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## And the Winners Are...



Tyler Harke

**T**he votes have been cast, the tallies are final, the beers have been swilled, and the tears have been cried. Yes, the election is done. And, of course, that means that a new Students' Association has been elected. So, what does this mean to you? Well, it means that you'll have some fresh new faces to blame for everything that goes wrong in your academic life next year. You'll have some familiar ones, as well.

Our big cheese, grand pooba next year will be none other than Gavin Kopp. He won a tightly contested battle with this year's Financial/Academic Vice President, Chantal Young. In fact, there were only 14 votes between them. He'll

take over from this year's President, Scott C. Williams, who is going on to bigger and better things (hopefully not at Burger King where it looks like I'll be spending my summer).

The Nugget's own Mick (he's not a dick) Beale will be next year's Communications VP. After hounding me for better articles all year, he'll take a break from picking his Nuggets and become a tried and true politician. Mick will replace Cory Popiuk as the head schmoozer around NAIT.

Another Nugget boy who made the big time is our special friend Dave Veilleux. He became the new Financial Academic VP. Dave promised to drink less beer and spend more of your tuition on important things like Twinkies and Tae Bo lessons.

Get ready to hear Vanilla Ice for another year as NAITSA's current Activities VP, "Crazy" Mike Anderson, made it two in a row. Perhaps the dry ice made the difference in voters' minds. Personally, I think it's the Pooba hat that got all the female votes.

Replacing Gavin Kopp as the Athletics VP is Chris Lupaschuk. He won a tightly contested (and



The new crew, from left: Chris Lupaschuk, Layna Mulligan, Dave Veilleux, "Crazy" Mike Anderson, Mick Beale and Gavin Kopp.

mildly controversial) race over the two 2nd place candidates, who actually tied. Chris won by a slim margin of 17 votes, but hey, 17 votes is 17 votes.

Both roles for the Board of Governors were filled (surprise, surprise) as the two candidates, Layna Mulligan and Nadine Sakardi, were voted in.

I spoke with Communications guy Cory Popiuk. He was very pleased with how the election ran. He felt that, because of the great electoral staff, as well as Chris Chelmnick, everything went smoothly. He also said that the re-

sults took longer than expected because some of the races were so close that votes had to be recounted up to five times.

The results were announced by Cory in the Nest Friday evening. Some of the issues facing the new SA are the new building scheduled for the next century, and a contract with the Athletics Board. When I asked him for a comment on any discrepancies in the election, he said that it was possible for a discrepancy to arise some time in the near future.



Above: Ralph Klein and Scott Williams showed their approval of the new executive last Friday at the Nest.

Turnout for the election was a fairly pathetic 9%, although it was up from an even more pathetic figure of 7.8% last time round.

So get ready for some serious testosterone in the ol' NAITSA office next year. This is the first all-male crew of politicians in quite a while. Finally, good luck to all of the winners and thanks for comin' out to all of those who suffered the agony of defeat.

From the Editor

## ACTISEC Wants Your Money—I'd Keep It, If I Were You



Mick Beale

**A**t last week's General Council Meeting, two student leaders from the Alberta College

and Technical Institute Student Executive Council (ACTISEC) put on a presentation in hopes of having us join their organization. After some questions from the Pre-Tech Rep and myself, one thing became very clear—they want us to join because they need the money.

The current ACTISEC budget is about \$45,000 a year. There are ten school members, with each putting up \$1.67 per full-time equivalent students. NAIT and SAIT are not members anymore, but they are lobbying to get us back. If NAIT alone joined again,

we would chip in a little over \$18,000. We would have over 25% of their budget paid for, but we would get the same voting privileges (1 vote) as the smaller schools, such as Augustana (with a population of under 1,000 students). The smaller schools pay considerably less for their seat on the council, but have just as much say as our representative would.

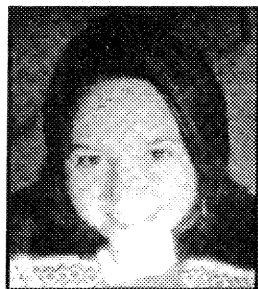
It's no wonder that they want us to join. Too bad they egged the legislature when they held a meeting here at NAIT, when we were

still members. NAIT's name was printed in all the papers and shown on TV, all because of a bunch of yahoos decided it would be a good lobbying tactic. It was things like this that made us decide to drop out. Chris Chelmnick, NAITSA Business Manager, voiced his view that the current day ACTISEC is much more mature than the ACTISEC of the past. He also pointed out that politicians listen to the groups like ACTISEC more often than they listen to single institutions.

If NAIT and SAIT rejoined,

the current budget would double for ACTISEC. I think it's obvious that they just want our money—they could go after Keyano College if they just wanted more members. If you're concerned about NAITSA giving your money to ACTISEC, talk to your tech rep and get them to take your concerns to General Council. Perhaps NAITSA could use the \$18,000 they'll save by not joining to bribe the politicians. Until next week, don't forget to floss.

# Photographic Technology



Jenessa Kirkwood

I'm down here in the basement, and, come to think of it, so is the photography class. I checked it out at the Open House and it looked pretty interesting so I thought I would pass on what it was about. This is a two-year program that offers a hands-on approach to learning. The first year deals with providing the basics that would be required in a career. Students work with various cameras and acquire different lighting skills and exposures. In the first year, students learn techniques of processing and printing since most of their work is done in black and white. Students are also introduced to color photography the first year. By enhancing their learning, courses in communications and computer skills are included in the first year's studies.

In the second year of the program, portraiture and commercial photography is taught so they can be ready for that aspect of their career. Color photography is also involved in second year while

learning skills of color darkroom/lab technicians. Students process, print, and finish color images and adjust processing conditions. The courses involve video production, computer manipulation of images, digital scanning of photographs, multimedia development, and the Internet. To get ready for the career field, second year involves courses in business, employment orientation, and portfolio production. This course will result in a Photographic Technology Diploma. The only scary thing is, come to think of it, the cost of supplies, which is approximately \$3,500/year. The major skills acquired will involve the control and handling of 35mm, medium, and large format camera systems; light control outdoors, in studio, and on location; darkroom/lab procedures for both black and white and color processing; portrait photography; commercial photography; and electronic imaging, along with others. Career opportunities can include portrait or wedding photographers, while others may deal with commercial photography. This would include advertising, corporate communication, architectural, fashion, and industry photography. Photographic technologists work in hospitals, police departments, scientific labs, colleges, and with the government. Other opportunities can even involve newspapers and magazine work.

## Want a Job at The Nugget?

It's that time of year again—our work is nearly done this year, and we're looking for people to carry the torch on for us. We're also looking for students who think they can be editors next year.

Positions which will become available soon include Editor-in-Chief, News Editor (2), Sports Editor, Entertainment Editor, Distribution Manager, Typesetter, and Photographer. The Editor-in-Chief position begins in late August, and

the other positions start September 1, 1999.

Working for the paper provides new experiences, improves your communication skills, looks good on your resume, and even gives you a paycheck. There's other perks, too, if you hang around the office enough.

For more information, stop by the NAITSA office and see one of the Communications Vice Presidents (Mick Beale or Cory Popiuk).

# Saskatchewan Boy Decides to Die



Tyler Harke

**T**yrell Dueck has chosen cancer over Chemotherapy for over four months now. Now this decision is almost certainly going to cost him his life. The Dueck's lawyer, Owen Griffiths, held a press conference Sunday to tell the press that Tyrell's cancer has spread from his leg into his lungs, which means that the cancer will be much more difficult to cure and almost impossible if Tyrell refuses any further treatments.

All of this started last Octo-

ber when the Grade 8 student slipped in the shower and found that the bump on his leg wasn't healing. The lump was a rare form of cancer known as Osteosarcoma — and it was spreading.

Tyrell then underwent a series of tests at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre and he and his family were adamant about refusing any form of chemotherapy, stating that God would determine Tyrell's outcome.

Tyrell began to receive national attention once Saskatchewan Social Services took his parents to court. Because he is only 13, his parents are still legally responsible for authorizing any treatment the boy receives. Their argument is that their religious freedoms are being infringed upon and that Tyrell can refuse treatment if he wants to.

Dr. Christopher Mpofu, the boy's doctor, said that, "The effects of postponing chemotherapy is that

the cancer becomes active again. The primary tumor could be expected to grow and spread within the leg and to the lungs."

The Duecks are still looking at alternative herbal medicine in Mexico. The family has also received hundreds of other suggestions from across North America; however, Tyrell's condition is continuing to worsen. The family's lawyer wished for prayers to be said for the family.

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## News in a Nutshell



Jenny Thornbird

### • Cock-a-doodle-doo Indeed!

Police in Victoria, B.C., got a wake up call of a different kind when a woman phoned in to report that a man was at a downtown intersection masturbating on a couch while holding a rooster by the neck. Another man was also there taking pictures of the whole thing. When the police arrived, they found that the two men were fully dressed, but indeed with a couch and bird in tow in their Jeep. When questioned, the two claimed they were working on a photography project. "I thought I'd seen everything in my job, but this is another one I can add to the list," said Sgt. Pete Talvas. He also added that the film has since been seized for, well, obvious reasons.

### • Tongue Sentenced To 60 Days

A Sauli Ste. Marie, Ontario, man who stuck his tongue in a store clerk's ear was sentenced to 50 days in jail for his bizarre and unwanted assault. He was also sentenced to an additional 10 days for shoplifting mouthwash, jelly beans, soup mix, and a couple of magazines. After the thefts, the man came up behind a clerk in a neighbouring store, stuck his tongue in her ear, said, "You look good in those clothes," and walked away. Even though he has a substantial past record, the fact that the Ontario man tendered a guilty plea early in the proceedings, "is the only thing keeping man out of a provincial corrections facility today," commented the trial judge on the case.

### • Don't Bury Me... I'm Not Dead Yet!

A 65-year-old man who was declared dead, surprised both his family and doctors when he came back to life just moments before being shipped off to the morgue. It all started when the man started to suffocate due to an emphysema attack. He was unconscious by the time he was transported to the local hospital, in which doctors spent the next half-hour trying to resuscitate him. When he didn't respond to treatment, he was declared dead. As the Gatineau, Quebec, man was being disconnected from the respirator though, he suddenly started to gasp for air and, six hours later, his breathing was back to normal. Astonished doctors are now saying that not only has he recovered from the near-death incident, but his health is better than when he entered the hospital.

### • Quack On This, Baby

An Ontario woman wants to make sure ducks can safely cross a busy road come springtime. She wants duck-crossing signs put up so motorists will be on the look out and avoid running over ducks and their ducklings. Last spring, the ducks were crossing the street to eat the leftovers from customers at a Burger King. The woman, who actually works at the said Burger King, said the town council for the district rejected the idea and instead recommended that a duck-feeding station be established instead so the ducks wouldn't have to cross the road. Only one problem arose from that — how do they plan to teach the ducks not to cross the busy road to feed on leftovers from customers and instead waddle to the feeding station? If the duck-crossing sign proposal goes through, Ducks Unlimited has offered to donate the signs.

## Is Spring Finally Here?

Jenessa Kirkwood

So finally on the weekend I saw the snow start to melt — now I have to wonder, is spring really here? Well, technically, yes, because it was officially on March 20. To boot, it was so warm this weekend I didn't even have to wear my winter coat! I just hopes this keeps up so I can start rollerblading and going to the beach on some lake here

pretty soon. It was pretty warm out this weekend but I don't think it was warm enough out to wear t-shirts and shorts yet. I know going from -30 Celsius to +14 Celsius is a feeling of great warmth, but I still think it's a bit cold out for that! One student though, Taras Yaremchuk, said he was wearing shorts and a t-shirt all day after he heard me saying that people were a little overboard on the weather. The one thing I hate about spring though is how dirty it is outside because of the sand off the streets. I can't believe how much sand is used throughout the winter! You have to wash your car every fricken two days, and it's going to take such a long time for the snow to melt because there is so much of it. I guess this means I will have to wait a little longer to rollerblade. In the meantime though, kiss skiing good-bye in Edmonton because some of the local hills are closed down or will be closed as of next weekend. Remember though, when you see a pussywillow blossom, this is the true sign of spring and that isn't due still for another couple of weeks.

## Under-funded Education

Jenessa Kirkwood

Alberta parents are still upset that the millions of dollars promised for their children's education is still nowhere to be found. Instead of the budget increasing, the parent's tolerance is just lowering. About 200 people turned out to hear former Education Minister David King, university professors David Wangler and Trevor Garrison, former publisher Mel Hurtig and retired teacher Lauretta Howard, slam the provincial government for the way it has restructured and cut public education. Dianne Williamson, organizer of the rally at Lymburn School, is trying to spread the word that the increase of \$600 million promised over three years doesn't amount to much when it comes down to each school in the province. The basic instructional grant increase announced two weeks ago, means only about \$50,000 extra for Lymburn — but it needs \$105,000 to avoid decreasing services and cutting staff, said Principal Neil McPherson. This all amounts to laying off teachers and cutting money for different functions. All of this may come to a head in Calgary this week, as the public school teachers are holding a strike vote Tuesday. The Calgary Board of Education was \$35 million in debt, and the recent provincial increase will only reduce that to \$19 million.

## B.A.S. Update and Election Information

In response to the negative feelings expressed in regard to the Cowboy's cabaret on March 11, B.A.S. would like to offer an apology in the form of a free cabaret on Thursday, April 1, at Oz nightclub. Tickets will be available on a first come, first serve basis on Monday, March 29, in Room T-114A. Anyone who did not receive their VIP cards from Cowboys can come down to Room T-114A to pick one up.

The B.A.S. elections are upon us once again. Nomination forms are available in the B.A.S. office (T-114A). Nomination forms are to be handed in no later than Thursday, April 1, and the election will be held on Friday, April 9. Positions available include: President, Vice President, VP of Management, VP of Marketing, VP of Finance, and VP of Accounting.

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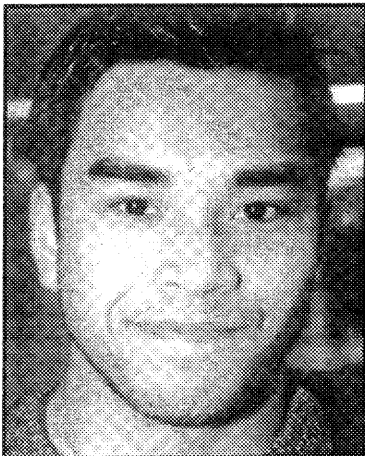
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# Question of the Week

What's the funniest thing you've heard happen for April Fools?



**Phong Ky**  
Computer Systems  
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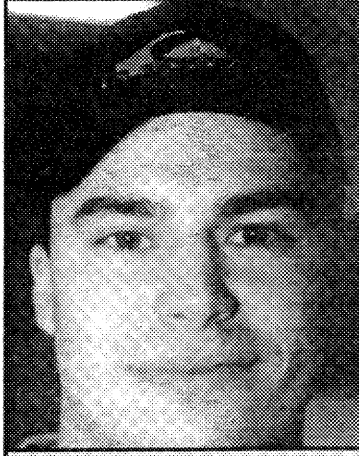
**Trent Germann**  
Personal Fitness Training

"My old boss hooked up an employee's brakes to his horn, so every time he braked, his horn would sound."



**Craig Sherstan**  
Computer Engineering  
Technology

"April fools is retarded. When I was younger, I heard on 630 CHED that Wayne Gretzky was traded, and it turned out to be a joke."



**Chad Crossland**  
Computer Engineering  
Technology

"Had a new guy on the oil rigs go to the machine shop and ask for a rear hole entry guide. (There's no such thing as a rear hole entry guide)."



**Joanna Pickerl**  
Computer Systems  
Technology

"A friend's mom bought a beautiful new dog and my friend Kool-Aid dyed it green."

## So Who's "Normal" Anymore?



Jenny Thornbird

Whilst in the middle of a bitch session with a bunch of estrogen-powered friends this past weekend, I began to find myself questioning my normalcy. The discussion had turned to psychological disorders and ex-boyfriends, and some of my friends told sob stories deserving of violins and a guest pass to Ponoka. As to where my involvement came in, I just sat back and listened for once. No lurid comments out of me this time, and, of course, everyone then assumed I was holding back some truth that was too horrible to unload on them. Perhaps a Satanic ritual involving the dismemberment of a couple of people I know was eating at my psyche. That, or perhaps I just had nothing to tell this time around. Nothing I wanted them to know, anyway.

Why has it become so trendy to be flocked-up? When did normal become abnormal? Today's average person is not complete without an "incident" of some sort. It is the hottest commodity. Telephone lines, chat rooms, and estrogen/testosterone gatherings are abuzz with women and men trading sexual war stories, and their mates

become victims in the process.

When it comes to flocked up females, I think I've heard it all. In fact, pretty much every male friend of mine has dated a girl with an "incident." One friend of mine, his recent ex-girlfriend claimed she was raped by her ex-boyfriend and her father brings gay lovers home to her apartment. She broke up with my friend to go back to that ex-boyfriend though. Shock me, shock me, shock me!

Guys aren't off the hook, either. Do you have any idea how hard it is to find a guy that doesn't have "issues"? That's a whole other article right there. Still though...

The era of being normal is waning, and soon, anyone who comes from a fairly stable environment will be shunned. If you've never been sexually abused in some way, you may as well be a nun. Don't have an eating disorder? Well shame on you. Have parents that are still together? Don't worry, they're just in denial of their TRUE feelings. Don't take anti-depressants? Then you're in denial, too.

Being normal just isn't in anymore. Being perfect just isn't in anymore. I suppose in one way or another, the inverse of today becomes the normal of tomorrow. So, where do you sit, anyway? What issues do you have to contribute to society and "fitting in"? What, are people saying, is wrong with you? — and if there is nothing wrong with you, and you're normal what skeletons in your closet are yet to come?

## Watch Your Toes

Greg de Jong

Basically, the whole Earth tilts toward the sun and all the snow starts to melt. Though I am find with this annual event called spring, I have come to dread the inherent threat to me, the eternal pedestrian: SOAKERS. Yes, this phenomenon has reared its damp head once again — and occurring at the most inopportune times, of course. Regardless of my attempts to avoid stepping into too-deep bodies of water, it is difficult to never misjudge the depth of each temporary lake.

On my daily walk to our institute, I must navigate an ever-changing terrain of slush, mini-oceans, and old dog turds which were preserved in the deep freeze (another topic altogether). The overall effect is quite disheartening. The level of concentration required to evaluate each step is limited by the typical morning brain-fog. Sure enough, a snowy step or aqueous tiptoe results in the sudden soaking of shoe, sock, and sole — pun, pun, wink, wink.

There is another danger. Some of us who are privileged with a vehicle find it profoundly amusing to veer just a bit to the right to invoke a murky tidal wave for the innocent walker to receive. Though the victim may be on the last leg of a treacherous journey, and able, up to now, preserve the dryness of their toes, they become the target of a malicious dousing. Friendly fire, if you will — worthy of a court martial. Perhaps revenge comes in the form of a fresh, deep, pothole which looks like an ordinary pud-

dle; but the damage is done.

Considering the speed at which science fleets along, I propose that it is high time for a satellite-mounted, puddle-eliminating, microwave cannon. The required technology exists, but, for some bizarre reason, has never been applied in this way. Here's the deal: the cannon would be operated from an airborne-standing, water detection system housed in a 747 during the night. The device need only

detect water more than an inch deep. Cities would be "processed" in alphabetical order by about four of these Royal Canadian Anti-soaker Units. Give the microwave cannon enough punch to zap a puddle in a half-second, and I bet the whole city would take two nights, tops.

I suppose the only danger would be to any late-night pedestrians who had just been drenched by a vehicle...

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mick,

I have a gripe about the elections that were held last week. In short, there was not enough advertising!!! I go to Westwood, and, as it was, I barely caught the election speeches because I didn't know where they were being held nor did I know that they were being done at two different times! On that note as well, I think they should have been held in the Westwood gym and not in the 3rd Floor Lounge because eating space for students is minimized enough as is and it was pretty packed in the Lounge for the speeches. As well, when it came to voting day, I didn't know where to go! There was nothing in the paper that said where on Westwood Campus we could vote, or even what time to go! If there was a poor voting turnout amongst the satellite campuses, that's probably a big part of why. Anyway, maybe this is something that can be improved upon next year for the next student body that votes. Congrats on winning Communications VP by the way.

Sincerely,  
The Lost Student

-Um, actually, we put the schedule in the paper. A lot of people still didn't know when they were, though. Maybe next year we can improve upon that. I'll talk to my boss about it—the Communications VP. Oh, that's me. I guess I'll make a note of it for next year. While I'm at it, I'd better give the Nugget Editor a big performance bonus for the month of April. I wonder if I could do that...

Next week—It's April Fools! Also, it's our second last issue this year. I wonder if anything cool will happen? Maybe some letters from David Hasselhoff. Lord knows we've been trying to get a response to our fan mail all year. We appreciate your submissions—keep up the good work!

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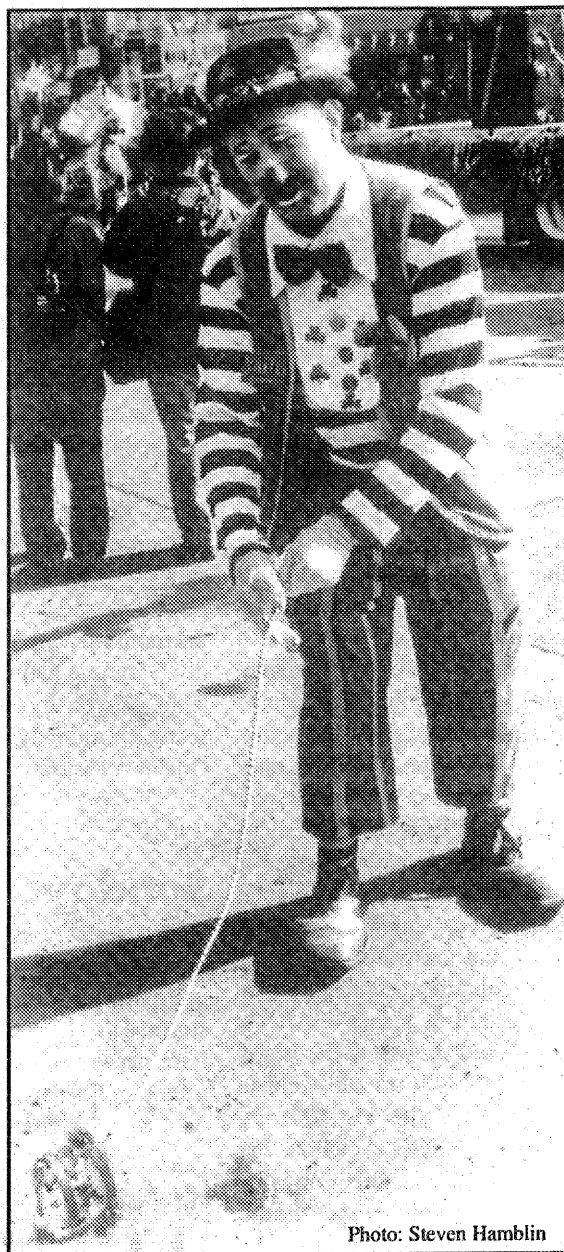
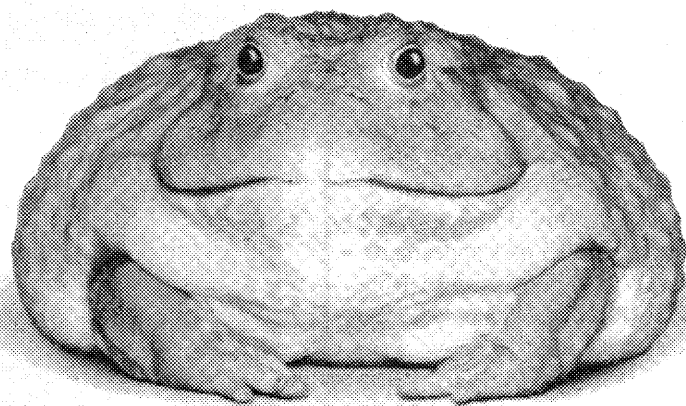


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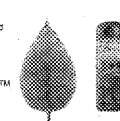
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# My drinking club has a rugby problem!



David "Superfan" Veilleux

**H**ow much fun can you pack into one weekend road trip? Apparently a lot, as I was shown first hand by our esteemed NAIT rugby club. A road trip for a rugby tournament in Lethbridge brought me newfound friends and a whack load of good times. It all came down a little something like this:

## Friday Night:

I had heard about this little jaunt down south a few days previously, and I really wanted to go, but certain obligations left me unable to attend. Or so I thought, but after some last minute wrangling and a whole lot prodding by Rob "I like to show my penis" Ellis, I found myself eager and able to make the journey. One problem though, I came to this realization at oh, about two o'clock in the morning, and the buses were set to depart from NAIT at 4:30. After some very last minute packing at Robbie's, I found myself there with time to spare. I must admit I do find myself a tad intimidated when I meet a large group of people, such as the guys and gals that make up the NAIT rugby team, but I soon felt welcome in no time at all. The NAIT rugby team consists of about 40 students, but only 20 guys and 10 girls were able to attend, all are dedicated and committed to making NAIT a premier name in the Alberta circuit. Rugby is by no means a gentle sport, and all of these players have the balls and perseverance to excel. Fresh off a previous tournament win, the guys and gals were set to show the world that NAIT is a force to be reckoned with. No team likes to go it alone out there though, so they decided to bring me, Robbie, and a few of the NEST girls down for support and encouragement. The trip started out a bit subdued, and most everyone tried to cop a few zzz's on the way down. Let me tell you, it's not too f\*cking easy to do that in a van packed to gills with bodies and equipment. Halfway there I was able to weasel myself into the shotgun seat and manage to get a bit of rest.

## Saturday:

We finally rolled into Lethbridge at about 10 in the morning, and got to the rugby park just in time for the men to play their first game. A bleary eyed yet bushy tailed contingent went out on the field, and gave it their all in a valiant effort. The day ended with our boys in third place, with a win and a loss to their credit, and our girls also gave it their all, as they joined forces with the SAIT girls to field a larger team. Now after a hard day of intense rugby your going to have your share of injuries and today was no exception. There is only one cure for that which ails you though, and that is plenty of alcohol in a short amount of time. We all stayed at the field for a while and drank it up, enjoying the great weather and the wafer thin burgers with condiment choices of mustard, mustard or mustard. After a nice ice cold shower at the rugby club, we all split up and went to get ready for the big tourney shindig at the ZOO, a campus bar at U of L. All the girls got to go stay at the Shaughnessy hotel, while all of the guys got to crash at a very accommodating local guy's humble abode (At the time the guys thought they were getting the short end of the stick, but more on that later.). After much drinking we all made it down to the ZOO, and we were greeted with refreshingly low priced alcoholic beverages. This suited our plans nicely and I soon found myself having the time of my life. Dancing and camaraderie ran rampant as the guys and the gals showed that they could party just as hard as they played. Many thanks go out to my forgiving dance partner, as she put with my drunken dance moves and trailer park appearance. The fab four, consisting of Rob, Robbie, Randy and I, made sure to get on the hotel van as we were determined not to stay at that weirdo guys house. Me especially as the only place I would have been able to sleep there was under the gosh-darned kitchen table. Now I was thinking that I was pretty sly in scoring a ride to the hotel but, boy was I ever wrong. I guess Lethbridge was all booked up, as the only accommodations we could find for the girls was in the nearby town of Shaughnessy. This town only has one hotel, but oh what a hotel it is. It is a converted boarding house, and a really old one to boot, you know the kind I'm talking about, with a communal bathroom at the end of the hall. The Bates Motel has nothing on this place. Right from the start we knew it was trouble, as the cleaning personnel had inadvertently missed a

couple of used condoms when they tidied up after the previous visitors. We persevered though and just made sure not to touch anything we didn't have to, and overlook the dead prostitute left under the bed in room 4. I did score a bed though, which is a considerable step up from under that damn table. In a freaky occurrence, I noticed that the carpeting was exactly like the stuff my Grandma had in her rum-pus room, and the sheets in one of the rooms matched the blankie that my Grammie had made for me as a kid (Maybe my Grandma lives a secret life as seedy hotel Manager? One never knows...).

## Sunday:

Understandably, everyone crawled out of bed a little reluctantly in the morning. We made the obligatory stop at a local Denny's, and the fab four, pagans as we are, picked up a cube of Pilsner in order ease the pain with a little of the hair of the

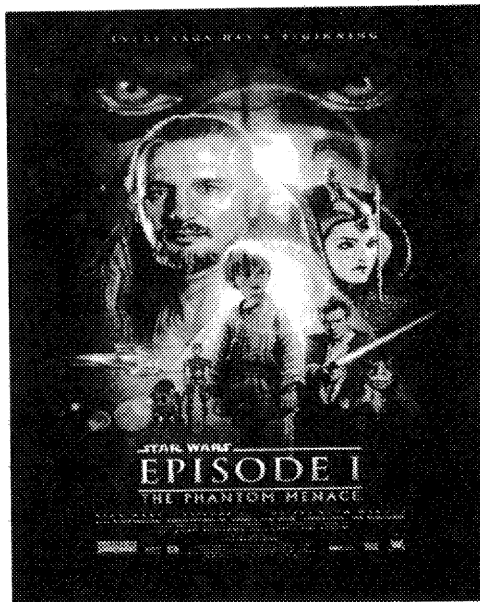
dog that bit us. I had to make a special trip to the mall as well, as I was informed that due to our growing list of walking wounded, Robbie and I would be thrown into the fray to do our duty for the team. I picked up a cheap set of cleats and made it to the field in time to enjoy the ladies last game of the day. I was a little reluctant to suit up, as I hadn't played any rugby for a long time. That didn't last long though, because as soon as I walked on to the field I knew I was hooked. The rugby team can count me in for the rest of the year for sure, whether they're happy about this or not I guess I'll find out. Regrettably, we were limited to one game against a hore team that provided no opposition, as we walked all over them. It turned out the dickheads that make up the SAIT team chickened out of the tourney the night before, and that left us on the outside looking in. I guess we are a little too intimidating for our own good. The ride back was a blast itself, as everyone made it a

kind-of moving party, with each van determined to be the place to be. The road trip came to an end back in the NAIT parking lot at the very time of 3 in the morning. Everyone slowly dragged their asses off the vans, we were a ragtag group of sore and injured companions, and we reluctantly split up and went our separate ways. We went back to our separate homes, with comfy beds, eagerly anticipating long hot showers and a good night's sleep. The bruises and injuries will fade and heal, but the memories and good times had on this road trip will stay with us forever.

The NAIT rugby team is always looking for new talent and would appreciate your support and participation. If you feel you've got what it takes, contact Gavin Kopp in the NAITSA office or Norm Suvar in the halls and join the fun.

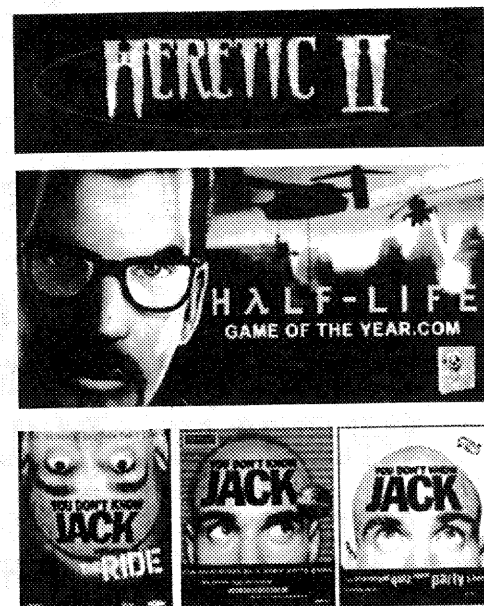
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# Slats Leaves His Mark Once Again:

Oiler GM Trades Four In Shakeup



Andrew "Bald is beautiful" Hore

cover on Saturday. Here's the shakeup in a nutshell:

- From Chicago:  
Chad Kilger, 22,  
Centre/Salary: \$770,000  
Ethan Moreau, 23,  
LW/Salary: \$700,000  
Daniel Cleary, 20,  
LW/Salary: \$850,000

Christian Laflamme, 23,  
D/Salary: \$425,000

- To Chicago:  
Boris Mironov, 27,  
D/Salary: \$1,200,000

Dean McAmmond, 25,  
LW/Salary: \$800,000

Jonas Elofsson, 20,  
D/Salary: \$800,000

- From NY Islanders:  
Tommy Salo, 28,  
G/Salary: \$1,150,000

- To NY Islanders:  
Mats Lindgren, 24,  
C/Salary: \$800,000

That, my friends, is a look at the new Oilers and the

**Y**es, they call him "Slat," the legendary hall of famer Glen Sather — GM for the Edmonton Oilers Hockey Club. A wise man with more tricks up his sleeve than any other GM in the NHL. Once again, for another year, the Oiler boss makes a big name deal near the end of the trade deadline, and just in time for the playoff stretch run. Will this trade push the Oil into the playoffs? Has Slat made a mistake, or has he made yet another steal trade just in time for the second season? We'll find out soon enough, with only 13 games remaining until playoffs.

The shakeup did, in fact, transform the recent losing streak to a Oiler win over Van-

old, who will be moving to new teams for playoff drive.

The initial reaction to the new Oilers was good in their first game last Saturday. Chad Kilger had a strong game and drew a penalty that later converted to an Oiler PP goal. Ethan Moreau had three assists on Mike Grier goals and a tussle with an old teammate

of mine, Jason Strudwick. Then hung in there with Strudwick in the scrap and was lucky to fall to the ice just when the big Canuck got a hold of him; however, the new Oiler gained the fans' and his teammates' respect in the act of bravery. Tommy Salo held the fort in goal stopping two Alexander Mogilny breakaways in the game

to lead his new team to victory.

I hope old Slat made the right decision, as it's obvious the best player in the deal, Mironov, is leaving. Hey, who wants a gut that hits his own teammates in front of the net, anyway? But what do I know, I'm just a HORE.

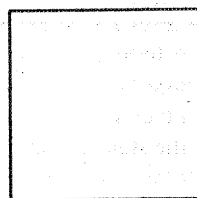
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# Horrorscopes Snow Job 99



Daria Morgan

## Capricorn

(December 23-January 19)

Your status climbs amongst both sexes after you're employed as a lubricating jelly tester. You will also earn the nickname "Jelly Bean."

## Aquarius

(January 20-February 18)

The Strawberry Breast Balm your mate bought this weekend will turn out to be quite the enlarging experience.

## Pisces

(February 19-March 20)

You will find yourself peeing on a fire hydrant yelling, "yes, yes!" after playing rock, scissors, tequila until 4 a.m.

## Aries

(March 21-April 19)

You and an old acquaintance renew your friendship together with some honey and motor oil after watching the community cable sex show.

## Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Your mother will suggest a new therapist this week after she discovers you leaving dirty messages for yourself on voice mail and listening to them naked when you get home.

## Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

A market windfall comes your way due to an investment in Iron Shafts Inc. on a tip from a friend.

## Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

You will buy a 'shaft warmer' through an Amway catalogue this week, only to discover that it's really just a tube sock that was shrunk in the dryer.

## Leo

(July 23-August 22)

Due to your "Slick Clicks" magazine being delivered to the wrong address this month, you receive an unforgettable marriage proposal from a very happy Marilyn Manson look-a-like.

## Virgo

(August 23-September 22)

Watch out for strange individuals who look like they're hibernating or who want to discuss coitus with birds with you.

## Libra

(September 23-October 22)

You will end up with permanently moist loins this week, but don't worry — it's only because you bought a bad batch of aloe vera cream.

## Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

Before using specialty store condoms next time, be sure to read the fine print that says, "avoid excessive heat." You don't want another visit from the paramedics to separate you and your partner post-sex again.

## Sagittarius

(November 22-December 22)

Swapping your "For Rent" t-shirt for a t-shirt emblazoned "Greatest Lover in the History of Passion" was a smart move on your part, especially after a certain scary classmate tries to give you a damage deposit.

## If today is your birthday:

Go to your next class naked and claim senility.

Shannon Chiasson, Tannis Dukart, Shazma Rajan

If we were to choose one word to describe Snow Job 99, it would definitely be crazy...

It all started on the afternoon of Friday, March 12th, at 2:30 in the Nest. All



Photo: Catherine Lash, Much Music

## The Much Music stage is set for Robbie Williams, Holly McNarland, and the Matthew Good Band

of the NAIT students piled into a bus headed for the University to pick up the U of A students. The only good thing that we picked up there was unfortunately a keg of beer. We continued our travels, and when we got to Edson our keg was dry. Crazy Mike Anderson was more than ready to take our orders at McDonalds. We arrived at the Amythist Lodge by about 9:00 p.m. to be pleasantly surprised at how nice the rooms were. After storing our alcohol in an ice-filled bathtub, most people went out for dinner and then to the Atha B. Ah, the Atha B... it was definitely the highest quality night club we've ever been to. They had an awesome coat check service (I think we hid our jackets in a corner), fashionable animal heads on the walls for decoration, and the lineup was only an hour and a half long. That evening they had Feeding Like Butterflies performing live, and if you actually stayed there long enough, you might have ran into one of the MuchMusic VJs or the Matthew Good Band.

The Matthew Good Band was staying at the Amythist in the Andrew Suite. The NAIT students were lucky enough to

be invited over to hang with the band in the middle of the night. The next morning we all got back onto the bus at 8:30, headed towards Marmot Basin. The skiing was really good but the hill was super

busy. After a full day of skiing, the bus left at 4:30. The concert was supposed to start at 7:00, so some people just stayed at the hill. The concert took place in parking lot #3. (quite a

hike from parking lot #1). Scaling cliffs and walking through knee deep snow, we made our way to the front of the stage, and the first group up was Robbie Williams and his band. Hardly anyone knew what to expect since nobody had ever heard his music except for his Take That crap, but he put on a wicked show. Within seconds of his first song, he had the crowd jumping and screaming. We even heard that someone on NAITSA is trying to master Robbie's moves.

The next act up was supposed to be

Sugar Ray, but having an "illness" in the group, Holly McNarland suprisingly showed up and performed 3 songs, without any backup band. Holly was on vacation in Jasper at the time, 7 months pregnant, and she still did a kick-ass job of Phil Collin's "In the Air Tonight." The final band to come on stage was the Matthew Good Band. They put on an awesome show, performing all their candy, like "Apparitions" and "Rico." Let's just say it sucked to be right up at the front. With everybody trying to rush the stage, it got a little tight. During the Matthew Good set, you can see a band member wearing one of Crazy Mike's blue water buffalo hats and Rick the Temp wearing the other one. The show ended at 11:00 and we all got back onto the bus and headed towards the hotel. When we all got back, Superman plumbing made their rounds, checking for proper sewage disposal. Later on that evening, we all made our way back to the Andrew Suite and partied it up with the Matthew Good Band, Robbie Williams, and MuchMusic VJs. The next day was an action-packed day of skiing. And at the end of the day we got back onto the bus and headed back to NAIT. It was a great trip. Be sure to catch some of the action on MuchMusic until the 28th.



The Matthew Good Band takes time for a picture with NAITSA's Crazy Mike and Cory.

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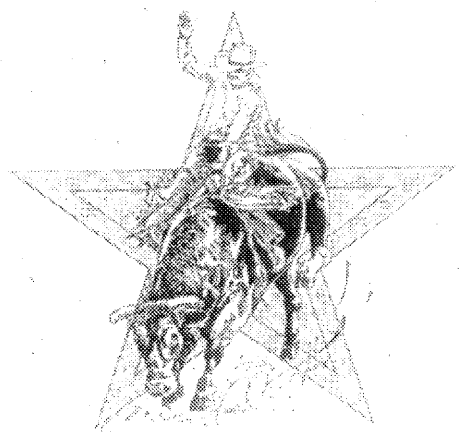
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## Poetry

## The Charismatic Introvert

Anonymous

There was a time in a man's life  
When all was quite okay.  
It was about a year ago  
But now it's gone away.

He used to not have many friends  
But soon they broke for him the ice  
He was so glad he could befriend  
Others like him who were so nice.

Soon others much more aggressive  
Would overshadow this poor guy  
In time, he'll be invisible  
Unless he acts up on the fly.

But tolerance of this quiet man  
Would soon become so awkward  
That now his new nickname will be  
The charismatic introvert.

The charismatic introvert  
As lonely as can be.  
His thoughts reside within himself  
Where no one else can be.

The charismatic introvert  
He has friends left and right.  
Sometimes they wonder why he's quiet  
They think it might be spite.

The charismatic introvert  
Fearful of being wrong.  
To keep most thoughts inside his head  
Is how he "gets along."

The charismatic introvert  
Has foolish pride within.  
He realizes much too soon  
That pride's a deadly sin.

The charismatic introvert  
His dreams do too soon end.  
He dreams of her but in his wake  
She says "Let's just be friends."

The charismatic introvert  
His friends pity his gloom  
They don't know how to approach him  
In case he goes "Ka-boom."

The charismatic introvert  
Learns much by overhearing things.  
His extroverted friends do speak  
About pre-weekend fun outings.

The charismatic introvert  
His only charm's his brain.  
With others smarter than this man  
His charm goes down the drain.

The charismatic introvert  
Goes too far with insults.  
His buddy's upset, so TCI  
Thinks fasting's the result.

The charismatic introvert  
Has nightmares of his crime.  
If only he'd not insulted  
His friend time after time.

The charismatic introvert  
His common sense did wane  
It should've been quite obvious  
That insults inflict pain.

The charismatic introvert  
Has little self-esteem.  
It's silly, 'cause it's not too hard  
To enjoy life as it would seem.

## TOP TENS

Source: [www.canoe.ca](http://www.canoe.ca)

## Canadian Box Office

1. Forces of Nature
2. Analyze This
3. Cruel Intentions
4. True Crime
5. Baby Geniuses
6. The King and I
7. The Corruptor
8. The Deep End of the Ocean
9. Wing Commander
10. Shakespeare in Love

## Edmonton Album Sales

1. Baby One More Time - *Britney Spears*
2. 1999 Grammy Nominees (Mainstream) - Various Artists
3. Believe - *Cher*
4. Come On Over - *Shania Twain*
5. Americana - *Offspring*
6. Fanmail - *TLC*
7. Miseducation of Lauryn Hill - *Lauryn Hill*
8. MC Mario Mixdown 99 - Various Artists
9. Big Shiny Tunes 3 - Various Artists
10. Whitey Ford Sings the Blues - *Everlast*

## Canadian Singles Sales

1. Animal Song - *Savage Garden*
2. Goodbye - *Spice Girls*
3. Believe - *Cher*
4. God Must Have Spent - *N Sync*
5. Something/Candle in the Wind - *Elton John*
6. Kiss Me - *Sixpence None the Richer*
7. Written in the Stars - *Elton John and Leann Rimes*
8. Music Sounds Better With You - *Stardust*
9. Blue Monday - *Orgy*
10. Hard Knock Life Remixes - *Jay-Z*

The charismatic introvert  
His confidence is rare.  
When he shows up all cheery-like  
His friends are not prepared.

The charismatic introvert  
His troubles he can't flee.  
He deals with them in solitude  
If only he weren't me.

Poet's note to the readers: Some of this info is a bit outdated.

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## CD Review

## Sparklehorse

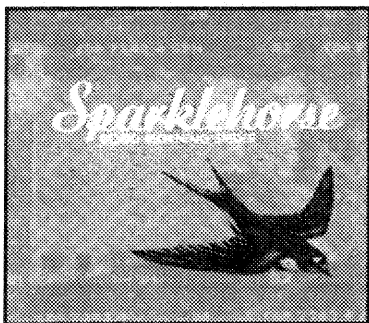
### Good Morning Spider

A Capital Records ENHANCED CD

www.sparklehorse.com

SilverFox

I think that it's a terribly sad commentary that in this day and age we can allow CD reviewers to use "commentary" and "day and age" in the opening line of an article without sounding either precocious or pretentious — I can't



make up my mind which. I think it's also terribly sad that a band can put together a bunch of words and a smattering of sounds, call them songs, give the collection a name, stamp it out in plastic and metal discs, and then try to sell it to millions and millions of hapless consumers. What makes it worse is that if the aforementioned band (but usually more precisely the band's production company or record label) squeezes out the extra 1,000 lira to make it an ENHANCED CD, that the disc somehow becomes more interesting to the public at large.

I'm here to tell you that this is all a lie.

First of all, Sparklehorse has no glimmer whatsoever. The mish-mashed songs make for an unsettling listen. It's something like being forced to listen to little sister Squeaky practice on her first clarinet. "Good Morning Spider" starts off trying to sound like Korn, but it only ends being mere Krap. It then settles right down into some sort of touchy-feely Corey Hart achy-breaky melancholy boo-hoo trash that bored the stinkin' HELL out of me. Later on, it pushes the production values with Cruel Sun, which might have been playable on radio stations from sea to shining stupid sea if it weren't for some idiot producer who thought to give the singer an electric muzzle which distorted his voice into KITT, the car from Knight Rider (except with a falsetto). Talk about your classic suck!

If you haven't gotten the picture by now, I don't have a very high impression of what I had to endure through to give you an honest and coherent review. And if you're curious about the ENHANCED CD aspect, it features four—count them—four, Real-Player versions of Sparklehorse videos, all of which seemed to look remarkably like each other. No games, no merchandise page, nothing.

Let this be a lesson to all of you fine, aspiring, young musicians out there.

## CD Review

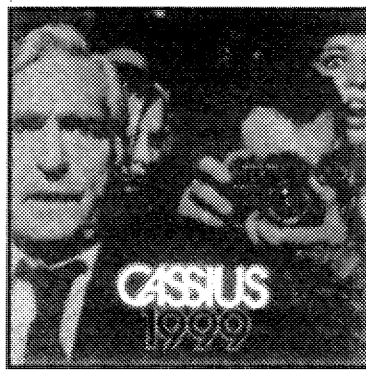
## Cassius

### 1999

Virgin Records

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I'm kinda assuming that Cassius makes a point of timelessness, blending the old and the new. After all, its name comes from Muhammad Ali's birth name, but the album suggests a timeliness, since it is the number of our current year, after all (though I'm still writing 1998 on all of my cheques).

So, listening to 1999 gives me impressions of a photo album, a sort

of perspective of the last two or three decades as seen from a time travel device. I distinctly heard elements of some 1980's George Michael, some 1970's deep bass groove groan, the obvious standard 1990's foundation of mixed vocal track splices, wild keyboard instrumental ivory strikes, and ubiquitous Boom-Boom-Boom-Boom that has been heard all up and down Jasper Avenue on many a summer night by passing motorcars driven by usually men of usually a young age who have usually spent too much of their parents' frivolous and misspent allowance on way-too-powerful car stereo equipment that requires an extra battery just to keep alive before the whole system is stolen at 3 a.m. on a Tuesday night by a couple of disgruntled high school students with

a knack for mechanics and electronics who either had a beef or just couldn't afford a sooper-woofer of their own so they had to rip off the unit of the football team's quarterback, so to speak.

Where was I?

Oh yeah. Cassius rhythms generally make for a slow to fast procession, bringing the vibe right on out from the pit of your cerebellum (the dance centre of the brain), through the spinal dura and nerve ganglia into all of the digits, appendages and extremities of your human body. If you look close enough, you can see each individual hair cuttin' down and bustin' a move from every goose pimple.

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The Grapevines signed by the "Short, brown-haired girl in the orange sweater," "A girl that finds you fascinating," "Your secret admirer," and "You have my vote" will not be printed because they don't contain a FULL NAME and/or STUDENT ID NUMBER! We've only been telling you guys ALL YEAR LONG to do this, so don't you think it's time you learned how to follow directions? With only two papers left this year, we can only hope for one in which all information is provided by the Grapevine Submitters.

For all you computer phreaks out there, I created a Club Room for NAIT students only. It's a Yahoo Clubroom (kinda like a newsgroup). You can chat, leave messages and links, and even store your favorite NAIT pics there. Meet some fellow NAIT students and point your browser at: <http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/naitleub>. Please sign me, Hippydog

To the hottie on the 8th floor, On March 16 at 2 p.m., you were on the 8th floor waiting for an elevator with your friend. You were wearing green cords and a white shirt. Our eyes made contact. You have the most incredible, blue eyes that I have ever seen. I wouldn't mind seeing more of them.  
From, The girl in blue cords

To the short redhead in the green mini-skirt,  
You chalked up my stick in the hallway. Let's get it on.

Attention all women:  
After many years of extensive testing, I am pleased to announce that I have invented a padded condom. Now calm down, ladies, Jen especially! All that remains is the final testing. For this, I require many women of all ages and backgrounds who would be willing to spend a few hours testing this exciting, new product with me and providing feedback. If you would like to play a role in the single most important invention of the century, please respond via the Grapevine.  
Signed, The inventor

Dirk D,  
Thanks for a wonderful night. You knocked the stuffing out of me.  
Signed, BAHH

To the Bus Admin Lab Group 7,  
For the soccer bimbo and her sick hoes, we're tired of listening to your junior high chatter. Shut the F\_K up! PS: Soccer bimbo, straighten out your back!  
From, The rest of the class

Hey Ralph Phi,  
Stay away from the tequila.  
Signed, SBU

To 12 inches deep,  
With a name like that, my material pretty much writes itself! You've probably been passed around more times than a football. You're more used up than a toilet paper at Taco Bell. You're about as clean as Michael Jackson at a boyscout meeting. With

space like that, you make Madonna jealous! I don't know where you plan on holding these groping meetings of yours, but PLEASE! On behalf of the business students, make sure we're not all downwind from you! P.U!  
Signed, The Oiler fan

To A.J. Greening,  
Don't YOU want to feel amazing? Baby, you know I do. You'll get back TEN TIMES what you give freely! Love can move you and take it deeper every time and make the darkest moments feel like heaven's coming light. You know, it can take you to that place inside your heart where you can feel no evil. I breathe the love you've given and I feel the love you've hidden, though it's cold in here I can honestly say... see YOU at the Grad Banquet!  
Signed, Watching and Admiring

To Swinger,  
I hear your mom's so damn ugly, she got you drunk to breast feed you. Now, I don't know why every week you have to cut everyone down, but now it's your turn. Why is your name 'Swinger,' anyways? That two inch wonder you carry around don't swing a bit. It's more like freezer dink.  
Signed, West Side Boys

SHUT UP to the tall, skinny, funny-looking guy with f\*\*ked hair. Edmonton SUCKS!  
Signed, Calgary Boys

To D,  
Here's a little surprise for you: Go to the Second Cup at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, give them your real first name, and they will give you something from me!  
From, Mr. T

To Tara,  
I normally don't do things like this, but after danced at Ezzie's, I realized that you were one of the sweetest girls I've never met. I was hoping you would meet me at the Nest on Monday, but you didn't come. I would still like to get together again. If you are interested, please respond via Grapevines.  
Signed, Stood Up

To Cotton-Eyed Joe,  
You seem like a very interesting guy. Whenever I see you, which is lots, I want to start singing. Where did you learn how to dance? Were you a stripper once? I would like to take you up on your offer. Name the time and the place!  
From, Your biggest fan in Business

To Enjoys Modern Women,  
Have you noticed the blonde bimbo lately? She actually has a normal wardrobe. Wearing dress clothes to school is one thing, but dressing like a hooker is another. Rumour has it she has a boyfriend. If my girlfriend left the house looking like that, it would be war! Another rumour is she is leaving to go to university. Apparently there is a new course called "Hooker 101." She will not survive there!  
From, The Bimbo Police

To Sleeping Beauty,  
Don't know if your name's Kate, but you look around 5'8". Black hair on your head, jacket color's dark red. A.M.'s, oh how we both just hate.  
Signed, Not a morning person

To 2nd Year Blonde Beauty,  
I met you with two of my friends Monday at noon. We talked about Market-

ing. You were gorgeous and smart. I would like to meet you again.  
Signed, Big pants

To the two girls in the gym... on Monday, March 22, between 2-3 p.m. One was a tall blonde and the other was a short brunette. We had some looks and smiles between us. We are one tall and one short guy. So what the hell, here is a try — let's get together!  
Signed, Longshots

To Nilly in DA,  
Do you like me? or not? Check the box "yes" or "no."  
Love always, Hilly in DA

To all the hottie pants guys who strut their stuff down the E-wing,  
Keep it up!  
Love, Your fans from the F-wing! (NL and HP)

Message from David Veilleux:  
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**EARN EXTRA SUMMER DOLLARS!** Work part-time outdoors. Become an umpire and attend the Edmonton & District Softball Umpires Association Clinic, April 16-18, 1999. Previous baseball/softball experience helpful, but not necessary. Inquiries: Arnie, 464-4853.

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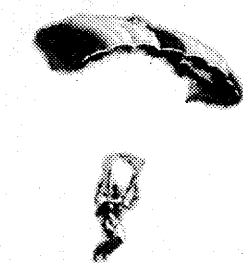
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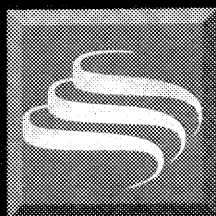
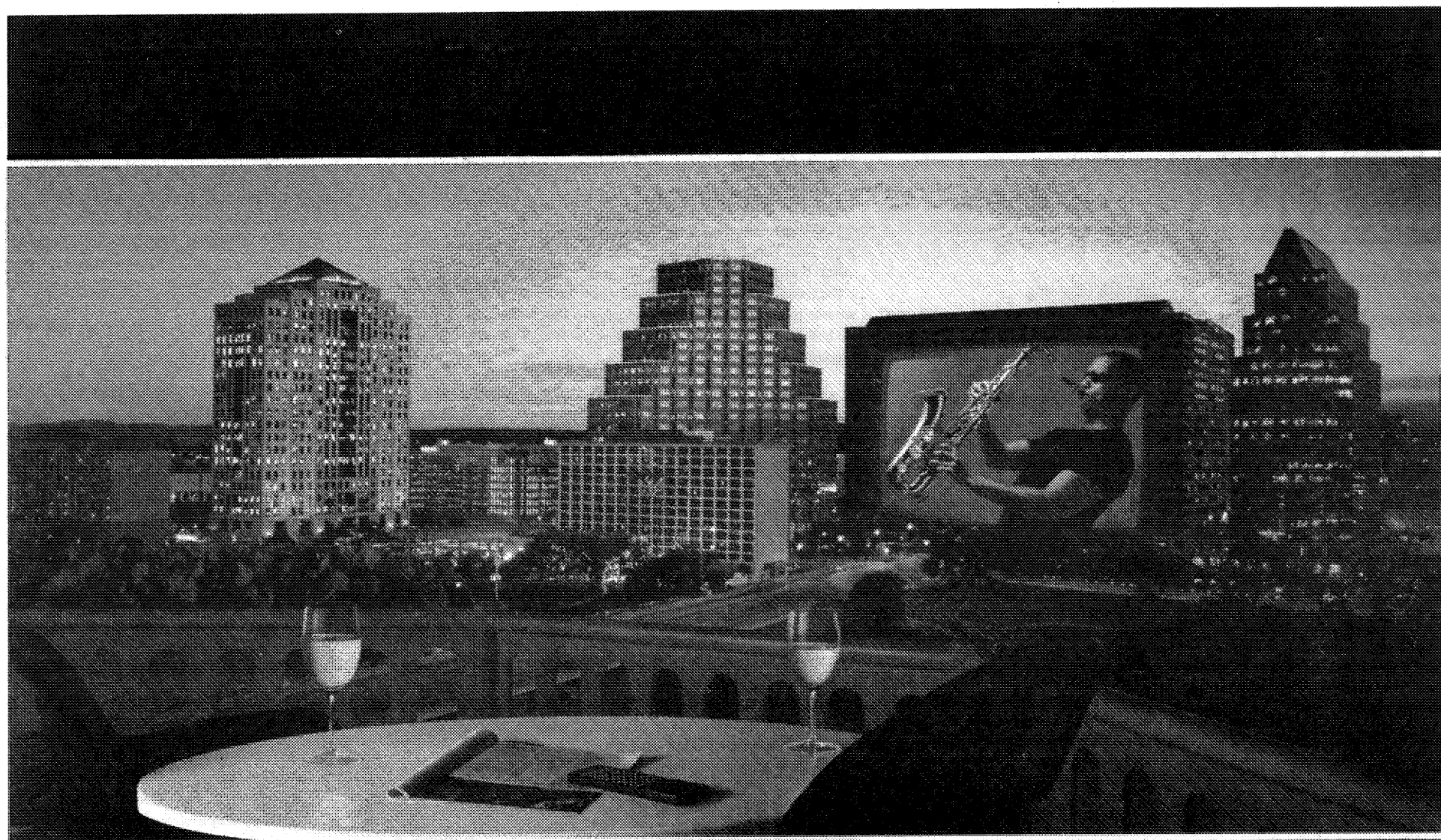


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