

## Look Out! Y2K Is on the Way!

Brian Butlin  
Named NAIT  
Board of  
Governors Chair

Mick Beale

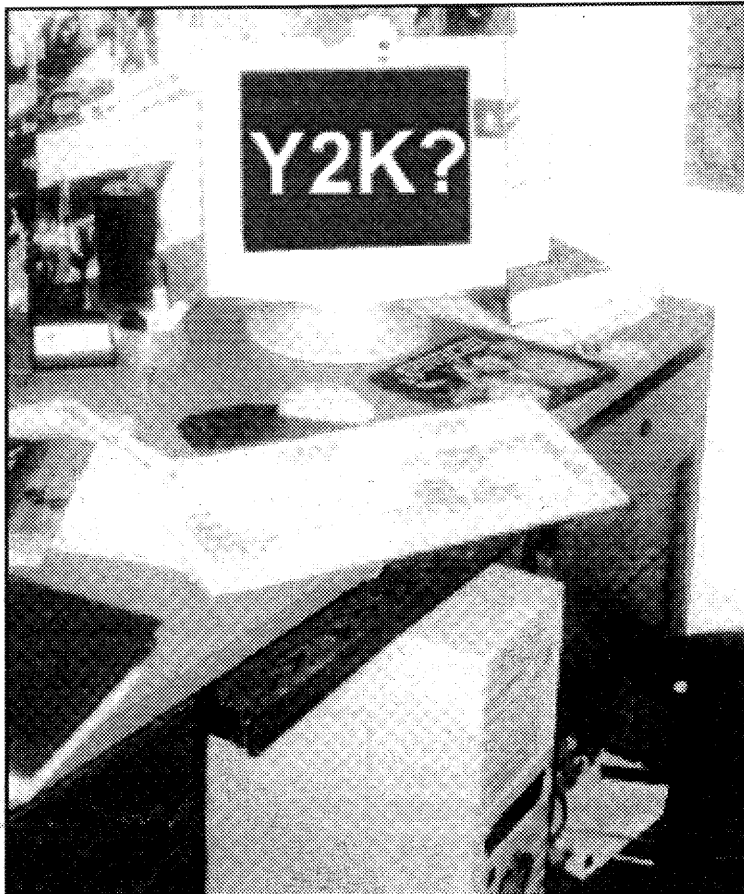
Unless you were left out of the 11,000,000 households in Canada that received last week's *Millennium Bug Home Check* last week, you've likely checked your TV, VCR, security system, and home computer for year 2000 compatibility. I received my copy at the end of national "Year 2000 Preparedness Week," and boy, was I excited.

The flashy, government-sponsored week featured activities involving the government and the private sector, aimed at providing information and guidance to Canadian consumers and businesses. The government and industry high-

lighted programs designed to assist Canadian companies in their year 2000 efforts. The week was also designed to highlight Canada's concern and leadership in the matter to the international community.

The Federal Treasury Board Secretariat is responsible for overall coordination of Federal government Year 2000 activities, including monitoring and assessing Federal readiness. Minister Marcel Masse recently released the first monthly report on the state of the government's main systems. "The report shows that 84 percent of our mission-critical functions essential to the health, safety, security, and economic well-being of Canadians were complete," said Minister Masse. "However, our work is far from over, and we will maintain our vigilance to ensure we are as ready as possible."

It appears that in Canada, we'll be ready. We've all got our little booklets, and the government is talking optimistically. When they finish solving the Y2K problem, they'll probably start on the Y10K problem here in Canada; just to save worry and equity market



prices in the future. Actually, they likely won't — do you think Jean

and the band are likely thinking that far ahead?

Mr. Brian Butlin, a member of the Board of Governors of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), has been designated as Chair effective February 10, 1999. Mr. Butlin's designation as Chair, announced by Clint Dunford, Minister of Public Education and Career Development, is effective until June 25, 2000.

Mr. Butlin is the chairman and chief executive officer of Flint Energy Services Ltd. Prior to this position, he held the president and chief executive officer position at HMW Construction Ltd., a member company of Flint Energy Services. Mr. Butlin has worked in the building and construction industries since 1979. Prior to this, he worked in the marketing and retail divisions for Texaco Canada.

Mr. Butlin has served NAIT as a member of the Board of Governors since June 1997 and as a member of the NAIT Foundation Board between 1996 and 1998.

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...Some Sort of  
Tough Guy?

Tyler Harke

As a journalist (or at least a pretend one), it is part of my job to observe everyday life and reflect upon it. The only difference is a journalist writes down their thoughts instead of floating them off into space when *South Park* or *Friends* comes on.

A week or so ago, I was witness to an event that I felt was definitely worthy of being written down and shared with all of you intelligent students out there. I was at one of the city's most popular bars — one that happens to be extremely popular with students from

our fair school — when I saw a display that could only be deemed as "pathetic" from this point of view.

There was a man who was likely in his late 20's, obviously very drunk, and standing at the bar by himself. He certainly must have done something earlier that night to offend someone else there because he was grabbed by his jacket collar, taken into the parking lot, and literally thrown off the bar property by approximately three bouncers (it was a week ago, my memory's bad; gimme a break).

Granted, this wasn't the brightest individual in the City of Champions. The patron walked back onto the bar's property and attempted to get something from what must have been his truck. At that point, FIVE — that's right, five — bouncers ran out of the building; and with my own eyes, I watched them wrestle the man to the ground at which time one of

them proceeded to beat the guy senseless. I was also later told by someone else at the bar that night that the man was later taken to another part of the building and beaten again.

Call me crazy, but if that were me, I would have a lawyer in the place the next evening, serving up legal papers faster than pancakes at a Fat Boy's reunion. I can't claim to know what the man did to provoke such behaviour from the bouncers, but I can't really think of anything worthy of such a beating off the top of my head. If it really was that horrible, why didn't the bouncers detain him until the police were called?

Once again, you're all asking what my point is. The point is — I'm sick of these Creatine-filled, steroids-to-the-max bouncers acting like they're the be-all end-all of the bar scene. I know I'm not alone, because I overheard many other witnesses commenting on how tired they were of bouncers abusing their positions while we all watched a man too drunk to react get the tar beat out of him.

I should stress the fact that not all bouncers abuse their position. In fact, I've met some pretty cool ones. But any time someone handles themselves inappropriately, it

puts a black mark on the entire profession. I know they have to keep control of the people in the bar, but would it really hurt to be friendly at the same time?

Basically, the only things that we, as customers, can do, is complain to the bar's management if you feel you've been mistreated; and, of course, don't go back to that place again. Maybe if some of these nightspots were dead on a Friday night, the owners would think twice about the personnel in their club.

Later.

Grad Date  
Changed

The Grad date has been changed from Saturday, April 3, 1999, to Saturday, April 10, 1999, at the Shaw Conference Centre downtown. All those who had "other" long weekend plans will now be able to attend grad as well!

# Trading Boxes for Bags



Tyler "Yes this is Tacky" Harke

Edmontonians love their boxes. In fact, we have loved our boxes for a decade now. Over 90 percent of our boxes are used on an on-going basis. We've been good to our boxes, and our boxes have been good us.

However, all good things must come to an end. The time has come for Edmonton to adopt a new recycling program. (Yeah, I figured it was about time to burst your bubble).

Starting March 8, 135,000 households in the city will receive a package of ten blue bags and an educational brochure that will replace our old, worn-out, smelly boxes (recycling of course). Once the bags are used, residents will have to purchase new ones at local supermarkets and hardware stores. The city estimates that using one bag per week will cost each household \$10 per year.

#### Why is a Blue Bag Better?

There are a few reasons in fact: First off, the contents don't need to be sorted into their respec-

tive sections (paper, plastics, etc.) the bag simply holds everything. Also, the men and women who collect the bags won't have to sort the contents once it gets to the trucks. This process will save the city \$500,000 per year.

The bags are then transported to a state-of-the-art Bag Handling Facility (Okay, it's actually called a Materials Recycling Facility, which is located where the Clover Bar landfill used to be).

Eighty-five percent of people in four test areas preferred bags over boxes. Residents of several

**People in Chicago have had blue bags for years (lucky punks).**

cities in southern Ontario already have blue bags and apparently they love them. People in Chicago have had blue bags for years (lucky punks).

The only down side to all of this is that apartment dwellers must remain bagless. They will continue to use designated spots. All in all, this reporter would proudly display a blue bag! After all, it's for the benefit of the entire community. So look out all you boxes — you're movin' on over, and a big ol' bag is comin' in!

# Beaten?!?



Jenessa Kirkwood

After talking to a couple of boys, two girls, 14 and 17, were beaten and burned with a clothes iron in Ontario last week. They were then kept in confinement for three days. Apparently, all this happened because family members saw them talking to the boys. Just this past Friday, one of the girls managed to escape and flag someone down; the second teen was rescued the

same day. Two people were arrested soon after, and yesterday a third person was arrested. So, after thinking about this, I couldn't help but feel disgusted because how could any person do such a thing to anyone? Let alone a family member! And just for talking to a boy? Well, I think that is going a little overboard on the term being "over-protective" now, isn't it?

**The screaming girls were being attacked by one man while another stood outside the room and did nothing to stop it."**

Police said the girls were first tortured on Wednesday when they were confined to a room after the conversation with the opposite sex occurred. As punishment, they were then beaten with a stick and

burned about the upper body with an iron. Both girls were not aloud to go to school or get any medical treatment. The younger girl escaped and flagged down two passersby, which then took her to a nearby school. The other girl was then rescued by police. "The screaming girls were being attacked by one man while another stood outside the room and did nothing to stop it," said a 42nd Division Youth Bureau Officer.

Kabilaraj Kanagarajah, 19, is charged with aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, forcible confinement, assault, and threatening death. Vibularaj Kanagarajah, 18, is charged with forcible confinement and aggravated assault. Gopula Parahalingan, 35, is charged with aggravated assault, assault causing bodily harm, forcible confinement, and threatening death. All three appear in a Scarborough, Ontario, court today for a bail hearing.

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## News in a Nutshell



Jenny Thornbird

### • I Now Pronounce You Man and Jam?

A couple in Grand Rapids, Michigan, decided they wanted to make a splat at their wedding — that's right — a splat. After saying their vows atop a ski hill, the bride (resplendent in a strapless, white gown) and groom (tuxedo and all) headed down the run and into a pit of jewel-toned jelly. To them, it was their inaugural leap in the 8th annual Jelly Jump Jamboree. After wiping off the blue jelly from their clothes, the couple dared and cheered on the bridal party. The newlyweds, who spent \$400 on the dress and rented the tuxedo (which they hope doesn't stain), wanted to do something special to blend their two families since it is the second marriage for both of them.

### • The Best Kind of Cushion

A woman who had moved her wheelchair into the shade of an apartment building wall became an unwitting hero when a two-year-old boy fell from a third-floor window into her lap. Barbara Jones, 31, and in a wheelchair for life because she has had three strokes, said that she usually sits in another spot outside about a block away from where the boy fell, but she moved that day because of the hot sun. So how did the two-year-old fall out the window? Apparently he had been jumping on the sofa inside his apartment when he bounced out the only window that lacked safety gates. The falling boy glanced off the left side of Jones' head, then rolled across her lap and fell to the pavement.

### • The Snoring Judge

A California judge declared a mistrial in a murder case this week after he dozed off on the bench during testimony. The mistrial was granted after a request by the defendant's lawyer when he said he realized the Judge was asleep when he failed to rule on a defence motion. The District Attorney opposed the decision on the grounds that the snooze did not affect the trial, but her bid was denied. The defendant is accused of

fatally stabbing a woman 65 times during a failed robbery attempt. As for the Judge, he released a statement to the local newspaper: "That has never happened to me before. I attribute it to medication that I'm taking for my back. I'm in constant pain, I had a new prescription... a heavier dose." There is no word yet as to whether another trial is in the works.

### • The Cat in the Snowbank

The cat came back this weekend — only he was a little thinner, a lot hungrier, and probably about two lives shy of his full nine. Grover, a frisky feline living in Niagara Falls, Ontario, was buried in the snow for a week after his owner dumped a two-metre high bank of snow off of his flat roof. Little did he know... after a poster campaign and knocking on doors for a week, the family concluded that Grover was gone for good. They kept hearing this meow though, and eventually decided to search the snowbank; what they figured was the most unlikely place. Fifteen minutes later though, among some bushes, they found their beloved kitty. The owners are ecstatic that Grover is alive and they say that for the most part the cat appears unfazed by his stay in the make-shift igloo.

### • Sister, sister/Daughter, daughter

Two sisters took sibling rivalry to another level this week after they gave birth 20 minutes apart in neighbouring rooms in Barrie, Ontario. "We didn't plan it this way," commented one sister, "We were three weeks apart, but it sort of worked perfectly." The older sister, 29-year-old Lisa, was due to give birth to her daughter Jordan about ten days ago and actually scheduled to be induced today. The younger sister, 27-year-old Kelly, was due to give birth actually ten days before her due date. She also had a daughter, which she later named Stephanie. To say the least, the grandparents are thrilled: "You can appreciate what the level of intensity was around here with all us grandparents running back and forth between both rooms. They (sisters) were literally only a wall apart and we could hear them both screaming for joy."

## Initiatives for Youth:

*The Liberal Government Renews Canada's Youth Employment Strategy*



Anne McLellan, M.P.

**T**he Liberal government is helping Canada's youth turn dreams and potential into reality by investing in the tools young people need to take the job market by storm.

The Youth Employment Strategy is the Government of Canada's action plan to boost the employability of Canadian youth. It's main purpose is to ensure young people get the skills, knowledge, and experience they need to prepare for and take part in the world of work.

The program, which was to end of March 31, 1999, will now be permanent and will have an annual budget of \$155 million, totaling \$465 million over the next

three years. This is a 50% increase over the \$315 million initially set aside for the first three years. This renewed funding will provide work experience for over 40,000 young Canadians per year, better access to career and labour market information, as well as study and work experience abroad.

Delivered in co-operation with 12 federal departments and building on the success of programs already in place, the Youth Employment Strategy relies on active partnerships with other levels of government, private non-governmental organizations, the voluntary sector, and with young Canadians and their families. The Strategy also enables employers to hire young people through wage subsidies and EI premium relief.

In addition to the \$465 million in special employment measures over the next three years, the Liberal government also provides approximately \$3 billion a year in programs and services to youth. These include:

- the Canada Student Loans Program
- research grants and scholarships

- tax deductions to make post-secondary education affordable
- transfers to the provinces for post-secondary education
- Aboriginal education
- youth entrepreneurship programs

For more information:

- Youth Info Line, 1-800-935-5555, for information on all of the Government of Canada's youth-related programs.
- Youth Link, a publication listing 300 Government youth-related programs, services, and resources plus career planning material.
- Youth Employment Strategy web site, located at <http://www.youth.gc.ca/YES> for detailed information, including dates of upcoming Youth Info Fairs and hyperlinks to all the departmental programs of the Government of Canada.
- For information on Remission, Student Finance Board, 427-2740.
- My constituency office at 495-3122 or <http://www.planet.eon.net/~mclellan>.

## Nugget Volunteers

*(who receive cool shirts)*

If your name appears below, please come to the Nugget office (Main campus, Room E-128) and see Mick to pick up a really kickass shirt. Thanks go to all of you for helping us with the Nugget this year. Without volunteers, we'd be...well, busier. Thanks alot.

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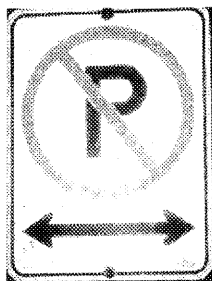
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# Once Again... It's STBY



Tyler Harke



puter. I swear there's some kind of conspiracy here where every computer I use freezes or shuts down

or loses my file. Then again, could it be the fact that approximately three billion people have used those computers before me?

Sucks to be our MP's Now they're getting a fast food restaurant in the Parliament building! HELLO! Are you guys trying to put extra meaning into the words "Fat Cat"?

Sucks to be Iron Mike Tyson. The guy is destined to be wearing bright orange cover-alls for the rest of his life. I say pull a Shawshank Mikey! You can put a poster of Robyn Givens over the hole!

Sucks to be whoever's writing poetry in the washrooms by the Nugget office. If you want to be the next Frost or Keats, write it on paper. It ain't gonna get published from the stall loser boy! On that note, the guys washrooms are brutal around here. I know they're supposed to stink but this is crazy! come on, people - how hard is it to flush?

P.S. If any of you beautiful people out there know of anyone whom it sucks to be (and why) drop suggestions off at the Nugget office. I'll see what I can do.

# The Help You Need Just Got Easier to Find

Joan Wright

The Support Network has been hard at work procuring the 1999 Directory of Community Services, Edmonton and area's most comprehensive human service directory. With both a subject and alphabetical index, it's quick and easy to get current information on more than 1,000 agencies in our community, including those who can help with:

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# Imagine This...



Jenessa Kirkwood

Our two-and-a-half-month-old baby is very sick and needs an organ transplant, but for this to happen, you have to wait for another baby to die first. Stomach in a knot yet? Well, this is currently happening to Victoria, B.C., resident Mary Louise Kearns and her two-and-a-half-month-old son, Keegan. Keegan needs a new liver, stomach, pancreas, and small bowel. He has Total Intestinal Hirschsprung Disease; a rare con-

dition of missing ganglion cells in the intestines. Without these cells, the absorption of nutrients and the flow of food and waste in the intestinal tract cannot take place. Mary's baby has been struggling to survive since birth, and doctors now say he only has three to nine months more to live. Keegan has to be fed through a tube in his stomach that directly goes into his liver, but his liver cannot break anything down and the feeding is causing the liver to fail. Usually Hirschsprung Disease only affects one of the intestines (every 1 in 8,000) but in Keegan's case, it has affected both of his intestines. He's first on the list in Canada for the multi-organ transplant (which has only been performed twice before in Canada) in his blood type. All him and his mom can do now though, is wait for another child around his age to die so the transplant can be done. Ironic, isn't it, that it will take the death of someone else's baby to save the life of this one?

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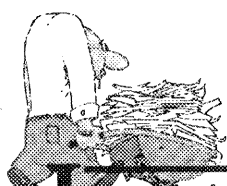
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## Letters to the Editor

### To the editor,

In response to the article "Nice Guys Really Do Finish Last," by Jenny Thornbird in the February 4, 1999, issue of The Nugget, I must say that I take great offense to her article.

I am a "nice guy," and although I cannot speak for all of us "nice guys" out there, I do think we all have something in common. We may be gentle and predictable, but we are quite fun to be around and at least we won't go around on our other halves cheating and lying to them. Most importantly, we do not abuse our partner mentally or physically.

Of course, most women don't want the "nice guy," but look and see who you run to when things get bad with your boyfriend or spouse. It's the "nice guy," I bet.

By observation, a lot of beautiful women are with very unpleasant males who treat them like dogs. Doesn't that just make you sick, "nice guys?" You women know who you are, and you can do a lot better.

Next time, take a good look and think about us "nice guys" first, because we may be what you need.

Signed,  
Name withheld

*-Thanks for your reply. We appreciate it, whether we're good or bad people.*

### To the editor,

The article on Date Rape you recently published sits very uncomfortably with me; especially moreso since it was written by a counsellor. One of the points that Margaret Marean brought up in her article as a way to deter your attacker is to tell them that you are pregnant. I totally and vehemently disagree with this because, to some guys, that is only an encourage-

ment to rape you with even less of a conscience than they already have. If you say you're pregnant, even if you're not, they figure the "damage" has been done to you and there won't be any repercussions (like you being impregnated by them). I can't believe that someone with a diploma or a degree, or whatever the counsellors have here, would encourage us females to use such a tactic.

Signed,  
Anonymous

*-I always scream, "Fire, Fire!" That seems to work best. On another note, maybe the "I'm pregnant" tactic works on people suffering from tocophobia (the fear of pregnancy).*

### Dear Editor,

Today I write to you with hopes that you can help me solve a problem between two friends that I have.

They are perfect for each other, he is the strong silent type who enjoys just going to movies and having intelligent conversations with people. And she is the same. They both have been looking so long for someone and they have been under each others noses for a long time now. Every time they hang out they are completely all about each other and think each other is the cats ass....but nothing!

I have hinted that they should get together to him and he just shrugs it off. I have now realized that it may be due to her height! You see, she is 6'0" and he stand 5'9" and she is bigger built and is into athletics. And think that this is the reason he will not ask her out! I love both my friends very much yet I am getting the feeling that he has become much more shallow than I thought.

Should I say anything to him? Is this normal for a guy to be this conceited? Please help me and make them both happy.

Becky

*-Well, I can't do much for you. Perhaps you should get him some stilts or elevator shoes. He might not be shallow—maybe he's gay. Shallow or gay, but still a friend to both of you.*

*Remember Moonlighting? Cybil and Bruce were good friends. I'm sure that you can think of plenty more examples from movies and television shows. Someday it may hit one of them, and then the sparks will fly. Perhaps you should set them up on a blind date—get them to meet at the Robin's Donuts across from the Golden Mile or something. That's the best I can suggest.*

### Dear Editor,

A little while ago you asked for comments/suggestions so here's mine. I've been attending NAIT for a couple of years now and I per-

sonally believe that this years Nugget is the best I have seen. Either that or I'm just more bored than usual :)

I thought the article about the Court Reporting class was interesting, especially as I didn't even know NAIT taught that class. It gave me the idea that maybe The Nugget could do a weekly special. Each week explore a different class and do an interview with someone from it. You know, get their views of NAIT and what their program is about, Let them Rant & Rave a bit. After all NAIT has about 170 full-time programs!

My biggest suggestion is that the nugget doesn't drop the ball this year on "NAIT's Open House", last year. I wanted to check out "Open House" in March just so I could see what some of the other programs were doing. Also I like to check out some of the Tech's projects. Due to a prior commitment I was unable to go. That Thursday I rushed (o.k. I walked quickly) to get the Nugget thinking they would have tons of pictures and articles about Open House.....Nope... Same old boring(how I felt at the time.) thing with just some token article and pics of it. I hope the Nugget takes more of an interest this year.

As a side comment (nothing to do with the Nugget) After reading about the parking complaints I decided to try the Easy Rider share ride "program" in the south lobby. To maybe look for someone to car pool with. Once again the stupid thing rejected my postal code. (I had the same problem 2 years ago) After some experimentation I found an area code (with the same first 3 digits) that worked.... No one in my area. I live in Leduc so I

thought I would try to find someone living in the south side of Edmonton who might want to Car pool. Not exactly easy with the program. A little miffed (pissed) I asked around and found out NAIT's Share Ride Program was made in B.C.! and is older then the hills. Also I have to wonder is the stupid thing Y2K compliant? Maybe NAIT should offer a chance to some of our own fine programmers a chance to write a new "Ride-Share/Car pool" program. One that's easier to use and can be updated "in house"!

Kerry Jackson

*-Well, thanks for liking the paper this year. Aww, shucks... With regards to talking to different techs each week, next week we begin! We're doing it to highlight some of the programs here, as well as to get some sort of feeling for what we should put in our open house issue. That's right, we're doing the Open House Issue. Some of the old ones are amazing (I like 1973, where they have a picture of the construction guys streaking, and you can see everything!). Sorry to hear about your Share Ride woes. Talk to Marie in office 0112, or post your request for someone to car pool with on a bulletin board, or in The Nugget. i.e.. Wanted: Someone to carpool with in southern Edmonton or Leduc. Please call Kerry at 986-7174 if you are interested.*

*Thanks for your letters this week. We really do appreciate them, and if you have problems or anything, we'll do our best to help you find the right people or methods to solve them expediently. The Editor.*

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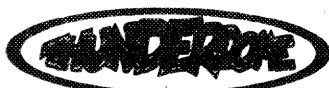
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# Question of the Week

We asked Westwood Campus students "How would you feel about a bank machine in Westwood?"



**Alison Brown**  
Court Reporting

"Oh, I would love it, you're still paying the dollar if there's another bank." (The \$1 service charge would go to NAITSA.)



**Jennifer Bassis**  
Court Reporting

"I think it would be a good idea, cause if you don't have any money, you have to go to the mall or drive somewhere."



**Mariann Shymaski**  
Court Reporting

"We need one at Westwood, definitely."



**Maritza Rodrigez**  
Office Administration

"I would like that, I always use interac. I never bring cash, so I always have to leave the school to get lunch, or get cash to come back and eat."



**Sherry Hartman**

"That'd be nice, we don't have much of a choice here (Westwood). I usually bring lunch or cash to eat in the basement."

From the Editor:

## Is NAIT Getting Shafted?



Mick Beale

**W**e received an interesting fax down at the old Nugget office this week from the Advanced Education and Career Development people. It seems that the Alberta Government has decided to expand the Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), with excess funding to the province's schools following next year. This sector's applications include "communications equipment and services, systems integration, software development, Internet, multimedia, electronic buying and selling, education and training, geomatics, information systems, and computer products and services." Looking at this list, it becomes quite apparent that NAIT has a few of these bases covered.

If it weren't for the dollar figures that they've included with this information, I might think they agreed.

This sector has increased dramatically in the past couple of years, and in the fall of 1997, Lorne Taylor, Minister Responsible for Science, Research, and Information Technology, requested the Alberta Science and Research Authority (ASRA) to establish a task force on ICT. This task force was also asked to provide recommendations on positioning Alberta to become a national leader in ICT.

In October 1998, ASRA provided the minister with its report, *Information and Communications Technology: A Strategy for Alberta*. The contents of the report reflected the input received from detailed interviews and questionnaires with over 65 stakeholders in Alberta's ICT sector in business and education. The report is aimed at increasing Alberta's share of the worldwide ICT market from .3 percent to .5 percent by 2010. One of the four key recommendations was that the Alberta government invest in education by doubling the output of post-secondary graduates in applicable fields, as well as retraining others and recruiting from outside Alberta.

That's all fine and dandy, but here's where my beef lies: while

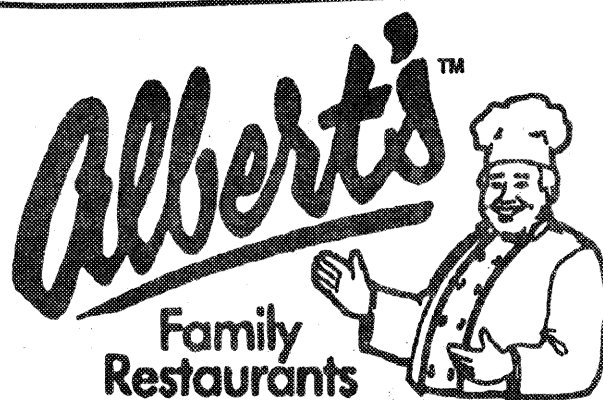
SAIT gets \$1,687,600 in funding for the upcoming academic year, NAIT only gets \$673,000. They cite our Computer Systems Technology and Bachelor of Applied Information Technology programs as those that will receive the excess funding. SAIT has the Bachelor program, as well as Computer Engineering Technology and Computer Technology. While they hope to initially increase NAIT's students in these programs by 55 students next year (to 85 more students total by 2004/2005), they hope to increase SAIT's students by 65 students next year (to 144 more students by 2004/2005). That's initially 10 more students than 59 in the long run.

I may be a bit daft, but I don't see how Ralph Klein and the gang can justify a million dollar difference

ence between institutions of the same size. Why did they leave out our Geomatics Engineering program? They claim that it is one of the fundamental proponents of ICT, yet they fail to see value in dishing out any of the \$41.3 million that they're giving out next year towards it. How about our Computer Engineering Technology (which SAIT was recognized for), Network Engineering Technology (which SAIT doesn't have), or Telecommunications Engineering Technology (another

program SAIT lacks)? Aren't these worth expanding a little bit?

Mr. Klein, if you're going to send me a fax with a list of schools and programs that received money to enhance, please provide me with a brief explanation as to why I shouldn't feel hosed. If you're going to tell me that we are ahead of SAIT by a century I'll understand, but I still want the money for something around here (like building additions for Patricia and Souch campuses). Until next week, don't forget to floss.



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# Nice Guys Really Do Finish Last

Scott Cummings

"Nice guy." Oh, how I hate those two words. Yes, I agree with Jenny Thornbird's definition of a "nice guy." Now here is what it also really means though. It means constantly being hit with such wonderful phrases like, "You're such a nice guy, I would hate to ruin what we have by dating," or "You're such a nice guy, warm, caring... what do you think of (insert jerk's name here)?" or, my favorite one, "I love you... just like a brother." All of these wonderful phrases are just about as fun as getting kicked in the crotch repeatedly. It also means ripping over to her place at 2 a.m. after getting a panicked phone call to talk to her through or help with her current crisis because, "you're the only one I can really talk to." This is just a regular week for the nice guy.

Most of my friends can be defined as "not-so-nice girls" and most of them love me... just like a brother. What I want to know

though, is why you all have such big chips on your shoulders? Is it wrong to open doors, pay for a meal, or just sit and talk? When a guy does this just to be nice or just to spend time with you, it's deemed as weird and wrong because we don't spend the entire time looking at your breasts or trying to get in your pants. Another random question here: Is it really that odd to have a guy open and hold the car door for you and then let himself in? The other thing I don't get is the old, "You're just too good for me" line. (Which I still think translates into "You're a boring dork but I'll tell you no nicely because you could be useful later.") Do you girls actually think there is a limit to how well you are allowed to be treated? Well guess what — we do this because it feels good to do these things for you.

One thing I have noticed is that the "not-so-nice girls" seem to feel the need to "preserve" the nice

guys. "Preserve," meaning they won't date us, but they don't like it when others try to and will scare away any who attempt. I have had a group of seven of my friends actually growl at another woman when she asked me to dance. It's like they feel that if they allow anyone else to get close to us, they will lose their shoulder to cry on and their person to talk to.

Well, I'm going to state a few things about nice guys: We aren't all shut-ins and haven't experienced the world. We enjoy going out and having a good time as much as anyone else. Most of us, somewhere deep inside, secretly wish we were jerks. Why? Because it would be nice to have someone chase us around for a change and not have everyone else's problems dumped on us. That, and it would be nice to be on the other side of the fence for once and get to turn to someone and say, "I love you... just like a sister." Ah, who am I kidding? I'm too *NICE* of a GUY.

## Exam Anxiety — Part One:

### What Is Exam Anxiety?

Shirley Kabachia, Counsellor  
Student Counselling Centre

**W**ho really enjoys writing exams? Probably not many! For most students, writing exams is a somewhat stressful experience. After all, there is a lot at stake. Often, the exam situation creates "optimal stress." There is just enough adrenaline released to make us more alert and more motivated. You might say that optimal stress promotes success.

For some, however, the stress in exam situations is way more severe than optimal stress. You can feel a high level of anxiety that actually interferes with your ability to demonstrate your course-related knowledge.

How do you know if you experience enough anxiety to call

it "exam anxiety"? If you understand your course material and are prepared for the exam, but you experience several of these things in the exam situation, you probably have exam anxiety:

- Sweaty palms
- Shortness of breath
- Heart beats fast and LOUD
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty making your eyes focus of all the words. Sort of like tunnel vision where you can see only part of what is on the page.
- Feeling of panic
- Feeling of confusion
- Nausea and/or fainting
- Continued negative thoughts about yourself — panic-escalating thoughts such as, "Oh no! I can't do this," "I always panic," I'm so

stupid," "I'll never amount to anything, I can't even remember stuff I know for my exam," "I'm going to fail, then what will I do!"

• Blanking out and being unable to recall facts and procedures you know well (this is different from being unable to recall those facts and procedures you never knew anyway).

For those who do suffer from exam anxiety, how can you help yourselves and perform better on your exams? You can discuss your concerns with a counsellor who will help you look at long term things you can do to prevent exam anxiety, as well as at things you can do as "damage control" when you are in an exam and the panic starts.

If you'd like to make an appointment with one of our counsellors, the Student Counselling Office located in Room O-111 in the South Lobby. You can phone 471-8921 for an appointment, or drop in between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Stay tuned next week for "Exam Anxiety — Part Two: What to Do About It."

## Communication Problems Cleared Up: The Nugget Has a Garbage and a Recycling Bin

Kevin Pedersen

**L**ast week, some of you may have seen the big grey bin parked out in front of the Nugget office. We thought that it was a garbage can, but in fact it was a recycling bin. Unfortunately, due to the lack of prevalent markings on the container, we poured our garbage into it over the past three months, then wondered why no one would come empty our garbage.

Our garbage can, labeled "RECYCLE PAPER," was entirely empty, thanks to the quick and speedy custodial people around here. Unfortunately, we called in because of the large, unmarked bin, and someone here got hell for a poor job. They hadn't done poorly,

in fact, we appreciate our clean office each and every day. Someone, somewhere, should get a kick in the ass for failing to tell us that the "garbage" bin we were filling was actually a recycling bin. The recycling people, perhaps, should've given us a sticker for our can, rather than the "DON'T PUT COLOURED PAPER IN THIS BIN" notice on it.

The Nugget would like to apologize to the wonderful person who cleans our office nicely, as well as Stacey, who we called to complain to. Thanks for the good service go out to the recycling people, and the custodial people. Sorry for any misunderstandings.

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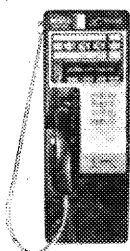
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# The Sex Wars

Jenny Thornbird

**D**ue to the short break in classes we had last week, I watched more television than I normally do. I was flipping through the channels when I stumbled across a special about the alleged "sex war" between the genders. How conveniently before Valentine's Day. Personally, the whole notion about warring between the genders has been done to death, but I like those kind of shows and

made it a point to watch it through. Sadly though, the only thing the special succeeded in doing was confirming what I have always believed — I am a freak of nature.

According to the "experts" the vapid, TV anchors interviewed, women are nurturing, loving, compassionate, and sympathetic. Anyone who knows me will tell you point blank that not all of those apply to me. I could give any woman a run for their money when

it comes to being cold-hearted and mean-spirited.

One example the sex war experts used to support their case, involved the fact that daughters are more likely to care for their sick parents than their brothers. I suppose this is true. This past December my mom and I moved my grandmother into a home. It's my mother who constantly goes to visit her and take her out for Cafe Mochas even though there's two other siblings in her family (one of

them being a BOY).

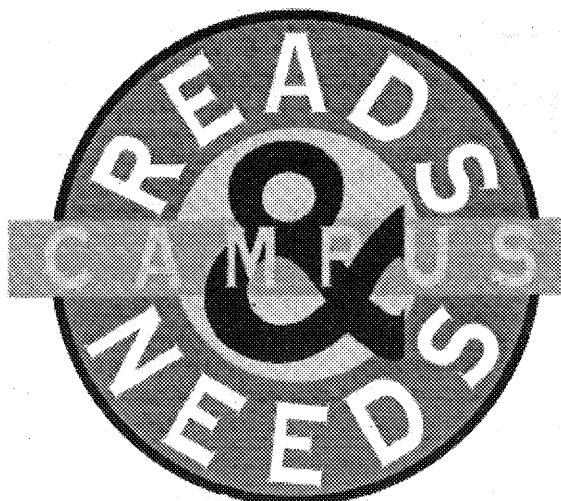
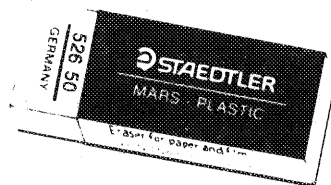
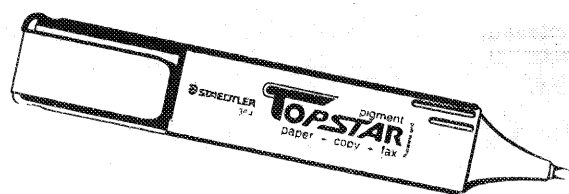
Along the lines of the same example though, they stated that women are more apt to care for their sick spouses than the other way around. They say women coddle and nurse their men. This is also a statement I agree with, though my boyfriend doesn't let me near him with a 10-foot pole when he's sick because he insists he's on the verge of death (ever see the "Aww, look at the big baby" commercial?). His idea of coddling me though, is calling me up when he knows damn well I have laryngitis and asking me how I'm feeling. His mom looks after me better than him, because at least she will offer me home remedy suggestions (she used to be a nurse).

One point made on the program that I still am trying to figure out is that women are supposedly more visual. Well, unless you're Ray Charles or Helen Keller, I think visuals are important for everyone. Do they mean men would prefer hearing their women moan and groan as opposed to them prancing around in a see-through nightie? They attempted to explain this by stating women enjoy romance more than the actual sexual act. Well, sorry, but I think I would rather have oodles and oodles of foreplay before sex as opposed to

being romanced with flowers or chocolate (w-ell...) or dinner at some fancy restaurant. Flowers wilt and die, chocolate serves the same purpose as sex, and the dinners at those fancy restaurants are way overpriced and the portions are too small. Point blank, If my boyfriend were to romance me before sex, I'd probably feel like a prostitute. "Okay, we both know what you want and what I want, but to get to it, first we're going to torture ourselves by wining and dining." Sorry, but to me, the "experts" appear to be saying that women are trollops.

My favorite part of this "sex war" the other night, was when one of the experts stated that girls really do prefer dolls and that parents should not encourage their children to play with toys simply to be gender neutral. For years and years, all I ever wanted was a Ken doll, and the day I got one, it's head popped off. I spent a lot of my younger, "development" years mainly playing Coleco Vision and Dungeons & Dragons. I had no desire to play house or do makeovers (though I had the most wicked My Little Pony collection).

See "Sex Wars" p. 15



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# Playoffs in Calgary for Men's Volleyball

Craig Wourms

**T**he regular season has wrapped up and Ook Men's Volleyball will once again be advancing to the play-off tournament. This weekend, the men will be going up against the top four teams in the provincial pool, after winning the Northern Division for the second season in a row.

This season is wrapping up with the same flavor it started with. The Ook's first regular season game was against the Grande Prairie Wolves, and so will their first play-off game be. The Wolves finished 3rd in the provincial pool, and the match up between the two teams is quite solid.

Player to player, the Oaks and Wolves will both be sending a couple top guns into battle. The Wolves have two ACAC All-Conference athletes: *Ryan Pomeroy* and *Shaun Herman*. The Oaks will counter their outside, attacking with our ACAC All-Conference player, *Aaron Graves*, and the league's top attacker, *Mike Shulko* (who has over 300 kills this season alone).

This weekend, the ACAC will be determining who is the best in the country. For the past four years, the top two teams from this tournament have both brought home the hardware from the National Finals. GOOD LUCK, OOKS!

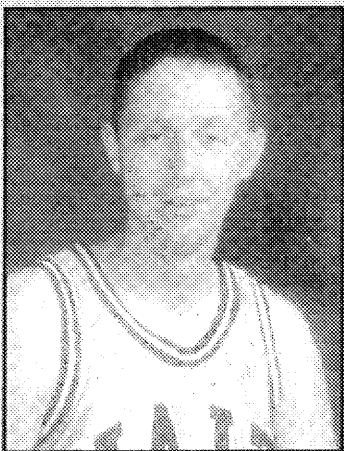


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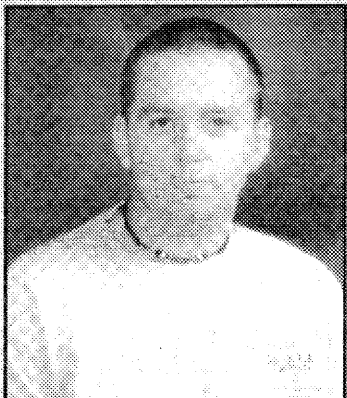
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NAIT	739	170	72
GPRC	710	186	82

## OOKS OF THE WEEK

**NAME:** Jason Hake  
**SPORT:** Basketball  
**FACULTY:** Bachelor of Applied Information Systems Technology  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Frootloops  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Oprah  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Anything Oprah was in  
**FAVORITE BAND:** Aaron Carter (because Oprah isn't in a band)  
**FUTURE PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** Open own business  
**COACH'S COMMENTS:** Really enjoyed coaching Jay this year. He always gave 100% and the basketball program would like to think Jay for the 4 years of tremendous effort that he gave to help make the program better. Good luck in the future, Jay.



**NAME:** Jay Smith  
**SPORT:** Badminton  
**FACULTY:** Landscape Architecture  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** Raw steak!  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** Home Improvement  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Tombstone  
**FAVORITE BAND:** The Hip, of course!  
**FUTURE PLANS/ASPIRATIONS:** To own own sports store called "Jay's Goods"  
**COACH'S COMMENTS:** Jay is a player that every coach would love to have on his or her team. He always works hard and maintains a positive attitude. He organizes team activities and always keeps the team loose. The weekend of January 22-23 at a tournament at Concordia, Jay improved his ranking from 95th in Alberta all the way to 40th. This is an incredible jump, and it makes him the Ook's 2nd ranked male.



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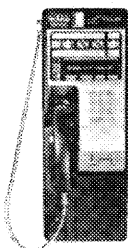


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# PLAYOFF TIME!!!

## Ooks Hockey Face Concordia in First Round



Andrew "Saving Private Quazy" Hore

**T**he 1998/99

regular season came to a close this past weekend with two games against the last place Grant MacEwan Griffins. The Griffins were playing their last two games of the season with no chance at playoffs due to their poor record.

Our club, on the other hand, was headed for playoffs. The two games were important for us in that we were chasing Mount Royal for 3rd place.

Game One went Friday night at NAIT. It was the last regular home game for the season. The

*The Griffins came out to prove a point for next season, jumping out to a 3-1 lead after the first period.*

Griffins came out to prove a point for next season, jumping out to a 3-1 lead after the first period. We then regained our composure and got back to what made us successful all season — emotional play. The comeback was on, as we scored five straight goals with no looking back.

### OOKS - 6/Griffins - 3

Game Two was complete domination on our part, keeping the Griffins' hands full all game. We controlled both ends of the rink all night, leading eventually to victory.

### OOKS - 7/Griffins - 0

Unfortunately, also over the weekend, Mount Royal swept SAIT and we ended up finishing 4th overall — only one point out of 3rd. With a record of 17 wins, 10 losses, and 1 tie, our club is prepared and ready for the playoffs. We match up next against the 5th place Concordia Thunder, a team that has given us a fair share of trouble this year. Concordia has actually been the first round playoff opponent for NAIT the past two years, so you can bet there will be no love lost there.

Yes, the most exciting Ooks hockey action is finally here — THE PLAYOFFS!! The best of three quarterfinals begins this weekend, so don't miss out. Come out and support your NAIT Ooks Men's Hockey Team!

### Game 1:

Thursday, February 18, at 7 p.m. in the NAIT Arena

### Game 2:

Friday, February 19, at 7 p.m. at the Clareview Arena (may change)

### Game 3:

(if necessary) Sunday, February 21, at 7 p.m. in the NAIT Arena

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3 on 3 Basketball starts Mondays 5-8 pm

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**MONDAY**  
March 22

## ACAC Weekly Ooks Stats

### LAST WEEKEND....

#### MEN'S HOCKEY

NAIT 6 GMCC 3  
NAIT 7 GMCC 0

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

NAIT 3 KC 1  
NAIT 0 KC 3

#### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

NAIT 3 KC 0  
NAIT 3 KC 0

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NAIT 47 TKUC 48  
NAIT 50 TKUC 38

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

NAIT 95 TKUC 92 (OT)  
NAIT 93 TKUC 99

### UPCOMING GAMES ON CAMPUS...

#### Men's Hockey Playoff Action

- Thursday, Feb 18: Ooks vs. Concordia at NAIT Arena, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Feb 19: Ooks vs. Concordia at Clareview Arena, 7 p.m. (subject to change)
- Sunday, Feb 21: Ooks vs. Concordia at NAIT Arena, 7 p.m. (if necessary)

#### Men's Volleyball Playoff Action

- Friday, Feb 19: Ooks vs. Grande Prairie at Mount Royal College (Calgary)

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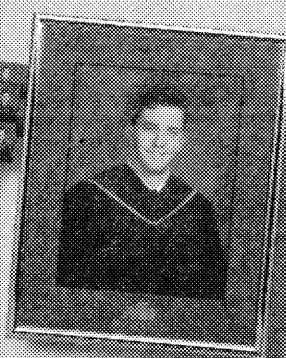
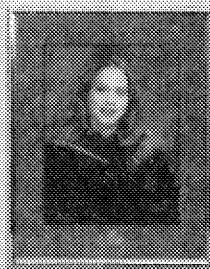
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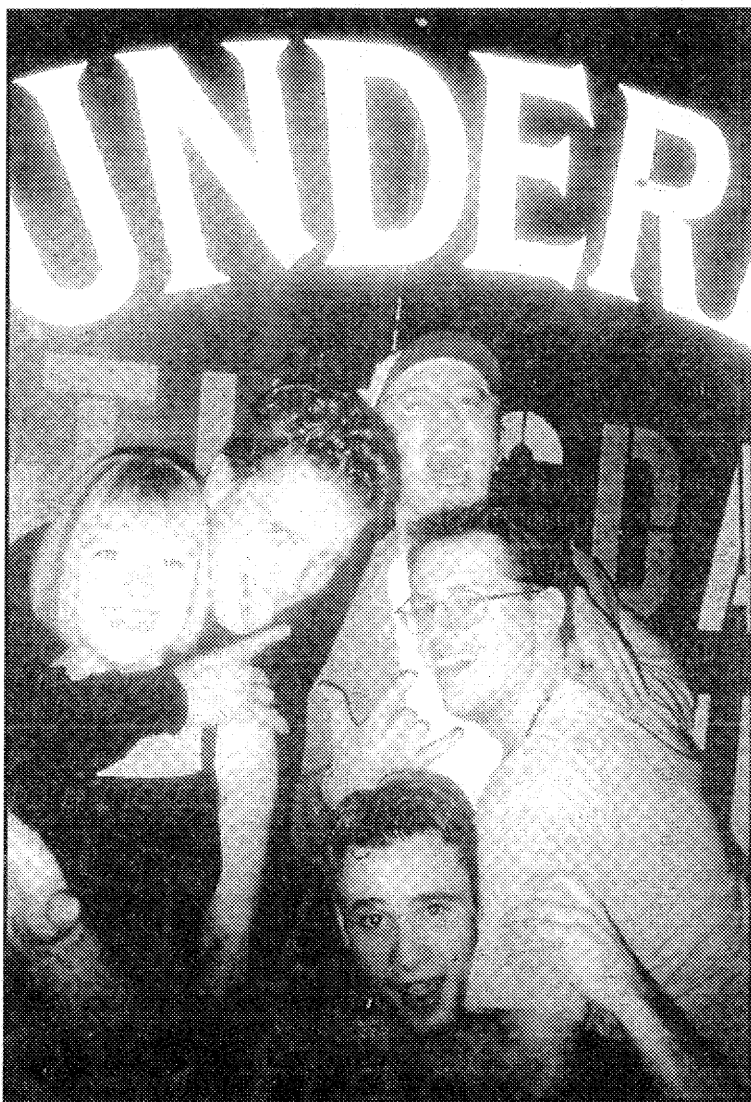


# Bi-partisan partying



David "Boy Wonder" Veilleux

**N**ow some people have come to the conclusion that I am some kind of stark raving alcoholic hedonistic freak. While not entirely untrue, I do feel justified in the fact that I am making the most out of my life. I do well in school and I am jamming all the knowledge and good times I can handle into two very short years. When I look back on my times here I will regret nothing, and value all the memories and friends I have made. This reading week (Shouldn't it actually be called Reading Couple o' Days?) was a perfect example of that. I did all I could, and I regret nothing. Here's a few highlites: Many of you attended the B.A.S. (Business Administration Society) cabaret at the Thunderdome or the Court Reporting Shindig at Cowboys on Wednesday to start. Now, I'll talk



about the business cabaret as that was the one I attended (Court Reporting neglected to hook me up with a ticket so they get screwed out of coverage). This little party was amazing as it totally filled up the Dome on one of its otherwise sparse nights. The boys and gals of business sure know how to unwind, it's great to see some 700 plus people partying their asses off. People seem to put away their



grudges and dislikes and really get funky with one-another during these events. If my description of this event seems lacking, it is due to my extreme level of inebriation. Anyone who wants to report on this event is encouraged to submit an article.

Peace out, and remember to keep the memories coming. Trust me, you'll regret it if you don't. (P.S. In order to avoid heavy editing I had to omit a lot of rather incorrigible information, I'll leave it up to your imagination. Even then, you'll miss some.)

## Poetry

### Puppy

Anonymous

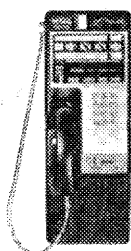
I have a sweet puppy,  
she is fluffy and white.  
She always looks cute,  
except when she bites.  
I love her laughing eyes,  
especially when closed.  
I know that she is asleep,  
but then she snores.  
She tries to protect,  
with her loud bark.  
I take her for walks,  
and she poops in the park.  
She lies on the rug,



then chews it to shreds.  
It's times like this,  
that I shake my head.  
But when she is good,  
she likes to cuddle.  
Then I look to the floor,  
and there is a puddle.



Adam



Eve

look for Payphone Cards wherever you see this symbol



# HOROSCOPES



Daria Morgan

## Capricorn

(December 23-January 19)

A classmate is plotting against you. Make sure you eat lots of Mexican food before plotting back.

## Aquarius

(January 20-February 18)

You are going to find half of a bug in your lunch one day this week. Don't worry about the other half you already ate — it's all protein, right?

## Pisces

(February 19-March 20)

Someone is siphoning your gas at night, and this is the week you're going to catch them. You do have a match... right?

## Aries

(March 21-April 19)

You are going to be abducted by aliens. Make sure you're always wearing a clean pair of undies.

## Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Someone close to you will be a Hare Krishna. Take them to the airport right away and then book an appointment with a reputable therapist.

## Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

There's a bag of money buried in your backyard. Start digging before your dog discovers it. You remember what happened to Lassie when she dug up the bag of money, right? She went on to make eight movies, and maybe you will, too.

## Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

Don't bother having a pool — a sinkhole will open in your backyard as a result of the weight of all the snow we're going to get.

## Leo

(July 23-August 22)

Tired? That's okay, a coma is coming your way.

## Virgo

(August 23-September 22)

An image of the Virgin Mary is going to appear somewhere on your body. Wanna guess where? People from all over will come to see the vision.

## Libra

(September 23-October 22)

You will receive a shock if you flip on a light switch this week. Try to stay in the dark for your own safety. Also, you will find that your partner enjoys sex better this way.

## Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

That's not apple juice you drank this morning.

## Sagittarius

(November 22-December 22)

If you're alive to read this, your car brakes are going to fail on you. Bring your car to automotives entrance and drive fast.

## If today is your birthday:

Indulge in the saying, "Have your cake and eat it, too." Share with no one unless they bring you a really kickass gift or a large cash donation.

## CD Review

### The Black Crowes

#### By Your Side

Columbia Records

www.blackcrowes.com

SharkFin

Although someone or something called them "the world's most 'rock'n'roll' rock'n'roll band," I think they look like a bunch of glam rock freaks, myself. Personal style judgments aside, *By Your Side* ain't so bad. To be honest, it's so goddamned good that if they kept this up, I wouldn't be surprised if they turn into the Rolling Stones. Y'know, 70 years old and still going, rocking the world from a wheelchair. It's true. They got it that good.

And it's killing me to admit it because I really didn't like them



when they first came out several years ago. And I didn't like the infectiousness of their catchy, pop, bubblegum song, Blackberry. It was so upbeat, I hated it.

But now they've got a little attitude. I guess they had some hard times, ditched some of their drummers, had a lawsuit or two, and the two Robinson brothers, Chris and Rob, who are the backbone of the Black Crowes, constantly fought each other during the writing and recording of this album.

So I'm thinking, like, who cares? The album rocks, right? That would be correct.

## CD Review

### La Mano Negra

#### Best of Mano Negra

Virgin Records

SharkFin



All right, I admit it. Before this, I was TOTALLY unfamiliar with new Mexican music that didn't feature mariachi guitars and drums. Or spiritual themes. Or some kind of danceable Latin-type beats. Or coherence.

La Mano Negra is different. It has none of those things. It does have one thing though, and that one thing is this: "A little monkey, a little Frenchy chimpanzee. He's in

the King Kong Five. They do the King Kong Jive." [this is a sample of their lyrics]

But that's about it.

Yes, they're unique and stylish and punky and rappy. Their sound is like the Beastie Boys, if the Beastie Boys had been born south of the border. It's okay stuff, but it doesn't really reach out and smash my face in — if you know what I mean.

## CD Review

### D Generation

#### Through the Darkness

Columbia Records

www.dgeneration.com

SharkFin

Everyone has probably heard their first single, "Helpless." Everyone probably heard it on the soundtrack to 'The Faculty.' Everyone who heard that song probably liked it. Everyone who liked it will probably want to listen to the entire album. Everyone who listens to the entire album will probably like that too.

It's all loud, and fast, and ripe for the tour scene. The entire CD is good material for both radio play and club gigs, but there are a few real standouts. "Helpless," "Rise & Fall," and "Sick on the Radio" are my three favorites. Only a Ghost has a guitar line that really reminds me of Rob Zombie's "Dragula."

That may be just me, though.

# TOP TENS

Source: www.canoe.ca

## Canadian Box Office

1. Patch Adams
2. A Civil Action
3. Varsity Blues
4. Stepmom
5. The Thin Red Line
6. At First Sight
7. Shakespeare in Love
8. Virus
9. A Simple Plan
10. In Dreams

## Edmonton Album Sales

1. Baby One More Time - Britney Spears
2. Big Shiny Tunes 3 - Various Artists
3. Americana - Offspring
4. MuchDance 1999 - Various Artists
5. Believe - CherBest of U2 - U2
6. Women and Songs 2 - Various Artists
7. Sabrina The Teenage Witch - Soundtrack

8. Armageddon- Soundtrack
9. Come on Over - Shania Twain
10. Dizzy Up the Girl - Goo Goo Dolls

## Canada Singles Sales

1. Goodbye - Spice Girls
2. Baby one More Time - Britney Spears
3. Candle In the Wind - Elton John
4. Music Sounds Better With You - Stardust
5. Some Kind of Wonderful - Sky
6. Because of You - 98 Degrees
7. From This Moment On - Shania Twain
8. Believe - Cher
9. Love Like This - Faith Evans
10. Sweetest Thing (Part 2) - U2

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## Alumni Award of Distinction

**N**ominations are now being accepted for the 1999 Alumni Award of Distinction. This award formally recognizes and honors the diverse achievements and contributions of NAIT alumni. The award is presented during graduation ceremonies and recipients are permanently recognized on the 'Alumni Wall of Honor' located on Main Campus.

*Rick Rymek was one of three recipients of the award in 1998.*

*Rick joined A.V. Carlson Construction Ltd., as a trainee project coordinator, shortly after graduating from Construction Engineering in 1971. He became president of Carlson in 1991 and since 1993 has become involved in ownership of the Carlson Projects North organization and is a major shareholder. He continues to actively promote and support NAIT, hiring NAIT graduates and remains involved as a member of two program advisory committees. Rick also gives many hours of personal time to improve the community and his profession.*

### Do you know a worthy recipient?

Nomination Deadline is February 26, 1999

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

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- Working technicians and technologists will be on hand to discuss career possibilities and how membership in ASET can benefit you **NOW and in the FUTURE!**
- If you are in one of the following programs, come out for pizza and a soft drink and do some networking with your future colleagues!

#### March 2

L005, Engineering Technologies Annex

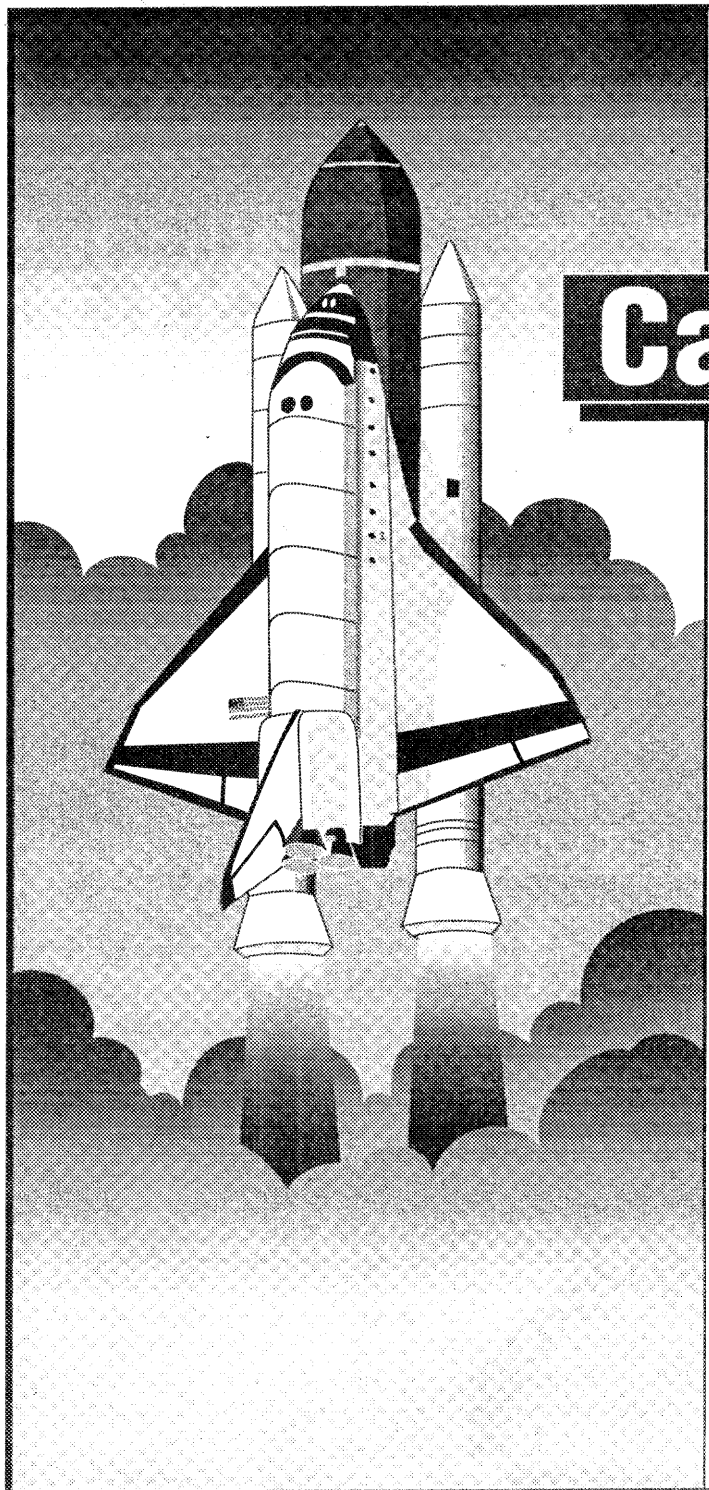
Geomatics Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Engineering Design and Drafting  
Chemical Engineering  
Geological  
Hydrogeological  
Petroleum Engineering  
Architectural  
Construction Engineering

#### March 3

Tower Lounge, Main Campus

Air Conditioning Engineering	Forestry
Biological Sciences	Instrumentation Engineering
CATV Systems	Materials Engineering
Chemical	Mechanical Engineering
Computer Engineering	Network Engineering
Electrical Engineering	Plastics Engineering
Electrical Maintenance	Power Engineering
Electronics Engineering	Telecommunications Engineering
Electronics Service	

Door prizes will be awarded to current ASET student members and those who sign up at this event!!



# Molson and Hockey Are Synonymous

David Veilleux

Something has really been bugging this year. What's up with Molson pulling out of Hockey Night in Canada? As a hockey fan and avid Molson drinker, I was perplexed. Through my diligent reports of NAIT events I came in contact with Rob, the Molson Rep. His explanation of the withdrawal got me interested, so I dug up a little more info. Molson is actually more involved in hockey than ever, and really keeps Canadian hockey going. They sponsor where it counts, from the Canadian NHL teams to grassroots minor leaguers.

## Molson and the Edmonton Oilers

All Canadian hockey fans remember the Molson Stanley Cup broadcasts in the years from 1984 to 1988 when Wayne Gretzky and company dominated the game, running off an incredible streak of four Stanley Cup victories in just five seasons. Today, Molson is again playing a pivotal role in Edmonton Oilers history. In 1998, Edmonton was in danger of losing its beloved Oilers to the United States. The city's diehard hockey fans, the Edmonton business community, and Molson, rallied by putting together the financial package needed to keep the team. A month-long consumer program resulted in Molson contributing a quarter million dollars to the team. The new Molson/Oilers partnership names Molson as the official brewery of the Oilers. It doubles Molson's previous investment with the club. This is a two-year alliance running from 1998-99 to 2001-02, with a two-year option. Molstar will produce all 48 locally televised Oilers games on CTV Sportsnet and the A-Channel and sponsor the entire season's radio broadcasts on WIC Radio Alberta.

Molstar Sports and Entertainment, a division of Molson Breweries, is one of Canada's leading corporate sports broadcasting companies and the largest producer of prime time television sports in Canadian history. Molstar has been involved in hockey broadcasting in Canada for over 45 years, back in the days when there were only two Canadian teams — truly a builder of Canadian hockey. Molstar has a long-standing reputation for excellence in hockey production. In fact, some say Molstar provides the best-quality broadcast production in the sport of hockey today. A new,

state-of-the-art trademark look for Molstar hockey broadcasts of the future include new graphic packages, new animation, and new specially written music! In 1998, Molstar will be bringing the game into the viewer's living room — just like sitting rinkside. Molstar is unafraid to break with hockey broadcast tradition to take the fan to the next step. They'll build the story of the game — no distractions. Just three periods of non-stop action for our die-hard hockey fans. Molstar will be there consistently providing live action — rinkside, corporate boxes, Extreme Seats... They'll take the fans there. They'll cover the game at ice level like never before. Lots of lower ice action. Ice level isolation of the best players in the game. Molstar's production capabilities will ensure isolation of all the action — if something happens on the ice, there's a guarantee that they'll have it. Telecasts feature high-end production, including netcams, robotic cameras, and pencil cams in the penalty box. Additional equipment will be used in key games to enhance the broadcasts as Molstar leads the way with new technology as it is introduced to the broadcast community.

## FOR THE FANS:

- *I AM Canadian Opening Tailgate Party*, a huge pre-game party in the parking lot adjacent to the Sky Reach Centre.
- *Molson Canadian Best Seats in the House*, a chance to win "prime" seating, complete with comfy chairs, private wait staff, and personal replay monitor.
- *Molson Canadian Rivalry Bus*, a chance to travel to see the Oilers play western rivals Calgary Flames.
- *Molson Canadian I AM With the Team Luncheons*, a chance for fans to meet the Oilers at special luncheons throughout the season.
- *Molson Canadian I AM Section*, a special section in the

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As you can see Molson hasn't sold out. They are committed to Canadian hockey, as much as I am to drinking their products. Thanks guys!

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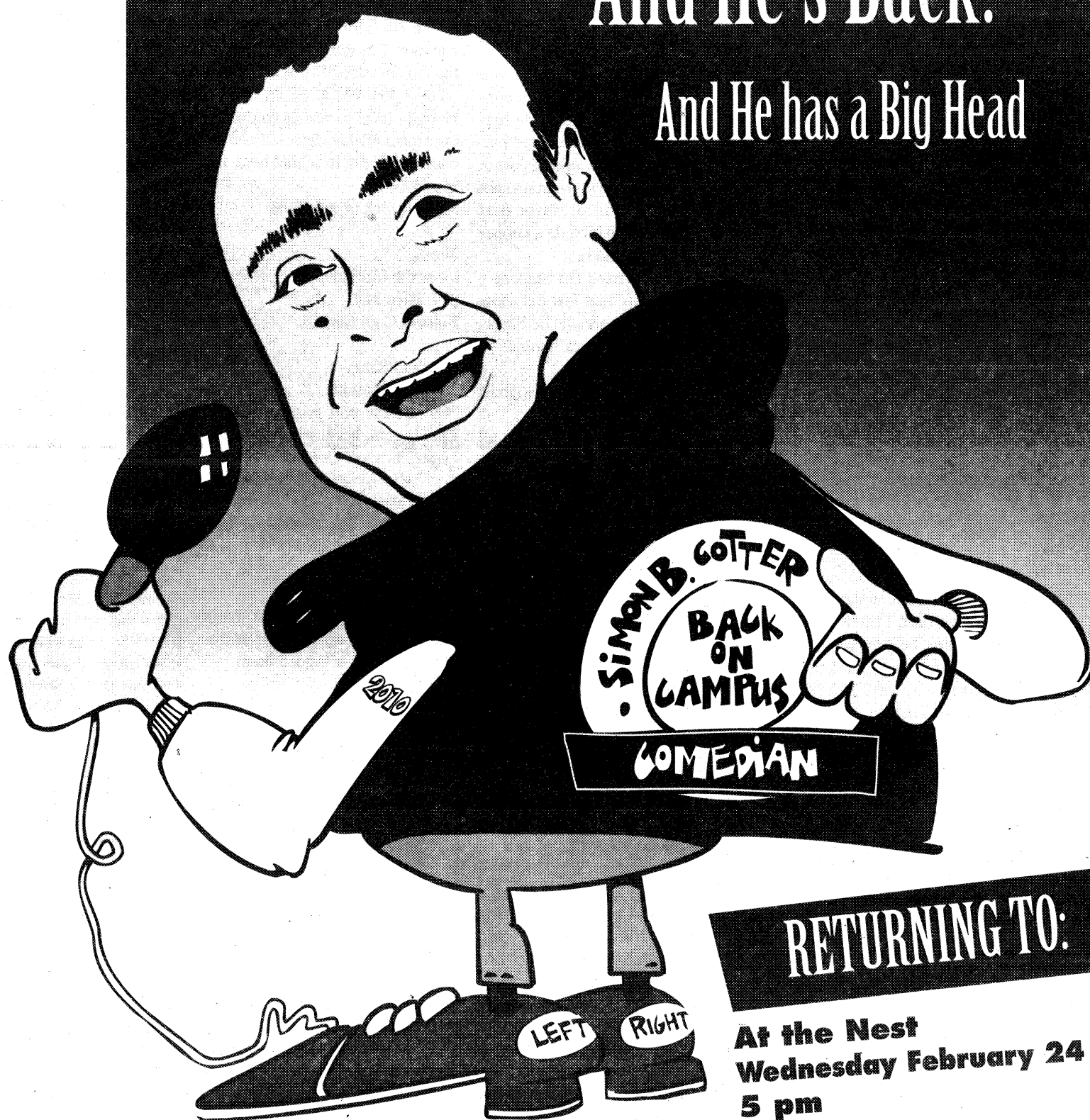
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# SIMON B. GOTTER

"He's Funny"  
"And He's Back!"

And He has a Big Head



RETURNING TO:

At the Nest  
Wednesday February 24  
5 pm

## Sex Wars

cont'd from p. 8

The saddest part of all this is that these so-called experts are stereotyping girls and women. They say it's all right if your

daughter is a tomboy or a girly-girl, but what if she's not either one? What if she's not a tomboy, but she doesn't like playing hopscotch or

foofy games like Candyland (I liked Battleship)? As for me, I was a tomboy who climbed trees in skirts, used My Little Ponies as a means of trouncing GI Joes, and played with 100-sided dice with six guys figuring out who gets to whack what first. What does that leave someone like me? These gender experts are pigeonholing chil-

dren and not allowing for the possibility that some of us happen to be a little bit masculine and feminine.

It's a shame, but no surprise, that a television network would devote an entire hour to this drivel; and it will not surprise me when average people start quoting what they heard. I feel sorry for a coun-

try where we have to start choosing sides in this "sex war." (But, if you want to know what side I would choose, it would be the guys. They don't get cramps, have to spend money on 18-hour bras, and will never know the true meaning of the words "hard labor.")



The Grapevine entitled *Dear Personal Fitness Trainer* will not be printed because the submitter didn't bother to put their full name down. Some people really do need instructions beat into them.

There is a 50/50 Draw being held by the Respiratory Students. It's \$1/ticket and each draw has a \$300 prize. Look for the winning numbers in upcoming Nuggets. The draw dates are February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2, and April 16. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The Geomatics students are hosting a BEER GARDENS at "The Dock" over at the Engineering Technology Annex. Drink for cheap on Thursday, February 25, from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

To A.J. Greening,  
I KNOW you don't like to play games, but I'm sorry... this is my field now, and you have to figure out where first base is before you can pitch! Don't be too forceful or you'll ruin your chances. As requested, I have brown hair and brown eyes, I'm 5'9", and I wear burgundy lipstick. Any guesses? You don't have to close your eyes because I'm only standing right before you. These feelings I have are TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY from the heart — if only you knew. Signed, Watching and Waiting

To the asshole who broke into a girl's locker on the 2nd floor of the Business tower on February 2, 1999. You are a big person! You should be really proud of yourself! The woman you ripped off is a struggling, single mother of two who is trying to better her life — but then you come along and basically kick her down, having no regard for her or her family. She now must find the money somewhere to purchase new books. CONGRATULATIONS! Her children may now have to miss out because of your greediness. Next time, consider the person you may be ripping off, DICKHEAD! From, Another struggling, single mom

To The Swinger,  
Every week you seem to have something to say. Well, I think it's about time somebody plugged that hole. You seem to think you're the bomb, the man, and the REAL player. Well, son, it's time you take advice from a real man — women don't like jackasses, and you exemplify this to it's highest standard. I know who you are, and trust me, you ain't pretty. Signed, The Oiler Fan

To D.P. in CST,  
You're cute on the outside, but what about the inside? I'd love to find out. Reply via Grapevine if interested. Signed, "Tyler" the Tiger

To Our Favorite Valentine,  
You are right! We do not care to cuddle. We just want whipping cream, champagne, and your sweet chocolate-covered strawberries. Signed, Foosball Queens

To LLH,  
For a person who Loves Laying H (put in bad "H" word here), you sure have a lot to say. Are you man, woman, or beast? I suspect beast, because after a night with your mom, I assume it runs in the family. Did I detect a hint of hostility? It figures, coming from a person who has done more dirties than a laundry mat. I don't do rodents, friend, I just leave them for humps like yourself. From your new pal, The Swinger

Dave,  
I'm the perfect girl for you. Not only do I have a spacious love hut on a secluded mountain side, but I also love beer. I often slam a few Canadians before mounting my board to ride those hard, mountain moguls. Anyway, I'm a sexual chick looking to score, and if you're willing to go to extremes in every way imaginable, write back. Signed, CobraLynn

Dear Ladies of Respiratory,  
To help satisfy your curiosity, the one who I find very goddess-like is approximately 5'4" with dark brown, straight hair that extends down just past her shoulders. She also, at times, sports a pair of

glasses and, because of her natural pulchritude, is a great turn on. Until the next time... Signed, The 2th Guy

To Jeff,  
Hey, buddy, I recently heard you were the leader of the Back Door Bandits! I also heard you think the Vancouver Canucks are good. Man, you are one confused SOB. From, You Know Who

To the rather fine redhead in 1st semester RTA,  
My heart practically leaps out of my chest whenever I see you. I think you're stunning. Wishing I was yours, A fellow radio cat

To the Elite Security Commando Force of NAIT,  
I would like to congratulate you clowns on a job well done. It continues to amaze me how you Meter Maids can spot an expired meter or a insufficient parking pass at 100 yards, and yet you cannot spot the theft of a vehicle. Maybe next year's bonus will include a jumper for your pacemakers. Signed, One Pissed Off Student  
PS: To the guy that lost his snow machine in the parkade, be thankful they left your truck behind.

Who the hell are the Foosball Queens?  
Some bitches who think there all that? They look like they came from the Royal Barnyard! Signed, Hate Foosball

To God's Property,  
Must respect, much love. If I could only find you. Signed, Leaf

To NAIT's Children,  
Why is it that every year some losers are cutting up the auto techs and other mechanical trades? Get a life, freaks! We charge you pathetic losers \$65/hour to fix your cars. All you pencil pushers do is whine and complain on our deaf ears. While your ma and pa give you your allowance, we're making \$40,000/year (that was in my 3rd year). After work, I get into one of my two cars and drive home to my own home while I see you at the bus stop wearing your McDonald's uniform going to work and paying your bills. So, think twice before running down techs. Thanks. Signed, 4th Year Auto Techs  
PS: To the Prince, if we find out who you are, we'll burn you in our caustic tank!

Editor's Note: Come on, now. Let's not start the inter-tech bashing again. We're all Dr. Shaw's people. Let's not pick on one another, all right? Thanks. Oh, one more thing. I like McDonald's. Don't you?

To T.R.,  
I shivered when I saw your note in the Vine and your offer to be part of that which is mine. You say you are family to one we called Dick — sorry you are related to a supreme prick. 14 years back the Den I did close, so I need not your APP, your panties, nor hose. My patrons had fun — naked Twister and Stix — we partied all night when you were but 6. Forget all this, T, it'll be a big chore. I sense you're an Angel, but I'd just make you a whore. I hope this note doesn't make you too blue. Why don't you start Den of Iniquity II? Signed, Dan — Forever Dark — the Mephistopheles

To the blue track pant boy couple on the 8th floor,  
I'm sure I'm speaking for the entire business facility when I say, "STOP THE MOLESTATION!" Nobody likes to watch you grope each other all day, especially on the couches. We're in school here, not Motel 8. Signed, Sick of watching

Nick,  
I saw the forbidden tape of Winnipeg. Nice ass! Signed, Cool Squeak

Foosball King,  
Name starts with "J" and ends in "O". I hear you go commando. That is cool, because so do we. Love, Foosball Queens

Hey Fraser,  
Can I play with your diodes? A secret admirer

Jana,  
Did you now anyone can use a phone? Brush up on your secretarial skills. You'll need them. V.P.'s Office

## Classifieds

**Reward offered** for the return of my brown, leather-covered daytimer. I lost it at the Nest on Wednesday, February 10. Call 456-7721.

**For rent:** Finished basement suite with kitchen. Ten blocks east of NAIT. \$350/month (utilities included). Call 479-7647 and ask for James.

**Basement suite for rent:** Has great landlords; a separate entrance; a parking stall in the rear of the house; included in the rent is a washer and dryer, and all utilities (heat, power, water). Rent is \$350/month. If interested, call Rob at 435-3183 (leave a message if no answer).

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**Seeking dynamic individuals to fill full or part-time positions.** For the first time in Canada special training seminars will be offered for individuals who strive to be financially independent. EXCEL/Teleglobe Communications, a multi-billion dollar company, will be branching into Canada this month. Feb 17: Mayfield Inn, 7:30 pm. Feb 18: Delta Edmonton South.

**For sale:** Two fairly new BF Goodrich Tires and two barely used Dunlop Tires. Both tires are touring types and are in great condition. BONUS: Tires also come with a 1984 silver Plymouth Caravelle. This is a MUST SELL because I am moving out of Edmonton. Asking price is \$1,200. Call Rob at 435-3183 (leave a message if no answer).

## Are You a Student Leader?

The 1999 NAITSA elections are quickly approaching and looking to fill the seven positions:

- President
- Financial/Academic VP
- Activities VP
- Athletics VP
- Communications VP
- 2 Board of Governors Representatives

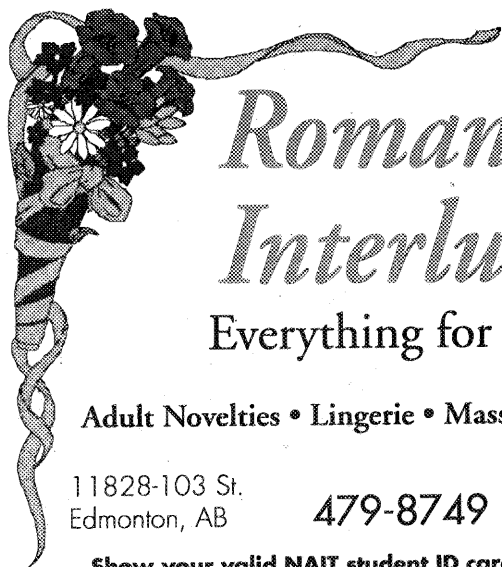
**Nominations Open**  
Monday, March 1 and close Friday, March 5.

**Campaign week takes place from March 15 - 18.**

**Election Day is March 19**

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