

# The Nugget

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## Where the money is not in teaching

Crystal Bruinsma

CST (Computer Systems Technology), has excellent job prospects. It is an active industry, and if one has the knowledge one can make the money. The question is, will the qualified stay to teach when the industry is booming in the private sector?

"It's difficult to attract people back" says Fred Mensch, Ph.D., a Program Coordinator for CST. "The industry is expanding, making it difficult to find instructors," Mensch continues.

Outlines in the administration policy, is the minimum requirement of 5 years on the placement grid, "There may be potential to downgrade," says Neil Lang, ISP, a Program Coordinator for Bachelor of Applied Systems Technology. "We are going to see an increased need to change things, to maintain quality of staff," says Mensch.

Money becomes an issue. "Recently, Klein gave us some dollars, but with all the activity going on it is difficult to distribute it equally," says Lang. The 'activity' he is referring to is the need for more equipment and the constant changes in upgrading technology. When all is said and done, if pay is increased, will it be enough to make a considerable difference?

Within one year of working, the starting range for a CST graduate can range between \$30,000 - \$50,000. The employment opportunities for CST students is not

only national but global; the United States pay big bucks for computer graduates.

"If people are really interested in making money they can find it in the industry, but not in instructing," says Mensch.

So why teach?

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Instructing allows for not only 'doing' but 'showing', this is one job with computers, where one is constantly communicating and interacting with people - definitely different pressure points. "It's a feeling of satisfaction, I am teaching people about the growing industry," says Lang.

There are longer holidays and different time advantages, as an instructor. Teachers have access to NAIT's equipment, and learn new things constantly. "It is great to be part of a program, 30 percent of our curriculum changes annually...we definitely can't fall behind in this industry," say Lang.

And most importantly as an instructor "we try to keep the institute on the leading edge of technology," says Mensch.

## A Need for Feedback

A Report from Academic Council

Stephen Witteveen

During the 1995/1996 academic year, the Student Feedback on Instruction Review Team (SFIRT) was created to review the current Student Feedback on Instruction process. The team's task was to study and make recommendations about measures to improve the current Student Feedback on Instruction system with particular reference to the following:

- A need for student feedback;
- Communication of the model and its purpose;
- Processes, instruments, timing, frequency and timelines of student feedback;
- Linkages to key performance indicators and CQI; and
- Communication of Student Feedback findings to stakeholders and use of these findings.

On February 12, 1997, NAIT Academic Council approved the final report of the SFIRT containing the following recommendations:

- Recommend retention of a formal process for student feedback;
- Recommend a program-specific instrument for student feedback;
- Recommend voluntary sharing

of findings with supervisor;

- Recommend the instruction be expected to share (at the least) the statistical results of the feedback with students, based on the existence of a new, acceptable questionnaire designed in the spirit of non-personal feedback.

- Recommend the writing of a clear and concise preamble to the feedback form.
- Recommend that each instructor administer the form to one class per term between the fourth and the eighth week.
- Recommend that the questions on the feedback form focus on instruction and not on the instructor; and
- Recommend aggressive, informative communication for all phases of development, purpose, process, and outcomes of student feedback. A video is to be developed to do this.

Subsequent to these recommendations a Student Feedback Implementation Team was formed (SFIT). The SFIT has designed a draft template, reworded statements on the form to focus on instruction. Also, the SFIT, with the help of the Radio and Television program at NAIT are currently cre-

ating a video to communicate what student feedback is and is not and the process by which it is gathered and reported. The SFIT is also ensuring that the process can be managed through our existing Information Services Division. The team

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is discussing how best to implement the process which includes piloting the new form, gathering feedback from both students and staff on the form, the statements, the video and all other aspects of implementation. Also, the Team is ensuring that all components of the process are clearly communicated to staff and students throughout the intercom, the Nugget, and Naitline.

The project commenced on September 30, 1997, and is expected to be implemented and concluded on or before December 31, 1998. A copy of the draft model will be available at the NAITSA office some time within the next few weeks for students and staff who wish to have a look.

## General Council

Versa, Volunteers and Volleyball

Fresh

At the last general council meeting held February 9, food quality at satellite campuses such as Westwood and the Engineering Annex put on by Versa Foods was discussed. Starting in May, both North/South Cafeterias here on main campus will be renovated for the fall semester in early September. Currently satellite campuses are under contract with Versa Foods until July-August of 1999. The Manager of Food Services here at NAIT came to listen and convey issues of students to Versa. The Annex asked to extend hours of operation to 4:30 (instead of 2:30 or 3:00), to accommodate the majority of students who have class until 4:15. Access to the microwave and photocopy machine would also then be made available. Westwood asked for more variety in specials, claiming that during the

week they have the same soup of the day. Coffee issues were also addressed and Versa is thinking on implementing their Java coffee line which is offered at U of A. This would bring in more selection. Versa has just gone under a management change at all levels. This hopefully will bring about the necessary changes that students have expressed.

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The ACAC Badminton Championships are going to be held March 5-9th. There will be hospitality in the Natrium on the 6th and 7th between 12:00 and 6:00 pm.

NAIT will host the ACAC Mens Volleyball Playoffs on February 20- 22nd. The NAIT mens volleyball team will play Saturday at 2p.m., with another game sometime Sunday. Tickets are only \$2.00 for NAIT students.

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## World in a nutshell

Fresh

**SUNSCREENS WON'T PREVENT SKIN CANCER**- Scientists say sunscreens prevent a painful sunburn, but probably aren't doing much to stop skin cancer- can only conclude it's not safe to rely on sunscreens

**POT CLUBS GO PUBLIC**- Clubs supplying pot to medical users are going to sell it publicly in front of the government

**OLYMPIAN MEDAL IN COURAGE**- Elvis Stojko showed signs of his month-old torn groin muscle during his long program but still managed to win silver, just below Ilia Kulik of Russia

**GUILTY OF BEATING**- Three teen girls face sentences up to 18 months for assault causing bodily harm in the beating of Reena Virk, 14, of Victoria

**GOLD MEDAL BACK**- Vancouver snowboarder Ross Rebagliati appealed the ruling of the I.O.C. that he be disqualified from his victory after a post-event drug test found traces of marijuana; the Court of Arbitration over-turned the ruling

**AID TO POOR COUNTRIES ON DECLINE**- Over the last 30 years government aid has dropped compared to donations with rich nations

**QUAKE SURVIVORS FACE DEATH**- Thousands of survivors from last week's earthquake in Afghanistan may die as relief efforts remain blocked due to fresh snow and bad weather

**CASTRO BEGINS MOVE TO FREE PRISONERS**- Cuban President Fidel Castro has begun an unusually large release of political prisoners

**SHUTTLE TRIP HAS A MEDICAL SPIN**- Mission is a 16 day flight with twenty-six experiments to be conducted into the human nervous system

## LOCAL

**EDUCATION COSTS INCREASE**- Next year U of A students will pay an extra \$233 in tuition, an 8.9 per cent increase

**COCA-COLA BUYS ITS WAY INTO SCHOOLS**- Coke will give the U of A \$5 million over the next 10 years, \$4.7 million goes to bursaries and scholarships with half a million to the Students' Union

**RED ALERTS**- Busy emergency departments issue red alerts to warn ambulances to divert to other hospitals, but multiple red alerts threaten to cause a new problem (when three of four hospitals issue red alerts, all four should revert to green and accept new patients)

**MOUNTIE FITNESS TEST CUTS OUT WANNABES**- The RCMP physical abilities requirement evaluation is not a fitness test in the classic sense- in order to be accepted recruits must complete the course in four minutes and 45 seconds

**MYSTERY INVESTORS MAY SAVE OILERS**- A couple of overseas investors could put up to \$20 million into the Oilers as part of a local plan to buy the team

**ALL PUMPED UP**- A multitude of activities including rock climbing, archery, martial arts and weight-room training became available to high school students, the average Phys Ed participation rate is projected to increase about 20%

**WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN RIVER**- An unidentified elderly woman was found Monday afternoon in the Bow River, cops say it's likely she fell in from the river's icy bank

**CALGARY SHELTERS MENTALLY ILL**- Hospital bed shortages and a rental crunch is making Calgary shelters a dumping ground for the mentally ill, (they have no place to go)

**FATAL CRASH NEAR CAMROSE**- A 56-year-old Edmonton man died later in University Hospital after being pulled from his small plane which crashed after hitting a power line west of Camrose

## Exam Anxiety

Part II

### What to do About it

Shirley Kabachia, Counsellor  
NAIT Student Counselling Centre

#### Long-Term Solutions - How to prevent exam anxiety

1) Practice good study habits. Be well prepared. Make sure you know your stuff.

2) Keep yourself in good physical condition by getting adequate rest, nutrition and exercise. (By the way, exercise is the single very best anxiety reducer known to the human race.)

3) Practice good stress management techniques so that you can use them whenever you need them. It is NOT very helpful to wait to try these techniques for the first time in the middle of an exam. Some techniques to learn include:

- a) Yoga
- b) Meditation
- c) Deep breathing —(Put one hand on the stomach and take slow, deep breaths that make the hand move. If the hand does not move, your breathing is too shallow to do any good.)
- d) Muscular relaxation
- e) Mental imagery—(Develop mental images of a safe, relaxing place and imagine all the details-Where is it? What does it look like? What does it sound like? What does it smell like? What does it feel like?)
- f) Identification and removal of causes of the anxiety.

4) Practice thought control to counteract overwhelming negative thoughts. To do this, you can pay attention to the negative script that runs through your mind, plan a positive script and practice using it. (E.G. instead of thinking "I am so stupid - I can't even remember the stuff I knew so well yesterday." Try, "OK now, what do I have to do? Oh, yes, I know what to do. I will use my relaxation techniques and calm down. Then I will carefully read the question. I will approach this one thing at a time. OK now, here I go.")

5) Practice "thought stopping" to control negative thoughts. You can think "STOP!!" when the negative thoughts are overwhelming. This can jolt you out of the negative thought for a moment-long enough to get the positive script going.

6) Take care of external sources of stress. (E.G. pay bills on time; discuss late assignments with the instructor before they are a problem; contract with family and friends for their understanding of your needs for study time, etc.)

7) If you are suffering from anxiety and cannot manage using the above suggestions, you need to see your personal physician to seek a medical solution well before exams are scheduled.

You do not want to be adjusting to medication just as you begin your exams.

#### Emergency Intervention or Damage Control

(What to do in the exam if the panic starts)

1) Deep breathing. Ten slow, deep breaths to help you relax and plan what to do next.

2) Employ the relaxation techniques you have been practicing.

3) Use the thought control technique you have been practicing.

4) Use distraction techniques to fool your mind into concentrating on something else. For example, say the alphabet backwards; count backwards; recall the birthdates (day, month, and year) for each of your siblings, your parents, your relatives; recall who won the Grey Cup for the past ten years, etc. It should be something that makes you focus your mind but also something you are capable of doing.


5) Congratulate yourself as you notice the panic lessening. (E.G. "See, I knew I could do it. I am going to control this anxiety and just keep enough of it to motivate me.")

After the exams are over, you can analyze your progress and come in to see a counsellor at the Student Counselling Centre to announce your success.



Good luck! And remember, exams are only one of the tools used to measure our progress at NAIT.

Student Counselling Centre, Room 0111 (South Lobby), Phone 471-8921 for appointments. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

NAIT GRAD PORTRAITS



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## An Imagination Interlude with Cooper:

## Autistic Anarchy



Hyde Cooper

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There I am in class, looking at the black-board- eyes straight forward. My face is placid and understanding. I nod when I am supposed to and I even write down the odd word now and then.

In my head, I'm thinking about something else. Something radical. And there I go.

I jump out of my seat and throw my text book at the wall. I scream and shout along with my classmates as John Lennon materializes out of nowhere and starts singing "Twist and Shout" with a full orchestra accompanying him.

By the time he hits the third verse I'm heaving bricks at imaginary bad guys. Suddenly, the entire cast and crew of Gilligan's Island shows up and the Skipper himself hands me the biggest riff in history. Smooth.

"Life's good, Skip," I say to him. I'm watching America's Funniest Home Video's and Dennis Leary is hosting it. Santa is getting the crap beaten out of him by his elves and an angry horde of reindeer. Bill Clinton admits to the nation on live television, coast to coast, that he dealt crack to school children for three years in Arkansas, "Just to see if I could get away with it."

Finally, as the sun sets on the horizon, I'm standing on the curb of an empty street. A bell rings behind me and James Dean walks out of the corner store. We talk. We have a smoke.

That's what I'm really thinking.

## Knitting

The new bus past-time

Anonymous

Sitting on the bus yesterday, I was tested to the limits of my patience by people whom I'll call thoughtless and unthinking. I have no other places to "vent" so, I thought I'd try this route.

It's only four below so I don't really mind waiting for the third bus to come along. I finally fight my way to a seat catching icy stares and a few harsh words.

It seems no matter where I sit I'm always directly in front of the loudest parties on the bus by the loudest, I mean gabbiest; of course, the conversation is in mandarin.

I pull out a textbook and begin leafing through my studies...just in time to close up the book and offer up my seat to an attractive young thing, and we haven't ever reached the High

School yet!

I managed to stand alone, away from the feet of others, although there's eight of us standing already.

Time passes, and I find myself in a window seat with an older woman directly in front of me. People are filing onto the bus, two at a time and this woman has got the cushions to place her knitting bag on the seat beside her. (There's about eleven standing now.) I think of standing to offer my seat, but that would entail moving the "peppy" man who's now parked in the aisle seat beside me.

Excusing myself out of the seat means only a few fancy dancing steps between me and the door. This is only half of the trip! The really grumpy days are characterized by an "accidental" nudge, driving my head into the overhead railing. I hear some people say, "Oh, I don't mind taking the bus," or others ask how they're doing, "Oh, can't complain."

Well, I could complain for hours but there's not a helluva lot of good that's going to come from it! See ya on the bus!

## Top 10 Things I Love at NAIT

A NAIT Lover

10. The windows let all the sunshine in
9. Cafeteria ladies are soooooo friendly
8. Comfortable places to spend breaks
7. Girl to Men ration is 1:1
6. Library has great variety of books
5. Always enough metal forks in main cafeteria
4. Never a line-up at a microwave
3. Always a computer terminal available
2. Parking is sooo convenient
1. GUMP, FOREST

## NEWS

## Earn Money During the Summer

Military recruitment for students



Fresh

Raper, a Recruiter from The Loyal Edmonton Regiment is looking for students interested and knowledgeable of Canadian Forces. K. Raper, originally from Ontario, has been in the military for thirteen years. Since coming to Alberta two years ago, he has become involved in recruitment.

Right now the focus is on high schools (grades 11 and 12), NAIT and Grant MacEwan. A wide range of people and age is important, and post secondary schools offer this. "This is not an old mans sport. We have to try to keep younger people in the military because diversity of age is very important," says Raper. This offers students job security, part-time employment, and challenges that provide a sense of accomplishment. It is recognized for its high level of discipline and leadership skills. If you are a student who needs to save money for tuition, books, and living expenses during the summer this program is a great available opportunity.

Are you disciplined, motivated and interested in National Defence? Warrant Officer, Kevin

Federal requirements include Canadian Citizenship, 17-52 years of age, a minimum of grade 10 education, and physical and medical requirements. The application process will take 4-6 weeks. A document package with a personal history questionnaire will be sent and must be returned to the Recruitment Centre. Usually within a week an appointment will be set up and a series of tests will be given; a medical test, a written aptitude test to find a suited trade, and a physical fitness test performed at the U of A. The physical test includes a mile-and-half run,

strength test, push-ups and sit-ups. The minimum standard must be performed by both males and females for employment.

**"We have to try to keep younger people in the military because diversity of age is important."**

The peek period for recruitment is between January and June, with April generally being slow due to exams. K. Raper wants students to realize that this offers different trade options that appeal to most who are interested and motivated in peacekeeping. There is Combat Arms which offers the infantry unit, artillery, armor and engineers; as well as Service Sup-



Kevin Raper, recruiter from The Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- ONE-AND-HALF MILE RUN  
MEN (14 minutes)  
WOMEN (16 minutes)
- STRENGTH TEST
- PUSH-UPS  
MEN (19)  
WOMEN (7)
- SIT-UPS  
MEN (19)  
WOMEN (15)

## MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

- NO EPILEPSY
- NO DIABETES

port such as vehicle technicians and truck drivers. There is a twelve day mandatory qualification course which is taken in March or April before the summer which helps in the decision and realization of what is really required.

Kevin Raper said that they are close to meeting Alberta's recruitment goal of 200- 500 per year, with 348 recruits. In March Raper hopes to return to NAIT to talk to students, but if there is interest he encourages you to come down to the Base located on 108 Street -

144 Avenue. Office hours are 9 - 4 p.m. from Tuesday to Thursday, and 8 - 12 p.m. on Friday. For further information, contact a recruiter at 973-4011 (EXT 8500).

## WHAT IS NEEDED TO APPLY

- ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER
- TRANSCRIPT (PROOF OF GRADE 10 EDUCATION)
- CITIZENSHIP CARD
- TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE (PREFERABLY WORK RELATED)

## U of A Leadership Awards Competition



Miranda Jordan

"The spirit of true leadership is impossible to contain" is the theme of this year's Leadership

Awards Competition supported by the U of A. This is a program put in place for some of the most active student leaders in Canada to be recognized for contributions to the academic community. The Leadership program has become vastly popular with over \$250 000 to be given to outstanding student leaders. These leaders must be entering the University of Alberta from high school or postsecondary institutions for the 1998 school year. Applicants must possess the following qualities in order to be eligible:

- 1) Exceptional student leadership capabilities within the community, extracurricular and school activities, and first-class academic standing. (minimum GPA of 7.5 or equivalent)
- 2) Application requires two letters of reference supporting the leadership involvement and activities, and an academic report to be completed by a student advisor or academic staff member.
- 3) Deadline is March 16, 1998.

Forms are available at the NAIT Financial Aid office, and at the Registrar's office. If you require any further information, please contact Michelle Gaucher, Program Coordinator at 492-3221.



# The Politics of Paradise



James Olson

Welcome to politics.

It has come to my attention that there is a whole whack of mudslinging going on across the hall and I've endeavored to explain it in my own haphazard way. The reason these political rivalries takes place is precisely the rea-

son that I refuse to vote in elections- politicians aren't there for the politics. I know, it seems ridiculous.

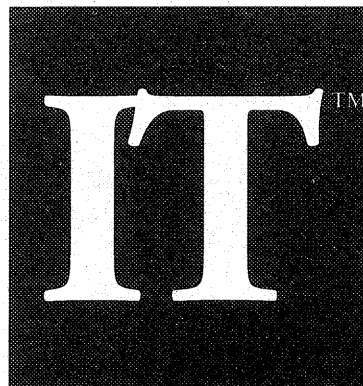
When a person runs for office, often they hold very honorable ideals and they do believe that they can make a difference. But soon enough, the fire that once burned inside of them dies out and all that they are left with is a stomach ache and a pile of burnt wood.

So they act out on each other with violence and hostility. As ir-

rational as it is, they blame each other for the degraded state of their morality and boy do they know how to piss each other off.

Unlike regular co-workers, politicians (large and small) are forced to spend a great deal of time with each other both at work and after work, so they get to know each other very well. Like the unforgiving sharks that they are, they learn to fish for each other and when one of them bites on the other's hook, watch out. It's a goddamn free for all.

They hate each other because they're all alike- most of them anyway. I know it hurts us citizens to look at our executive and the mess that they've become, but hey- at least they haven't killed each other yet.



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# American Anaconda

James Olson

## NOW YOU'RE UP TO DATE:

Clinton is claiming that the reason we should all jump on the anti-Iraq band wagon is because Hussein won't allow UN Arms Inspector's into his weapons facilities. Clinton is pretty sure that Saddam has some "weapon's of mass destruction" in his garage.

## NOW HERE'S THE TRUTH:

The real reason America's pissed is because Iraq won't allow United States Arms Inspector's into Iraqi weapons facilities. Iraq would allow inspector's from other countries in, but that just pissed America off even more.

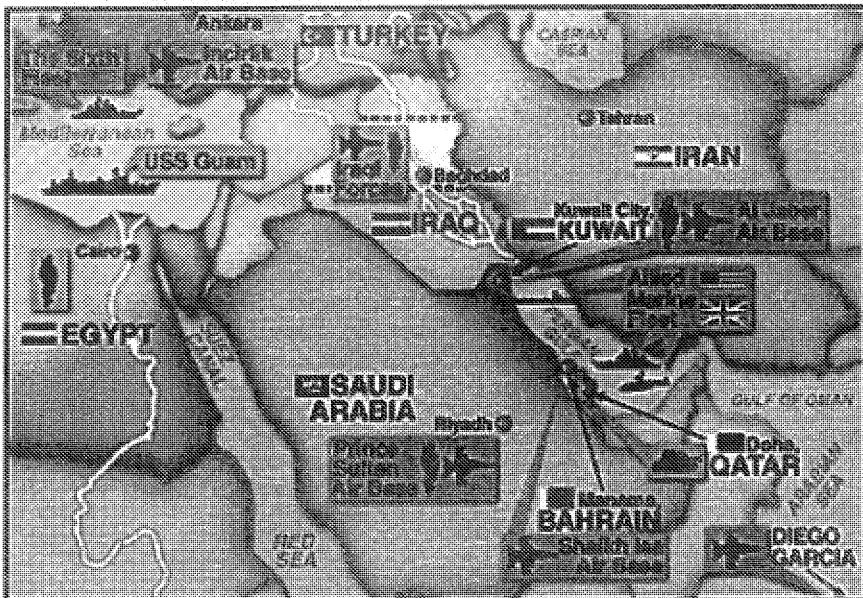
It's a sad fact that the U.S. controls the United Nations, but a fact none the less. It's also an unfortunate fact for Iraq that their stand off with the American

dream machine came during the heat of one of the worst and most public White House scandals in history. So, in effect, Iraq is now about to pay the price for Clinton's busy hands. War is good for everyone...as long as your on the American bandwagon.

In all truth, Iraq probably does have some bad boys stockpiled in their garage and along with this

comes the certainty that Saddam is crazy enough to use them. But is the threat of war a smart move in a situation like this? Like the proverbial snake that they are, America is wrapping itself around a time bomb; a situation that is strangely reminiscent of the Vietnam war.

Clinton is betting the entire farm when the only thing he's really got is a shine on his shoes and a lot more nukes than Saddam has. The only problem with this picture is that while Saddam is mental enough to nuke anything he can,



America and it's allies already humiliated the Iraqi's once before and it's obvious that they're still pretty pissed about the whole thing. So, now that their under the threat of war from the largest superpower in the world, what's stopping them from making an even stupider mistake than the one they already made when they invaded Kuwait?

What it comes down to is that

Clinton knows that the Western powers would crucify him for catering to the lowest common denominator. Then again, history does repeat itself and Nagasaki and Hiroshima is about due for a comeback.



Dear Editor

"Random acts of kindness week", eh? I'd like to convey to you an act that just befell me.

Being a student at NAIT in a basement suite, there are times when I begin to feel kinda like an albino cave bat..not much in the way of company!

So anyway, the doorbell rings and it's the next door neighbor and she brought me a tin of homemade cookies. She says it was because she saw me shovel her walk this winter.

I'd like to commend the person who thought of this week of selfless deeds. Kudos!

Dear Editor,

This is regarding Mr. Olson's article "Cafeteria Renovations (Planet NAITSA rocks the student body)."

As a former Culinary Arts student and a current food services staff member, I found Mr. Olson's comments (quote)"...right now the North and South cafeteria's suck," to be quite offensive. I don't know if Mr. Olson is aware that his fellow students supply the majority of the food for the cafeteria. I don't think the (quote) "extremely boring" presentation from food services stated that the cafeteria's suck. Food services are trying very hard to please and meet the customer's needs. The bottom line is, Mr. Olson, that cafeteria staff or the Culinary Arts students do not appreciate comments like yours.

Leah Collinge



## NAIT'S DENTAL ASSISTING GRADUATING CLASS OF 1998

is selling 50/50 draw tickets Monday through Thursday starting Jan. 26 and ending March 13. Draw will be held every Friday at noon and posted in the Nugget the following week. Tickets will be available only to NAIT students & staff and can be purchased in the main kiosk, NAITrium, & cafeteria at noon. (12:15-1:15) Thank you for your support!

D&A

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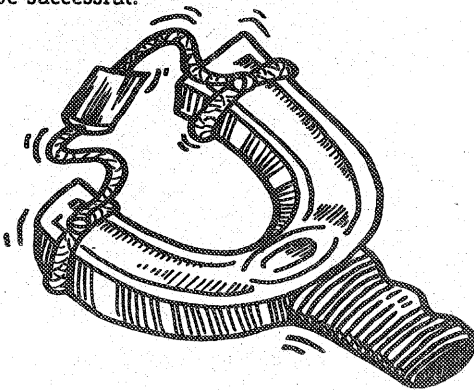
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## OPINION

## Behind the bench gotta bong?



Craig Wourms

Olympic Fever Has Swept The Country. People everywhere are staying up till all hours waiting

for the first glimpses of our Canadian athletes LIVE in action. Speed Skating, Downhill, Biathlon, Hockey, Slalom, Figure Skating, X-Country Skiing, Luge and Bobsled. Bobsledding brings to mind Jamaica, and Jamaica makes me think of marijuana. Hey, how about those Canadian Snowboarders Dude! Flying down a mountain for the first time ever in a Olympic competition, whipping around the gates, cutting up the course where

a split second is the difference. Now imagine that same experience sitting on the couch stoned out of your mind. That's how Canada got the first every snowboarding Gold Medal in History.

Think about it, the guy is from Whistler B.C.. They did not have to make him pee in a cup to find out he had a little "Mary Jane" in his system. Here's the scene: March, 1997 Whistler B.C..

Dude "Whoa Ross, way to go buuuud. You are gonna make a great ambassador for our country man."

Ross "Well Bra, I feel that I am also going No Ganja....Nagano as a spokesperson for our sport." Dude "Yeah man, snowboarding is the only way to fly."

Ross "Wanna Bet. Try this stuff dude."

Alright, let's get serious, Ross

Rebagliati is an athlete and obviously one of the best in the world for his sport. He has put all the hours into playing, training, and racing to reach the top of the world. This is not a Ben Johnson thing. He cheated. Rebagliati has a life, he has friends who probably are upstanding members in the community; but he also has friends that everyone's parents try to keep you away from. Everyone should just relax. Our Canadian boy went to the other side of the world, kicked some butt and is bringing the Gold back with him.

You know what, he is probably going to end up on David Letterman. NUFF SAID.

NOTE\*\*On February 16, 1998 - Ross appeared on The Tonight Show (just as DaWorm predicted)

## Edmonton or Houston Oilers

Marc Nobert

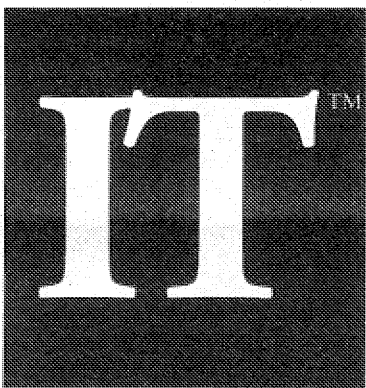
Same old story, are the Oilers leaving or staying? Who knows. The latest news of our foundering hockey team is that Les Alexander has put up a bid. After getting his nose caught between EDE and Peter Pocklington, the Houston Rockets owner is back for more with 82.5 million dollars U.S. in his arsenal.

In case you don't know, Edmonton local groups have to put up 70 million dollars U.S. of their own within 30 days (March 13) or the team is Houston bound at the end

of the season. The 2004 roadblock that stopped Alexander the first time doesn't apply here because no local bid was put forth before a deadline the ATP put forth late last year. So now, it really is D-day for the team, again.

Lately, it's become rather public that the savior local group has only come up with 35 million. However, the EDE (God bless 'em) has set up the Edmonton Oilers Forever Fund after a major outpouring of public support to keep the team here. The fund lets the public donate to keeping the Oilers in Edmonton. At the time of printing, West Edmonton Mall had offered to jump start it with \$100,000 and some other corporate organizations were looking to do the same. As of Tuesday (17) you can help out the cause by donating whatever you can at any CIBC in Alberta or North West Territories.

Hey, if \$30 for every Edmontonian was donated, we'd keep our team and maybe put a few more banners up in the Coliseum.



## OPINION

## Merger Effects

*The Take On The Royal and Bank of Montreal*

Fresh

The proposed Canadian bank merger between the Bank of Montreal and the Royal will not only effect banking internationally, but locally. Being a student enrolled in Banking and Business here at NAIT, I've made myself aware of some of the possible effects of the proposed merger. Both banks currently promise that until the merger is approved there will be no change in banking relationships, and are committed to continuing high levels of service to their customers. There is an automated financial hot line set up as an informative tool, and allows customers with specific questions about the proposed merger to be answered. I took advantage of this 1-800 number and asked a few questions that I thought students at NAIT would be interested in having answers to.

Currently student loans can be negotiated with two banks, the CIBC and the Royal. I am sure thousands of student accounts whether it be savings, chequing, or even those dangerous-but-tempting credit card accounts are through these two popular banks. I asked what effects the merger would have if students had loans or accounts with the Royal or Bank of Montreal? Student concerns should be extinguished. Minimal effects

would occur for students in this situation. A student would be given the option to keep all accounts and loans with the new bank, or transfer over to another preferred, established bank. Upon the approval of the merger, effects will not be seen for probably six months to a year. If your specific branch is closing, advanced notice will be given through the mail

**"I would rather see two Canadian banks merge to stay competitive, than have foreign banks move in and take over."**

as to where the new location will be and the option to transfer. One is usually given three months to reply and return final decisions. Students should not be overly concerned with the changes that would be involved with the merger. Both banks ensure that minimal effects will take place with their customers, and that they are highly committed to continuing current high levels of service.

From a customers stand point,

I wouldn't doubt the success and security of the "new bank", but as graduate of Banking and Business this coming April, other factors have to be examined upon applying for employment. Both the Royal and Bank of Montreal will be going under significant changes internally during the merge, which in turn would cause necessary branch closures. Kathy Maitre, a Banking and Business instructor advised me to consider other established banks for my upcoming practicum in April. Downsizing can definitely be predicted, so it would be a risk to be a new employee during the merge.

Unfortunately, the effects of the proposed merge has negative effects on me as a graduate, but internationally I believe that the merge is a very smart move. I would rather see two Canadian banks merge to stay competitive, than have foreign banks move in and take over. The successful merge of the Bank of Montreal and the Royal would bring about definite international advantages in the future, which would lead to benefits nationally.

It is now in the hands of the government. What sort of insight will be given into this proposal? The decision is one that we can only wait for.

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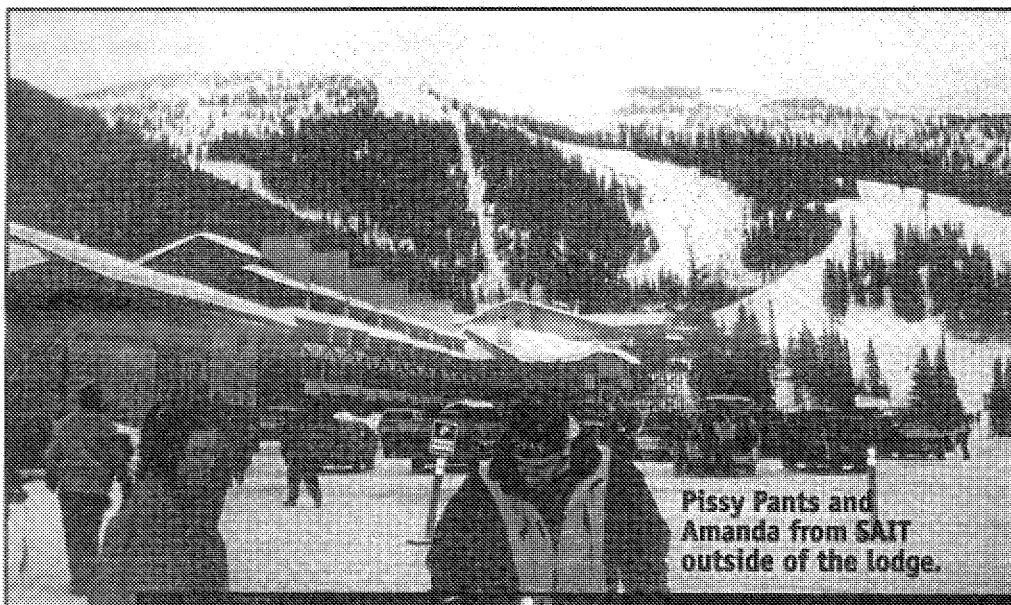
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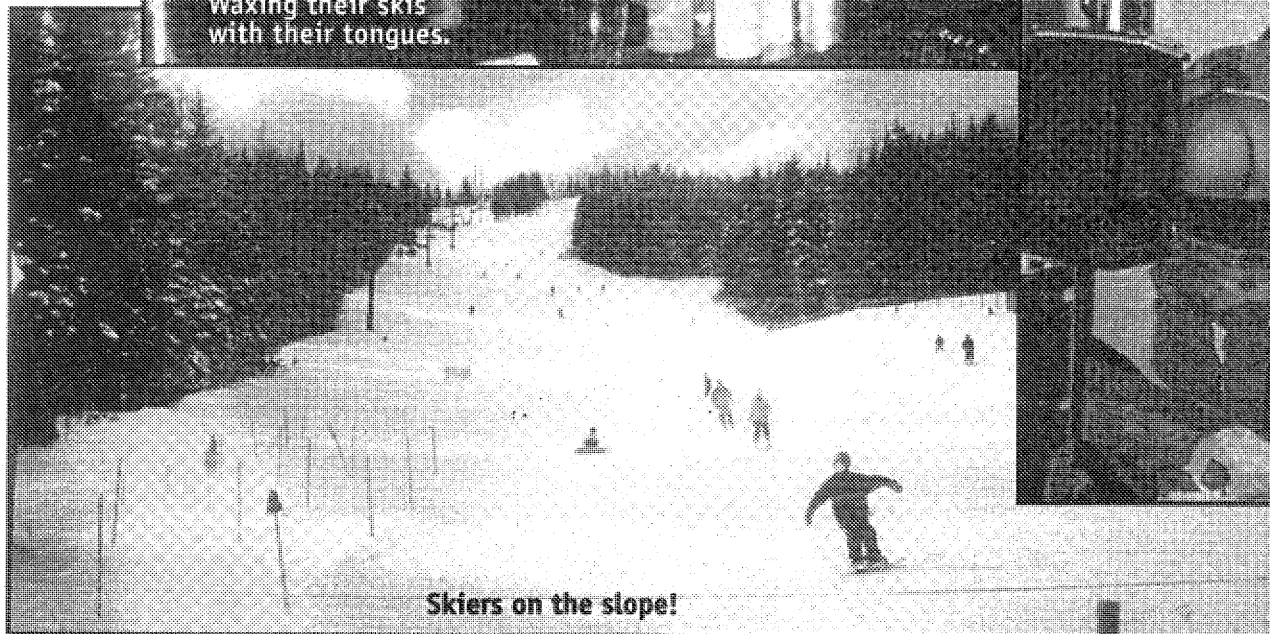
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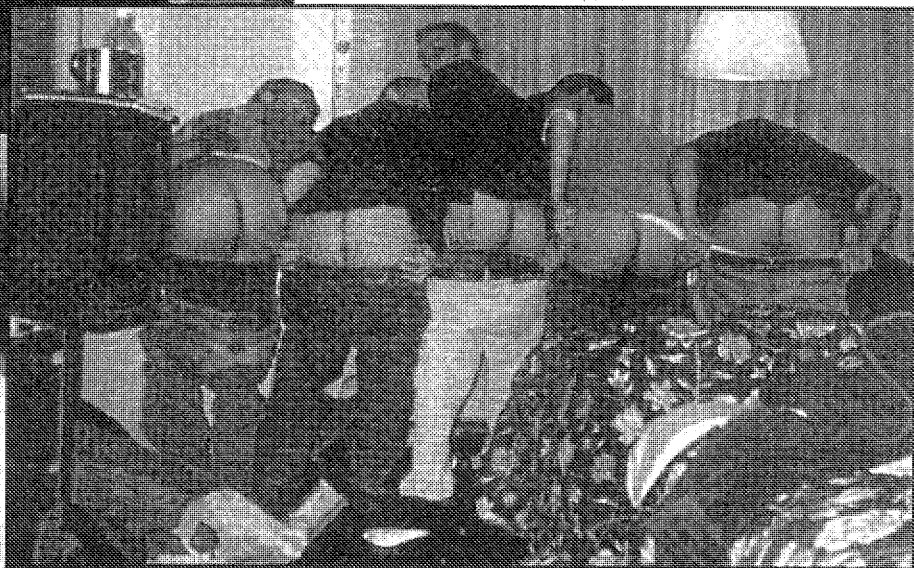
Pissy Pants and Amanda from SALT outside of the lodge.



Waxing their skis with their tongues.



Skiers on the slope!



cl-ASS-ic pose.



# Women's Volleyball on the Road Today!

DaWorm

Today the women's volleyball team is not at the school going to classes and preparing for upcoming tests. Today they are in Calgary at Mount Royal College preparing to bring home NAIT's first ever women's volleyball A.C.A.C hardware. I have written about the team as the year progressed without anyone hearing the players view on how the year has gone. As the team is practicing this morning and getting ready for their first match tonight against the Red Deer College Queens, the girls are missing this issue of the Nugget. This article is a compilation of

quotes from each of the players journals. From the players own words, this weekend plans to be a successful one.

Everyone else helped out to get what we needed to be done - Communication about hitting was good - we shifted well & worked well. - To have one weekend where we could "crush" a team. - I passed awesome - Finished the game with an ace - Felt solid - I loved the feeling because I watched her arm and then shoulders & it felt great! - My confidence is back! - The front row was blocking well - We never gave

up - I thought Colette did a great job of coming into the game & doing her job well - We will play stronger mentally - Play our game - Used the middle alot-they were very effective - I felt myself squaring to my hitter which made us very successful - Casey jumped on every quick call - Consistently passed - Lisa diving into the chairs to get a ball - We played to win - I like running 51's - R.J. served really well - Danielle swung hard and used the pot - Got a Yellow Card - We played hard - never let them get another game - Our team has character - Colette hit really well to-

night - Steps worked really well - I was really happy - I have learned more than probably the two whole years I've played. - We knew their weaknesses and used them - We were hitting the ball more Tara and I were working well together - It was rad! - Tannis set me awesome - I was proud of all the girls for playing so well, especially Tannis for blocking so well - I actually enjoy the challenge - I take pride in doing my job - Looking forward to play-offs - I had more confidence in myself - It made me feel like I was really part of this team - Candice faked out the

blockers and Danielle got a great kill - I play the best I can and try to bring the team up - Everyone went with the attitude of having fun and learning - I am willing and want to work my ass off!!! - Our first game against Japan was fun. - We have to make sure we stay focused - HUSTLE!!! - Highlight of the match was my awesome, overwhelming amazing block - I hit an awesome 31 for the first time - Tara played very well, setting consistent, smart calls, used hitters. - I feel like I want to "take them on" - I'm glad the league is done. This team can go out with a bang.

## Canadian Colleges Athletics Association National Badminton Championships

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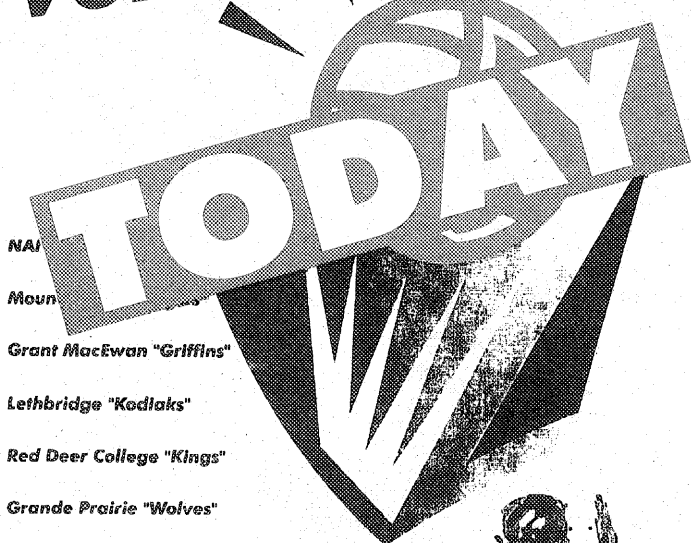
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# Hockey ooks rolling towards playoffs



Andrew "Head Wound" Hore

The February 6 & 7 weekend was a big one for this year's version of the NAIT OOKS HOCKEY TEAM. As it stood in the standings, the Mount Royal Cougars were in first place, with the SAIT Trojans in second place, and the OOKS in third by one point with two games in hand. The Feb. 6, 7 games against the Augustana Vikings were the two make-up games that could sneak the OOKS

into second place.

The weekend was a positive one with strong performances by: Dale "I love playing Augustana" Donaldson, Dean "soods" Storms, and solid pad kicking by Kelly "I hope my name gets in the Nugget" Ainsworth. The OOKS won convincingly 4-1 on the road in Camrose Friday night and 6-4 at home Saturday. Augustana's goalie faced a total of 110 shots in the two game series.

Second place was ours heading into the next weekend series against the #1 ranked team in the country, the mighty Mount Royal Cougars. The Cougars were undefeated in eight games and held the top spot in the 7 team ACAC conference. Friday night's game at home was a back and forth battle for the first two periods. It was a chippy affair that was similar to last year's ACAC Semi-Finals. The game remained knotted up at four after the second period. Dave "supe" Pirnak was awesome showing why he's regarded as one of the best tenders in the league. The third period was a tough one with the Cougars capitalizing on some

costly mistakes, and some miscommunication by the OOKS. They grabbed three quick goals leaving us with a 7-4 loss.

Game 2, Saturday, February 14, VALENTINE'S DAY. No better place to be than in Calgary playing the Cougars. We had a chance to split with a team that hasn't been beaten in the second half. Saturday's game wasn't as chippy as Friday's tilt, but was just as intense. Dale "bacon mushroom melt" Donaldson scored in the first frame giving us the lead we were looking for. In the second period, Trevor "Esquire" Hart scored a beauty from a pass by linemate Aaron Boucher. We held a two goal lead heading for the final twenty minutes, a period that killed us on Friday. Penalties turned out to be the factor in third as we were short handed for almost half of the period. Dave Pirnak responded and stepped up to hold the fort. The Cougars, unfortunately, managed to finally get one on the power play putting pressure on a penalty struck OOKS team. This lead to another goal by Calgary, leaving the match all tied up at three. The OOKS

team showed signs of frustration, but we knew deep down that we would come out on top. Brad "I wanna rock" Wilson, buried the winner late to give the OOKS the win and a ton of confidence

SAIT managed to win both their games over the weekend against Briercrest. This puts us back in third place by one point due to the one loss to Mount Royal. We must win our final two games against Concordia and SAIT must drop one game to Augustana for the OOKS to finish in second place. This would give us a first round bye in the playoffs. A feat that is definitely within reach.

This upcoming weekend the OOKS will welcome back the return of Captain Brent "Goose" Gosselin. Brent underwent surgery to repair a perforated ulcer over the Christmas break. We are extremely happy just to have Brent healthy, and very fortunate to have him in the lineup. Goose brings back to the team his incredible toughness and leadership, a perfect combination just in time for playoffs!

Game time against Concordia: Saturday, Feb. 21 - 1 p.m.

## Men's volleyball has final send off

Mark Mahl

Mark Holowaychuk has become a symbol of rock embedded into NAIT Volleyball.

Over the past four seasons, Mark has matured mentally and physically into one of the most consistent and best college volleyball players, not only in Alberta, but in Canada as well. A fierce competitor and a compassionate teammate, Mark has consistently been one of the only Middles to be in the top 10 in kills, stuff blocks, and aces every year.

Although he has not won an ACAC All-Star place, he definitely has deserved one. A middle player who passes and digs as well as he does, should be honored this sea-

son. Mark holds the ACAC record for most Stuffs in one match with 12. His highest Kill output came this year against GMCC when he put away 30. Mark has also broke an all NAIT Volleyball career record in: most kills, most stuffs, most aces, best passing efficiency and most digs. He also holds, or is on track, to beat in one season, most kills, kills/gm, most digs, and best digs/gm. Mark Holowaychuk also won the Silver Torch award in '96/'97 and the Elite Sports Wear award in '94-'95.

Mark Holowaychuk is held dear to the coach's heart and is a big reason for this team's success. Mark will always be considered the foundation to which this program has been built

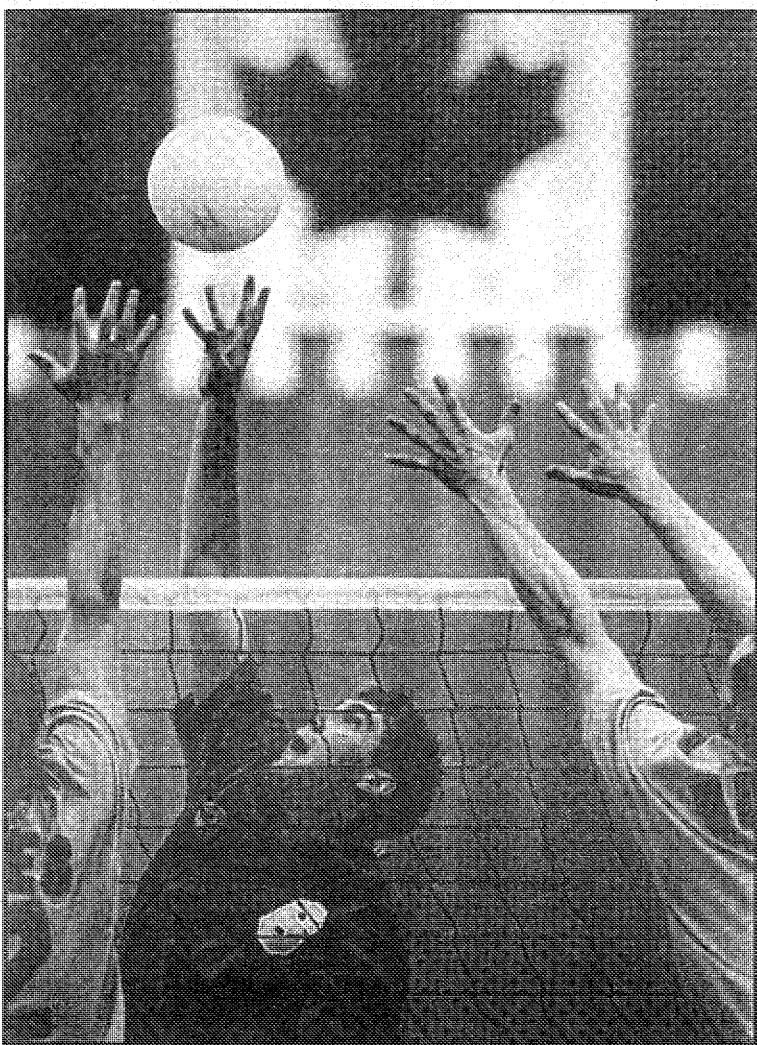


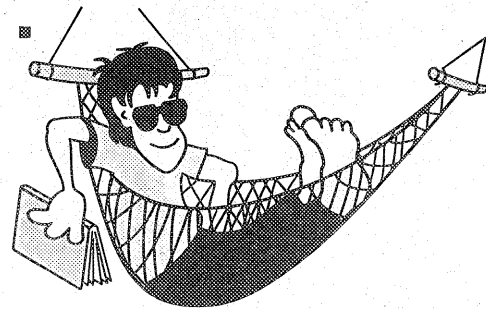
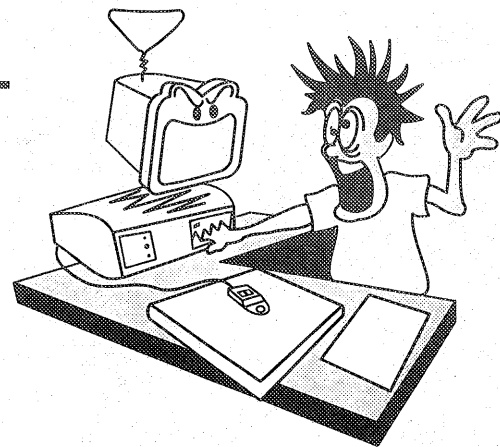
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Hally of the NAIT Ooks—a symbol of rock embedded into volleyball.

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# "Intimate and Interactive"

*The Smalls Concert not a Regular One*



Noy Vongsamphanh

**T**he Smalls. What's the first thing that pops into your mind? Okay, never mind. Wrong question. The Smalls I'm talking about is the name of a band. One of Edmonton's finest I hear. This band has been together since 1988. Ten years trying to make it in this tough industry and still no major record label has signed them.

I got the opportunity on Feb-

ruary 5, 1998, to check out my first Smalls gig at the new Likuid Lounge. What a great show! These guys have pretty good tunes. Not too heavy, not too poppy. A good blend of rock and alternative. The Smalls usually perform at large arena/hall type venues. But this one time they decided to do some favors and headline this mini bar for about 150 lucky fans. It was like an "Intimate and Interactive" show you'd see on Much Music, minus Rick The Temp and audience questions. Tickets for this mini event sold out weeks before the show. Many fans who weren't on the guest list or who didn't have a pre-purchased ticket were turned down at the door.

When The Smalls started playing, the bedroom sized dance floor was turned into a raging, body thrashing mosh pit. People were falling in all directions! Males and females of all sizes were being pushed onto the low stage and onto the floor, but only to get up quickly to rejoin the aggression again.

One negative note. The band seemed partially into the whole gig. The singer was singing to the floor or the back of the stage most of the time. I guess adjusting to the size of the venue was a little difficult for the band. They really noticed the sound difference anyway. Not one single person in the bar was sitting down. Every one was standing as close to the stage as possible. Many were balancing themselves on tall barstools and chairs just to get a glimpse of this very liked Edmonton band.

The crowd and atmosphere at the Likuid Lounge seemed aggressive. But everyone, from managers to fans, were extremely nice. I was given free CD's and stickers. One of the CDs I got was The Smalls' latest release, 1995's "Waste and Tragedy." Not a bad album. The songs are pretty catchy. Something anyone can get into. Other albums they have released are: 1990 "The Smalls" which was re-released with three new song additions. And 1992's "To Each Azone." Any of these albums can be purchased at any record store under the independent section.



Is he singing to the floor?

## Harlequin at Reds!

Mark Taylor

**B**ald people do, still, have the confidence to go out and party. Which is good, I guess. I just wish they wouldn't all go to the same place on the same night.

Starting with Harlequin's singer George Belonger, it sure felt like every second person at the concert was at least balding, if not already there.

The concert, however, was excellent. Red's is the best place for concerts because there is always lots to do while waiting for the band, who in this case didn't

show until quite late.

Harlequin played some great songs. The older, of which were as old as I am. The band, which was for a time called Holy Hannah, released their first album "Victim of a Song" in 1979 and their latest album "Radio Romances" in 1986.

The music was excellent and there were coupons for a free game of bowling or half an hour of pool on the bottom of the tickets, so I don't know why more people didn't show up. More people is all it would have taken to make this a more happening concert. Where were you?

### Advice column coming soon.....

Hello People! Anyone sad, happy, confused, human? Well, we are starting an advice column next issue; hopefully. Need advice on anything from school, relationships, home, sex, whatever?! Then drop off your questions in our little box outside the Nugget office and the "powers that be" will answer your troubles.

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# And the Winner is...The Gandharvas!

Noy Vongsamphanh

Gandharvas article is dedicated to Kyla, the chick with the coolest fucking astro-boy/erection/unicorn hair in the bar.

If there was a plaque or certificate given to the "nicest band" in the Canadian Music Industry, I would give it to The Gandharvas with no hesitation! Not only are they fun and sweet individuals, but also gorgeous, amazing musicians. This sex symbol, five male member band from London, Ontario are: Paul (singer), Beau (bassist), Jud (guitarist), Tim (drummer), and Brian (guitarist). Meeting back in high school through mutual friends, The Gandharvas realized they had something musically connected. Seven years later, they are still a happy band writing great music and making interesting videos.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1998, The Gandharvas opened up for Holly McNarland at the University's Power Plant. Not to my surprise, these two great Canadian acts sold out the event. When the lights started to dim at about 10:00 p.m., the crowd quickly packed themselves onto the mini, claustrophobic dance floor. And as soon as The Gandharvas stepped onto the stage, a vibe of positive energy was passed from the band onto the crowd. They got people dancing and having a good time. Even the ones who didn't know who The Gandharvas were, were up and dancing. Miranda and I were front and center shaking our booty the whole opening set. I had bruises all over my knees from bashing them into the stage to prove it!

The Gandharvas sang the famous, "First Day of Spring." Their 1994 hit single, which caught a lot of attention and was on constant rotation on MuchMusic. The band renovated "First Day of Spring" so it was heavier with faster beats and louder instruments. During that song, Paul brought out a homemade drum kit. Heinz ketchup cans duct taped to a chair, which he skillfully played percussion on. Seems crazy? Well it sounded great! It gave the set a little something different. Other recognizable tunes they performed were: "Diaboloney", "Watching the Girl", and "Downtime". Ever seen the video for "Downtime?" Paul does some serious dance moves which he also did during the set.

Speaking of Paul Jago.....he's the main front man who is responsible for writing The Gandharvas'

unique lyrics. Ever wondered what he meant by "watching the girl straddle the world....?" Most of you one track minded people would have thought it meant something sexual. When I asked Paul what his lyrics meant, he just simply said that he writes poetically. What his lyrics might convey to the listening ears is usually never what he is actually thinking or saying. Everyone's view of life is different and individual. And that's how I would describe The Gandharva's music. Unique and individual. something this Canadian music scene needs more of. Someone who doesn't want to sound like all the other bands or who is trying to fit into a specific music store category.

.....But back to the concert. The Gandharvas were only on stage for about an hour, which definitely wasn't long enough. Myself and the rest of the dance floor wanted more, but the guys didn't come back on. To describe it better, it was like the climax to sex, getting sex, then having it end too quickly. That's how good the band was! After the set, I went backstage. Everyone was pretty mellow and coming off the performance high. The back was nicely decorated with candles and tubs of beer. The luxury of a rock star. FREE BEER.

Unfortunately, I pretty much missed the headliner, Holly McNarland's set. I heard her from a distance if it counts. Her voice was so amazing and distinct. She sang the majority of her songs off of her 1997, "Stuff" album. The crowd seemed really into the music and was mesmerized by her always amazing performance. She was so great, Miranda (standing two feet away from her) gave her the ring off of her finger. Holly responded with, "what a pretty ring", and wore it!

Curious minds are probably wondering what I was up to during Holly's set. I was busy trying to kick The Gandharva's butts in pool. But due to alcoholic beverages, which I had began consuming at 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon, I couldn't win a game of pool even if I was playing the game by myself. To test my abilities, I was challenged repeatedly by the guys to race car driving. A video game the guys get really excited to play!! Just like pool, I sucked. Oh well, next time I'll win!

Like I said before, The Gandharvas are definitely fun and friendly guys. Even their roadie manager

was great! Last time The Gandharvas were in town was for the U of A's successful event, Bear Country. Other bands on the bill included: Rusty, Econoline Crush, and The Gandharva's favourite, Headstones. A little fact everyone should know about the cute bassist, Beau—His favorite band is Econoline Crush (laugh, laugh)! Ask him about the wonderful relationship he has with the band and he'll let you know exactly how much of a fan he is! What were you told, Beau? Tell the guys of Econoline Crush to fuck off and why?

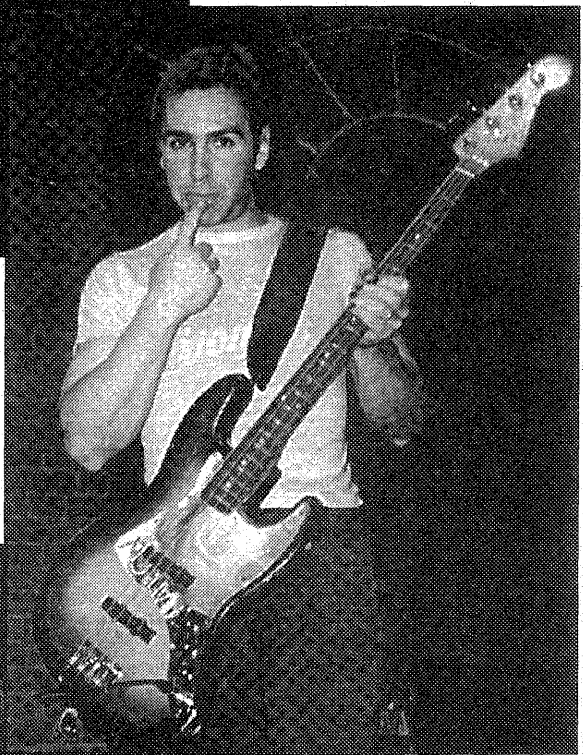
Photos: Marcel Cretain



Paul, singer and sex symbol of the "nicest band" in the Canadian music industry.



For all you people who missed the performance of one of Canada's best bands; The Gandharvas, no need to worry. They will be back here headlining their own show on Saturday, February 21 with Edmonton's, WELCOME at the Sidetrack Cafe. If you are an individual who is open minded, a supporter of Canadian music, or just want to see a kick ass show, come down and check these guys out. Too anxious and can't wait long? Why not pick up their latest album, "Sold For A Smile", to hold yourself over until the show. This will definitely be a show you don't want to miss!



Holly McNarland's voice was so amazing and distinct.





## Freaks at Rebar?

Mark Taylor

Where do Edmonton's freaks hangout? I'd have guessed at the Rebar. Apparently, I was mistaken.

Sure, there were a few fashionably challenged youth with crude haircuts and misplaced body rings; this aside, the Rebar is a pretty normal place. There really couldn't have been any freaks at the Rebar (at least not on Saturday) because me, being an overly normal person, usually feels uncomfortable around freaks; however, I felt quite at home. At least, as close as one can be in a dark, lightly ventilated, no ceiling, local.

The music was pretty hardcore; which was a nice relief from all the top-40 and country I've been getting at all my other hangouts. Yep, the Rebar is definitely on my list, again, for this week.

Be warned, however, if you're going there looking for freaks you may be disappointed.

## See the Light

Mark Taylor

Seeing the light is something Jeff Healey hasn't done in a long time. Since 1967 in fact. It was then, at age one, that Jeff lost sight to eye cancer.

Healey, being adopted, losing sight and all seems right for the Blues-Rock he plays. Movie producers must also think so considering his past movie rolls as a blind guitarist in the movie "Road House", with Patrick Swayze.

I'm sure Healey's guitar style is the first thing that comes to mind for any one who has seen him perform. He plays with his instrument flat in his lap - or so I'm told.

Be there to find out, The Jeff Healey Band plays at the Thunderdome on February 18.

### TOP 10 SINGLES IN CANADA

1. Sarah McLachlan  
*Sweet Surrender*
2. Janet Jackson  
*Together Again*
3. Spice Girls  
*Too Much*
4. Bryan Adams  
*Back to You*
5. Savage Garden  
*Truly, Madly, Deeply*
6. Marcy Playground  
*Sex & Candy*
7. Aqua  
*Lollipop Candyman*
8. Usher  
*Nice & Slow*
9. Chantal Kreviazuk  
*Surrounded*
10. Busta Rhymes  
*Dangerous*

## HOROSCOPE

Gypsy Rose, Samurai Sasha,  
Genie Lucy Goosy

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Forces of nature exist in your dreams. You see a monkey and a hyena chasing a bowling ball, if they stop for tea, you will come in to money, if they sing a song, you will lose money. Sweet dreams!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
A wise man once said, "Jump not in front of moving train but on it." You will have to make a decision, the choice will propel you ahead, or leave you standing in the dust of your future. Choose wisely.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
If a tree falls in the middle of the forest on a spider and no one is there to hear the tree fall, does it

rain? The answer to this riddle will bring you eternal joy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
This week, you might feel an urge like nothing you have felt before. You will want to moon an instructor. But don't, that's wrong. Flashing them would be sufficient!!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
By the end of the week you will have been disappointed 3 times. When you've reached the third time, grab a drink, slam it back and relax 'cause you are now set for the best weekend you've had in a LONG time.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
There is an air of hostility around you this week. Not to worry, remember a wise man once said, "to get through these tough times, relieve one's self where ever possible." To elaborate: if you feel hostile, pee.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
This week will be an exhilarating ride. But, please, don't moon the cops-we know what happened last time you tried that!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept 22)**  
You will have the opportunity this week to experience a new and exciting activity, don't partake in the activity naked-that could cause a conflict.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
This week fortune finds you stuck on the Yellowhead with a black dog and three white birds. Be glad that

nature has chosen you, for you are special.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
We sense a new aura around you. Take a shower, you'll feel better in the morning.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec. 21)**  
We feel you are holding back your hidden talents. Go to your closet pull out that pink spandex suit, (pass the denial stage) and perform River dance as only YOU can.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
This week you will go to a Chinese restaurant, you will be given a fortune cookie, the fortune will say: "Confucius says man who has sex on mountain top, rides high." A weekend in Banff would be a welcomed relief.

The End. Buh Bye.

## Alumni Award of Distinction

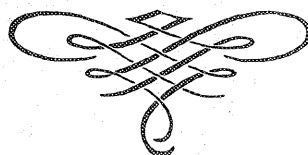
Nominations are now being accepted for the 1998 Alumni Award of Distinction. This award has been created to formally recognize and honor the diverse achievements and contributions of NAIT alumni.

It was presented for the first time in 1997 to Guy Turcotte, a 1972 Gas Technology honor graduate. He founded Chauvco Resources Ltd., in 1981, which today has a market capitalization of approximately \$750 MM, revenue of \$250 MM, and profits of \$50MM in 1997.

The award is presented during graduation ceremonies and recipients will be honored on a permanent plaque mounted on the new 'Alumni Wall of Honor' scheduled for completion in April 1998.

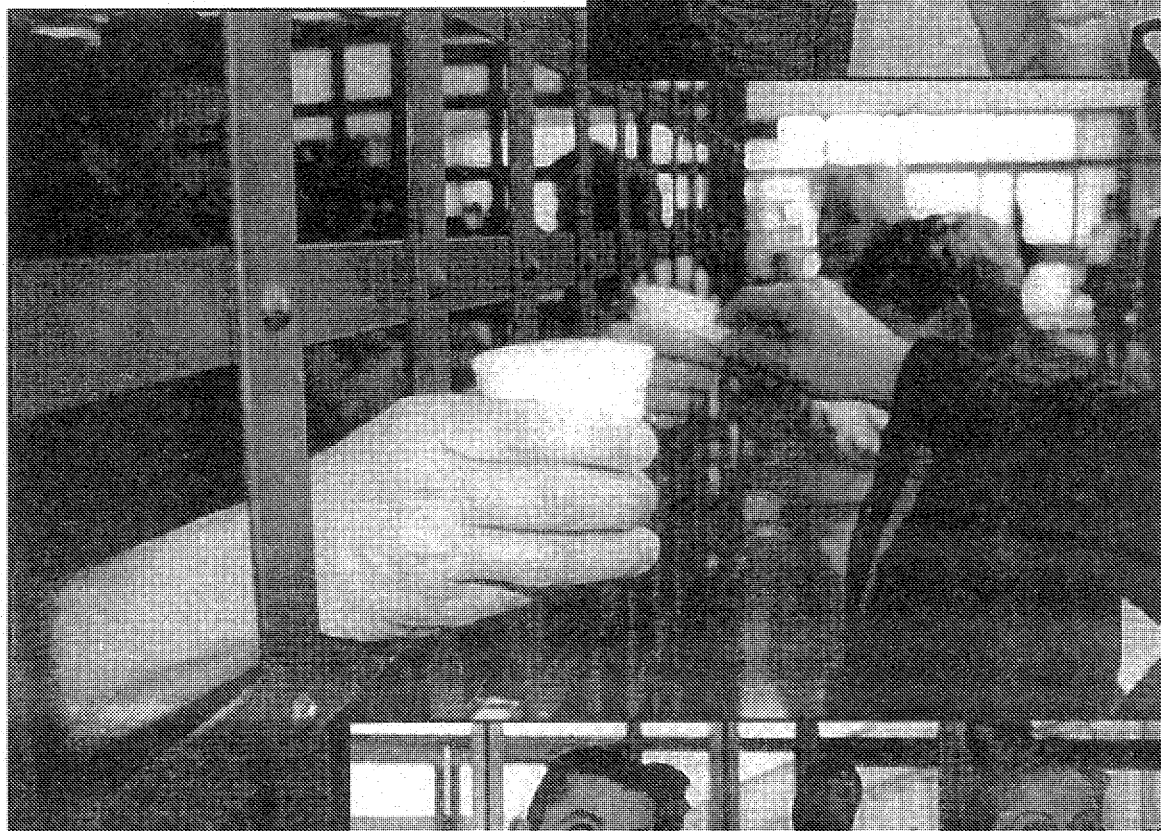
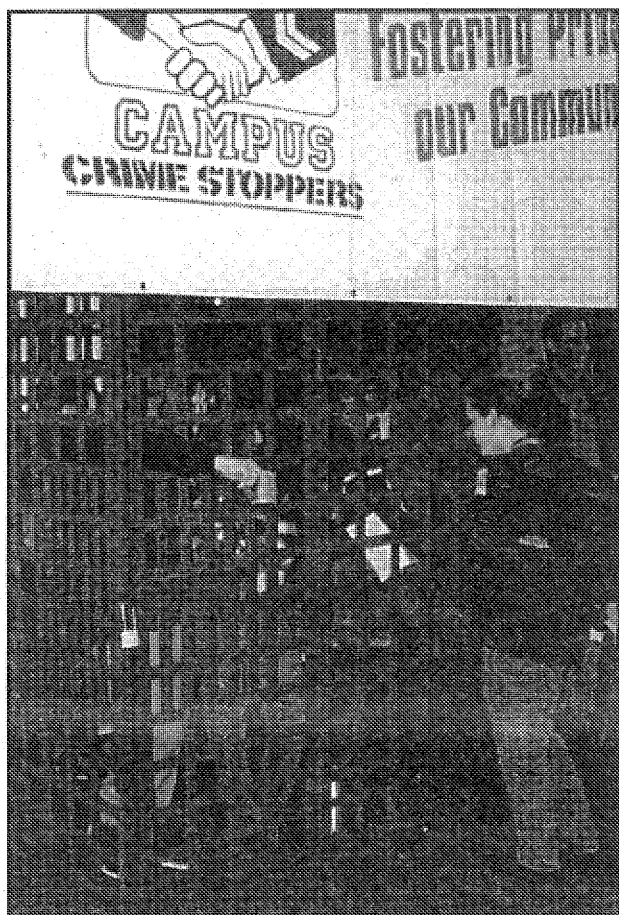
Do you know a worthy recipient? Any NAIT alumnus, staff member, student or individual may submit a nomination form. Nominations forms are available from the Alumni Relations Office, O-117 or call Judy Willows, Alumni Relations Coordinator at 471-8859.

Nomination Deadline is February 28, 1998





# Campus Crime-Stoppers: Cracking Down on Crime



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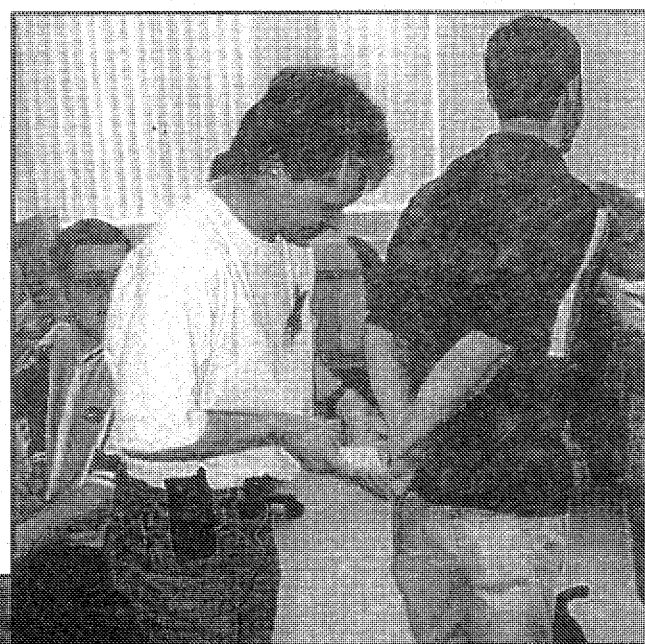
The Campus Crime Stoppers jailhouse was set up in the South Lobby on February 5th.

You are under arrest!!

Jailbirds accepting donations from students so they can post bail and get out of jail!

Scott Williams, Athletics VP, and Susan Dickson, Activities VP, were judges for the event and decided bail amounts for crimes committed. Scott was later arrested for picking his nose.

These guys are too pretty to be in jail. Don't bend over to pick up the soap.







TO: Levi

I have been having these weird dreams of me and you running through the corn fields in Saskatchewan naked. Holding hands, of course, but in the end you give me a ring. Please let my dream come true. Well, at least the ring part.

Love, Moose

Red Cross Blood

Donor Clinic February 27, 1998

Help save a life. To volunteer call 471-8877

To the most beautiful girl at NAIT

I see you every day in the lunchroom, usually you are sitting at a table of all guys, you wear a yellow Perry Ellis coat with a white stripe, you have dark curly hair and walk very sexy. When's your next cabaret or where can we meet (Bar or pub)? Do you have a boyfriend? Please say no.

Anxious

To: Penny

Hey secret pal! Hope you had a great reading break! Now, let's get serious, and have a cow (or calf actually). Happy Calving!!! From your Secret Pal

To: Bruce, Garry, Jay, Robin, Paul,

Thanks for everything guys!

Susan

To: All of NAITSA Skifest Party People  
You guys were a blast! I hope everyone had a great time.

Susan

Dear OHhhh Billy,

Your favorite person here. Don't worry about anything, the only ones that matter to me are us and only us. I will be there for you whenever you need a shoulder or a helping hand. Everything will turn out fine, just wait and you'll see. There's nothing that will stand in our way. No one else's opinion matters. So let me see that smile which could stop traffic in a second.

Signed, Creepy Snott

To Dear Mike Crotch,

What were you doing at Ezzie's Wed., on get "sociable Night"? Someone like you does not know how to socialize! GO BACK in your little corner and fix the fridge that you crawled out of. I mean, that is YOUR technology. So, BUDDY BOY, shut the hell up. P.S. Come fix my deep freeze when you get your diploma.

Your One and only, Business.

To the Blonde cutie in 1st year Architectural Engineering (C.K.) Saturday night was absolutely fabulous.

Kisses, Sexy w/ the cutie ass

Heather,

My tattoo is pretty private but are you a sports fan? Go to the Oaks event on Friday and maybe you can see it.

Lowell

Mr. Troch

Who are you? There's no way your a student of Electrical Engineering. Unless you're a first year geek like Kevin. The 2nd year's appreciate the women of Business and would strongly expect you, Troch to keep your comments to your self.

Signed, BIG BAD PUTA (aka, 2nd years)

WANTED one NHL - "CUJO" - looking SWM, 6", baby blue eyes, & short brown hair are definately an asset. This position will require seasonal work only, no long term contract. Respond in person, you know the address, or via Grapevine!

From Another Player (I don't mean sports)

To: Moose

I know we have been friends for Semester 1 and truly I have appreciated that, but now is the time to move on. If you know what I mean. Last week when we were watching Navy Boys on satellite for Gay Porn, I just wanted to kiss you, let's try to be romantic next time.

From Levi

To the Horny Little Boys Who Loiter the Halls and Hoot at Women,  
A little advice; if you want girls who will respond to your unintelligent, moronic hoots and hollers then go to a UofA sorority party.

Love, Cutie in a skirt

Could someone please explain why the elevator's in the parkade either aren't working at crucial times, or the doors get locked?!? This is really pissing me off! And why did they take away half of the 6th floor for staff, when none of them park there? Why should the students have to park on 12/13, where the air is thin?!

Griff,

Missing you is painful. Know that you are surviving keeps me in higher spirits. Love may not conquer all-it may only burn a path and light your way stay true.

Bryt

P.S. For what it's worth, I forgive you

The first time I saw you, you were wearing black overalls-You have long blonde hair and a killer smile. You have a Hilfiger jacket and usually have lunch in the south cafeteria. I saw you get into a dark green Jaguar in front of the Reads & Needs Entrance. I am looking forward to a response from you soon. Please tell me your name.

Culinary Arts

To: I Wear Hats Too!

If you like those hats-you'll spin when you catch a glimpse at some of our others!! We will be wearing them often!! We also have glow in the dark glasses! Stay tuned, Fan! Love the 3 BUS HATS

LOOKING FOR HOT FEMALE

Girls, my name is Brad Simpson and I am in Construction Eng. I am a very lonely male, I have an imaginary girlfriend right now, her name is Zoe. She is no fun, I want an actual girlfriend. I am interested in any female, looks doesn't matter and age doesn't matter. I am sexually active if necessary. So, please any girl respond via grapevine.

Signed, Brad Simpson, from Construction Eng.

To D&S

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Bubblicious awaiting to be doublicious  
P.S. Viewer discretion is advised

WANTED

SCF (single Christian Female)  
Will to act out 'biblical' scenes. The more righteous the better. Respond via Grapevine.

Intramural Events

Broomball, Wallyball, Tennis, Ball Hockey, Foosball all start this month. Sign up at E-026.

Blood Donor Clinic is coming on February 27th so get ready to give blood in the North Lobby.

This is to announce a grand occasion. This September 5, 1998 will be the wedding of Jacklyn Marie Hill and Olaf James Olson. This is one joining that will not bend or break in any storm, no matter where it come from. This is a perfect example of true love. This will last till the end of time, which will never come.

P.S. If you know these names, Jacklyn's from Redwater and Olaf's from Thorhild.

Signed, Silver Phantom

To all you so-called "party hardy" people, I would never be caught dead at a Cabaret, so stick to your "Top 40 Music" parties and don't ever try coming to a rave, because you'd only destroy our vibe.

Soufulifically tripping, Groove-E

"Wake-up" was some high times. The Extasy was intense, and the Special K was Krazy. I had a wicked time. The glowsticks were trippy and so was the rave. And, who says ravers suck? We sure know how to have a better time than all you piss tanks at those so-called "Fun" cabarets. To Groove-E, Sunshine, Oda, and Asha: See

you all at the next REAL party.  
Rave-aliciously yours, Deee-lite.  
P.S. After we get "Lush"-ous, we get Therapy

To "T.P. MINE"

That Friday in the Doc you lent me your eraser that rubbed my heart, I would like to meet you but I'm afraid you will smudge my heart.  
"Curly"

To the Hot Photographer at the Nugget:

I've never met any one with more style and charisma than what you possess. Does your shirt tag read, "Made In Heaven"?

Signed, I'll Pose Nude

P.S. Great glasses, sexy!!

Where for art thou ASBG,

Anxiously awaiting your company for a drink at the NEST. Have to exchange beads, don't we? (Don't mean to be scary)

TFO/ASBG

Colin in OA at Westwood-

Contact the Nugget, we need your phone number.

-staff

To Business Basher, aka. Mike Hunt, Chem Eng.. aka Chris

So, you want to wipe your ass w/ my Business Admin. diploma? Out

of toilet paper? Get used to it! When you get your "diploma" and STILL can't afford toilet paper don't come crying to me.

Signed, Business Student With Bucks\$\$\$

I am awestruck

I think you are beautiful

I saw you surveying Wed. Feb. 11 afternoon.

At corner of 103 street, PE ave. I see you many times in the Eng. Annex. Would you like to have coffee with a first year groundwater guy sometime? If interested, please respond via grapevine.

Signed, GRW Admirer

Shane:

Photo shoot for pretty blonde hair will be set up at a time convenient for you. Come to office (Room E-128) to discuss. (Hope you're still interested.)

Because of the large turnouts for floor hockey we have expanded the hours. It is now 2-4 pm and 4-6 p.m. on Sundays at Westwood. Anyone welcome. Call Trent at 479-8461 for more info.

Attention all Students! Bring a friend or come alone to volleyball every Saturday at Westwood Gym at 2-4 p.m. Call Trent at 479-8461 for more info.

Come and go Wollyball every Monday and Tuesday. Any one welcome just show up at 4:15 p.m. and play!! Don't miss out on the action even if you've never played before! Don't be shy!

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Men and Women required for The Clansmen Rugby Club's 1998 programs. No previous Rugby experience required. Clubhouse and Fields nearby at Airways Park. Information 476-0268.

## Classifieds

For Sale!

Apartment dishwasher, portable, General Electric, pot scrubber. Timer broken. \$30 obo. Call Steve at 479-1834

WANTED

Any woodworking students (or those who have knowledge) willing to donate their time & skills to the construction of large wooden frames for the set of an elementary school's musical. The school is on the south side so own transportation would be a great

asset. Willing to pay for supplies. If interested please respond A.S.A.P. to Amy @ 434-2648.

For Rent: 2 bedroom, bi-level, 10 min drive from NAIT. \$560/month or \$260/month shared +phone and power. Please call 452-3895 or leave a message for Niki for March 1.

Canvassers needed to help save Alberta's Boreal Forest from clearcut logging. 420-1001 after 1 p.m.

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Reports, Resumes, Letters. Call Cory at 922-6331

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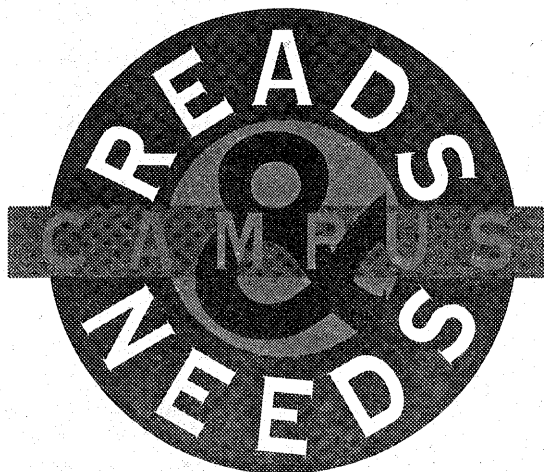
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