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T'was the Night Before Finals

T'was the night before finals,
And all through the college,
The students were praying
For last minute knowledge.

Most were quite sleepy,
But none touched their beds,
While visions of essays
Danced in their heads.

Out in the taverns,
A few were still drinking,
And hoping that liquor
Would loosen up their thinking.

In my own apartment,
I had been pacing,
And dreading exams
I soon would be facing.

My roommate was speechless,
His nose in the books,
And my comments to him
Drew unfriendly looks.

I drained all the coffee,
And brewed a new pot,
No longer caring
That my nerves were shot.

I stared at my notes,
But my thoughts were muddy,
My eyes went abur,
I just couldn't study.

"Some pizza might help,"
I said with a shiver.

But each place I called
Refused to deliver.

I'd nearly concluded
That life was too cruel,
With futures depending
On grades had in school.

When all of a sudden,
Our door opened wide,
And Patron Saint Put It Off,
Ambled inside.

Her spirit was careless,
Her manner was mellow,
She started to bellow:

"What kind of student
Would make such a fuss
To toss back at teachers
What they tossed at us?"

"On Cliff Notes! On Crib Notes!
On Last Year's Exams!
On Wingit and Slingit,
And Last Minute Crams!"

Her message delivered,
She vanished from sight,
But we heard her laughing
Outside in the night.

"Your teachers have pegged you,
So just do your best.
Happy Finals to All,
And to All, a good test."

The Nugget Likes to Give

Because it's that time of year when it is better to give than receive, the Nugget has put together one hell of a gift pack for one lucky person. It includes several CDs from Sony, Universal, Virgin, and EMI; two Beastie Boys records and posters; two movie passes from the IMAX theater; two discount passes to Mysteries of Egypt; t-shirts and bar tabs from Cowboys; two movies from Canadian Video Superstore; four tickets to Yuk Yuk's; and an autographed copy of this year's Nugget Bunch issue.

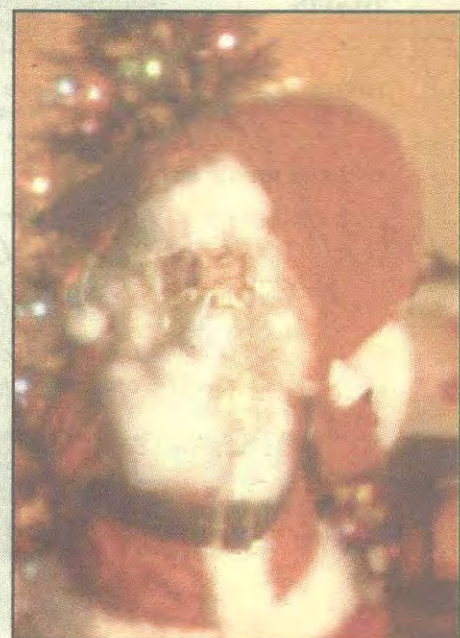
... one hell of a gift pack for one lucky person.

Here is what you have to do to win:

First you have to draw a picture of the Nugget editors — James Olson, John Shields, Mike Ox, and Curtis Comeau. Then you have to tell us who wrote the Christmas cartoon "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

Once you have your picture and answer, drop them off in the submissions box outside the Nugget office. Be sure to include: your name, student ID number, and telephone

number. We will contact the winner via telephone. Good luck to all and have a merry Christmas!





General Council

Feedback from students
on new ICT Building

Johnny Cottontail

NAITSA is looking for some student input on the new ICT building. Some of the proposed ideas for the new building include a 24 hour study/computer access area. If you should have any ideas on things that should be included in the new building, see Gavin Kopp, President of all things mystical, in Room E-131.

Health & Dental Plan

Some concerns were raised by students over the new Health & Dental plan. While there have been some problems implementing the new plan, NAITSA believes that the plan should be run through its course, to work out the problems.

Some students inquired into the possibility of holding a second referendum on the issue to "take the pulse of the students." However, the idea was rejected, saying that a referendum at this time

would be premature and will not accurately reflect the plan since all of the implementation problems haven't been worked out.

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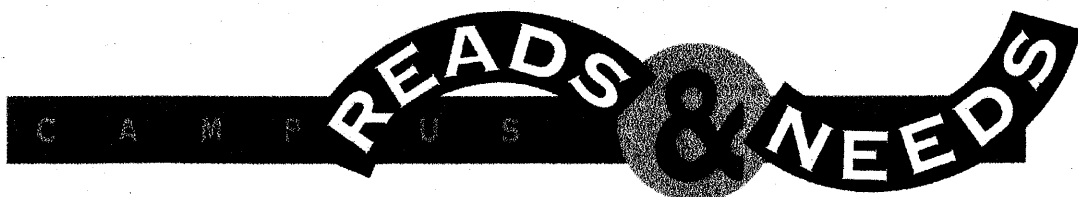
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Odds & ends



DARIA
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Polly Needs A Censor

A parrot named Percy got fired last week from the cast of a British children's pantomime of *Pirates On Treasure Island* when he forgot his lines and ended up swearing on stage. Percy initially was behaving himself when he got on the set, but he stunned cast members when instead of shrieking, "Pieces of eight!" he shrieked, "Piss off, mate!" The theatre company Percy was working for decided not to risk a repeat performance and canned him — after they all stopped laughing, that is.

Sue Them For All They're Worth...

A Gardner, Massachusetts man is suing pharmaceutical company SmithKline Beecham because he is going to live. James Gaunt had some routine blood tests taken on September 24, 1996, which were tested at a SmithKline Beecham laboratory. His blood tests came back indicating he was HIV-positive. For the next two months afterward, Gaunt underwent treatment and counselling at the University of Massachusetts Hospital where doctors ordered a second blood test because his blood count appeared normal. It was then that the mistake was caught and tests showed that Gaunt was actually HIV-negative. He is currently suing the pharmaceutical company for monetary damages because of the "severe, permanent, and emotional injuries" he suffered in that two months.

Life Just Isn't Fair

A Pompano Beach, Florida, woman says she cannot live without her cupcakes. She estimates that she has eaten more than 50,000 Hostess Cupcakes in her lifetime (she's only 44 years old) since she was first fed one at the age of 2. Currently, she eats four cupcakes a day, and only weighs 120 pounds! She says that her cupcake fetish has always been a joke in her family because she has never had a weight problem.

The Best Of The Best

E! Online has put out their list of the 12 Greatest Entertainers of the Century. Topping the list is, no surprise, Elvis Presley. He is also joined by Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, James Brown, The Rolling Stones, Barbara Streisand, Fred Astaire, Michael Jackson, The Marx Brothers, Shirley Temple, Monty Python, and Liberace. E! Online says they picked Elvis Presley not because of his music, but because of his "truly liberating contribution in busting the shackles that restrained movement" — and what moves he had indeed!

How Will They Get Them Down?

An attempt to set a new world record for the tallest tower of champagne glasses will be made in Dallas, Texas, from December 14-16. More than 40,000 glasses will be used to construct the tower, which builders Martini and Rossi Asti are hoping to make 49 stories high. If the pair succeed, they will beat the current Guinness world record which is a 47-storey tower made up of 23,000 champagne glasses.

You Don't Always Go Blind First

A prison warden in Tapachula, Mexico, was killed when he fell 23 feet from a skylight overlooking a conjugal visitation section in his prison. Apparently, the warden liked to peek at inmates having sex with their spouses. Next to his body, which landed next to the copulating couple, lay a pair of binoculars and a porn magazine.

New Pumpkin In The Patch

Smashing Pumpkins' fans will get a treat when the band start their world tour on January 7, 2000. Former Hole bassist Melissa Auf Der Maur has been named the new Pumpkin, replacing D'Arcy who left the band in September. The new Smashing Pumpkins album, entitled, "Machina/The Machines Of God" will be out on February 29, 2000.

Out of Ideas for Christmas?

Here's a Few



DARIA
MORGAN

Christmas is only 16 days away. Late night shopping hours have commenced, finding parking spots has become virtually impossible, and normally civilized people have become ruthless barbarians in the stores. It is no longer "'tis the season" if you are one of the many who have yet to finish buying for those special someones on your list.

And it never fails, either. There has always got to be that ONE person who is impossible to shop for, whether it be a best friend or a sibling or a significant other. Well, here is my own personal list of unique things I have done over the years that have helped me survive the malls and buy for those people who seem to have everything:

1. Personalize It

Have a picture of your impossible to buy for friend, or maybe picture(s) that they might like. Add a personal touch to it and get it put onto a mousepad, a pillow, plate, a calendar (multiple pictures), or maybe even a doll's face. If your friend isn't much into pictures, however, get them a custom made licence plate or decal for their car.

2. You Pick The Mix

Everyone has songs that remind

them of things, so why not make a few tapes full of songs that remind you of this person? Write a letter with it explaining what memory or feature of that person it reminds you of.

3. The Mystery Destination

Take the hard to buy for person somewhere they have never been before. How about tickets to a play/dinner theatre, symphony, or perhaps to one of those 4-day trips to the casino in Regina?

4. Man's Best Friend

Buy a pet! Get a chatty bird or a playful puppy or a cuddly cat for your impossible person. If they are not much into real animals, buy them a synthetic fish tank where the fish and environment look real enough, but they're plastic.

5. Precious Moments

If you do not own a video camera, rent one or borrow one and make

some memories! Interview friends, add some personal insights, or catch the person you are buying for in some silly poses. This will be a gift they can show for years to come.

6. Beggars Can't Be Choosers

When all else fails, gift certificates are great things to buy. You can mix and match them — buy one from a movie theatre, another from a clothing store, and another from a restaurant. Gift certificates still say you care, and care enough to let them get something you know for sure that they will be happy with!

Well, I hope these ideas will help at least a few of you out there. In the meantime, have a very merry Christmas, a wonderful and happy new year, and I'll see you all in January!

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Letters to *Santa*

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Abloe Green just in case you don't remember me. I'm writing to let you know my feelings about the service you have provided over the last few years.

I'm not happy with it.

Last year, I asked you for a submachine gun and a Tickle Me Elmo, both of which you failed to deliver. Maybe you thought a submachine gun wasn't an appropriate gift for me because of the numerous convictions I have received for violent offences.

Either way, however, you should have given me that Tickle Me

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but whatever the case, I'm not going to write you any more letters. I don't like you, and you're a prick. You always give kids what they



**JAMES
OLSON**

We have very few Christ-mas traditions at my house — well, besides drinking large amounts of alcohol and eating large amounts of food, that is. We do have one tradition that stretches back as far as I can remember though, and every year it gets stronger and stronger. That tradition is none other than the ceremonial "Putting up of the Christmas Lights."

Because my dad and I don't even get along on the other 364 days of the year, the day the Christmas lights go up is usually quite a show. For starters, I am always hungover from being up all night partying with my high school cronies, so the day starts off around one in the afternoon and carries on well into the night. The time it takes us is actually pretty pathetic, because we only string up about twelve or thirteen sets of lights; but with the arguments that ensue, you would think we were trying to launch a space shuttle.

Of course, we're both drunk for a good deal of the time. It just wouldn't be the same without the whiskey and beer to keep us warm and impair our judgment to the point where going up the ladder is as much a danger to the person on the ground as to the one who's climbing. Most of the time there is a muffled, "uh-oh" and then the sound of the ladder falling over accompanied by a dull thump as my drunk ass hits the snow-covered ground.

This year, I was electrocuted no fewer than three times and narrowly escaped soiling myself on every occasion. You would be surprised how quickly your bladder will give way when a cou-

ple hundred volts are shooting through your beer-filled body.

The conversations usually follow a pattern:

Dad: "What do you mean you can't get the bulb out?"

Me: "It's broken. I can't get a grip on it."

Dad: "Here. Use these pliers."

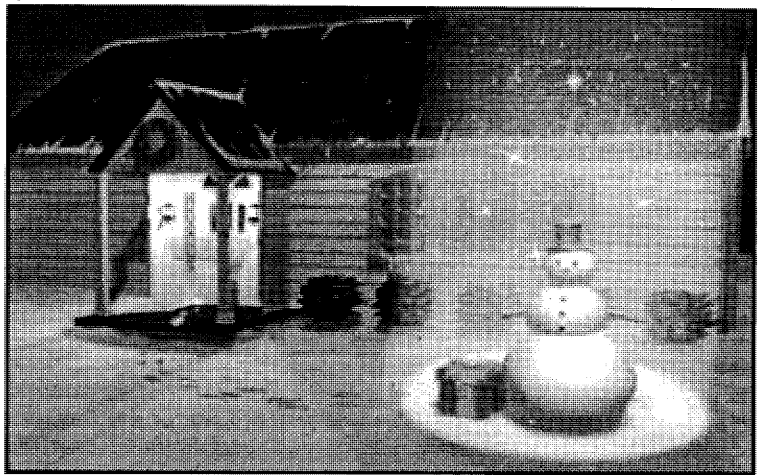
Me: "Are you sure the lights are unplugged?"

Dad: "What do I look like, a moron?"

There is a pause while I fumble to

get the broken bulb gripped with the pliers. The first wave of voltage runs through me like an avalanche of ice and snow. And then, as I fall screaming and shouting obscenities, my dad laughs hysterically.

You'll be pleased to know the Christmas lights are up and running at our house. There's a patch of scorched grass in front of the living room window, and the last string of lights on the front railing don't work, but at least they're up. Oh well, there's always next year.



Ok, ok, I guess the lights didn't look quite like this.

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The Millennium Sucks



MIKE OX

Well, kids, this is it -- the final Nugget paper before the new millennium. I can't believe I just said that. Now, I've stooped to the level of the corporate universe attaching that tag line to everything just to sell that product; I mean, what are you going to do with it anyway? Don't you know the world's going to end?

That's right. Every single computer will get a mind of its own. Your blender will eat your hand and your VCR will blink 12:00 and laugh at you. The Russians will launch all their nukes and blah, blah, blah. Knowing this, I thought, "Man, I have to do some things before I die." So, for every ad that I hear, "Last one before the new millennium," I'm going to do or get it.

Indulging myself in Monster Truck/Tractor pulls to collecting a Pokemon millennium cup set, I'm living my life to the fullest. Now, many of you, when the time comes, will have surrounded yourself with the people you care about. On a night with such an apocalyptic impact, one should be comfortable and happy preparing for inevitable doom.

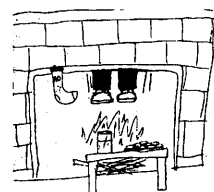
Well, not me. I'll be drunk beyond belief in Whitefish, Montana, on our New Years Ski Trip, indulging to excess. On that fateful night just before the clock strikes midnight, I just might make use of that tag line myself, "Come on, baby. The world might end tomorrow. This could be your last time before the new millennium. What do you say?"

Merry Christmas, happy New Year, and a Joyous Millennium to all!

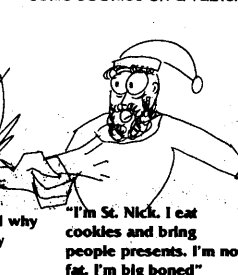
Agent Ook by: Hyde Cooper & Lech Purogi

Fortunately Lech Purogi and Hyde Cooper have escaped the Turkish Gout, who caught them for smuggling acid across their border. "Honestly, how can people arrest us for carrying little pieces of paper, laced with Rat Poison?" said Hyde Cooper during their trial. Now they're bringing you an Agent Ook XMAS Special. "If we can successfully elude capture from the FBI, CIA, RCMP, Edmonton City Police, Crime Stoppers, NAIT Men's Soccer Team, Molson Canadian, Gambino Family, Cuban Drug Cartel, Saddam Hussein, and all religious groups, we will bring you more Agent Ook comics next year. Lech Purogi.

On a cold Xmas night, a familiar figure scoots down a fireplace.



The familiar figure spots some cookies on a table.

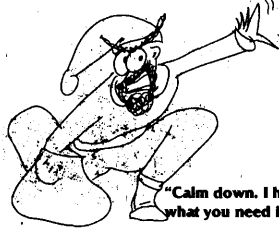
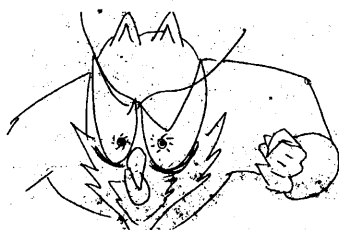


Agent Ook enters, startled!

"What the hell?!!!"

"Who are you fatman and why are you eating my Chunky Chips Ahoy cookies?"

"I'm St. Nick. I eat cookies and bring people presents. I'm not fat. I'm big boned!"

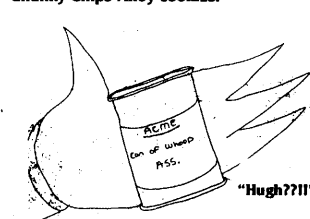


"Calm down. I have exactly what you need in here."

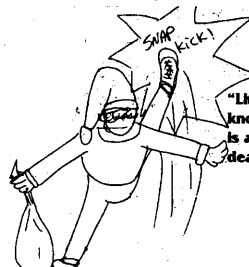


"Here you are my young little owl."

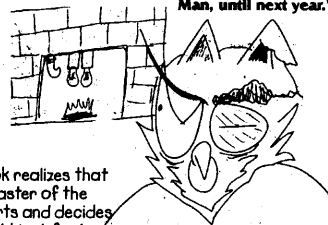
"Listen, you oversized tub of lard. I don't want presents. I want my Chunky Chips Ahoy cookies."



"Hugh?!!!"



"Little do most people know, but Santa Claus is a Master of the deadly arts."



"Until next year Fat Man, until next year."

Agent Ook realizes that SC is a Master of the deadly arts and decides to accept his defeat.



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First half of Vollyball season draws to a close

Erica Melnyk

The lady Ooks finished off the season on a strong note, beating Keyano College three straight games both nights on the Huskies' home court – a first ever in N.A.I.T. women's volleyball history. But through the injuries and the battles with colds and the flu, we still managed to pull it together and come up with the win that placed us fourth overall in the north division with a 4-6 record.

And to finish off the first semester, our team's Christmas party was held last week. Our party included a potluck supper, a secret

Santa gift exchange, and a traditional shot from Trev's bottle of tequila. Ok, well maybe more than just one shot...

As we head into the second semester, we will come back in the new year stronger than ever. With some of our players near the top of the ACAC rankings for kills and serve aces, the new year is looking very optimistic for our team. A few position changes will be made and a few line-up changes will occur in the new year, including our middle Malissa Parker who will not be returning for second semester, and the return of second year power player, Lisa Dyka. Lisa was a

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member of the lady Ooks last year and we look forward to her return to our team as she will be a huge threat from the power side.

We are back in action after the new year on January 7, when we face Keyano again. I hope we continue to have the amazing fan support in the second semester to help us strive for that last provincial spot I know we can earn.

ACAC Weekly Stats

The weekend of
November 26-27, 1999

MEN'S HOCKEY

NAIT 1 GRANT MacEWAN 7
NAIT 3 GRANT MacEWAN 2

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NAIT 77 KING'S COLLEGE 86
NAIT 69 KING'S COLLEGE 64

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NAIT 63 KING'S COLLEGE 54
NAIT 64 KING'S COLLEGE 47

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

NAIT 3 KEYANO COLLEGE 2
NAIT 3 KEYANO COLLEGE 1

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NAIT 3 KEYANO COLLEGE 0
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BADMINTON

Finish 3-1 at Interlock #2 at Red Deer College
Beat CONCORDIA, GRANDE PRAIRIE, and SAIT.
Lost to MOUNT ROYAL.

This past weekend...

MEN'S HOCKEY

NAIT 6 CONCORDIA 4
NAIT 2 CONCORDIA 2
(CUGA WINS SHOOTOUT)

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

NAIT 3 GRANT MacEWAN 5

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NAIT 71 AUGUSTANA 69
NAIT 63 AUGUSTANA 65

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NAIT 39 AUGUSTANA 73
NAIT 30 AUGUSTANA 67

No more games until the New Year...
Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone!!!

ACAC Standings

HOCKEY

	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties	SW	SL	PTS
SAIT	16	12	3	1	0	1	25
MT. Royal	16	10	5	1	1	0	22
NAIT	16	9	4	3	1	2	22
Concordia	16	8	7	1	1	0	18
Red Deer	16	6	8	2	2	0	16
GMCC	16	6	7	3	0	3	15
Augustana	16	7	9	0	0	0	14
Briercrest	16	0	15	1	1	0	2

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - NORTH DIVISION

	Matches	Won	Lost	PTS
Gr Prairie	10	10	0	20
GMCC	10	8	2	16
King's U Col	10	6	4	12
NAIT	10	4	6	8
Lakeland	10	2	8	4
Keyano	10	0	10	0

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL - NORTH DIVISION

	Matches	Won	Lost	PTS
Gr Prairie	10	10	0	20
GMCC	10	7	3	14
NAIT	10	7	3	14
Lakeland	10	4	6	8
Keyano	10	2	8	4
King's U Col	10	0	10	0

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Gr Prairie	14	9	5	18
NAIT	14	2	10	8
King's U Col	12	2	10	4
Concordia	11	0	11	0

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NAIT	14	7	7	14
Gr Prairie	14	6	8	12
Concordia	12	0	12	0

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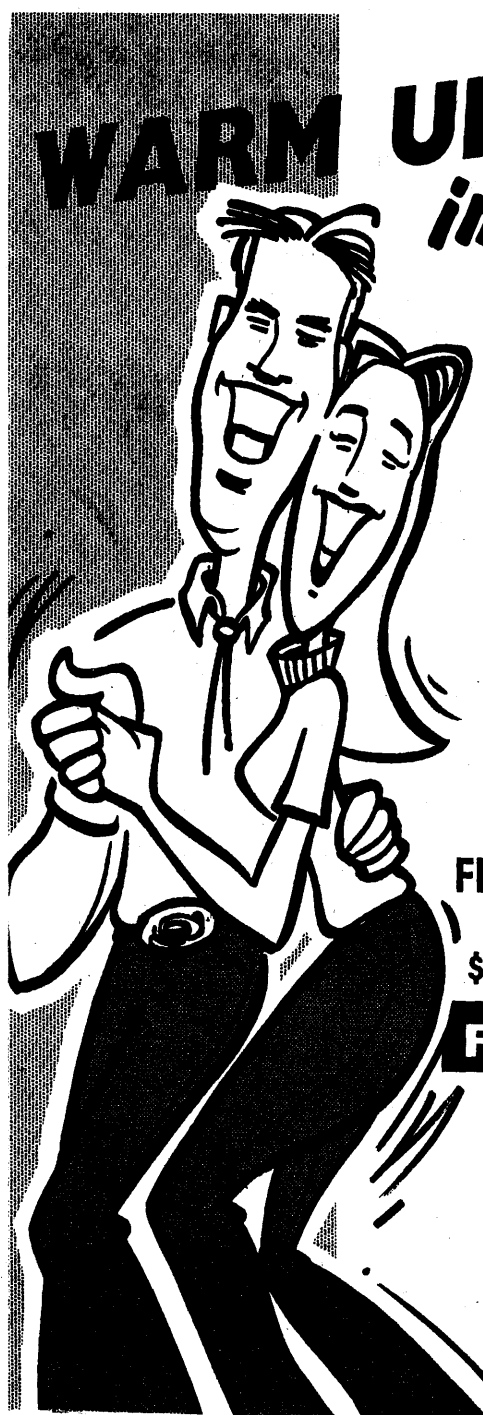
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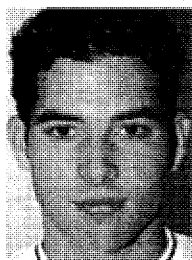
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Usually when we go out and do a restaurant review, we are sat at a table and then we discuss the menu, followed by ordering our own meals. However, this time, we left the meal decisions up to the head chef of Daltons — Mr. Lorne Soles. Before our meals arrived, Chef Lorne sat with us at our table and introduced us to his menu.

Daltons has been opened for a little over a year, with Chef Lorne taking over the kitchen last May. Since taking over the role as head Chef, Lorne has given the menu quite an admirable facelift. "I wanted a more diverse menu," said Lorne, "I added appetizers like *lobster spring rolls* and *traditional escargots in garlic butter*, while still keeping favorite entrées like the *prime rib* and *steak and lobster*. I like to change the menu at least twice a year."

Dalton's new menu will be in-

troduced some time in February 2000. Because it will be getting close to spring and summer, the upgrades will include some lighter entrées, such as hot and cold salads.

Chef Lorne believes that a restaurant's most important feature must be the food. "When people come to a restaurant, they want to top quality food that is served rather quickly. To make our food taste the best, we prepare everything from scratch. I also order my food daily."

Like most fine dining restaurants, Daltons has a very impressive wine list. The wines come highly recommended with all meals because they compliment the taste of the food. At most restaurants, when you ask a server about a specific wine, they often go all out and tell you way too much (irrelevant) information. To remedy this, Daltons has added a wine recommendation to every entrée on the menu. However, their servers still have an extensive knowledge of all the wines on the

list.

My recommendations for Daltons are as follows: start off with a couple lobster spring rolls with lemon grass and ginger. Then move on to the entrées, where you can delight your taste buds by choosing either the *beef tenderloin in phyllo pastry* or a *traditional lightly flowered red trout fillet fried in butter*. Although I am not as avid a wine drinker as I used to be, I do suggest having at least one glass of wine with the entrées. An excellent wine is the German *Lingenfelder Musikantenbuckel* (say that name ten times over!)

It will be impossible to make a dining experience out of Daltons on a weekend if you do not have a reservation, so make sure to call in advance and reserve a table. Also, be sure to dress in formal attire, or you might feel a bit out of place. Semi-formal should be the bare minimum. Last but not least, be prepared to eat excellent food at a very reasonable price.

WESOLYCH SWIAT, everyone!

Celebrations Dinner Theatre:

A Diamond in the Rough



STEVE
HAMBLIN

On Friday, November 19, I went to the Celebrations Dinner Theatre on Edmonton's north side where I was treated to an evening of entertainment, laughter, and food. Unfortunately, while the experience was a good one, the diamond that is Celebrations could do with a little polishing.

Upon arrival, we were seated by the floor manager, Mr. Brian Bast. Mr. Bast was one of the highlights of the evening, with many a witty comment for the patrons while they were being seated and also as the evening progressed. The cast members of the play, a "Star Wars" spoof entitled "Space Wars," along with auxiliary serving staff, play the parts of the waiters and waitresses in addition to their roles on stage.

The night is broken up in chunks: upon arrival, you are seated in the dining area, and then your food order is taken for the entire night. You select from two or three choices for each course: soup, salad, entrée, and desert. The soup and salad come out first, and

then after those plates are cleared, the entertainment begins with the first act. After the first act, the actors once again come out, this time to serve the entrée, and then the second act begins. After the second act, the desert is served, and then the play finishes up in the third act.

The play is a musical, and the cast is genuinely talented. Lead by director and writer Kamilla Reid, the cast does live renditions of popular songs of today and yesterday which are seamlessly woven into the spoof.

The play itself is decently written and there are some truly funny parts, although most of it is of the slapstick/"Full House" variety (look for the fight scene between Luke Speedwalker and Yoda as my personal favourite).

Yet, I cannot give Celebrations my full approval, mostly because of the food. The food is definitely not up to the standard one would expect from a night that costs \$50 per person. Of all the food we were served, I found only the soup to be truly worthy. The rest of it was edible, but certainly lacking.

Really, all that would be required to make Celebrations a worthwhile night out, would be the inclusion of a new chef into the staff and perhaps a better range of food on the menu to better complement the hard work of the actors and director.

Daria's Web Review: Retarded Canadian Laws

Daria Morgan

About a month or so ago, I happened to catch both an episode of Oprah and Montel in the same day. Ironically enough, both shows were covering the same topics: Stupid laws in the United States.

Just the other day, I was pointed to the homepage <http://www.dumblaws.com>. Not only did the page list a bevy of ridiculously old and outdated laws from the United States, it also had a section of Canadian laws on there. Here are a few of the more ridiculous ones:

British Columbia

It is illegal to kill a sasquatch.

Alberta

Wooden logs may not be painted.

New Brunswick

(my personal favorite)

Driving on the roads is not allowed.

Nova Scotia

When it is raining outside, a person may not water their lawn.

While the various ludicrous Canadian laws listed are not as plentiful as the American ones, the laws listed for various cities in Ontario and Quebec alone, make this site a worthy one to check out.

If you have a few minutes to spare and need a good laugh, check out <http://www.dumblaws.com>. I definitely give this site two hearty thumbs up.

Message from the Registrar's Office

During the Holiday Season the Registrar's Office and the Cash Office will provide limited service. We will be open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on the following dates:

Tues. Dec. 28, 1999
Wed. Dec. 29, 1999

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The students in RTA would like to thank all those who donated to Santas Anonymous. Over \$386 was raised.



Have you all been good girls and boys?



Med Lab preparing Santa's snack!



Naughty or nice?



I know what Santa wants for Christmas.

Ooks split weekend series with Concordia



JOHN SHIELDS

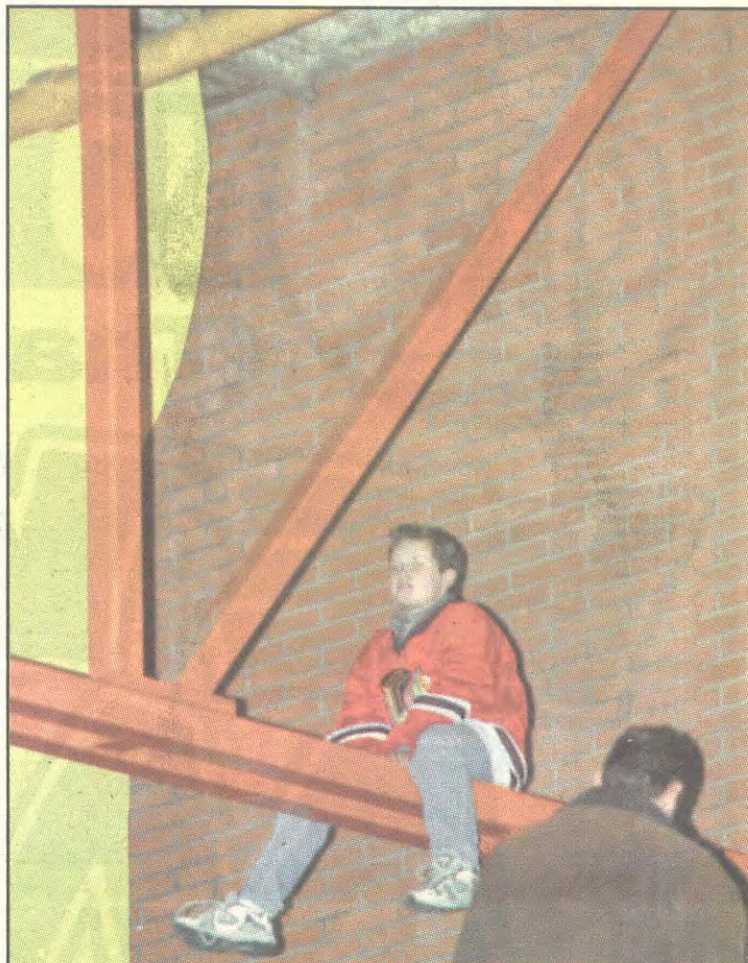
Last Friday saw the Concordia Thunder in town against the Ooks for the last weekend action of the Millennium. The boys managed a spirited win over Concordia on Friday but lost a heartbreaker on Saturday in an overtime shootout. The game on Friday was marred by some violence in the stands as somebody tried to take a run at the King of Kooks. The individual was quickly subdued by Kook security and returned to the wild from which he came.

The weekends games bring the first half of the Ooks season to a close, leaving them with a tie for second place in the league and only three points behind the godless SALT Trojans.

The Trojans were also in action this weekend, sweeping the cellar dweller Briercrest Bible College Clippers in their weekend series.

The next regular season action for the Ooks on-home ice won't be until January 14th when they take on Red Deer.

Right: Skybox seating at the NAIT arena.
Below: Come help cheer on the Ooks Jan. 14, 2000, if we're still around.



Big Bout Blows Away NAITSA

Veronica Lodge

Congratulations go out to Justin Alloway, the winner of the NR92 Big Bout competition held in the South Lobby on Tuesday, November 30th. Alloway, in a furious three rounds of boxing, successfully completed his run for the prestigious heavyweight title, fighting against Steve Luciw and others.

The competition, which was hosted by a group of RTA students and sponsored by NR92 and NAITSA, pitted students against each other and featured special NAITSA executive matches. These included an exciting fight between an Annex student and Crazy Mike Anderson, and an especially punishing round between Mick Beale and Chris Lupaschuk, Communications and Athletics VP respectively.

I'd like to thank all the brave souls that came out to release their aggressions upon each other and upon the NAITSA execs — and special thanks go to the guy in the black vest in the crowd for making my day.



Two students duke it out at the Big Bout Boxing competition in South Lobby, where the students had the chance to pound on their favourite NAITSA executive. The bout, sponsored by NR92, was designed to help relieve stress before final exams.

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Well, it's winter time, and you all know what that means — time to snuggle up on the couch with your boy or girlfriend and watch TV; and trust me, the best show to watch from a Canadian stand point is "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

Quite honestly, this pathetic TV game show is the epitome of the American culture. However, like I said from a Canadian stand point, it is well worth checking out. Confused? Keep reading — you will see what I mean.

It all started the other night when I was cuddling on the couch and watching some TV with my girlfriend. As usual, she had control of the remote. Well, while flipping through the channels, she came upon "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" so decided to watch for a moment and see what it was all about.

"Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" works like this: 10 contestants are given a question in which they have to place the events in the correct chronological order. Whoever does this in the shortest amount of time gets to compete for the \$1 million.

The host of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" is Regis Philbin. He will ask the contestants a grand total of 15 questions. Of course, before you can move to the next question, you need to get the previous question right. The more questions you answer correctly, the more money you win (with all 15 questions right resulting in the contestant winning \$1 million).

Anyway, after seeing two contestants, it became plainly obvious to me that the producers of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" must have a strict set of criteria when it comes to picking their potential "contestants." In fact, I bet their criteria consisted of something like this: "The contestant must be an

underachieving American who has no self respect and is ignorant to almost everything that goes on in the world."

Case in point, during the show that my girlfriend and I happened to catch, there was this contestant from Louisiana named Lenny. Lenny was asked a very difficult question worth \$32,000. The question was: Who made the Titanic? A: the British, B: the Americans C: the French D: the Spanish.

Unfortunately, Lenny answered B. With that example, I guess it is safe to say that the questions and contestants on this show are not exactly what one would call "Jeopardy" material.



Regis Philbin sucks!

Furthermore, the no-talented host with pathetically fake bleached teeth is basically comedy personified, and not funny comedy, either, but rather the retard, loser-type of comedy.

Now that I have completely cut up "Who wants to be a millionaire?" you are probably wondering why I think Canadians will enjoy this show. Well, quite simply, the show itself isn't entertaining, but watching inept Americans lose all hope and make horses asses out of themselves on national television (even though one of those losers actually DID win \$1 million), well, that is a sight worth seeing!

Unfortunately, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" has finished its stint for 1999, but rumor has it that David E. Kelly's new show, "Snoops," has been pulled so "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" can have a full-time slot on the air on Sunday nights starting January 2000.

Have a merry Christmas, everyone!

HORRORSCOPES



DARIA
MORGAN

Capricorn

(December 22-January 20)
You feel a little tired and run down today. Just a hunch, but that could explain the tire treads on your back as well...

Aquarius

(January 21-February 18)
This week would be a good time to bring back "show and tell" into the classroom. After all, why should elementary kids get all the fun? I bet you could really break the ice by bringing in your sex toy collection...

Pisces

(February 19-March 20)
In a strange form of protest against trends of personal adornment, you will make mooing sounds whenever you see someone with a nose ring this weekend. Entertainingly enough, some of them will actually moo back!

Aries

(March 21-April 19)
You will suddenly become incredibly fascinated with shoelaces and try to tie everyone's together that you possibly can until someone kicks you — hard.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)
This weekend, you will discover that you are capable of "channelling" when you start spouting ancient sumerian curses at a prick who cuts you off. You will also start taking notes in class in cuneiform.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)
Bide your time and don't do anything rash or in anger. Remember: Revenge is a dish best served cold (with a light béarnaise sauce).

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)
On a night you want to be left alone, a person named Larry will call you repeatedly and will refuse to believe that he has dialed a wrong number.

Leo

(July 23-August 22)
Unconsciously aware of what you are doing, you will begin to make strange

facial expressions in which you push your lips out as far as possible when members of the opposite sex are around. Better get that checked out.

Virgo

(August 23-September 22)
Oddly, despite the impression you got from a television commercial, your new soap will not inspire unusual levels of grinning in the shower.

Libra

(September 23-October 22)
A red VW bug will drive by you today, being pursued by a bevy of fans. If you wish to raise a little hell, cross your eyes, talk in a high pitched voice, and whack yourself in the head with a bagel. Otherwise, don't.

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)
Today you will be suddenly struck by what a genius I am and how unappreciated I remain to be. You vow to do something about it (lots of chocolate will do).

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)
Someone sitting near you at lunch today will make disgusting slurping sounds. You'll retaliate by glaring pointedly and eating your pudding with your fingers.

If Today Is Your Birthday:

Come to the Nugget office and collect your smoochies under the mistletoe.

GOOD, MOIST, GOB



MIKE
OX

On Sunday, December 5th, I went to the Shaw Conference Centre to indulge myself before exams hit. I hadn't been to a good show in a while and thought the Moist and Matthew Good Band concert would do the trick. Now, these bands are good, but truth be known, I was actually there to see the bonus selection opening band — gob.

One might wonder why a rowdy, punk rock band like gob would be on the same bill as the likes of Moist and Matthew Good. Moist heard gob play, and liked them enough to ask them on tour. I was really interested to see if the three diverse-sounding bands could pull it off.

Moist came out a little late, but they managed to drive through their set with David Usher providing most of the energy. As he worked himself into a frenzy, he frequently doused himself in water to quench his overheated head. The crowd ate it up and even helped with singing most of the lyrics to hits like "Silver."

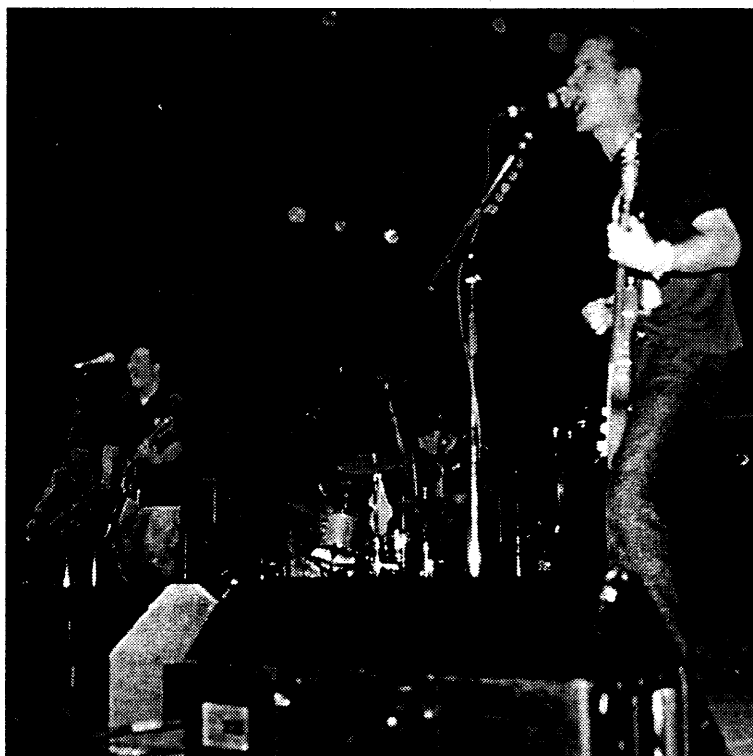
When Matthew Good came out donning a monkey mask and struck various heavy metal poses, the crowd went nuts. I was ready for an energetic show, but unfortunately, I was

wrong. The Matthew Good Band basically got up, played, punched the clock, and went home. Matt Good should have stayed home sick in bed. I've seen them perform better in the past than they did that night — their hearts just weren't into it.

I think a few fans were shocked with the opening band, gob. Not only did they steal the show, they looked like they had the most fun. From when the bell tolled for their rendition of "Hell's Bells" to their MuchMusic hit

"What To Do," the crowd was in a constant frenzy. Full of genuine energy and fun, gob will get a lot of good exposure from this tour.

All in all, I'm sure the 4,000 fans that turned out for the show were happy with whoever they came to see — especially the girl who got her underwear signed by Theo of gob (At this point, I realized I wanted to become a rock star; but having no talent or experience, I will settle for the shirts, tapes, and collector plates).



One guy thought I was Theo from gob (on the left) and said I played a great set.

Curtis's Video Corner

The Talented Mr. Ripley

Curtis Comeau

Well, since this is the last issue of the year for the Nugget, I have decided to remind you all about the Christmas movies that are out there. Forget the new releases, sit back and enjoy some of these good, wholesome Christmas flicks.

Feliz Navidad, everyone!

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas
Only the best Christmas cartoon of all time.

Charlie Brown Christmas Special
Probably the most annoying Christmas movie of all time.

A Christmas Carol
Tears after tears. Great story.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

As always, the Grizwalds kick ass.

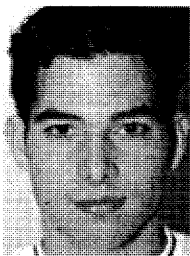
Miracle on 34th Street
Superb Santa Story.

It's A Wonderful Life
Black and white has never been so good.

Santa Claus (the movie)
1980's Santa movie. There are better choices.

The Santa Claus
Tim Allen doing what he does best.

Screwed
Ron Jeremy doing what he does best.



**CURTIS
COMEAU**

Academy award winners Matt Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow team up with Jude Law to bring you "The Talented Mr. Ripley," a powerful film which deals with one of man's basic feelings — inner discontent. At one point in time, we have all felt disappointed with ourselves and wished we were someone else.

Set in Italy in the 1950's, The story focuses on a young man by the name of Tom Ripley (Matt Damon) who wants to live the life of rich business man Dickey Greenleaf (Jude Law). Believing that "It is better to be a fake somebody than a real nobody," Ripley decides to go to dangerous extremes to make Dickey's lifestyle his own. As Ripley's fraudulent crimes and lies escalate, he is forced to dart

director for "The English Patient") brought his cast and crew to Italy to shoot on location. The film was shot all across the country in nine different locations, sweeping from Venice, Tuscany, Rome, Naples, Procida (in the bay of Naples), Palermo, and finally to the islands of Ischia. When reporters asked Matt Damon how he felt about the islands of Ischia, he

said, "It's the most beautiful place I have ever seen."

The attention to detail that went into the locations, scenery, and costumes along with the incredible story and the combined acting talents of Damon, Paltrow and Law, may just make "The Talented Mr. Ripley" one of this year's academy award choices for best picture.

Joyeux Noel, everyone!



across Italy in a vain effort to escape the law and people who will expose his true identity.

"The Talented Mr. Ripley" is no ordinary thriller," says producer William Horberg. "It has a romantic atmosphere that needed to be shot in romantic colors, and the Italian location is a part of its romantic style." When filming a movie, the audience sub-consciously picks up on the background and surrounding scenery so director Anthony Minghella (best



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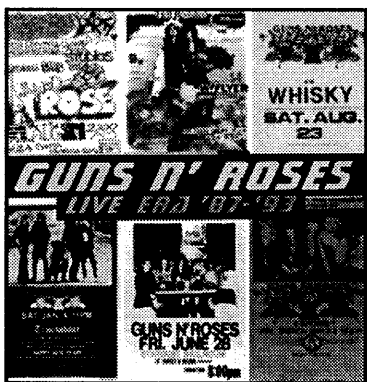
Guns n' Roses

Live Era 87-93

(Geffen/Universal)

Jaded Santa

Guns n' Roses is back, that's all I have to say about this one. Any true G 'n R fan will have heard all of these songs before, but the 2-CD album still won't disappoint. It's something that you can toss in the CD player and let it run right through — that, and it's a nice lead up to the



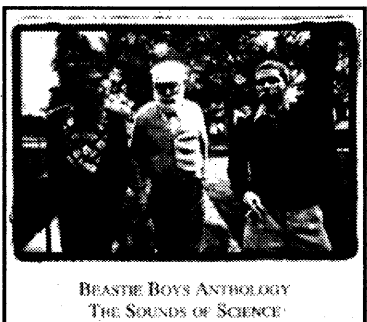
release of the new G 'n R album that Axl is putting out minus Slash.
Prescription: Buy it.

Sounds of Science

Beastie Boys
(Grand Royal/Capitol)

Visionaries? Once it didn't seem possible. No joke was too low, no music (hardcore punk, hip hop, metal) above ridicule. The Beasties rode their often wickedly funny bad taste to the bank, only to later explore subject matter and craft music beyond the world of bongos, beer, and groupies that made them early role models for the Limp Bizkit generation. In the last decade, they've grown from cartoon hip-hoppers into respected innovators.

Now — after five studio albums, a batch of EPs and singles, and millions of sales — *The Sounds of Science* tries to make sense of it all, with forty-two tracks spanning the Beasties' eighteen years. But it's more of an odds-and-ends compilation for committed fans than it is the definitive overview that the Beasties deserve. The two-disc set covers most of the obvious career high points — the rap-metal party tunes from *Licensed to Ill*, the groundbreaking sonic collages of *Paul's Boutique*, the funky rap-rock of *Check Your Head* and *Ill Communication*, and the old-school reaffirmations of *Hello Nasty* — it also



gives the uninitiated a sample of their little known work: more than a dozen B sides, unreleased tracks and rarities.

The eclectic mix of the constantly morphing Beastie style is a treat to the ears. This is a great starting point for beginning Beastie fans, and hard core addicts will enjoy the rare tracks as well.

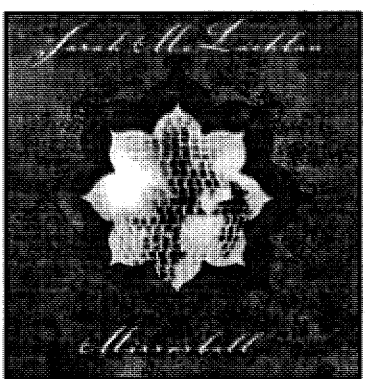
The Sounds of Science pretty much ignores the more politically incorrect side of the Beasties' early material: There's no sign of the pillaging brats who rode on "Paul Revere." Instead, there's a new single, "Alive," which brims with straight-edge earnestness: "Don't smoke cheeba/Can't stand crack." The song also acknowledges the Beasties' unlikely new role as keepers of the hip-hop flame by sampling one of Boogie Down Productions' mottos: "Bringin' back that old New York rap." On recent albums, the Beasties have done that as well as any three MCs of the Nineties. B-Boys forever!

Website: www.beastieboys.com
Prescription: Buy Buy Buy It.

Mirrorball

Sarah McLachlan
(Nettwerk)

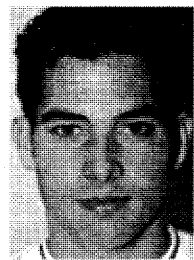
What is it about Sarah that everyone likes? I know that I absolutely adore her songs and I am hard-pressed to find anyone else that doesn't. Mirrorball is a wonderful live compilation of Sarah's definitive hits, and it is like magic to listen to. This is the perfect starting off point for those new to the Sarah sound, although anyone that hasn't heard Sarah yet was likely



hiding under a large rock for a while. You all know the songs, so get out there and buy the album already...

Website: www.sarahmclachlan.com
Prescription: Buy It.

Journeying Into The Woods at the Citadel

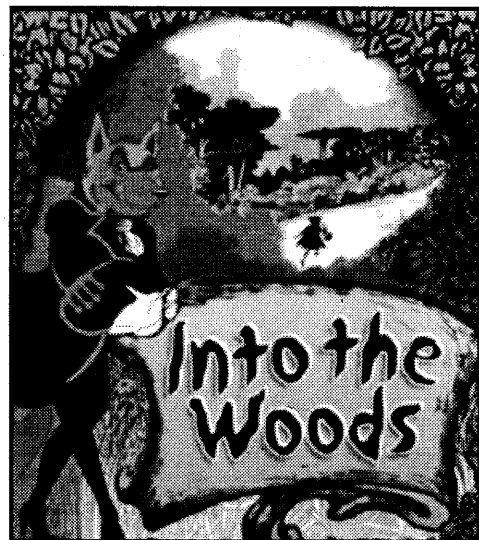
CURTIS
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The Citadel Theatre has once again succeeded in bringing high quality theatre to our City of Champions with Stephen Sondheim's Broadway hit *Into The Woods*. *Into The Woods* is set around a husband and wife who journey into the woods in search of four magic items needed to remove an evil spell. The couple have only three days to find the four items, and while they are out in the woods, they come across some of the most-loved fairytale characters from all our childhoods. This includes run-ins with characters from Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and Little Red Riding Hood.

Into The Woods was conceived by the award-winning team of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine, its first Broadway appearance taking place in

1987. Stephen Sondheim is regarded as one of the most innovative contemporary musical writers today, with such hits as *West Side Story* (1957) and *Sweeney Todd* (1979) under his belt. His counterpart James Lapine, whose work as a director and playwright has been regarded as ingenious, created such works as *Photograph* (1977) and *March of the Falsettos* (1981). The two men first teamed up to write *Sunday in the Park with George*, which won the 1985 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. *Into The Woods* is their second collaboration, which has already won a Tony Award for Best Book of a Musical (1987).

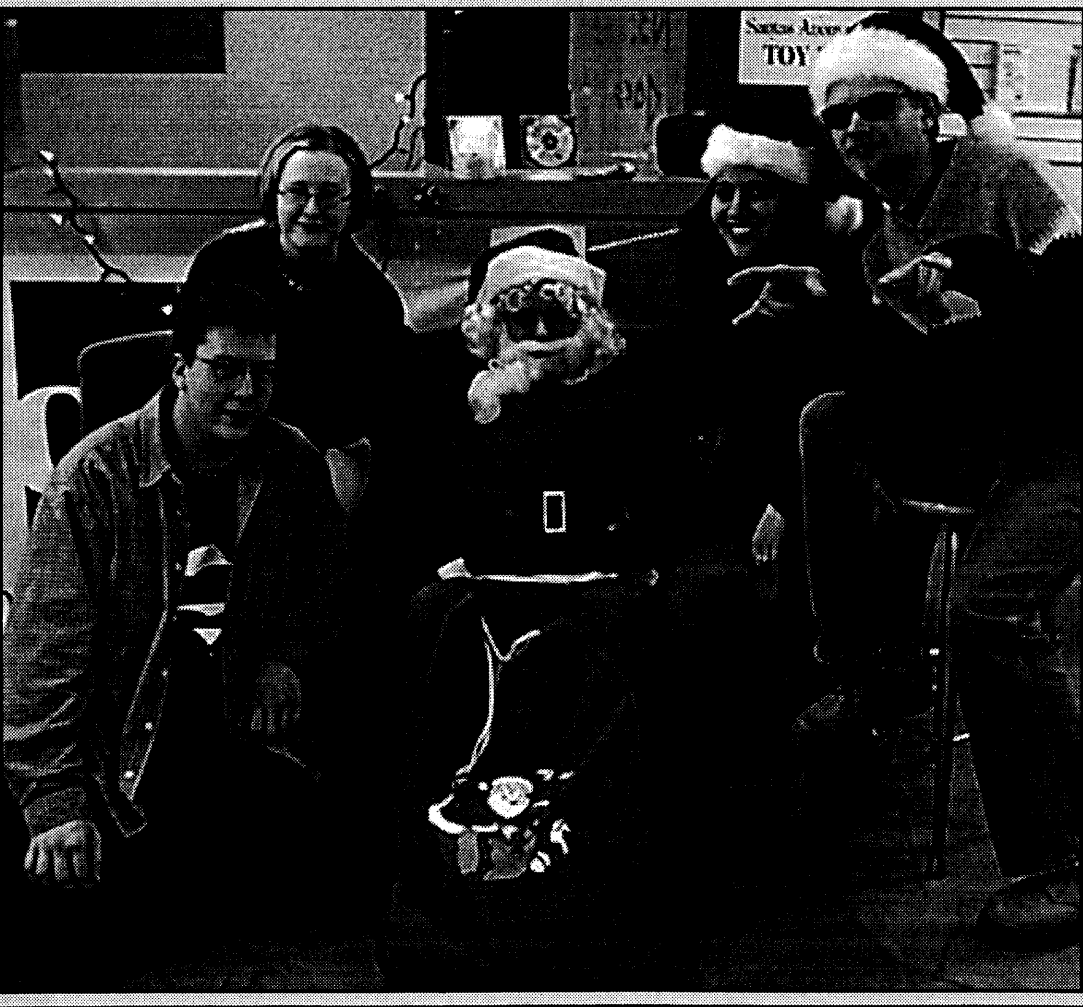
Into The Woods will make its Edmonton run in the Shector Theatre at the Citadel from Saturday, November 27, 1999, to Sunday, January 2, 2000. Ticket prices vary dependent on when you would like to catch this great show, but a note of interest to those who are die-hard play goers, on Tuesday, December 7, there will be a post-



show question and answer period to provide audience members with the opportunity to chat with the cast and crew of *Into The Woods*.

Once again, the Citadel Theatre has managed to outdo themselves by bringing *Into The Woods* to Edmonton for a limited engagement. If you have a weeknight free during the Christmas Holidays or even before then, I highly recommend adding this delightful treat to your list of things to do. You won't be disappointed.

Begue Lidnt everyone!

Merry Christmas from the students in
Radio and Television and NR92.



The Grapevine submitted by "The Exhibitionist and the Alcoholic" will not be printed this year because they forgot their REAL NAMES and STUDENT ID#s! Guess they're just too busy peepin' and peecin'.

Edited for your _____ing pleasure.

On Friday, December 10, vote Jason Anderson for B.A.S. Communications V.P. He's as CRAZY as his brother.

Instrumentation Cabaret at Ezzie's! Wednesday, December 15, 1999. Drink specials all night long! Tickets are only \$5. Get them in the basement of the J-Wing or from Mick at the NAITSA office.

To the stunning lady in the half shirt working out on November 30th. I would love to tear those tearaways off of you. I couldn't take my eyes off of you — that's why I had to keep running outside for water. I hope to "run in" to you again, and very soon. I'll be the blonde-haired stud circuit training.

Dreaming of You, K.R.W.

To Jason P. (Dragon) in Anatomy 101 (Personal Trainer wannabe), Hugs and kisses from the "psychos" you love the most. Lurking everywhere, Foxglove and Cass

To all students of NAIT, I have a girlfriend, who doesn't know I lied 'cuz I saw some other girl and taught her how to ride. When I was done with her, my girl gave me a beep. A true player like me never gets any sleep. So I go to see her, just to have some fun, she's there with her best friend, ready for a threesome. You better know my name now, 'cuz it is sLiCk NiCk, and if y'all don't like it, you can suck it!

Signed, sLiCk NiCk

To the low life slob,
Some of you really need to grow up and stop sucking mommy's tit. You know who you are — all of the people that have managed in less than a week, to turn the Naitrium into a disgusting hole. Those big square things with the garbage bags in them are meant for garbage. You should use them!
Signed, Disgusted with all of you

Well, the phony player with a BSD (Bull_____Degree) shows his true colours. Caught in one lie, and he runs away on "vacation." Don't be fooled — PPG found out everyone knows his role: A lying, insecure pile of elephant droppings; and now he's fled for the woods, which is about as close as he'll ever get to having a "woody." Nice try, Doc, but like I said, when someone has to brag about his anaconda, it's because it's really a worm. Swinger, tremble in fear of me, because you're next! PS: The Gap is a force of evil and must be destroyed.
Triumphant at last, Blade the phony player Slayer

To the guy with the "Iron Mike" hat, Yeah, I see you walkin' 'round with yo' "IRON MIKE" hat and pathetic "Evander vs. Tyson" t-shirt. You think you're him or somethin'? What da _____, are you stupid or somethin'? You better be recognizin' me, _____, before I be bustin' your sorry _____ 'cause we gonna kill all you mother _____ers.
D-LO

To Slick Nick,
My name is Slick Nick. I'm a whiny-_____ed punk. I only get a glance when the women are drunk. Even when they do look, they laugh when they see, the sock in my pants where my pecker should be.
From, The Swinger

To Nancy-boy,
Do you honestly think two nancy boys could actually satisfy a girl like me? It takes more than playing with a nipple ring to get a girl going. You're going to have to think of more pleasures if you want to cherish me.
P.W.

This message is for the mighty 1% of NAIT's student body that participate in this wonderful winter sport: Snowboarding kicks _____ing ____! I love it, live it, and breathe it.
Mapleleaf

To the player with a Ph.D. in STDs, The only time you're missed is on singles night at the retirement home. Ask the Doc what an old woman like his tastes like, and he'll tell ya — it depends! Ya sick _____! Well, after that nasty incident at the farm (BAA! MOO! OINK!), it's nice to see you're still dating old folks. Do you ever come up with anything original for lines? The last time you tried something new was with your buddy in the backseat of his station wagon. Stick to sleeping with trash instead of trying to dish it out — ya hump!
From, The Swinger

To all the lovely ladies of NAIT, I'm here to find out who's been naughty or nice, so come sit on jolly old sLiCk saint NiCk's lap and we can talk about whatever "pops up." Or, I can make your right leg Christmas and your left leg New Years, just so I can visit you BETWEEN the holidays! Seasons greetings y'all, sLiCk NiCk

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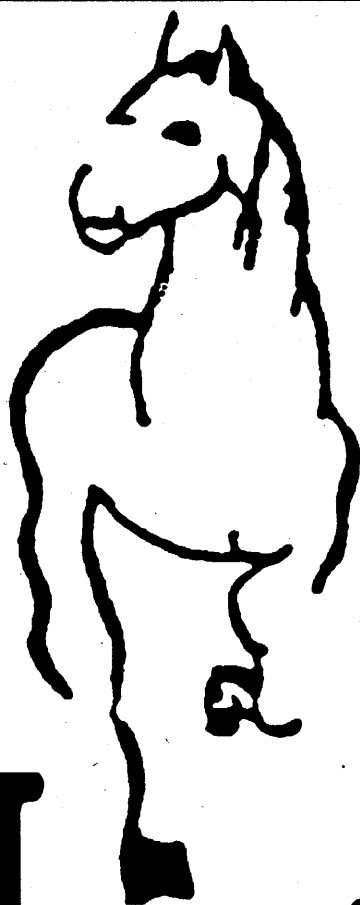
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