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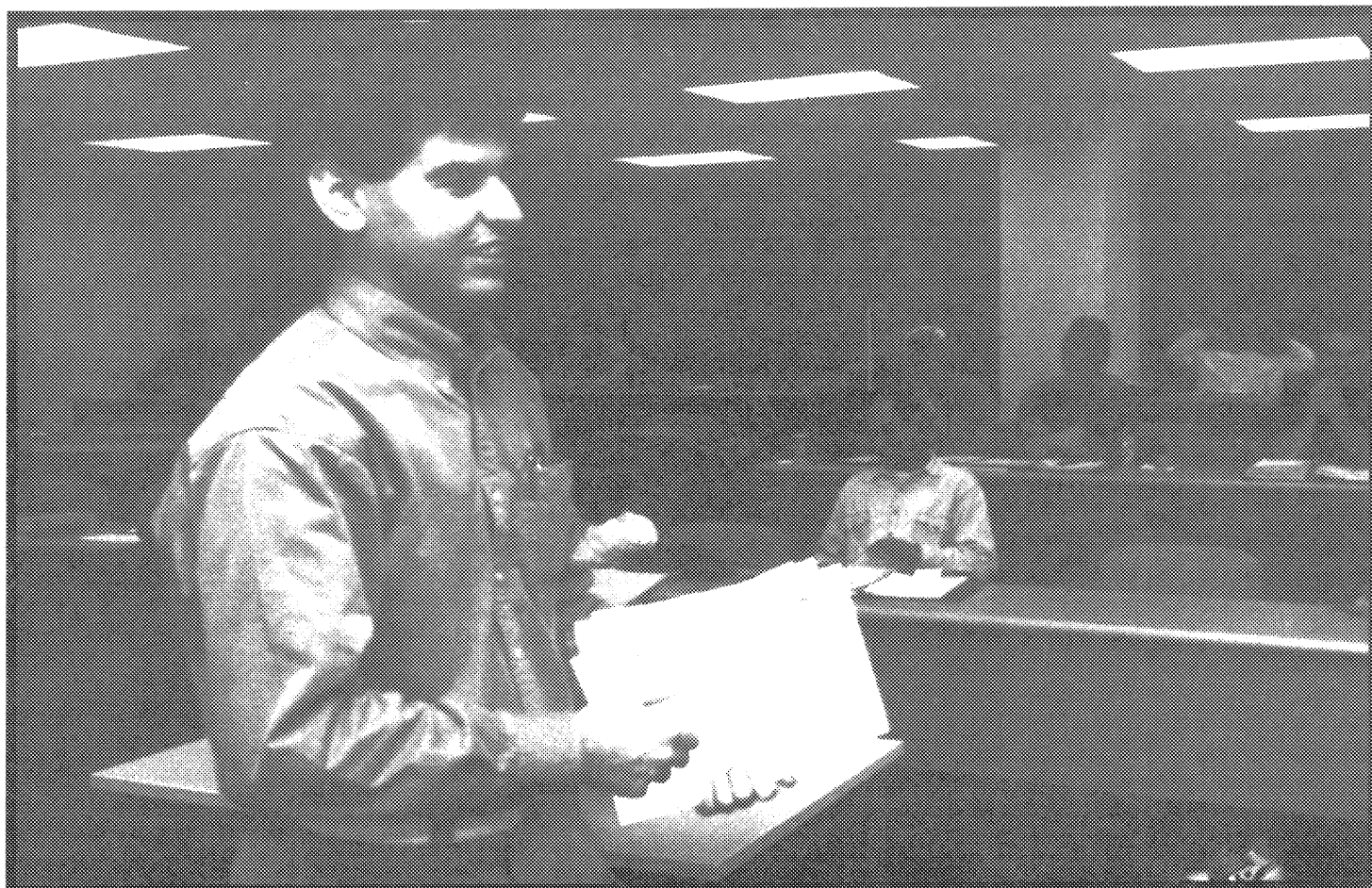
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Musbah Elmusrati from Libya speaks to a CET class about the cooperation system

Photography by Sam Leung

## NAIT Student Profile

by Angela Doyle

Musbah Elmusrabi is a NAIT student enrolled in a condensed Construction Engineering Technology Program. He is one of approximately 50 Libyans enrolled in specialized NAIT programs organized within a cooperative system between our countries' governments. Currently, he is the only student from this system enrolled in Construction Engineering, but more students are expected to follow in future semesters.

Previously, Elmusrati completed a four year program in Civil Engineering at the Alkhoms Applied Engineering Institute in Alkhoms, Libya. He works as a Civil Construction Supervisor and is studying here to improve his knowledge of construction practices. A side benefit of studying here will be improving his communication skills in English. He works with many English speaking foreigners in Libya, from countries including Canada and the United Kingdom, and in the past his employer has had to use a translator to help the Arabic speaking Libyans and the foreign workers communicate.

Elmusrati has traveled extensively in the past, visiting Italy, England, Egypt, and Turkey, and has found Canadians to be relatively very friendly and a people with whom communication is easy.

Although he finds "the weather is strange", he has adjusted well to life in Canada. Elmusrabi has not had any trouble remaining true to the practices of Islamic religion while in Edmonton. He and the other students buy their meat slaughtered in a suitable way from a Halal shop, and attend Mosque every Friday. As per tradition, they will also be fasting from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. for the month of Ramadan starting January 10 or 11.

Elmusrabi is taking a combination of first year and second year courses and will have finished his NAIT program at the end of April.

by Angela Doyle

The Construction Engineering Technology second year class acknowledged the completion of their Project Management course with presentations from five class members about their cultural heritage with emphasis on construction and business practices in their native countries. Coordinated by the instructor, John Haas, the short presentations were videotaped for future construction class reference and for the five presenters to show at home.

All presenters introduced their country with a brief description of the climate, the government, and the people, and then discussed the business practices with reference to this.

The first presenter, Nick Bevington, represented the Canadian Northwest Territories. He noted the two factors that have the largest impact on construction are the peripheral location of the land and the frigid climate. Both of these increase the costs of construction; the cost of transporting goods a great distance increases prices for all materials, and the permanently frozen ground must be thawed before construction can take place, add-

ing further cost.

Bevington was followed by Herbert Buckle, from Jamaica, who is happily anticipating his escape from the Canadian climate upon completion of the course. Although Jamaica does have one University campus on the island, it is the branch of the University of West Indies specializing in medicine. All other disciplines are studied off island. Buckle will be in Canada for the duration of his diploma after which he will return to Jamaica for work.

A difference between work environments Buckle noted is that the Jamaican office is a more formal environment where people address each other with last names. Also contracting decisions in Jamaica are affected by indebtedness to the IMF, who can make stipulations about work done using borrowed money.

The next speaker, Alfredo Motta who is from Mexico, is also excited about his escape from the cold Canadian winters. He also anticipates a bountiful return to Mexico which he believes will benefit greatly due to its entry into NAFTA. He noted that like Alberta, Mexico's major industry is oil, but unlike

Albertans, Mexicans enjoy two hour lunch breaks.

Musbah Elmusrati is from Libya, an Islamic country in North Africa on the Mediterranean that is 75% desert. He is in Canada under the "cooperation system". Because 4000 Canadian engineers are employed in Libya, the government has cooperated to allow Libyans to come to special programs like the one Elmusrati is taking, a condensed Construction Engineering program at NAIT. (see more about Elmusrati under NAIT Student Profile)

The final speaker was Satish Prasad from the Fiji Islands. He noted many aspects of the country and its culture are a cause for many differences. The diversity of racial and religious origins present in Fiji forced what Prasad perceives as a great atmosphere of harmony and respect. Small gestures of generosity and friendship are frequent and must always be accepted, and interrupting whether verbally or physically, "like Americans", is not tolerated. Another difference especially relevant to construction is that opposite to Canada, hardwoods are used for framing, while softwoods are used for furniture and decoration.

## Entertainment Volunteers

Please come to the Nugget Office E-128 on Monday, January 12 between 3:30 and 4:00 pm and bring any and all reviews with you

# OPINIONS & NEWS

## Ramble: Me Me Me (Scrooge?) Me

by Angela Doyle

In the last edition of the Nugget from December, I wanted to write an article on mass consumption and Christmas. I would have shown how our "consume lots and throw away" mentality is well on the way to destroying the natural environment. I thought it suitable for the Christmas issue, being that the holiday and the time that precedes it is a peak period of consumption. My intent was to suggest that a different kind of gift anyone would be capable of giving would be to consider what you can do to reduce the amount you take from the earth.

As I sat down to write the article, however, I felt too "Scroogy". In contrast with the Christmas poll, where half the respondents answered their best Christmas memory was presents and often, lots of them, I felt like I'd be giving the gift of guilt to anyone who took the time to read my article, an effort which is always appreciated by me. So I stopped and wrote a goopy story on the Children's Christmas Party instead.

Final projects and exams came and went and then holidays

arrived, which is the point that I began to do the things I actually want to. My first holiday ambition was to read the fun stuff. The work that stood out the most this past holiday was an article from *Saturday Night* magazine entitled "How Ebenezer got Scrooged."

Written by Charles Foran and based on the studies of Fred Flahill, a University of Toronto Professor, the article offers an alternate interpretation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Flahill has suggested that Scrooge is not an old meanie, but a social critic who recognizes the hypocrisy of the once a year charitableness and mini-marathon of Christian fervour that overtakes society at Christmas time. Initially, Scrooge recognizes that charity and goodwill must be a constant undertaking, but he is effectively brainwashed, through the efforts of the three spirits, to conform to the prevailing holiday norm.

My decision not to write the article to avoid being "Scroogy" shows how deeply ingrained the traditional and most obvious interpretation of *A Christmas Carol* is. But in fact, after checking this article, you'd even think pointing out the hypocrisy of the holiday

season should be inspiration for writing more guilt-causing articles.

Now, I command, in my editorial wisdom, everyone to rush to their local library (NAIT's doesn't carry *Saturday Night*) or parental magazine bin, and read this article, so you, too, can prevent the justification of the absence of my Christmas Anti-Mass-Consumption Editorial.

However, you can follow a different logical approach to interpreting the non-written article and justify me. Even if we choose to hold the Scrooge approach as ideal, it follows, that I should not have thought to write an article in protection of the good of all that is alive because of Christmas. The environment, like the poor and Tiny Tims everywhere should be considered year-round.

This approach is important generally, and because it brings me to the final holiday theme that is annoying, regardless of how you interpret Dickens; the mass proliferation of New Year's resolves at the gym (for example) is sad and annoying.

The 6-mile walk from your car the "newly reconvinced that health, and slim figures are at-

tainable" folk create with their week-long gym bombardment defeats the purpose of going. Then the forty-five minute wait for every cardio-machine, including the sucky cross-country imitating ones, wastes everyone's time. This is not to suggest that the sedentary should not attempt to try to be active. It would just be preferable if people decide to unelect New Year's Day, as the day to begin life improvement, if

only to remove the yearly glut in demand for gym facilities.

Consistency and constancy should be the new ideals and achieving this should the final new year's resolution that any of us make.

Take better care of yourself, act charitably year round, and read *The Ecology of Commerce* and think, so I won't even have to consider writing about Christmas horrors next year. Thanks.

## Get Your Body in Motion

by Michelle Gatien

Registration for Campus Sport and Wellness courses will be held in the main gym on Thursday, January 16th between 7:30am and 4pm.

Classes available free of charge to NAIT staff and students include bowling, golf, badminton, racquetball/wallyball/squash, volleyball, hockey, curling, skating improvement, women's hockey, and basketball.

Other courses offered for a nominal fee (to pay for instructors) they bring in from outside sources include women's self defense, body shaping, aquafit, total body conditioning, tai chi, beginner step aerobics, yoga, deep water aerobics, step aerobics, tae kwon do, line dancing, kempo self defense, and step/slide aerobics.

For more information about these classes please visit student services or call 471-7713.

## Continue to be Educated

by Michelle Gatien

Edmonton Public Schools' Continuing Education Services is offering over 2000 classes for Edmontonians to pursue an old hobby or start a new one.

The Class Calendar was delivered to Edmonton area homes 4 weeks earlier than last year to give people more time to decide which courses they'd like to take in the new year. Over 35 new classes have been introduced in the Winter session. These classes include many courses in the visual arts (Drawing - Colored pencil portraits II, Painting - Icon Painting and Picture Framing are just a few), Crafts (Folk Art - Cream Can, Dolls - Broom and Candles - Liquid Paraffin), the performing arts (Belly Dancing - Senior level) and the Culinary Arts (Oils and Vinegars, and Cooking - Back to Basics). There are many interesting courses about the Law, including Copyrights and wrongs, You can't say that about me!, Libel/Slander and Child

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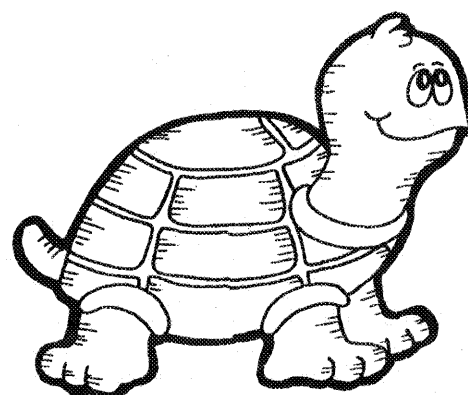
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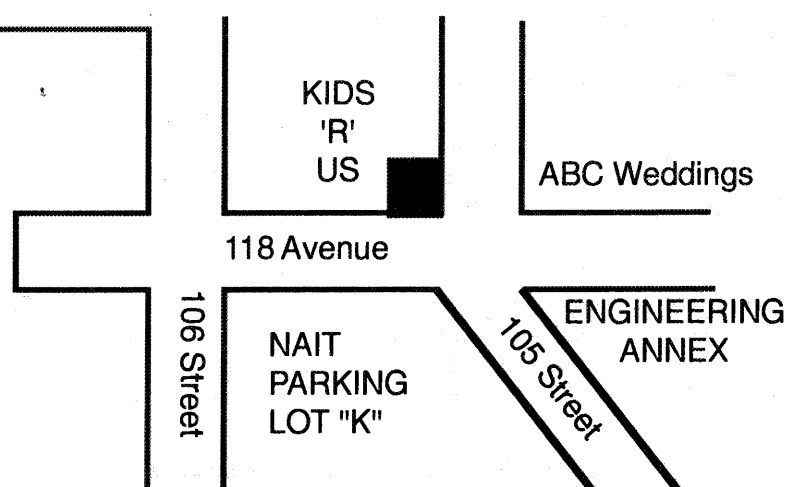
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# Reflections on the year that was



1996 was an interesting year to say the least. I highly doubt that we will see a year as crazy and weird as 1996. It seems like all the crazy people of the world decided to come out and leave their mark on the world.

In Canadian news, former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney sued the federal government for defamation of character. Defamation of character???? Isn't his image already tarnished enough from his 7 year term in office???

Canadian female singers took over the world in 1997. Finally. Alanis Morissette took the title of most albums sold by a female performer for the year of 1996. Celine Dion ended 1996 in the top position of the World's Top 100 singles. Shania Twain took a whole bunch of Grammy awards and Country Music Awards. Singer Melissa Etheridge and her partner Julie Cypher announced that they are expecting a child very soon. No word on who or what the father is.

Jean Chretien did not take away the GST. Big surprise. Sheila resigned, got re-elected and then spent 23 million of taxpayers' money to distribute "free" flags. Preston got a new haircut. That's about all he did. Lucien Bouchard tried to separate from Canada, screwed up and then decided to become leader of Quebec in a bid to try and separate. Again. Good grief, if he wants to leave so bad why doesn't he take a plane somewhere and leave the country alone. The NDP elected a new leader, then disappeared into obscurity.

Ralph told the province that after careful study, kindergarten is necessary. Didn't he say a few years ago that it wasn't necessary. Is he confused? Maybe he should go back to kindergarten and try again.

Edmonton City Council along with Mayor Bill Smith, made some very interesting deci-

sions. June 22 was NOT gay and lesbian awareness day in Edmonton, although it was in almost every other major city. Bill Smith decided that having this day wouldn't be fair because then there would be an outcry from the heterosexual community for their own awareness day. Council decided to bid on the Olympics even though any complete and total dunce could realize that Edmonton can't handle an event of such a large scale because we just don't have enough hotel rooms. Council updated the city crest so that it would be recognized by heraldic experts. I didn't even know that Edmonton had a crest until this all came up.

The toonie came out last year, making everyone's wallets, purses and pockets just that much more heavier. Rumor has it that soon we will see the \$5.00 coin soon and eventually we will see the \$10.00 and the \$20.00 coin. Oh hell, why not just do away with paper all together?? When the toonie came out, many people spent way too much time throwing their coins down trying to break them. Do we have just a little too much time on our hands??

The Atlanta Olympics were, in a word, interesting. Unfortunately the festivities were marred by both the Centennial Park Bombing, and the dominance of the Americans. We once again showed the world that we have the fastest man in the world, Donovan Bailey. Of course we held our breath until the drug tests came back negative, and then we celebrated. The Americans were definitely NOT impressed when the Canadian team won the 4x100 relay. Whatever. Kerri Strug, the girl who vaulted to stardom on a bad leg, landed the vault which won the gold for the Americans. Later it was shown that the Americans would have won anyway, without the vault. The Canadians dominated the rowing competition, the area where we won the majority of our medals.

On the royal front, 2 divorces and 1 forthcoming marriage. Diana and Fergie became free of their royal ties (mother-in-law included), and Edward will finally marry, putting to rest (at least until the tabloids have nothing better to write about - like that would ever happen) any rumors circulating about his sexual orientation. Harry is still in line for the throne, his father not willing to face facts that he probably won't ever be king. Charles' lover, Camilla, has

moved into Charles' house to assume the role of princess of wales wanna-be.

In American royalty, JFK jr. married his longtime girlfriend in a secret ceremony, much to the dismay of many hormone crazy women. Pieces of Camelot were sold for outrageously huge amounts of money to Americans who now own pieces of history that they no doubt have no idea what do with.

1996 will be remembered for the presidential election that was won even before it began. What a waste of time, effort, and money. This isn't even worth talking about.

Of all the celebrities to have babies, Michael Jackson's announcement that he would be having a child sometime soon came as a shock. How, I'm not sure. Will this child sleep in the same bed as him? And his marriage to the mother-to-be? Another sham marriage? Hmmm. Why must he ruin another life?

Madonna, the sex fiend of the world, decided to change her image once more. As Eva Peron she changed her eye color and got temporary dental work, and proved that, with a little training, she can actually sing (even if it is only Andrew Lloyd Webber). Oh yeah, she also had a baby. Just one question, when it comes time to explain the birds and the bees to little Lourdes, will she simply pop "Truth or Dare" in the VCR and open her sex book?

A six year old boy in South Carolina was slapped with a sexual harassment suit for kissing a school mate. Ok, this whole sexual harassment suit craze has gone a little too far. I've had just about enough of every Tom, Dick and Harry suing or being sued for harassing someone. Yes, I know there are many legit cases, but for each legit case how many fake ones are out there. People can't do anything anymore.

The Unabomber was caught (well, at least they think it's him). OJ didn't do it, got custody of his kids and states that he will search until he dies for the "real" killers. Uh huh. It took how many years for the California trial system to admit the Menendez brothers did do it, even though they confessed?

Bill Gates was chosen as A&E television's Biography of the Year. Why? There were many more interesting people in 1996. Shows you what money can do.

Tickle me Elmo caused a craze reminiscent of the Cabbage Patch craze of the early eighties. Why? Are kids so incredibly selfish that they had to have them at Christmas and not at any other time of the year? Or was it a status thing for parents to get these goofy red things that have an annoying giggle? I just don't understand.

Well, that's about all that I can think of right now. There were a lot of hits and misses in 1996. I'm curious, what will 1997 bring us?

## Studying the Study Guide

by Ronda Mackenzie

Do you use the study guide? Is it a valuable tool in assisting you with course comprehension? Is it worth the money? If it is...great, if not, you may want to read on.

Currently, for some courses, the textbooks and study guide are a package deal. By virtue of the cellophane-packaging a student is forced to purchase both. This packaging technique is troublesome to me, because it leaves the students no choice. If a student would rather rely solely on class

notes, text book information and the information package they should be able to do so, and not be forced to purchase the study guide.

I can't speak globally, but in-class reference to the study guide for the courses I have taken has been nominal at best.

I would like the ones responsible for this packaging decision to rethink it, and start selling them separately. If you agree, why not give the administrators a call and add your voice to this issue.

It is a matter of choice, and to me choice matters.

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## Note to the Editor:

### Re: Susan Fahy's piece on the NET

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Ronda Mackenzie, the Setters and E. Nigma. Thanks also to those who contributed but got cut. Maybe next time...

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Oh, what a lovely scene ...

**My Fair Lady**  
books and lyrics  
by Allan Jay Lerner  
music by Frederick Lowe  
directed by Duncan  
MacIntosh  
starring Jan Alexandra  
Smith, Peter Hutt  
and Barry MacGregor  
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Shoctor Stage  
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at 425-1820 or  
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Review by  
Michelle Gatien

Seeing this musical intrigued me. Not only because I hadn't seen a Citadel produced musical since their production of the Music Man, but also I had never heard (or so I thought) any of the music and I knew very little about the plot. So when I attended the opening night I was extremely excited.

This musical based on

George Bernard Shaw's play *Pygmalion* celebrated its 40th anniversary last year. Premiering on Broadway on March 15, 1956, the original cast included Julie Andrews as Eliza and Rex Harrison as Henry Higgins.

The story of *My Fair Lady* centers around the transformation of a street girl into a society girl undertaken by a pompous, smug linguistic professor. He believes that if she just learns to talk "properly" he can fool the world into believing that she is a duchess.

As the lights dimmed and the orchestra began to play the opening strains of the overture, I realized just how much of the score I really did know. Strains of songs such as *On the Street Where You Live* a song made popular by Harry Connick jr. floated in my mind and surprised me.

Jan Alexandra Smith, who plays the lead role, Eliza Doolittle, a street waif that makes her way by selling flowers on the street, wows the audience

with her excellent singing. Midway through the play she loses her Cockney accent and replaces it with an upper class British accent without beating an eyelash, which positively floored me because I know how hard it is to learn and keep an accent.

Some of the show's choreography was lacking, except for a *Stomp!* inspired piece that I found wonderfully put together. The cast is strong and well put together and the show never slacked or lost momentum.

The set designed by John Leburg using the Shoctor turntable, is at one moment a street outside a pub, a quick turnabout to the study of Professor Higgins and then another quick turn to the ballroom.

Costumes were designed by Charlotte Dean, and were just phenomenal, especially the ball gown that Eliza wears to the ball.

This play is a must see. Tickets range from \$27.50 to \$37.50. *My Fair Lady* runs on the Shoctor stage until January 12.

online:

[www.ourladypeace.com](http://www.ourladypeace.com)  
Raine Maida - vocals  
Mike Turner - guitars  
Jeremy Taggart - drums  
Duncan Coutts -  
bass/keyboards  
Clumsy (release date:  
January 21, 1997)  
Sony Music

review by  
Miranda Jordan

The release of Our Lady Peace's debut album, *Naveed*, in March of 1994 made a staple in the Canadian alternative rock scene and took this band from touring in a school bus to opening acts such as Bush X, Van Halen, Sponge, Blind Melon, collective Soul, and most recently Alanis Morissette. *Naveed*, which was not favoured by the Canadian media initially, went on to sell 500,000 units in North America. *Naveed* spawned hits such as "Naveed", "Star-seed", and "Hope".

After hitting the studios once again — an album that from the first proves to be a smooth transition from the first with more tailored elements shows an obvious growth in musical and lyrical expression. CLUMSY, being their sophomore release can be described as having an incredible intensity with a song-oriented appealing sound.

The first track off of CLUMSY is "Superman's Dead". Despite its stupid title, this song

is a solid effort released at a strategically planned time as a sure bet to be huge. And it will be; they expect a long life at this medium. This first single went to radio on December 16th and is already gaining the response anticipated. Other great songs on this album include Hello Oskar, Clumsy, Automatic Flowers, and the Story of 100 Aisles.

In quoting Our Lady Peace: "Clumsy is about making decisions. There is a connection between the song clumsy and it being the title of the album. The lyric: 'I'll be waving my hand / watching you scream is about seeing something, but not seeing it for what it really is. You may decide to help.... or to just wave back.'"

All of the elements held by this album develop the right anecdote to bring this band even higher than *Naveed* ever took them.

The Our Lady Peace profile certainly hasn't faded since emerging, and they continue to be poised at the brink of international success. I recommend this album because it has a spirit that is synonymous with the Our Lady Peace Image. This coveting band expects a long life at this medium, and now that they've earned their due credit, it won't be a problem. CLUMSY is hot. For an unassuming producer in a small studio, and for making music that people pay for, the trek won't be far..... Pretty good for four guys who hardly played a dozen shows together when discovered.

## One Fine Day

**Starring George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer**  
**Directed By**  
Michael Hoffman  
**Written By**  
Terrel Seltzer  
and Ellen Simon  
Cineplex Odeon Theatres  
Eaton Centre, Clareview,  
Westmall 8, Westmount  
4, Whitemud Crossing,  
Village Tree Mall (St.  
Albert), and Sword and  
Shield (Sherwood Park)

review by  
Miranda Jordan

George Clooney and Michelle Pfeiffer star in *ONE FINE DAY* as love blossoms under a flurry of typical daily activities. They both play single parents, each having a child while they try to juggle high-paced careers. Clooney and Pfeiffer find their lives intertwined on one fluke day when both of their kids miss a field trip. Because this day happens to be important to each as their jobs come into jeopardy — They fall into a mixed up situation and become dependent on the other for help. Their cell phones get switched, kids go missing, and emergencies arise throughout the day.

The most unbelievable aspect of this tale is the behaviour of the children. The children were wildly out of control and

needed some serious discipline. The troubles caused throughout the day by the children (Clooney's daughter and Pfeiffer's son) were probably taken to extreme measures just to up the ante on how chaotic the day was—but although children are a handful and overly rambunctious—these children topped the scale with mischief.

Michelle Pfeiffer's character, Melanie, is an uptight woman determined to be self-sufficient. She's too proud to ask for help and she is not looking for love. It hits her when she's least expecting it. Pfeiffer delivers a performance that is comparable to all others, and remains standard at the regular acceptance level.

Mr. Nice Guy, George Clooney, is the typical cute choice for this role as he surfaces into the romantic field. However, he maintains the desirable edge for which he is so greatly known for on ER. He's cocky and a flirty ladies' man on *ONE FINE DAY* as he searches for Ms. Right. His character, Jack, is practically a child himself and takes the more laid-back

parenting approach. This role for Clooney was a far cry better than *From Dusk till Dawn* and was an appropriate light to see him in — especially before his prematurely hyped role as the new BATMAN.

Together Clooney and Pfeiffer create a believable chemistry — yet it's not bombastic!

The upside to *ONE FINE DAY* is that it is clean humoured and suitable for all audiences. The movie flowed along at a good-pace as no scenes dragged. *ONE FINE DAY*'s content spared the icky-sappiness like some romantic comedies — such as displayed in *THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES*.

The course of this *ONE FINE DAY* comes to a close when they finally hook-up without any major difficulties. The ending was a cop-out and should have been more triumphant for the amount of constant obstacles that faced them.

The movie is FINELY acceptable, but even George Clooney's doctor charisma doesn't carry this flick to its fullest capabilities. If you see the preview, you've seen the movie.

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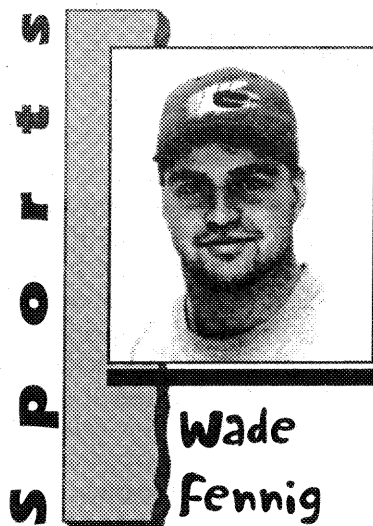
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# S P O R T S

## Random Thoughts From an Empty Head



Wade  
Fennig

Just this past Saturday, hockey fans were treated to a first as Canada won the World Junior Hockey Championship for the fifth consecutive year. What makes it all the more special is this was the year they weren't supposed to win. It is without question that something can be said for tradition, as twenty-two young men battled the odds and what four other teams had done before them. And that's bring home the gold medal baby!

When you're a four time defending champion, every one picks up their game another level to try and knock you off. Our dominance at the world junior level over the past decade hasn't always because we've put out

more talented teams. It's because we've created a greater will to win. There is no better example of that than this year's lunch pail gang. They simply did everything it took to win. Including handling the adversity of not being the first Canadian team to break the chain. Instead they added a fifth link. How? By hammering everything that moved, by scoring timely goals, by blocking shots, by being disciplined, by caring about team success....the list goes on and on. Why? Because they BELIEVED they could win. Because they had a system and a program that has worked four times previously. Because they were WILL-

ING TO SACRIFICE. Because they WANTED IT MORE.

A lot of credit should be given to an American team who battled hard to the bitter end and who on numerous occasions took the play to our boys. Past that, whopty freaking do. No one wanted our excuses at the World Cup. No one wants the Americans now.

As next year rolls around,

our Canadian junior hockey program will be tested yet again to do the impossible. Win a sixth title. Once again every country at the tourney will be there to knock us off. Logic suggests it eventually will happen. But not if twenty-two young men have anything to say about it. Because the standard has been set. Because the tradition lays before them. Because they BELIEVE.

### INTRAMURALS

The first Sports Rep Meeting of 1997 was on January 8th and the next is on February 5th. Please try to make it to this meeting.

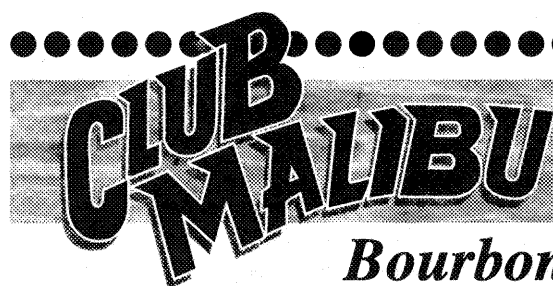
Many I-M events are starting right away, so check the deadlines and get your teams submitted right away.

## Set Point

by the Setters

The last week of Christmas holidays were not holidays for the men's volleyball team. The week started with three days of extensive team training at the Banff Composite High School. The team worked hard and had plenty of time for sleep and relaxation. Between the two- four hour court sessions. It almost came to an early end when a certain member of the team decided to take the net down with his head. We won't mention any names, right HUK!

New year's in Banff proved to be quite a blast. Everybody in that town seems to party, even the elk. The next morning we ventured to "Cow Town", to participate in Spikefest '96. This was an opportunity to work on the small parts of our game and proved to be a good learning experience. It also gave us a chance to evaluate some of our upcoming opponents. After dropping the first five games, we were victorious against SAIT. The only other thing we won that weekend was a Sport Select ticket. Overall it was a choice experience for all members of the team. Be sure to catch the next exciting action at NAIT; January 10th and 11th.



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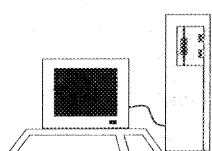
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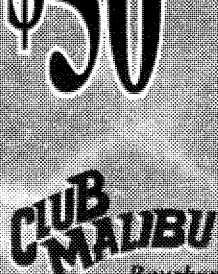
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# One Flew Over The Ooks Nest

by Wade Fennig

As the holiday season came and went quicker than a Sergio Momesso highlight reel, I looked back in analyzation of the Christmas that was. As usual, I was given way more presents than I deserved. I felt a lot like Joe Murphy making 3 million dollars. Though truly bewildered, I lumbered on like Larry Murphy through the neutral zone. Christmas dinner was of course the feasts of all feasts. My mother outdid herself once again and cooked enough food to have Pat Burns, Bob MacKenzie, and Ken Hitchcock eating leftovers until the end of January. It was my turn to say Grace this year, and upon blessing the food we were about to eat, I added a special thank you that I never played junior for Graham James in Swift Current. My aunt Edna, a native of "Speedy Creek", took the comment personally. Without any recourse whatsoever she wound up and suckered me with a shot that would have made Tie Domi proud. I stumbled back and accidentally blindsided my Uncle Phil, "a la Darius Kasparitus". Before I could take back my comments an entire brawl ensued. I was fortunate enough to get paired off with my cousin Larry, who is big and slow like Barry Potomski, but only throws about as hard as Craig Janney. I tied up his right and folded him up like a card table with a series of quick Jamie Huscroft lefts. As I joined the melee I cheered my Grandpa on as he had my great uncle Melvin's wool sweater pulled over his head and was chucking

sinister rights. As excited as I was, it was a replay of last year. I quickly darted in like Swede Knox and broke up the one sided affair.

From there Gramps and I rushed to the living room to break up Aunt Suzy and Cousin Deloris, who were going toe to toe in front of the Christmas tree. As thrilling as it was to see this battle, we once again intervened. Grandma and my mother some-

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how managed to settle everyone else down. Like clockwork the meal commenced. With the exception of my Uncle Phil, who lost six teeth and sustained a mild concussion, everyone was able to eat the delicious dinner. My jaw was aching a little from Aunt Edna, but I'd never give her the satisfaction to let her know. She's been way too cocky since she knocked my uncle Phil out two years ago.

As the meal concluded, we continued a family tradition of watching hockey fight videos until way into the night. Except for a mild disagreement between my father and my Aunt Eva about who was tougher between Ted

Lindsay and Gordie Howe, the rest of the evening ran as smoothly as Paul Coffey.

Thus another Christmas at the Fennig residence. It warms my heart to know I have a family that isn't afraid to jump in and lambaste someone for me. A belated happy and successful '97 to all readers in hopes that you're ready for things to get even more kooky. Till Warren Rychel gets a hat trick or next week, I LOVE THIS GAME!



Rainbow Brite: I miss you—J

Congratulations. We tip our hats to Pinky's 1996 tag team pocket pool champions "No Show" and "Doogie". Best of luck at the worlds in San Francisco.

To the lady by A115, You showed us how flexible you were in the hallway. How about showing me at my place.

To all the GSA students, Congratulations on finishing the paintings on the windows, they look great, I especially like the ones down the East Hall. Colin

Little Kramer, Get a hair cut, get a new coat! Your buds in CMT

To the guy in the Patchwork shirt in NET, Want to sew you a new shirt, come model for me in X-wing. From the tall watcher in Animal Health

To the business babe who had an interview on Thursday on the seventh floor.

You looked totally hot. Your locker is on the second floor and you are usually wearing a "Concept" snowboarding jacket. Thanks for attending NAIT. You sure make my mornings brighter.

Petaaar, I've seen you in the halls and I think you look like Sting. But please get a REAL job. Love, the Journalist

Gertrude, This is the MAC from T116. I figure it's about time I put my 2 cents worth in the g-vine. But I've got bugger all to say.

To "Amazing" and Friends in F106, We are intrigued, if your game to meet, let us know. P.S. Thanks for keeping our seats warm and happy. Phantom Desk Writers

Dear Michelle (Chem Tech), Replacing you is like getting 100% on an organic chemistry test. It can be done, but it sure ain't easy! Merry Christmas, you sassy strawberry. Littlest Hobo

To all the networking hunks, I want to discharge your capacitors and blow your resistors!! Bertha, the technology groupie

Hey!!! OI Nugget staff & award winner Mark C. Farrell was here 71-32-3 and there was nobody. Happy New Year Guys, surprise my daughter Hannah Marie Farrell.

To Hindu in Business, If you think you're all that you're wrong. AKA Beavis

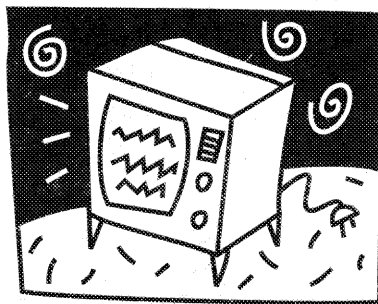
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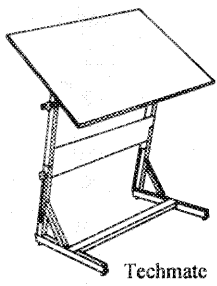
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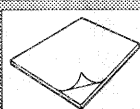
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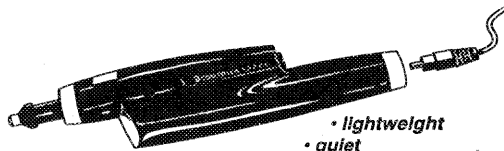
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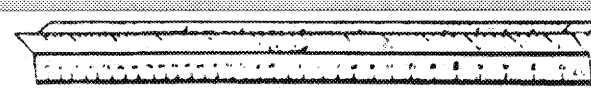
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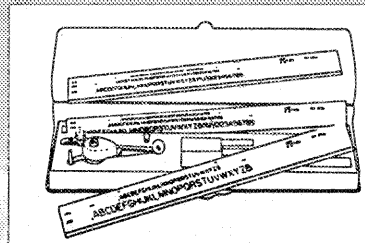
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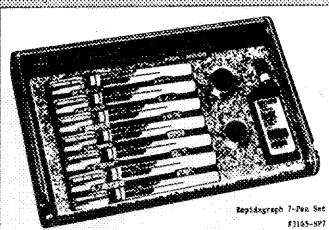
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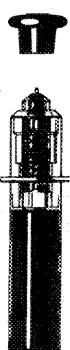
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