere dedication in service have served as our inspiration. In recognition of the role by the teachers in shaping the minds of this generation, various programs were lined up by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as part of the incentives provided to the teachers,"Pres. Aguirre said.

The University President expressed his hopes that the Salary Standardization will be effective by January 2019.

Salary Standardization is the levelling of all salaries of every employees working under the government.

As a tribute he then also extended his gratitude and salute to all the teachers who have rendered service for years in EVSU.

"Let us all renew our commitment to continue and to become the change agents of today and for our conquering future," Pres. Aguirre added, motivating the teachers to continue their passion in



PHOTO COURTESY OF CML TABUENA

EFFORTS REWARDED. Dr. dominador O. Aguirre, Jr. announced the line up of incentives program proferred by the Commission on Higher Education to reward the teachers for their efforts and sacrifices for the academe.

teaching to inspire and help students achieve their chosen professions.

As part of the World Teachers' Day Celebration, the Supreme Student Government spearheaded a program wherein students from different departments offered gifts and entertainment for their professors.

Tourism in numbers

CAS highlights tourism for nat'l stat month celeb



PHOTO BY PAT YU

TOURISM AND STATISTICS. The Mathematics and Statistics Department opened an exhibit that features the function of statistics in promoting sustainable development in the tourism industry.

By JOEL D. ROSARIO JR.

Math and statistics students launched various activities that give focus to the correlation between tourism and statistics in their pitch for this year's National Statistics Month celebration.

Anchored on the theme "Exploring Philippine Wonders in Numbers; Statistics Towards Sustainable Tourism Development", the CAS' participation in the 29th National Statistics Month featured an exhibit, a series of seminars and a quiz bowl.

Junior Philippine Statistical Association (JPSA) spearheaded the said activities which transpired at the CAS Lounge last October 12.

According to the JPSA

adviser, Prof. Hanna Rachelle A. Gohil, this year's theme reflects the relevance of statistics in achieving a sustainable and progressive tourism growth for the country.

"We all know that our country has undergone a lot of changes over the years, especially with the way people live their lives. One of the industries which have been greatly affected by these changes is tourism which is an important sector in the Philippines," said Prof. Gohil said.

She further emphasized how statistics helps in achieving potential tourism capitals and in determining the different areas which require interventions for sustainability.

"The theme reminds us that we can help increase the number of reasons why investors should capitalize in our country by showing the wonders of our local places and statistically increase the number of businesses in our country," Prof. Ma. Cristina E. Mejarito said.

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accusation that I just borrowed the uniform I'm wearing" said a student complaining on the said page.)

Another student also expressed his/her opinion about the strict uniform policy and requested to be exempted as a consideration of them being seniors or graduating students.

"Unta tugutan na gad la kami na mga fourth ngan fifth year ngan an mga legendary nga halos pa five years nga diri pa nan ga-graduate ha EVSU na mag white polo-shirt nala kay maluoy baga na kami'n mga suman basta nagpaka-uniform," said triggeredna4thyear in a post on the said confession page. "ngan danay usa nala ka subject hit usa ka adlaw, five to eight PM pa gud baga mahubya na mag-uniform tas padisan pa hin diri magklase!"

("We appeal for us, fourth to fifth year and other seniors, to be allowed to enter the campus wearing only white polo-shirt due to some inconvenience" said

triggeredna4thyear in a post on the said confession page. "There are times, we only have one subject a day from five to eight PM and it is a bit sluggish to wear uniform with uncertainty of having class!")

One of the university's security guards, Marlon Cabanas responded and clarified some of the issues raised as he was tagged on some of the rants on the said confession page.

"Kun mayda kamo reklamo regarding ito, mayda kita SSD (Student Services Department, currently known as student affair and services office. SASO) ug opisina nga angay bumaton hin sugad ito," said Cabanas in his comment on a post in the said confession page. "Kay anu nga di kamo na reklamo para ipatawag ito nga guard kun anu paman nga problema. Ipatawag niyo para tuhayon," he expounded regarding allegations of them being inconsistent about the said policy.

("If you have any complaint, we have SSD (Student Services Department,



PHOTO COURTESY OF JM CALDA

WINNING SHOT. J. Merrill Calda of Burauen Campus stashed the first place in Photography Contest with the picture above. Contestants were made to capture photos that depict this year's theme.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JM LLORAG

PAIRED CROWNS. The Ormoc City Campus pair brought home the most coveted crown in Eastern Visayas State University. They are the first pair from an external campus to be crowned since 2013.

currently known as student affair and services office, SASO) and offices to address the issue." Said Cabanas in his comment on a post in the said confession page. "Why don't you report the guard to authorities if that's the problem? Call his attention to address the issue.")

As per Memorandum No. 44 S. 2018 released by the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs last August 12, all EVSU students are mandated to wear the complete prescribe uniform last October 1.

However, due to some considerations, the Students Affairs Office (SAO) requested that students wearing only white polo or t-shirt until the first week of October with them signing in a logbook that records the number of the student's offenses be allowed to enter the school premises

"The first and second offense will serve as a warning for the students but for the third offense will warrant a meeting with the students with his/her parents," Prof. Enrile

said, head of SAO.

Furthermore, stated in the 2017 Revised Code of EVSU. Article 50. Section 226, student should wear the prescribed uniform from Monday to Friday except during Wednesday which is considered "wash day". Stated also on the same article, Section 225.2, in no case shall a faculty member require students to wear uniform other than the ones officially prescribed unless there is an approval from the University President upon the recommendation of the CSU.

However, some students went to the defense of the uniform policy stating that it is part of the responsibilities of the students being members of the system.

"If you don't want a school that doesn't implements wearing school uniforms, then go ahead and transfer. But if you're enrolled in a school that obligates the students to wear uniform, then obey. Your obedience and how disciplined you are will be tested" said one student in a post last October 9.

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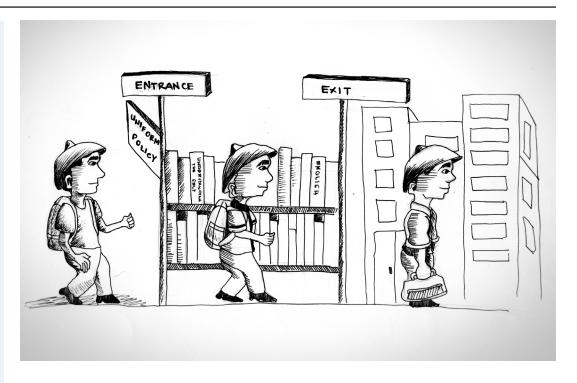
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The students, the guards and the wardrobe

Article 50, Section 226 of the 2017 Revised University Code has set the dress code for students in Eastern Visayas State University. But much like the plot of the book written by C.S. Lewis, students seem to get lost when they look into their wardrobe and then assume that the guards are the evil witch in their fashion fairytale.

The uniform policy of the university has long been imposed even before 2013 when a new design that includes a set for the male students was introduced. Ever since also, the administration has been quite considerate in the implementation of such policy until October 1 when the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs issued Memo No. 44, Series of 2018 obliging everyone to wear the complete set of prescribed uniform. This did not appeal to most students especially the seniors. Excuses ranging from the uniform being not suitable for the climate of

the Philippines to the students growing fat and looking ridiculous upon wearing the said outfit were thrown and argued upon especially on social media. Although some of the arguments lobbied by the students are valid, rules are rules. And it has been made clear since the orientation conducted during the summer period that the university implements a uniform policy and that this is not part of the Free Higher Education program. We all nodded to this.

Enrolling in an instutution is like signing a contract. All provisions must be followed or we will face consequences. Moreover, we are provided personnel mandated to monitor whether we are following our end of the contract. As college students, we all must know these, not just because we are obliged to, but because we understand that we are part of a system. Given that the administration must indeed fast track the development of the facilities and commodities to make sure that students are comfortable and are given a conducive space for learning, we also must do our part.

The uniform policy is set for safety purposes, although sometimes we fail to see its relevance to such a cause. Moreover, having a uniform is cost efficient for students who seldom have time to do laundry. And above all else, the uniform policy aims to establish within the community the sense of belongingness and to instill discipline.

Yes, the uniform has nothing to do with the amount of learning a student acquires in the university, but this serves as a training ground for when we are already professionals. Discipline and working within a system is paramount to ensuring that the community is functioning according to its purpose and mandate.



On the helm of faith

"People do not believe in something unless they can personally see or touch it."

The long-time search of humanity for the infallible truth comes along with the undying issue about the existence of the creator of all things. Atheists argue that believers are just taking personal comfort in the guise of one true God and believers refute this by saying that atheists, on the other hand, are just taking personal comfort in the guise of being rational. I strongly believe in the existence of God and the soul of this belief is rooted from the mixture of my own search for truth, my purpose of living and my faith.

One point of interest during religious arguments is the bible. Its story of a virgin mother bearing a child, snake talking to men and a human God walking through waters make some people doubt its accuracy and history. While one may think its flawed, my truth tells me that it is the word of

God and its perfect. Humans are imperfect and hence the fault comes not in the words that the bible is saying but in our own interpretations and translations. When we take the bible literally, we will just be drowned by thousands of doubts rather than meditating for its deeper meanings.

As a child, I am always curious as to why the bible is in verses. My journey in finding reality struck me in few verses where a disciple was asking Jesus as to why he is speaking with them in parables. He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." (Matthew 13:10-11). Jesus is trying to say that only those who interpret them metaphorically and spiritually will understand while those who are taking it literally will become confused.

Some may say that the faith in God is an enemy of science and a hindrance to progress and knowledge. That is not true. Science doesn't denounce His existence but rather allow us to see the beauty and complexity of His creations. The principles of God do not delimit the boundary of our imagination and creativity but rather give us the points to stop whenever we exhaust our freedom. Science, in its nature, is governed by set of standards and laws to maintain equilibrium and so is God.

People do not believe in something unless they can personally see or touch it. That is why faith is so powerful because it fuels you to hold into your

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At fault

"What is worse than homophobes? Homo sapiens, yes."

Why is being dumb funny? Why is our country poor? Why is the C.R. dirty? Why is our teacher always late? Why is being gay or an outcast a disease? Why are we required to wear our uniforms? Why do we always have something to say even with the littlest thing we see or hear? Why do we always complain? Why?

We are known to be the highest form of animal. We are

given these amazing gifts – the gift to speak, the gift to think and the gift to feel, which make us more, well, human. We are given the intellect to do and learn new things. And most of all, we are given the freedom to use these gifts and influence other people through these.

However, greed runs in our blood. We started abusing these gifts. We started feeling too entitled with our birthrights and complain about things not going our way with consideration that we are actually the ones at fault. We started looking down on people who had a little slip on reasoning that we dismiss them as jokes, not knowing that the joke is actually on us. We got too tired with poverty and we start thinking that the world owes us something. This usually is lobbied to, more often than not, corrupt politicians and when they neglect us we forget that we are the reason why, corrupt government officials proliferated and are on their seats.

Even in school. We got too complacent knowing we've got janitors that we randomly become neglectful of our duties to our surroundings, such as the comfort rooms. We do not flush and when things cannot be flushed anymore, we complain. We even cultivated a culture of

complacency when it comes to tardiness. And when our grades fail, we pass the blame to our teachers for thinking that we are robots. We even blame our uniforms sometimes for our failing grade because "it's too hot and not appropriate for conducive learning." More so with the members of the LGBT community. What is worse than homophobes? Homo sapiens, yes.

Complaining is just being ignorant. Why complain when we can do something to change some things? We should stop complaining. Instead, we should practice the art of complimenting others. We should stop having a say about other people's lives and start having a say about our own lives.

Thus, we should educate those who are uneducated instead of making fun of them

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beliefs in spite of doubts and temptations. It is not a sin to seek comfort from God. Not all people are created with equal amount of confidence and as one of them, God helped me cross high cliffs through thin ropes. Aside from the love that I am receiving from my family and friends, believing in Him completes me from that emptiness that I always feel.

There is a silver line between being religious and

solely believing in God and the exaggerations of faith like rituals, superstitions and the belief in saints are the spoilers of faith. Sometimes too much devotion and the mixing of unnecessary shades to our faith mislead us to the true purpose of believing in Him. Moreover, instead uniting and praying to one God we are being divided by the extra rules set by humans and not God. So questioning His existence through the misinterpretations of his

believers is technically invalid. Religions should be addressed not God.

Our purpose of living is directly proportional to our search for happiness and satisfaction. More than just abiding and conforming to the faith influenced by my parents, I believe in God simply because I want to and in that belief I am satisfied. I have never been a religious and my faith is purely spiritual in nature. It is like love or dreaming for your dream job. I linger my feelings in the thought of

having a creator who loves me because it is where I find complete happiness.

As long as humans' thirst for knowledge do not end, doubts and questions will never die too. Sometimes it is hard for us to grip into our faith especially when it challenges our personal temptations. But the choice remains to people. We should just respect each other and do not proselytize people into your own set of truth. After all, we are responsible of steering the helm of our faith.

Sports, Culture and the Arts Festival '18 Medal Tally

College	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Over-all Rank
Ormoc City Campus	14	8	5	Champion
COE	5	9	3	2nd
COT	5	1	3	3rd
COBE	1	2	5	4th
Carigara Campus	1	2	4	5th
Tanauan	1	2	2	6th
COED	1	1	3	7th
CAS	-	2	2	8th
CAAD	1	1	-	9th
Burauen Campus	1	-	-	10th
Dulag Campus	1	-	-	10th

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the CAAD Building.

CAAD topped in visual arts event after winning the charcoal and pencil rendering competition likewise notching the first and second place in painting contest. Jay Malinao stated, "I am very happy and overwhelmed since it was my first time to join a contest. I was announced as the winner and truly God never fails His promises, to God be the glory."

For other arts competitions, Burauen campus ranked first place on the on-the-spot painting and second place for charcoal rendering. Leandro Mendoza Go from College of Business and Entrepreneurship (COBE) ranked first in the onthe-spot poster making and J. Merrill from Tanauan Campus won in the Photography Contest. •

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for we all deserve to learn. We should do something to help our country instead of complaining because we are the ones needed by the country, not our complaints. We should start cleaning the C.R. and start disciplining ourselves to throw our trashes properly and flush the toilets every after use instead of

ranting and blaming the admin for the faulty facilities because for the record, we are the ones using the facilities offered by the school.

We should stop hating our teacher for being late because, for once in our lives, we also are tardy. We should stop condemning gays and outcasts and start loving and understanding them because they are not a disease, technically speaking, and they are still humans after all, like most of us. We should start wearing our required uniform like a normal student because it is the school's policy and in order for us to have a sense of belongingness. We should start addressing our concerns to the proper authorities, not on social media platforms, because social media is a place for judgmental and toxic type

of humans. And most of all, we should stop complaining about simple things and start caring about the things that truly matters.

I came across a Twitter post that said, "The universe is constantly evolving. The human race must come together as one and embrace change or it will be the end of us." Stop complaining. Start doing. •

OP-ED Vox Scholaris

What other university policies should be implemented more strictly by the authorities? Why?

Compiled By JEREMY M. LLORAG

"Liquor Ban because last intramurals there were students from Dulag Campus who were able to smuggle alcoholic beverages inside the university." NON-ALCOHOLIC "Curfew but maybe we can extend until 10 P.M. since most of us work on our school work inside the school premises". REBECCA WARAY CURFEW

"Someone should monitor the "NO Noonbreak" Policy since personnel tend to go MIA during lunch time." DIRI NAGLULUNCH KAY DIET

"Siguro diri implement more strictly but amend the number of hours that students can use the computer and internet ha library kay diri madagmit magresearch intawon." 4TH YEAR NA THESIS NA LANG GRADUATE NA

"Policy hit pag access hit student development fund like hello faculty? para po it ha students diri para iyo travel". CE NA DIRI MAISOG

"Elimination ha accountancy kay diri man kasi ine hiya survival of the fittest it's more on improving the student's aptitude in this profession. Sad to say, elimination is not a good motivation. It somehow depresses the students instead." NA ELIMINATE ONCE

"Policy hit sexual harasment mayda pa pending case until now na waray pa kasosolve. Ambot ano na progress hadto." FEMINIST

"Student travel. Pwede konting support sa allowance kay murag lisud jud motravel ay." BROKE SI AQ

"Before anything else, pwede hatagn mi sa among student's handbook para makasabot pud mi sa among rights and previlages and responsibilities."

1ST YEAR NA WARAY STUDENTS HANDBOOK

"Pwede diri nala ig lock it CR ha early na oras? Kay nag Dodora ako from COT to COE maka ihi la" ініме-іні ма рока

"Pwede ig ammend ang rally rally na polisiya?"

"Puydi waray na la proper haircut kay diri man ito nakaka apekto tam pagskwela." Long HAIR DON'T CARE

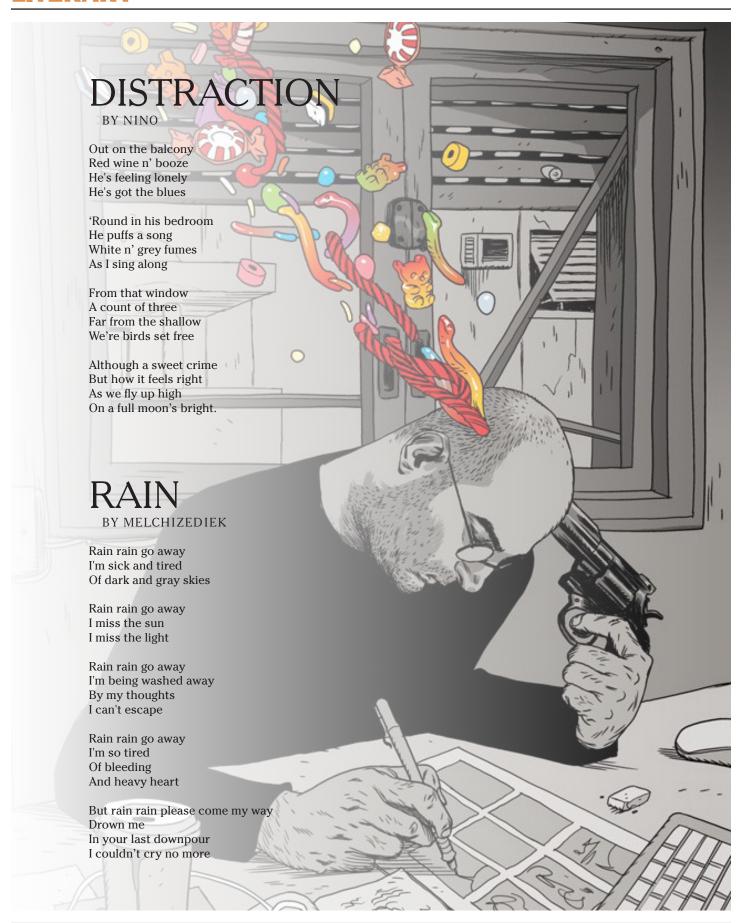
"I think its time that the university should have a mandatory drug testing to every students and faculty so that it is guaranteed that our university is a safe environment" CARDO CARDOHAY

"The university should give incentives to those students who bring the university's name to glory" NAGPRENDA HIN GOLD MEDAL

TO ALL CONCERNED Students are encouraged to submit their comments, sentiments and feedbacks on relevant and sensible matters concerning their fellow students as well as faculty members, teacher-student conflicts, project, etc. for necessary actions.

Submitted articles will be posted in the VOX SCHOLARIS section of this newsletter. Names will be withheld upon request of the contributor. All articles for contribution should be submitted to the SPO or given to any member of the Editorial Staff.

LITERARY





EVSU insignia takes 11 forms

by ANGELINE B. BARSANA

Through contribution of various ideas from the different college deans of the main campus and directors of the external campuses, the official emblem of the university takes on 11 mutations to represent the competing teams in this year's sporting evernt.

Said 11 mutations were focused on the characteristics of the Maroon Eagle which has long been the university's badge during Regional and National SUC competitions.

"Like the eagle, continue to soar high, and compete to the highest level," University President, Dr. Dominador O. Aguirre, Jr. said during the opening ceremonies yesterday.

Dr. Aguirre emphasized that the heart of this intercampus intramurals is merely competition. Yet, they still bare in their minds that this event also advocates the essence of unity, sportsmanship and solidarity. This enrich the diversity in culture, engage camaraderie and elevate art of perfection.

"Hardcourt and commitment will lead you to success," Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Dennis C. De Paz welcomed the delegates to the Main Campus.

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Teachers' Day













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Statistics Month



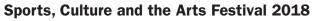


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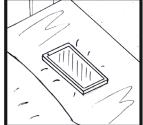
















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Word Search

By NIÑO PIAMONTE

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