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NAIT Spring Fling Update



DARIA Morgan

If you have not already heard via radio, newspaper, or word-of-mouth, Canadian rock band

Wide Mouth Mason has backed out of headlining NAIT's Spring Fling.

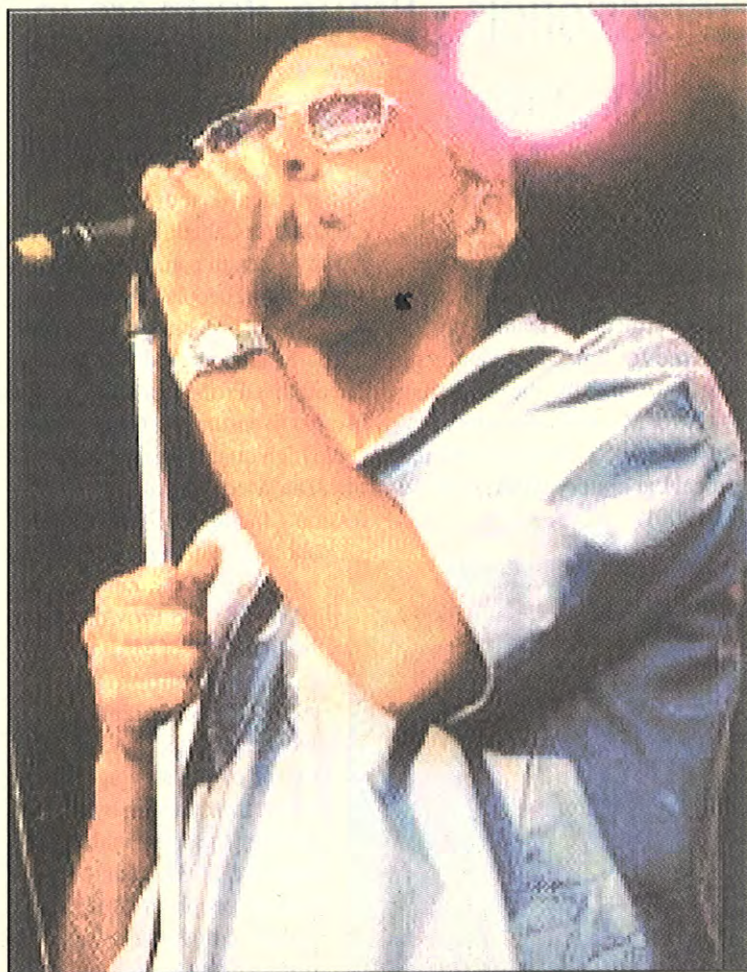
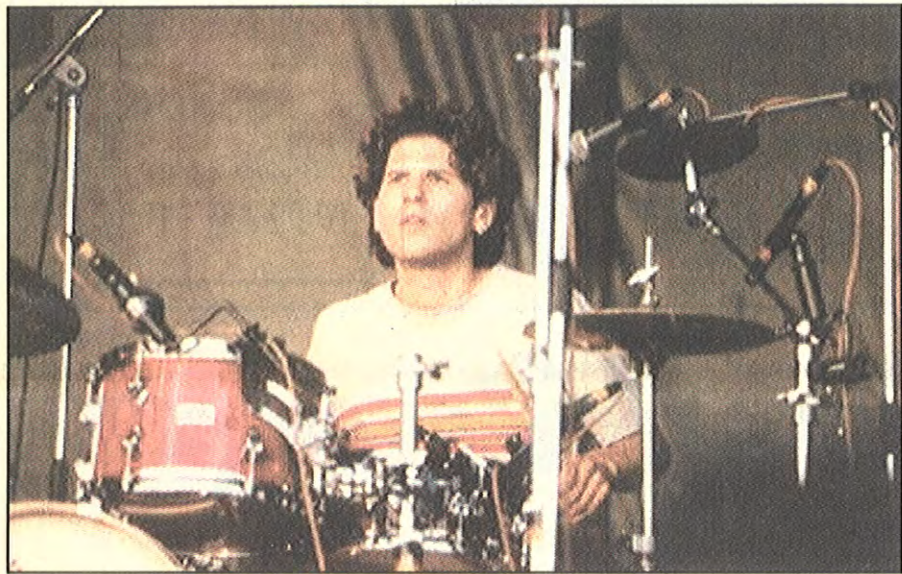
Due to the seriousness of lead singer Slash's illness of the band Slash's Snakepit, the hard rock band has pulled out of its remaining 19 tour dates with AC/DC. In their place, AC/DC has asked Wide Mouth Mason to fill in the remaining dates, including the April 25th

show at the Skyreach Centre here in Edmonton.

Due to their new touring schedule with AC/DC, however, Wide Mouth Mason has had to pull out as the headlining act at Spring Fling. Have no fear though, as they are being replaced with another smash Canadian group, The Watchmen.

The NAIT Spring Fling will still run as scheduled from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the NAIT Arena on Thursday, April 12th. The other acts on the billet for the Spring Fling will remain the same (Staggered Crossing, Touchstone Gurus, Fifth Season, Lost Action Heroes).

It should be noted, however, that due to the change in headlining acts for the Spring Fling, you may seek a refund on



your ticket if you purchased it solely to see Wide Mouth Mason. Refunds can be done wherever you purchased your ticket.

It should also be noted that those who purchased their Spring Fling tickets before the change in venue will not need to get new tickets. The tickets that say Wide Mouth Mason on them will still be valid.

Remember, Spring Fling falls on the Easter long weekend, so come out and have some fun.



Consider Me A Fan

Mel C. at the Winspear



SALLY Poulsen

So, I hate the Spice Girls. But there I was, on the floor front and center, for Mel C.'s Friday night concert at the Winspear Centre, bitter and crabby.

Girl power my ass.

Yeah, yeah, enough chortling. I know how it sounds - like a night of Chinese water torture. But, lo' and behold, Sporty Spice delivered, and in a big way. Hard to believe that anyone out of the Spice Girls isn't swimming in a big well of suckitude. Turns out, Melanie Chisholm is way more rock and roll than pop tart.

She pounded out an hour's worth of edgy pop tunes with a swagger that could put Courtney

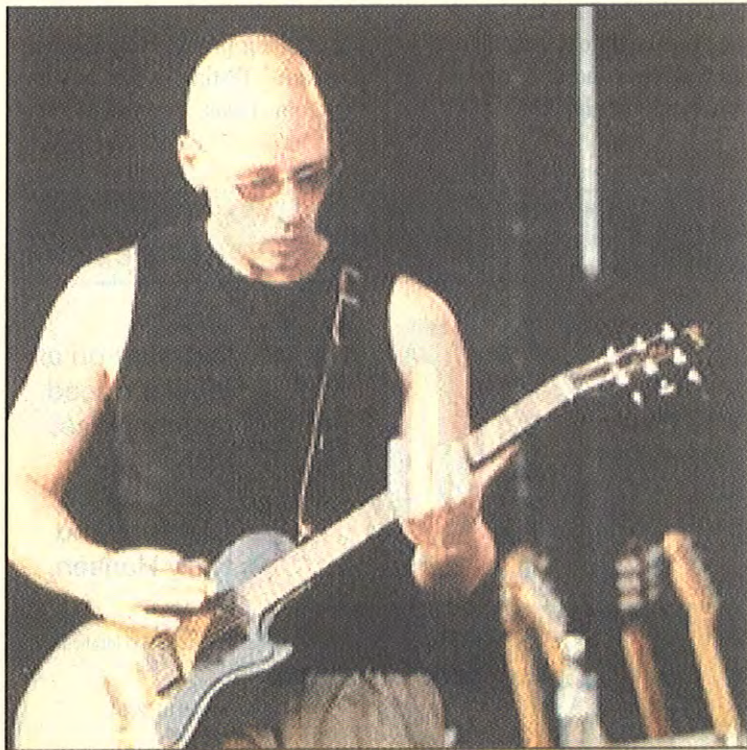
Love to shame. Mel's rendition of "Northern Star" brought the crowd (comprised mostly of girls under 14 dressed in shiny pants and glitter) to their feet. Adults and kids alike were hypnotized by Sporty's shocking level of musical competence... who'd believe that she can sing? And my god, can she sing!

If you're seeking a comparison,

imagine a sexy, cute, female version of Robbie Williams, the surprise talent that emerged from "Take That." Mel's set for the night was pretty much exactly the same as the line up on her album but, hey, the girl knows her audience. Moms, Dads, and fans under 14 generally aren't big on change.

So go out and buy her album.

Speaking as someone who harbours profound hatred for all things pop, believe me when I say it's worth the coin. And next time Sporty's in town, check her out. I promise you, you won't be disappointed. **RATING: 4** Oprahs of five

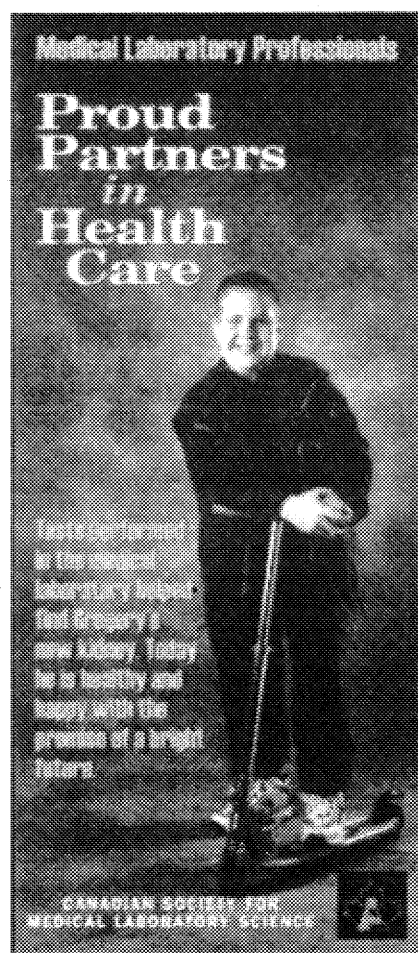


National Medical Laboratory Technologists Week:

Canada's Medical Laboratory Professionals - Proud Partners in Health Care

LINDA Giordano,
Medical Laboratory Technologist

"Proud Partners in Health Care" is the theme for a national campaign being launched by the Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS) during National Medical Laboratory Week, April 16 to 20, 2001.



Medical Laboratory Professionals are Canada's third largest group of health care professionals, and yet many people still don't know what we do. Accurate medical testing performed by qualified Medical Laboratory Professionals is critical in order to ensure that Canadians receive high quality health care.

The Medical Laboratory Profession I facing a serious resource shortage within the next five to ten years. Both our National (CSMLS) and Provincial (Alberta Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists - ASMLT) organizations are working together to identify the extent of the shortage and to advocate for action by governments at the provincial and federal levels. We want to ensure that the people of Alberta have access to high quality medical testing now as well as in the years to come.

Watch the display case off the South Lobby for more information on National Medical Laboratory Week.

The NAIT Medical Laboratory Technology program is planning a number of special events during National Medical Laboratory Week, which will all take place in the South Lobby:

Cholesterol testing
Monday, April 16, 11:30-12:30
Glucose testing
Monday, April 16, 11:30-12:30
Blood group testing
Thursday, April 19, 10-2

The objective of the campaign is to raise public awareness of the role that Medical Laboratory Professionals play in Canada's health care system. Accurate testing helps doctors diagnose and treat diseases as well as monitor health.

Blood grouping is being provided by the Canadian Blood Services. Cholesterol and glucose testing is being provided by the MLT program. Testing is free but on a first come basis. See you there!

In Memoriam

On Wednesday, February 21, 2001, our work experience student, Anita Gagne, passed away at the age of 18. Anita spent six months at NAIT in a work study program in Food Services. She attended Austin O'Brien High School. She was in Grade 12.

Anita was courageously fighting the disease Ataxia Telangiectasia. Although the later stages of her illness hindered her walking, eating, breathing, and other associated daily activities of which we often take for granted, she never gave up. She was faced with many challenges.

Anita's wisdom, spirituality, and terrific sense of humour always prevailed. She was great for offering logical advice and was mature beyond her years.

We have learned many inspirational lessons from sharing time with her. These influences are Anita's gifts to use, and we will carry her memory with us. We will miss her!

The Staff from Food Services



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Odds & ends



DARIA Morgan

US Military Gets A New Toy

Inspired by weaponry used in the Star Trek movies, the Pentagon has announced the development of a "ray gun," to be used against civilians in peacekeeping operations. The new weapon works as such in that it shoots microwave beams that heat up a target's skin, causing pain similar to touching a hot light bulb but not intense enough to cause any damage. The new "toy" was created for a mere \$40 million in Air Force research laboratories in New Mexico and Texas.

A Real Collector

A man in Catonsville, Maryland, claims to own more than 350,000 records of the "real" kind - real vinyl, that is. Ken Hudson, who owns a record store in Catonsville, says his shop is more of a museum. His collection consists of about 250,000 45 rpm records and more than 100,000 33 rpm albums. A reporter from the Baltimore Sun claimed that Hudson was the "Einstein of albums" because he can find just about anything that anyone may be looking for.

More News From The Foot And Mouth Front

Army officer Alex Birtwistle has been named the new head of the British veterinary establishment responsible for the search and destroy mission to rid the United Kingdom of the foot-and-mouth disease. Reports indicate that Birtwistle promises swift and firm action. Since taking over, thousands of head of livestock have been killed, and bulldozers are being used to dig trenches into which the dead animals are to be buried in. Currently, 3,500 British troops are assisting in the endeavour.

Getting Her Way

Another Sinatra is getting "their way" after the city of Manhattan finally agreed this week to erect a statue of late crooner Frank Sinatra in Times Square. After constant pushing from daughter Nancy Sinatra, the powers that be finally gave in. The statue will portray Old Blue Eyes as a young singer, looking as he did

when he played the Paramount Theater.

Things Not To Do If Caught Driving Drunk

A 42-year-old woman in Lorain, Ohio, was pulled over last week because the van she was driving appeared to be out of control. When the police officer who pulled her over inquired if she was intoxicated, according to the police report, the woman replied, "Please give me a break. I'm drunk." The woman failed the sobriety tests of standing on one leg and walking heel-to-toe. When the officer told her she was under arrest, however, the woman then proceeded to do five jumping jacks and a push-up. When she was about to attempt a cartwheel, the officer stopped her for "her safety and mine," he said, and arrested her on a number of charges.

Tim Hortons Busted For Dealing Dope

Two 19-year-old Tim Hortons employees were arrested at the downtown Halifax, Nova Scotia, store they worked at when it was discovered they were dealing marijuana. The store manager thought it weird that people were coming to the drive-in window and ordering 15-pack boxes of Timbits when the store doesn't sell such a thing. After hearing such an order more than a few times, the manager then decided to investigate and intercepted a cup that contained a small quantity of marijuana. The police were called, and the two employees were arrested, facing their first court appearance on June 27. Of course, both employees were fired.

Port-A-Potty A Problem In Pennsylvania

After losing his keys in the depths of a portable toilet, a Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, man ended up having to be rescued from the toilet after getting stuck in it whilst trying to find his keys. He apparently managed to do this by taking his shoes and pants off and lowering himself into the portable potty. The toilet seat, however, was too small for him to fit through and ended up becoming wedged around his torso. He then cried for help, of which a woman then phoned the police. It took emergency response workers a total of 45 minutes to free the man, of which they destroyed the toilet in the process.

A Surprise On The Trans-Canada

A motorist got quite a surprise last week when he came across two 4-litre jugs of urine along side the Trans-Canada highway near Fredericton, New Brunswick. The area they were found is frequently used as a rest stop by truckers. The Atlantic Provincial Truckers Association has said that such actions are not encouraged and that waste should be disposed of at proper sites. The association also pointed out that the site where the jugs were found is also a facility where commercial traffic stops and that anyone could have left the jugs by the side of the road. Leaving bottled urine is considered littering in New Brunswick and, if caught doing so, the culprit can be fined up to \$84.

The Case Of The Fraudulent Balloons

A person in Houghton, Michigan, thought up a unique way to try and make money - they floated a dozen balloons across the border to Ontario with a letter attached to each one. Some of the letters read, "Help. Interest rates on our house are through the roof;" "We have six kids, I would love for someone to help us;" and "God bless you all." Each of the letters included the sender's name, address, and phone number. The balloons were turned over to Ontario police after they got caught in the fence of a Owen Sound, Ontario, resident. The Ontario resident never did send any money to the sender of the balloons. It was later found out that the sender of the balloons was well known to their local police service as they had not applied for any form of social assistance and was the current subject of a warrant for fraud.

Stupid Headline Of The Week

An AFP headline earlier this week read as follows: "Viagra to Raise Sri Lanka Troop Morale."

Have any comments, questions, or suggestions for Odds & Ends or any of my other columns? If so, E-mail them to me at virgin_state_of_mind@hotmail.com.

The Nugget Wants YOU!

Being that this is the last issue of the year, the current Nugget staff is now out of a job. This means there is possibly a job opening for you on our staff for next year!

The Nugget newspaper will be starting back up again in September, and we need to fill all our positions all over again. The positions that need to be filled are as follows:

- Editor-in-Chief
- News Editor
- Features Editor
- Entertainment Editor
- Sports Editor
- Typesetter
- Photographer(s)
- Distribution Manager

To apply for any one of the positions above, come by the NAITSA office and pick up an application form. With your application form, you will also be required to submit a sample of your writing relevant to the position you are applying for. You must also be a student at NAIT during the 2001-2002 year to apply.

To inquire about the duties of any of the positions listed above or as to what perks you are eligible to receive if chosen to be a member of the 2001-2002 Nugget staff, call Communications VP Brad Letwin at 471-7607.

All applications must be turned in by April 30, 2001.

NAIT Students' Association

Summer Time Job Employment (Full-time hours)

SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

The NAIT Students' Association is looking for dynamic self-motivated individual for the summer months to help coordinate OOKFEST, Shinerama, Volunteer Centre, Awareness Weeks, and other activities for the 2001-2002 academic year.

We are looking for someone who possesses skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, and the Internet. We need someone who is a team player and can work under stressful conditions. You must be returning as a full-time student in the 2001-2002 academic year.

If you think you are this person, please submit your resume and cover letter to:

Mike Anderson
Entertainment & Marketing Manager
NAIT Students' Association
11762 - 106 Street,
Suite 4000
Edmonton, AB T5G 3H4
Rm. E131

Fax: (780) 491-3989

Crime Stoppers Tip of the Week

Safety with: Armed Robbery, Credit Card Fraud, Cheque Fraud, and Shoplifting

Many students will be working this summer, some at their first job. As well, many students work evenings and weekends during the school year to supplement their incomes. According to the "Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association" there are many things an employee can do when faced with an armed robbery, shoplifting, or credit card/cheque fraud threat.

To stay safe during an armed robbery...

- Cooperate. Don't argue or try to be a hero. The robber will likely be nervous and may react unpredictably.
- Do exactly as he or she asks, and be as polite and accommodating as possible.
- Don't make any sudden moves. Tell the robber what you are doing if you have to make an unexpected move.
- Observe details of the robber's description. Write everything down as soon as possible without jeopardizing your safety.
- Try to get a description of the robber's car and write down the license number.
- Set off the holdup alarm, but only if you can do so safely and without any obvious movements.
- Don't touch the hold up note or anything else the robber might have touched.
- Protect the areas for police examination. Lock the doors immediately after the robber leaves.

How to spot credit card fraud...

- Be wary of nervous, in-a-hurry shoppers. Stealing can be hard on the nerves and can make a person fidget, perspire, and try to get the job done quickly.
- Take a hard look at the customer who buys clothing without trying it on or who buys several sizes of the same item.
- Another clue—the plastic criminal will often produce the credit card from a pocket rather than a wallet or purse.
- Be wary of people who buy a variety of items, especially if they don't seem concerned about prices. They may be stocking up for resale.
- Be suspicious if a customer seems interested in the "floor limit" of the store. It's common knowledge that a sales clerk can allow a credit card sale only up to a certain amount

without calling for authorization. The floor limits often vary, and the criminal may ask about the amount before making a purchase.

- Be wary of the customer who asks you to "split-bill" for items purchased over the floor limit (ie: two or more sales drafts to cover one transaction).

How to make credit card transactions safer...

- Examine the credit card closely—look for alterations, check the expiry date, and compare the signature on invoices with the signature on the credit card.
- Check the presented card with recent lists of stolen and invalid credit card numbers.
- If suspicious, ask for identification. Most drivers' licenses include physical descriptions—compare this description with the customer's appearance.
- Always fill out invoices or sales drafts completely, and have the customer sign them. Keep possession of the credit card until you have completed your inquiries.
- Ensure the card has imprinted clearly on all copies of the invoice or receipt.
- If the card is invalid or stolen, or if you have any doubts, call for authorization and remember to take both the card and sales draft with you. If a customer runs away, you will still have the card.
- If a customer flees, jot down a full description including age, height, weight, hair color, type of clothing, etc. Try to determine if the customer was alone or had an accomplice. Look to see the direction of flight. Get a description of any vehicle that may have been used and record the license number. Call the police immediately.
- Do random authorization checks on suspicious transactions, ensure the receipt is signed and compare the signature on the receipt to that on the card. Don't wait. Do it before the customer leaves while you still have the merchandise and the card.
- If a customer leaves his card, cut the card and send it back to the company.
- To report an in-progress credit card fraud or a person using a stolen credit card, immediately phone 911 or your local police station and give details of the offence and the store name and location. Also give details about the suspect, like a description and a direction of travel.

Cheque checklist...

- Check at least two types of identification. **READ** the information on the identification. **COMPARE** the personal identification to the person. **RECORD** the information on the back of the cheques.
- Check the client's signature against

that on the identification (you **MUST** witness the signature).

- Check with the bank on which the cheque is drawn.
- **DO NOT** accept postdated cheques or cheques that are more than a month old.
- **DO NOT** let the client hurry you into accepting his or her cheque.
- **DO NOT** accept the cheque if in doubt.
- Beware of cheques presented on a holiday eve or weekend.
- Beware of cashing youngsters' cheques. Young people may not be legally responsible.
- Beware of anyone who presents a cheque larger than required for the transaction and wants the change in cash.
- Beware of second-party and pay-

roll cheques.

- Beware of a cheque that shows signs of change.

Shoplifting...

- Be observant! Watch and tend to customers in a pleasant, courteous, and interested manner.
- Greet and serve customers promptly. Shoplifters do not want your attention.
- If you suspect someone has stolen something, call the manager or security. Watch them, engage them in conversation, and offer to assist them.
- Shoplifters come in all shapes and sizes. Be aware of people wearing loose and baggy clothing, those carrying shopping bags or large handbags, and customers under the

influence of drugs or alcohol.

- Do not allow your attention to be diverted by someone who may be a shoplifter's accomplice. Stay alert and avoid unnecessary conversation.
- Keep displays neat and tidy. Constant attention to stock allows sales staff to become familiar with merchandise.
- Lock small or valuable merchandise in display cabinets.
- Sales personnel should have a full view of the entire sales floor area. Rearrange displays, shelving, and lighting to eliminate blind spots.

Have a prosperous and safe summer from all of the Crime Stoppers gang!



WHY?



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MAIN STORE APRIL 5 TO APRIL 11

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9 AM TO 3 PM

NAIT Opens First Animal Blood Clinic in Alberta

80 top dogs wanted to donate blood



SALLY
Poulsen

If your dog knew, would he?

March 27 marked the beginning of the Paws For Life Campaign, which aims to have upwards of sixty pooches donating blood this year.

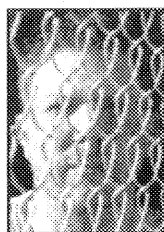
Animal Health Technology / www.nait.ab.ca/animalbloodbank.

proudly presents what is only Canada's second ever canine blood drive.

Dogs are expected to remain still for several minutes while blood is drawn from their jugular. 450 ml of blood are withdrawn, and donors must weigh at least 23 kilograms and be between 1 and 8 years old. It's worth it, too - aside from a warm fuzzy feeling on the inside, dogs get a snack, a bandanna, and a microchip!

The only other Canadian Animal Blood Bank is located in Winnipeg.

Check out the website at <http://www.nait.ab.ca/animalbloodbank>.



TRAVIS
Bannert

Over the last year, I have heard numerous complaints about the health and dental plan. At first, the \$150 charge really pissed me off but, after looking at the large number of services this plan offered us, I was slowly swayed. It first occurred when I got sick, and what could have been large medicine costs were slashed to a very reasonable amount.

Well, enough about my opinion (no one cares about that anyway). This past Monday, due to the numerous complaints brought to NAITSA via students and their representatives, NAITSA held a Health & Dental Referendum.

Health & Dental Referendum

Well, I stayed late to make sure the students were informed of the results (on my last day of work at the Nugget).

First, I'll start with the health vote. There were a total of 459 votes for Yes and 265 for no. That amounts to 63 percent yes and 37 percent no for those anal retentive types. So, health is still in.

Now, about the dental program. Well, folks, that turned out about the same - 444 students voted Yes and 276 students voted no (the percentages were 62 percent yes and 38 percent no).

So, for those of you who are coming back next year, expect to pay \$191 on top of your tuition. But, in all honesty, people, if you're going to pay the fee, you might as well use it like many other students. For the students who already have coverage, you just need to prove it, and you're free from paying that fee.



NAIT Spring Fling

Job Opportunities

BARTENDERS

The NAIT Students' Association is looking for individuals who are interested in bartending for NAIT Spring Fling on April 12th, 2001. If interested, please contact Craig King at The Nest at 471-8573 or go down in person at the Nest between 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm and ask for him there.

Wednesday is Hump Night

at Esmeralda's

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AUDITION MISS ESMERALDA PAGEANT

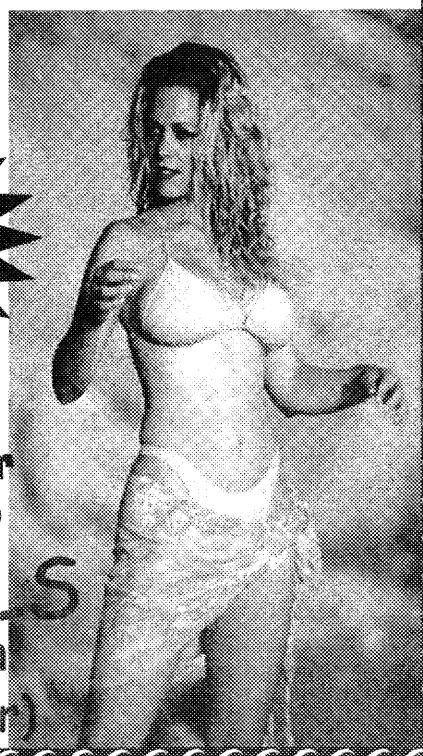
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All submissions Must be accompanied by Your Name & Student ID Number

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Geado's Corner If I Had a Hammer (or some power)...



DON
"the
Geado"
Gray

WOW! This semester is almost over.

In the beginning (where all good stories start), the expanse of time seemed forever long as it stretched ahead; four long months of torture, punctuated by the odd homework-free day. The first three weeks were living hell, where the only thought that kept me going was,



"If those young buggers can do it, so can I!"

Now, I find out many of those young 'buggers' were feeling exactly the same way as I was... overwhelmed.

That is in the past, however, and now the future yawns ahead of us. A summer of fun and frolic, joy and laughter, tan lines, and sunscreen awaits the adventuresome. Some students will be toiling away, feverishly amassing funds to sustain them for another couple of semesters; while others will be embarking on their chosen careers. May this summer break, and beyond, be all that you want it to be.

Being of the Geritol Generation and feeling my advanced years, my trusty rattail comb and I have chosen to take the second semester of Business Administration, year one, during the spring/summer session. Feeling the pinch of time (I am not getting any younger) has prompted me to speed up the process slightly. I shall report the results of this endeavor when the Nugget returns in September.

NAIT has been a positive experience, where I have met many wonderful people, struck a few friendships, and renewed my faith in today's budding world leaders.

In the Business Tower, I have met people from all over the world - France, Africa, Poland, and Cam-

bodia to name a few. I have had the pleasure to rub shoulders with a championship (gold medal winner, no less) ten-pin bowler, (the G-Man, as he is known to his adoring fans, is quite a catch, so you young ladies should be lining up for a 'date' with this celebrity!), an aspiring politician, (good luck in your latest campaign, Cameron Baker - you have my vote!), a dedicated mother of three who, while delicately balancing her school and home obligations, has a keen eye trained on a promising economic future for her family (God speed, Tammy!), and a whole host of others (too numerous to mention), each with their own story, ambition, and goal in life. I admire all of you, have learned many lessons from you, and wish all of you 'luck' with your futures. I am richer, and thankful, for having met you.

To my OB group (Jordan, Nancy, Scott, May, and Cory), it has been a pleasure working with you. We have produced a fine report, learned some new skills, and have become friends. I wish for all of you to have a great life.

The wonderful and hard working staff at the Nugget has informed me that there is a ground swell of readers demanding to know what I look like. Evidently, the photograph attached to the column is not sufficiently accurate enough, and they need to identify their target (not rotten tomatoes and eggs again). Wanting to please my adoring fans, while exposing my true inner-self, I have included a picture of my grandchildren (Emma and Joshua) in today's issue.

Why my grandchildren, you ask? Because it is for them that I exist. I am a Geado, which is my only claim to fame, my reason for living (in addition, my granddaughter is a dead ringer for me - we could be twins).

Six great instructors, a wonderful personal trainer (Melissa), and many new friends have made for a great four months. To Curtis and Kat: Thank you for allowing me to spew forth my version of what is important, and I thank you, as well, for inviting me back for another year of Geado's Corner. It has been a wonderful and enriching time of my life.

Like the song said, "See you in September."



KENNY
Total

Maybe it's just me, but if I hear another word about Shawinigate, I'm gonna grab a golf club and assault the first hotel clerk I see. I don't care if it's their fault or not; it'll make me feel better. And, when you get right down to it, isn't it all about me feeling better?

When I was in high school, my best friend worked the cash register in the cafeteria. All the students in the school would run like crazy people on a day pass to be one of the first in line for the mediocre slop that the kitchen staff called food.

Did yer pal Total run like a security guard at the first sign of trouble? No. I'd saunter through the hallway, visiting with those that had packed a lunch. I'd swing by the pop machine and grab an icy cola. Finally, I'd make my way over to the long line at the cafeteria.

Did I wait like a poor person? Would I stand in line with the rest of the unwashed masses? No way in hell. I'd cut in front of some mouth-breather and walk right up to the front of the line. My buddy would have my lunch on a tray waiting for me, I'd hand him a \$10 dollar bill, and then I'd take my tray

and go sit down and enjoy my lunch. If anyone said anything, my buddy would threaten to spit in his or her food. When my friend was done jockeying the cash register, he'd come keep me company and give me my change.

What have we learnt from this story? It's all who you know, baby.

Yeah, yeah, you all hate assholes that cut in line, right? Then riddle me this. How many times have you and a group of friends been on your way out for the evening and you can't decide which bar to go to? What's the deciding factor nine times out of ten? "What bar can we go to that someone knows the guy working the door?" That's right. We are all guilty, brothers and sisters. Truth be told, that's the way the world works.

So, am I saying that I think that Jean shouldn't be punished when it finally comes to light that, yes indeed and holy shit, he DOES own part of some golf course and he used his influence as Prime Minister of this fine nation to pull some strings for a hotel? No. If it were up to me, I'd smash his testicles in a vice. However, if I smashed his testicles, I'd have to smash EVERYONE'S testicles (and ovaries' too). No, as we have seen from my excellent example above, greasin' a few palms is what makes the world go round.

"Jeez, Total. Not that I haven't been ENTHRALLED with your article thus far, but if you don't want to bounce Jean out on his ass, what's the point you're trying to make?"

you say. I want to know if Joe Clark, that fuckin' communist DuCeppe, and my best bud, Stock, are just about finished this slap fight that they are having in the House of Commons. Have they forgotten that they have a country to run?

"Yes, Mister Speaker, I'd like to discuss homelessness, the health care system, and the fact that our dollar that is getting its ass kicked," says one MP. "BAH!" responds the Speaker. "I want to know if the Prime Minister used his influence to have a hotel built near his golf course! To Hell with the rest of the country!"

If I were the Prime Minister, I'd never pay late fees at Blockbuster as long as I was in office. I'd get a handicap sticker for my car, even though there isn't a damn thing wrong with me. I'd be sneaking "in-terms" in and out of my office. I'd be using every bit of political stroke that being the leader of Canada would afford me. The difference between me and our fearless leader, though, is that when I was challenged on it, I would say, "Damn right, I own a golf course. Not only that, it's the prettiest golf course you've ever seen. Enough about the golf course, though. I'd like to mention that I've balanced the budget, dealt with the Canadian Pension Plan and invented a motor that runs on water. By the way, my Minister of Offence informs me that we invade North Dakota tomorrow morning."

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FROM THE NAIT REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

1. If you expect to complete the program requirements by **May 4, 2001**, you must apply to convocate. The deadline for application is **April 20, 2001**. Please see your program leader or the Registrar's Office for further information.
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3. If you will be returning for the Fall/Winter terms 2001/2002, please note that tuition fees are due prior to registration, and not later than **August 17, 2001**. A tuition bill will be mailed from the NAIT Cash Office not later than the week of **August 7, 2001**. A receipt indicating payment of fees will be required to register.
4. Registration dates for most returning students in the Fall 2001, will be **August 21st, 22nd, or 23rd**.

A Wretched Hive of Scum and Humanity

EDWARD Brock

Well, you've had the undue pleasure of not hearing me rant about shit that pisses me off for a couple of weeks now, but seeing as how this is the last issue of the Nugget until the new semester, I thought I'd leave you with a bitch to think about...

This week's target of the Wretched Hive is drivers.

I should be the only person allowed to own a driver's license. Period. How is it that every single person on the road is a pure and utter idiot?

Case in point, I was driving along a two-lane road, and I was stopped at an intersection. During the red, I was saddened to see a large piece of street cleaning machinery move into my lane and stop. Frustrated momentarily, I then realized that, hey, I was in the lead. All I simply had to do was get a jump on the first car in the other lane and make the dubious switch.

Well, it seems the other car was in a hurry, and they got the jump on me. With signal light flashing and space enough to cover the gap, it was then that I snuck in between the first and second cars opposing me. Much to my shock and dismay, however, the fucking asshole behind me actually had the audacity to honk!

Well, I tell you, it was all I could do to not stop the car, get out, and

smash the fuck out of his windshield telling him exactly why it was that he was in the wrong.

Why was he in the wrong, you may ask? I'll tell you.

You see, a cautious, courteous, and attentive driver would have seen the street cleaner move into the opposing lane and would have slowed to allow traffic that may have been blocked by the behemoth cleaner, to pass unchallenged into the free lane.

Not enough?

Well, with my vehicle clearly ahead, signal ablaze, he had ample time to see that I wished to change lanes. But, no, jerk off had to be uncompromised in his vehicular positioning, and he saw my break as a challenge to his manhood.

Well, because you couldn't hear me in my car, jack ass, I would just like to give you a resounding Fuck You.

There is one other driving piss off I would like to get off my clean, hairless chest... people who spend so much time circling parking lots, looking for that just-a-little bit-closer spot, or the people who spend the time and energy maneuvering into tiny parking stalls a mere 10 feet away from a huge open parking area.

Here's a hint: the time you spent pissing around for the "prime spot" could have been better spent walking the extra 10 fucking feet.

Society is doomed, and I am its saviour.

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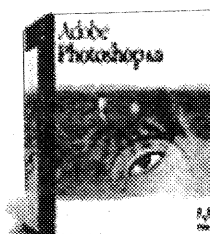
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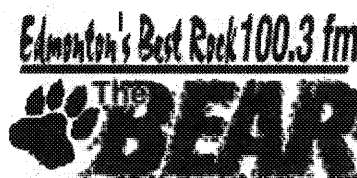


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In this corporate bullshit world, it seems every where I turn, somehow, some way, someone has found the way to market to me. Whether we're pissing, driving, or simply checking our E-mail, we're constantly being inundated with images telling us to buy this, drink that, or put this in some sort of orifice.

The corporate world knows no limits when it comes to the how and the where of advertising.

Morality is thrown to the wolves, and you and I are made to suffer. As I sit and write this, school children in the good old' USA are being marketed to in their textbooks.

It's not uncommon to find questions like, "If little Johnny gets \$10 a week for allowance, how long will Johnny have to save to buy a brand new pair of \$200 Nikes?" in the learning materials of American elementary children.

Perhaps the question should read, "If

Nike pays little 8-year-old Phong Nguyen 6 cents an hour, how long will it take for little Phong to buy a small bag of rice to feed a family of six?"

of it. Be it Survivor, the WWF, Pop-Stars, or bad pop music in general, it's all being forced down our throats, and it's all a corporate plan to keep the masses ignorant.



We here in a Canadian post-secondary institution aren't devoid of such marketing. New Ad Media has found prime urinal and stall space to make money, and Coca Cola has monopolized the drinking choices of you and I. To be perfectly honest with you, I'll probably be chastised for even making a negative comment about that cola situation. Some democracy!

Speaking of Coke, has anyone heard those new full-length jingles with the irritating bubble to the top, tingle till you stop, high pitched, annoying as shit, bubble girl? Are these not the most irritating ads you have ever heard? Man, it grates my nerves every time I hear it.

The problem is that people have become too complacent, and they simply buy into it. All

And it's working.

Eat at McDonalds. It's not healthy, you always complain about how gross it was after you ate it, but you'll go back tomorrow, won't you? Forget about the fact that they are a huge corporate conglomerate contributing to deforestation and global pollution.

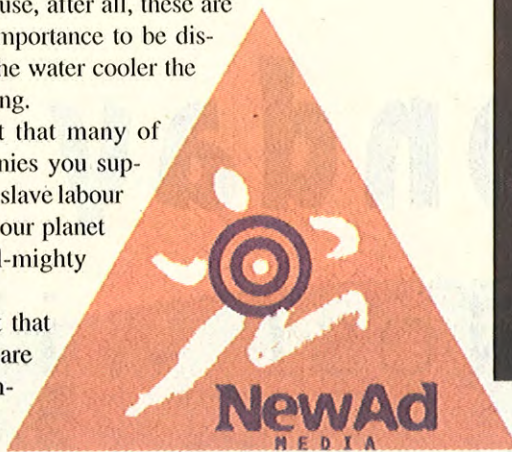
Watch the newest, hottest TV show. Don't read. Don't learn about the things that go on in the real world that, believe it or not, will actually affect you someday. No, no. Just sit back and watch Survivor or Pop Stars, because, after all, these are issues of importance to be discussed at the water cooler the next morning.

Forget that many of the companies you support utilize slave labour or destroy our planet for that all-mighty dollar.

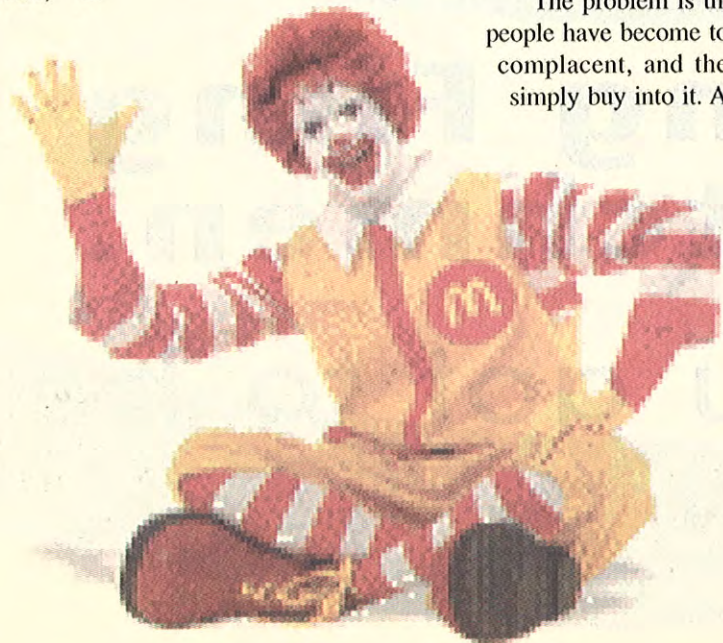
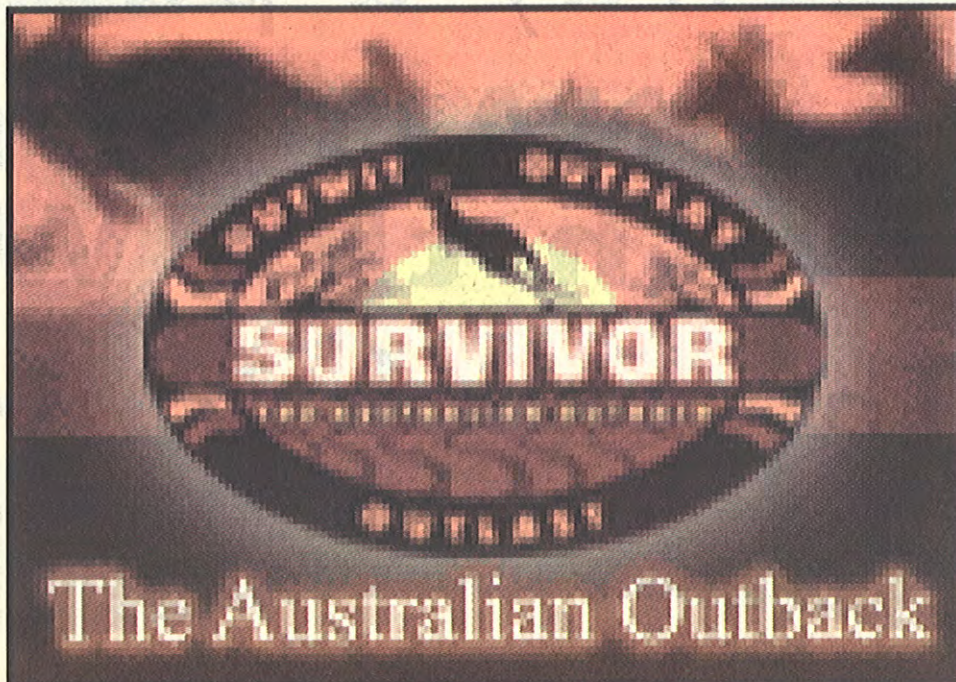
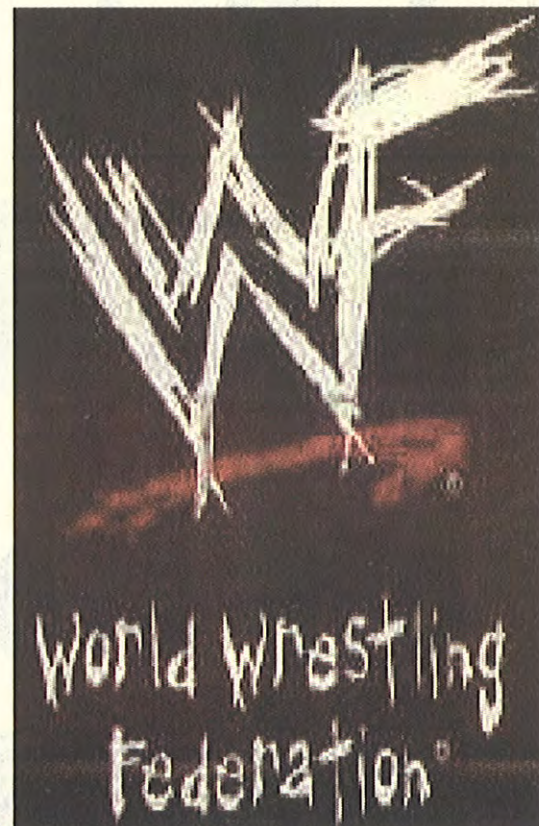
Forget that genocides are being committed

every day by governments and corporate monopolies.

Forget all of that and live peaceably in your little bubbles because, after all, ignorance is bliss, isn't it...



Whether we're pissing, driving, or simply checking our E-mail, we're constantly being inundated with images telling us to buy this, drink that, or put this in some sort of orifice.



A Mad Season with a No Name Face:

Matchbox Twenty and Lifehouse to Play Skyreach Centre



KATRINA Benson

Since releasing their now eight times platinum debut album *Yourself Or Someone Like You*, in 1996, Matchbox Twenty has gone on to win three Grammys, collaborate on a song with guitar legend Santana ("Smooth"), and release a second equally successful CD entitled *Mad Season*.

Matchbox Twenty was first formed in 1996 after founder/lead singer Rob Thomas and bandmates Brian Yale and Paul Doucette left another band called Tabitha's Secret to start one of their own. They then recruited the talents of Adam Gaynor from Criteria Recording and Kyle Cook from the Atlanta Institute of Music and went in to record *Yourself Or Someone Like You*.

"Our luck was astounding," comments bandmate Paul Doucette, "We weren't really a band for that long. We'd played like one show, and then we went in to make this record."

Matchbox Twenty's debut CD churned out the memorable hits "Push," "3 a.m.," "Back 2 Good," and "Real World."

In the year 2000, Matchbox Twenty released the follow-up album to *Yourself*, entitled *Mad Season*. So far, this has spawned the heavily radio airplayed hits "Bent" and "If You're Gone," which has recently jumped into the Top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100. *Mad Season* has already gone four times platinum.

Currently touring with Matchbox Twenty the up-and-coming

band Lifehouse. Also formed in 1996, Lifehouse was originally called Blyss. One CD was released, called *Diff's Lucky Day* (which features the original version of "Simon" and the incredible song "Storm"), but not many copies were made.

Blyss consisted of two members, guitarist and lead singer Jason Wade and bassist Sergio Andrade. Guitarist Stuart Mathis and Rick Woolstenhulme were two recruits to Blyss after two other members quit. It was at this time that the band changed their name to Lifehouse.

Compared to the sounds of Live and Matchbox Twenty, Lifehouse has managed to build themselves a solid fan base after steadily gigging all throughout the LA area (the band is based out of California). They separate themselves from the pack, however, with 20-year-old Jason Wade's sonorous vocals and finely calibrated sense of dynamics, moving through a sound of solid, electric rock to more pensive acoustic wave.

No Name Face, the debut CD by Lifehouse, was released on DreamWorks Records on October 31, 2000. Its first single, "Hanging By A Moment," has reached number one status on MuchMusic and MTV and has received heavy airplay on radio stations across Canada and the United States (the single has reached the number one position on both The Bear and Power 92 for most requested song). Besides the single "Hanging By A Moment," however, No Name Face also features a number of other equally incredible songs such as "Simon," "Cling And Clatter," "Everything," and my personal favourite, "Breathing."

There is no doubt that this CD and this band will go far, as Lifehouse has already toured with such the likes of Everclear and Pearl

Jam. Currently, they are touring North America opening for Matchbox Twenty and, on Saturday, May 5, 2001, at the Skyreach Centre, you can see them live. Tickets are currently on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets for \$39.50 and \$49.50 plus service charge. The doors open at

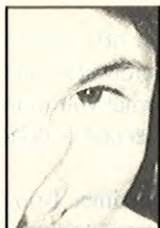
6:30 p.m. with the show starting at 7:30 p.m.

Matchbox Twenty and Lifehouse are both bands that are currently burning up the music charts. The passion and energy of Matchbox Twenty and the lyrical spiritualness of Lifehouse are not

things to be missed as both bands are reputed for putting on absolutely incredible, memorable shows. Tickets are not yet sold out for their May 5th performance at the Skyreach Centre (which is being hosted by House of Blues Concerts), so be sure to pick yours up soon.



MOVIE review



KELSEY Farnalls

Tomcats

Starring: Jerry O'Connell, Shannon Elizabeth, Jake Busey
Director: Gregory Poirier

Here's a tip – wait until it hits the dollar theatre.

Tomcats, written and directed by Gregory Poirier, was a somewhat humorous and spunky little movie completely lacking substance. I can't say it didn't meet my expectations, though.

Tomcats starts out at a wedding. Picture a group of groomsmen tipping back a celebratory bottle of champagne (secretly mixed with a drug similar in effect to Viagra) just before the ceremony. Then, picture them a half-hour later, standing at attention (use your imagination) before a church full of guests.

Pretty funny. Ha, ha, ha.

Anyway, it's time to celebrate, and the remaining bachelors make a pact to be tomcats forever. In fact, they make it interesting and agree

to set aside some money each year into a fund. The last bachelor wins the kitty.

Seven years later, the pot has grown to half a million dollars, and we're down to two remaining bachelors. A crazy weekend in Vegas breaks the bank for Michael Delaney, played by Jerry O'Connell, and he decides that, with a only a month to pay off his \$50,000 debt to the casino, he better get Kyle Brenner, his last bachelor friend, married off quick.

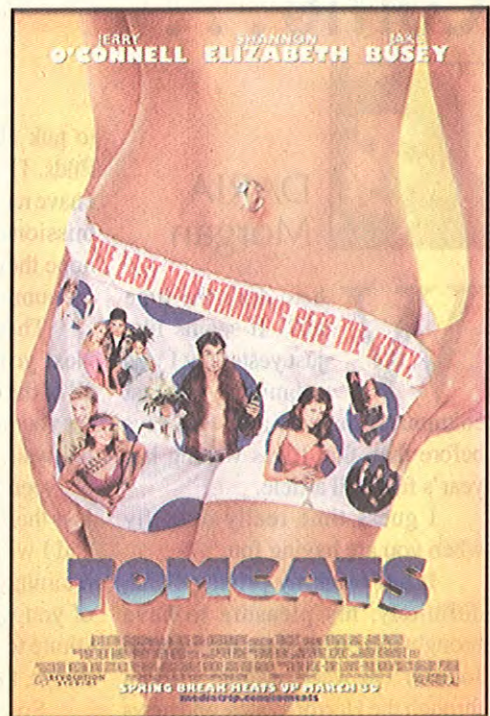
Following a series of silly antics and schemes, Kyle indeed pops the question and proposes to his new girlfriend, Natalie (with whom Michael just happens to be in love). She eagerly accepts his proposal as a means of exacting revenge on him for a grudge she has held against him for years.

More silly antics, nudity, big breasts, and ridiculous scenarios... Bam, it's wedding day. Michael tries to stop the wedding just a few minutes too late, and Natalie gets her revenge. Michael gets his money, pays off his debt, blah, blah, bläh, and Natalie and Michael get to-

gether and live happily ever after.

The funniest part of the movie is the series of bloopers after the credits, so don't leave the theatre too soon. The dumbest part is the hospital testicle scene, and it goes on, and on, and on. Thoroughly disgusting.

I found *Tomcats* to be a little over the top, not too clever, and really trying hard to get that shock value thing working in their favour. The plot was predictable, and the acting was far from brilliant. I would give this movie a rating of 2 stars out of 5.



Survivors:

FIRST JOB OFFER FIRST DAY FIRST YEAR

SHARON Brown
NAIT Career Advisor

Congratulations! You've just received your first job offer! Now what do you do? At this point, the ball is officially in your court. Be enthusiastic, but don't forget to negotiate a start date, salary and benefits, hours of work and dress expectations. Then take some time to decide if this job is right for you. Ask yourself the following important questions:

- Can you live comfortably on the salary and benefits package being offered to you?
- Are you going to be excited about going to work every day? No matter what the salary is, if you know you will be unhappy in this type of position, don't do it! Job satisfaction is just as important as salary.
- Is there room for growth? What are your long-term career goals?

Will this job be a good stepping stone towards achieving those goals?

- What is the working atmosphere and dress code like? Do you think you'll enjoy working there?
- How long is the probation period? Will your salary go up after this period is completed?
- What are the vacation and pay details? What are the regular hours of work? Is overtime expected? Will you get paid for overtime?
- How are the perks? (i.e. parking, use of fitness facilities, etc.)

It's always a good idea to get something in writing before you decide to accept an offer. Once you've decided to accept or decline the job offer, you have to let the employer know what you've chosen. Always follow up a verbal answer with a hard copy. Either way, don't forget to thank the employer for the opportunity.

First Day of Work

Your first day on the job will be hectic and often confusing. Don't panic! Just take a deep breath, smile and remember to make the most of it. You'll probably spend a large part of the day meeting people, filling out

You'll probably spend a large part of the day meeting people, filling out forms, setting up your office space and getting lost.

forms, setting up your office space and getting lost. You probably won't actually start doing what you were hired to do until the second or third day.

- Be organized and on time. Bring

all necessary documents and numbers with you on your first day. Plan out how you are going to get there and know where you are going to park. Know where and who to report to in the building.

- Dress Properly. Invest some cash in clothing appropriate to your new position and company. Make sure you're projecting an image that reflects well on you and your employer.

- Be a good team player. Say "Hi!" to people and introduce yourself. Be courteous and professional at all times. Make it a point to remember people's names.

- Smile! Breathe!

- Learn as much as possible in the days ahead.

Surviving Your First Year

Any change can be a little scary and bigger changes can be even more so. Now you're going to be making the change from student to career professional and you'll probably have to plan on making some adjustments to make the transition easier.

- Be responsible. Have a clear understanding of what is expected of you. Ask questions, demonstrate a strong work ethic and be committed to providing a high standard of work.

- Be punctual. You're not in Kansas any more, Toto! So arrive early, start work on time, and stay as long as you should. If you're going to be late, call your work. Ditto if you're going to be absent due to illness. Keep your contact phone numbers in your wallet for easy access.

- Always leave your office with your work laid out for the next day and your appointment calendar up to date. This will make it easy for others to help out if you are late or off sick.

- Take part in company/staff activities. Know what your duties are on team projects, ask for help when you need it.

- Be open-minded and deal effectively with stress. Be willing to try new ways of doing things, stay positive in your approach to your job and

co-workers. Learn how to handle work-related stress in a positive way. Try to leave your personal problems at the door each day.

- Find the office "old gray dog" and stick with them. There's always someone in every office who knows everyone and everything. Make friends, ask questions and use them as a resource when you need to find out how to do something.

- Avoid making personal calls from the office and avoid getting involved in office politics, nothing can kill a career off faster than this!

- Keep trying to make yourself more valuable. Continue to grow professionally by upgrading your skills, taking on new challenges and staying flexible to change. Keep current with industry changes and innovations.

- Don't take your work or yourself too seriously. Keep your sense of humor and look for ways to release your stress. Enhance your on the job performance by maintaining a varied personal and professional life.

- Quit your job properly. A great opportunity may be offered to you and you may leave your position to take on a new job. Don't burn any bridges! Always give your employer two weeks notice. Finish as much of your work as possible before you leave and let people know what remains to be done. Don't be afraid to ask your employer for a letter of reference for future use. Leave a forwarding address and phone number.

You should be feeling pretty prepared and confident at this point. Remember that every job has something valuable to offer and use it as a stepping stone towards achieving your future career goals.

This is the final installment of the series on Marketing Yourself to an Employer. If you need further help in your job search, remember to visit our website at <http://www.nait.ab.ca/careers>, stop by Career Services (located in Room 0117, NAIT South Lobby) or call us at 471-8874. Good luck with your future career!

The Time Has Come...



DARIA Morgan

Where does the time go? It seems like just yesterday I was submitting my first columns of the year and, two days before that, that I was writing last year's farewell article.

I guess time really does fly when you are having fun.

It has been my privilege and, definitely, my pleasure to have brought to you laughter through the Joke Of The week, infinite wisdom through the Horrorsopes, and news

to talk about through the Odds & Ends. I have enjoyed all the E-mails I have received with comments, submissions, and suggestions, and I hope they keep coming throughout the summer break.

That is right, boys and girls. Next year, I will be bringing back all of the columns mentioned above for your reading pleasure, and I cannot wait. So, in the meantime, in-between time, I hope everyone enjoys their four months off from here, and I will see those of you who are returning in September. As for those of you who will be leaving the institute to go on to bigger and better things, the best of luck to you all.

So, until September...

That's All, Folks!

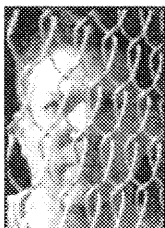


CURTIS Comeau

Considering that this is the last issue of the Nugget until next September, I would like to take the time to thank all of my talented editors and contributing writers who took the time to write the material for the paper. I would also like to give a big hat's off to those who read the Nugget religiously (I hope we kept you entertained). And, finally, a huge thanks to those people who send hate mail because, when it's all said and done, that is what it's all about - hate mail. Until next year... (P.S. Isn't Daria hot?)

Bannert's Weekly...

FITNESS FAQ



TRAVIS
Bannert

Moi:
What's the most common myth or misconception you've heard about fitness?

John:
Actually, there are lots of them, so I thought I would conclude the year with some of them and give you a quick response. I know we have touched on some of these during the year, but it doesn't hurt to repeat these ideas sometimes.

Can you spot reduce?

Sorry, no. As you lose weight, the measurements change first where the fat pads are the thickest, and that is not necessarily the spot you wanted it to disappear from. No matter how hard you work your butt muscles or your abdominals, you won't spot reduce from those areas.

No pain, no gain!

Sorry, no. This usually leads to injuries and lots of pain. The key is high intensity in small doses so that the body adjusts to the new load level so that you can go a bit harder next time.

Slim people are fit and larger people are not.

The general accepted measure of fitness is the amount of oxygen you can process per kilogram of body weight. Unfortunately, that only measures one aspect of fitness. If we just looked at that one aspect, there are many slim people who could not keep up to a larger person on an exercise bike test. Therefore, body shape or size does not automatically assure a certain fitness level.

The best way to lose weight is by the high protein diet.

Sorry, no. All the high protein diets I have seen are actually low calorie diets. The best way to lose weight without losing muscle weight is to expend more calories than you put in. The component that most people leave out is exercise. Most people try diets of one sort or another and end up heavier than when they started. Lifestyle change with exercise and good nutrition is the way to go.

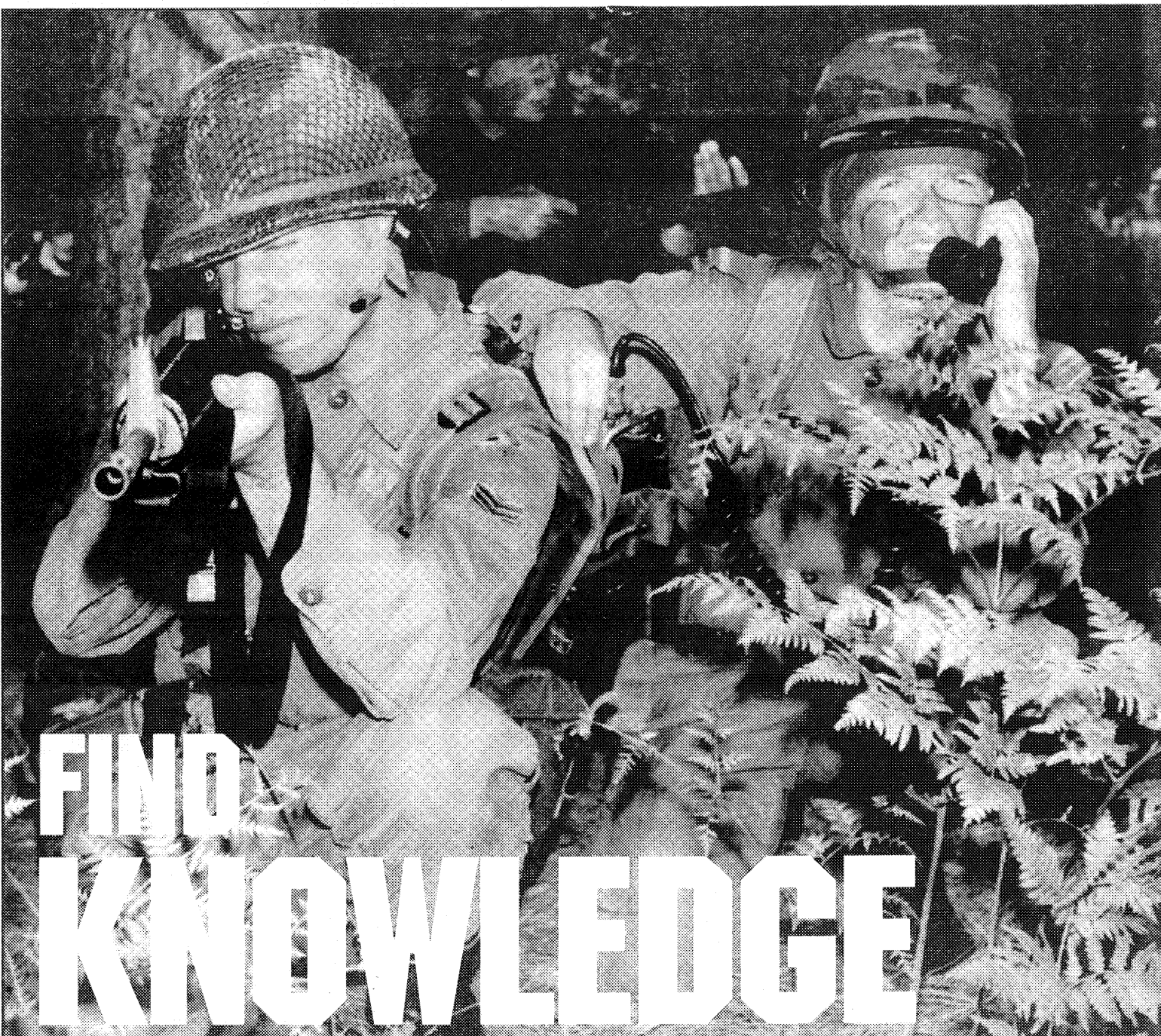
If you want to lose weight, you should do cardio exercise and lift weights.

Wow, right for a change. Most people understand the cardio aspect, but they don't want to put on ugly bulky muscles by lifting weights. Lifting weights actually raises your basal metabolic rate, which means you would burn more calories on a

continuing basis. Diets actually lower your metabolic rate. If you do lots of repetitions with light weights, you will not put on bulky muscles, but you will end up with a much sleeker body with some muscle definition.

Well, that's it for this year. I hope you enjoyed the column and my responses. Have a great summer, or good luck with your career.

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The "FINAL" Ringpost



SHANE
Turgeon

Well, wrasslin' fans, welcome to this, the last issue of the Ringpost for the year. As you all know, last week-end hosted the event that all fans of pro-wrestling look forward to...Wrestlemania!

Before we get into the other aspects of the wild world of pro-wrestling, here are your Wrestlemania results...

- Jericho retained his Intercontinental Title against Commissioner William Regal.
- The Acolytes and Tazz beat the Right to Censor.
- Kane pinned Big Show to win the Hardcore Title in a three-way dance that also included Raven.
- Eddie beat Test for the European Title.
- Kurt Angle defeated Benoit with a little pulling of the tights, but Benoit got even by attacking Your Olympic Hero backstage and applying the Crossface Crippler.
- Chyna squashed Ivory to become the new Women's Champ.
- Shane O Mac beat his dear old daddy, Vince, after Trish turned on Vinnie, and Linda proved to everyone that she has been faking the whole insanity thing.

This was an amazing match. Shane pulled out all the stops, including his famous flying elbow from the top into the Spanish table and, if that wasn't enough, he finished Vince off with the Van Terminator. The Van Terminator!!!

• Edge and Christian won the Tag Titles in a tremendous Tables, Ladders, and Chairs match. Interference from Rhyno, Little Spike Dudley, and Lita just added to the excitement of this high flying, dangerous, spot match.

• The Iron Sheik won the Gimmick Battle Royal, but his victory was spoiled by Sgt. Slaughter who applied the Cobra Clutch, making the almost incontinent Sheik relent.

The funniest part of this match that included legends like Nikolai Volkov, Kamala, the Goon, Tugboat, Earthquake, One Man Gang and others, was the fact that it took longer for the wrestlers to get to the ring than it took for the actual match to occur.

• The Undertaker defeated HHH, even after metal legends Motorhead played live to welcome HHH.

• Stone Cold defeated the Rock with

heel turn help from Vince to become the new WWF Heavyweight Champ.

Wrestlemania notes and comments...

It seemed the theory of the night revolved around everyone from Texas winning their matches. Eddie, Bradshaw, and Stone Cold all were victorious, and each of them are from Texas.

The Jericho/Regal match could have been way better.

How about Raven going through the glass window?! I don't think that was the cut proof glass, because Raven's back was a bloody mess after that spot.

Eddie's mullet will not go away. It seems that every time he cuts it, it miraculously returns a few short weeks later. Some friends and I think that it's actually attached to his nervous system via the spinal chord and is in a constant regenerative state!

The Angle/Benoit match was one of the best of the night. My prediction... look for them to square off at Backlash at the end of the month in a submission only match.

Tables, Ladders, and Chairs 2 was awesome. These guys are truly the hardest working and most talented guys/girl in the business. If the WWF was smart, they would integrate a lot of the WCW cruisers into this mix.

The Gimmick Battle Royal was, well, gimmicky! I don't think a lot of the new fans really got it, and I was disappointed that the greatest gimmick of all time, Hulk Hogan, wasn't involved in a shock ending. Having Bobby the Brain Heenan back as color was truly the highest point of the night.

The Rock vs. Austin. Two men that I couldn't detest more. This match actually held my interest and was really tight. The blade jobs were a little too obvious though, with the Rock blading on two separate occasions and Austin only once. It was obvious that someone had to turn heel in the aftermath.

There weren't too many injuries from the show. Taker needed 6 more staples to close the new gash on his head. Make that 22 in the last week. Tazz suffered a concussion during his match against the RTC.

Surprisingly, no injuries were sustained during the TLC match.

I am surprised that there was no real WCW involvement. I thought that there would have been some sort of interference in at least one of the matches, but it looks like Vince is making good on his promise that there won't be very much cross over action.

As far as the WWF purchase of WCW is concerned, it is a done

deal. TNN has reserved a time slot for WCW programming and it could start airing as early as the second week of May. I still think that someone, anyone needs to build up a new fed and get a network deal or else, with no direct competition, the future of the business is bleak.

Shawn Micheal's WWF future is in question after he reportedly left the Smackdown tapings last Tuesday. No real reason has been given for his walkout.

Former ECW heavyweight

Champion Steve Corino will be headlining a series of shows for my favorite Vancouver promotion, the ECCW.

Disco Inferno was shaken after a bomb threat at a Waffle House restaurant he was eating at. Thankfully, there was no bomb and everyone was Okay.

Well, it's been one helluva year in the world of pro-wrestling, and I'm glad that I had the opportunity to share it with all of you in my column. I hope that you've all enjoyed

my insights and rants.

Don't worry, for all of you loyal readers who will be returning next semester, I, too, will be returning with The Ringpost so you won't be left in the dark when it comes to your "stories."

If any of you would like to ask any questions of me in the next couple of months, feel free to do so by E-mailing me at theringpost@hotmail.com. Enjoy the break, cut the mullet, and whatever you do, don't be a mark!

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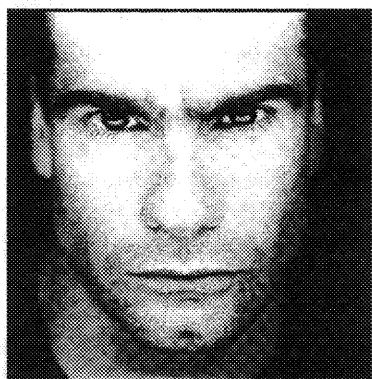
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ROLLINS RULES!



SHANE
Turgeon

On Friday, March 30th, Henry Rollins spoke to a sold out crowd of 720 at the Myer Horowitz theatre, and it could very well have been the



show of the year. Rollins brought his brand of spoken word humor to Edmonton for the first time that night and, for long-time fans, it was truly worth the wait.

At one time, Rollins was probably the angriest man in the world and, while that intensity still burns, it seems to have waned, just a touch. Still focusing on the pure idiocy that occurs in today world, the younger, angrier material seems to have been replaced by a more mature reflective, commentary on aging.

Perhaps mature was the wrong word to use... Rollins still delivers an angry, raunchy punch while discussing things that all of us do, but very few of us will ever actually admit to. And raunchy it is! I hope to all hell that I'm that cool at forty and that my potty mouth is still as vile!

Covering issues as diverse as masturbation, young man/old man syndrome, politics, tools, and the mullets of the KISS army, Rollins enthralled patrons for almost three hours. There were times this long-time Rollins fan actually had to check himself and focus in on the fact that an icon that I have respected for 10 years or so, was actually 15 feet in front of me, and I wasn't just listening to a CD or watching a video.

After an evening of hilarious life commentary and mullet bashing - yes, you heard me, mullet bashing (you know, the absolute worst haircut in the history of haircuts that there seems to be a plethora of here in this city),

Triumph Through the Pale Winds

RYAN McGeachy

The winter cold surrounds me
like the cold pale wind of death
The wind blowing in my face
telling me to turn around
But I won't look back
I must go on
I must reach my destination
The sun goes behind a cloud
chilling my world
detering my will to go on
But I know that in the end
There will be light
There will be warmth
There will be peace
There will be you

RYAN McGeachy

The warm drowning rain surrounds me
like a blanket of the softest cotton
blocking my eyes but filling me with
an unquenchable desire to sing and dance
as I walk in this blissful state
I see an apparition coming through the
thick blanket of soft rain
her beauty is beyond words
my heart skips a beat
as my eyes meet hers
I start to walk towards her
drawn in by the look in her eyes
my mind in an uncontrollable trance
our eyes locked in a passionate stare
as I get closer I see that it is
the silhouette of the one that I love
wrapped in a blanket of soft rain
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JOKE OF THE WEEK



DARIA
Morgan

An African leader makes an official trip to Russia. At the end of the trip, the Russian leader tells the African that in Russia they have a custom performed at farewells called "Russian Roulette" to demonstrate one's courage.

The Russian whips out a revolver, loads one chamber, gives the cylinder spin, puts the gun to his head and pulls the trigger...CLICK... empty chamber. He hands the revolver to his African guest, and says, "Your turn." Not to be outdone, the African repeats the ritual...CLICK... empty.

The next year, the Russian visits the African country. At the end

of the trip, the African tells his Russian peer that he was very impressed with "Russian Roulette" and that he has spent the last year devising an African ritual to demonstrate one's courage. The African then disappears through a door only to reappear a few minutes later smiling, and says, "Your turn." The African escorts the Russian through the door.

In the room are six of the most beautiful, naked women he has ever seen. The African explains that he is to choose one of the women, who will perform oral sex on him. Absolutely dumbfounded, the Russian asks, "What kind of test of courage is this?!" The African calmly answers, "One of them is a cannibal."

CD review



JENNY
Thornbird

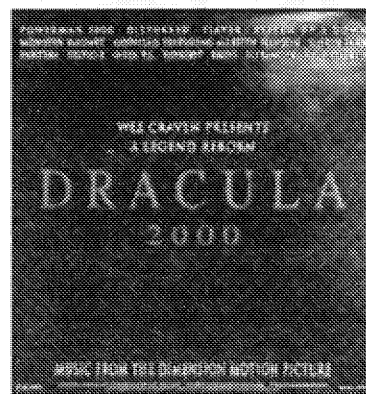
Various artists

Dracula 2000 soundtrack
Columbia/Sony Music

From Wes Craven's latest horror flick, Dracula 2000, comes a soundtrack chalk-full of mind-scorching heavy metal, neo-industrial, and hard rock tracks from some of today's most well-known and influential artists. The CD features previously unreleased material from Powerman 5000, Pantera, Slayer, System Of A Down, Disturbed, and Static-X, among other great bands.

The soundtrack, released in stores on December 12, 2000, is made up of fifteen tracks in total. For the most part, this CD is a good listen if you are a big fan of the artists on it or really enjoyed the movie.

As for myself, while I am familiar with nearly all of the bands



on the CD and other material they have released previous to this, there are really only four tracks I found worthy of my time to listen to on repeat. These tracks are "Ultra Mega" by Powerman 5000, "Heads

All in all, this soundtrack is worth picking up, even if you only enjoy a few of the tracks like I do. It still receives enough airplay in my discman to receive a hot and heavy rating of 3 nuggets out of 5.

Explode" by Monster Magnet, "One Step Closer" by Linkin Park (which is currently receiving heavy airplay by 100.3 The Bear), and "Your Disease" by Saliva.

Admittedly though, there is some other noteworthy material on this CD besides just what I like. Pantera has gone back to their classic metal roots on the track "Avoid The Light" and is definitely worth a listen. Local Alberta boys Flybanger are also featured on the soundtrack with the song "Blind World." Also on the soundtrack is the newly popular Canadian band Disturbed, and Slayer is back on the scene with a song called "Bloodline."

All in all, this soundtrack is worth picking up, even if you only enjoy a few of the tracks like I do. It still receives enough airplay in my discman to receive a hot and heavy rating of 3_ nuggets out of 5.

On an end note, if you do enjoy this CD more than I do, you may also want to look into picking up the special limited version of this soundtrack, available through the Virgin Megastore online. The special limited version features two extra tracks by Loudermilk ("Juillet") and The Union Underground ("Bitter").

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HORRORSCOPES



DARIA Morgan

Capricorn

(December 22-January 20)

This week is an excellent week to slurp. Remember, if you are going to do anything, do it well. Obviously, that includes slurping.

Aquarius

(January 21-February 18)

You've just finished something for this week, but now you are starting to wonder if it would be better if you tried it another way. Well, forget it — that way, madness lies.

Pisces

(February 19-March 20)

A promise you made to someone a while back will start to take on nightmarish proportions this week as you realize you have been suckered into something pretty darn awful. Fortunately, you will be able to get out of it by feigning death.

Aries

(March 21-April 19)

Someone will ask you for advice this week — do not give it! If they insist, simply shake your head and mutter, "Much bad juju" and refuse to clarify. They only want a scapegoat.

Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

You will begin a spiritual journey this week. The karmic chaos that will surround you will begin to settle into a new pattern. Also, you will become strangely fascinated with other people's socks.

Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

This week is a good week to be fired up with enthusiasm; otherwise, you might be fired with enthusiasm.

Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

This is an excellent week to dig a large hole. If you pile the dirt up on the sides and make huge paw prints around it, you can have some fun by phoning local TV stations and telling them about the gigantic gopher you saw.

Leo

(July 23-August 22)

You will be granted a religious experience of startling significance this week, similar in some respects to the accounts of statues of the Virgin Mary weeping. In your case, however, it will be more like her sneezing.

Virgo

(August 23-September 22)

Your plans to take over the world are proceeding nicely this week. All you need now is a hunch-backed henchperson with pale, protruding eyes. Fortunately for you, you will meet someone from Saskatchewan.

Libra

(September 23-October 22)

This week, you will find out that someone you have been spending a great deal of time with is actually one of the last remaining Sinanthropus, rather than an actual Cro-Magnon. This will explain those things you have been wondering about.

Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

This week, you will come across a matchbook that you will change your life. Inside the cover, it will say: "You, too, can be a mafia boss!"

Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)

Deny everything.

If Today Is Your Birthday:

This is an excellent day to make odd hand gestures at people. When you tell them that it is your birthday, they will return the favour by spanking you. This will give you a nice, warm fuzzy feeling in that nice, warm fuzzy place of yours. Thank me later.

Business Graduation 2001 Crashing the Party



KELSEY Farnalls

On Saturday night, I was kidnapped, put in a dress, and taken to the Business graduation at the Delta Hotel. We were greeted by a swarm of guys and girls dressed to the nines and ready to party the night away. When we entered the ballroom, "Let Your Backbone Slide" was pumping out of the speakers, and the dance floor was alive.

Within minutes, our up-and-coming NAITSA president, Rob Ellis, was on a table strutting his stuff. Shortly thereafter, he was grooving on the dance floor with his pants around his ankles, showing off his underwear. I never did learn why.

A couple of hours later, I was

drunk and mingling with the crowd upstairs in the Calgary room. Many people had changed into something more comfortable. Nugget Sports Editor Travis Bannert was sporting pajamas. Well, track pants and a t-shirt, but it looked like pajamas. We chatted with some of the guys from the basketball team and watched as they made fun of people. The Miami Vice guy seemed to be the popular target in his greyish-white suit and purple shirt.

Suddenly, the night became a bit foggy. I still have a message written on my hand in red permanent ink, "Diana is sleeping in 421." That would be Diana McCall, our new Operations VP. I guess she powered out and didn't want us to leave without her. We banged on the door at 5 a.m. for quite some time but, to no avail, she was out cold. So, we took off without her. Oops, sorry, Di.

Anyway, I think that pretty much everyone had a marvelous time that night, and congratulations to all the Business grads. Thanks for letting me crash your party!

Eye On The Outback Weekly News from Survivor II



SHAUN McDonald

This will be the final hurrah for Eye on the Outback; please don't weep, because there is still plenty of Survivor left...

The BITCH is gone at last! The last members of Ogakor had me worried for awhile, but they pulled it out at the last minute; now with Jerri gone, Amber's number will be up soon...Nick narrowly avoided his date with death last week; if he doesn't retain the immunity idol this week, then say good-bye...

What could be more fun than watching BARAMUNDI covered in mud and running through an obstacle course? Elizabeth had the

right idea when she convinced the rest of Baramundi to vote for Jerri; if she wants to make it to the final two, she has to divide the remaining members of Ogakor...

For an old guy, Rodger did pretty good in the immunity challenge; sadly, there is no way he'll be part of the final four...

Keith has to realize that COLBY is his biggest threat; if he's going to be the final survivor, then the Texan has got to go...

Personally, I don't think the remaining members of Kucha are evil enough to do what needs to be done to win this game; however, if by some miracle one of them makes it to the final two, they'll win...

The importance of the JURY becomes more important with each passing week; Jerri is going to have a score to settle with Ogakor, that much is clear...

The game is going to play out in one of two ways, and I'll tell you

what they are; ONE, Ogakor remains together, voting off Nick, then Rodger & Elizabeth, leaving an all Ogakor final four. Tina & Keith will form an alliance to vote off Colby & Amber, and Tina will win the million bucks.

TWO, Keith or Tina will form a secret alliance with members of Kucha to rid themselves of Colby, and Elizabeth will wind up in the final four with them and Rodger. Tina & Elizabeth will end up in front of the Jury, with Elizabeth taking the prize...

Of course, this is Survivor II, and anything can happen; Colby just might take the prize like everyone expects him to...

My hat goes off to MARK BURNETT AND HIS PRODUCTION TEAM IN THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK; they did a great job...With those final words, I bid farewell to all the Survivor junkies out there.

CD review



TRAVIS Bannert

Staggered Crossing

Self-titled
Warner Music Canada

Many of you have probably heard of this upcoming Toronto-based band. They played at the Nest a few months back, and their first single, "Further Again," is rising on the Canadian rock charts.

The first thing I noticed after listening to this CD was that Staggered Crossing sounds a little like the Counting Crows without as many soft ballads and with a heavier sound. I didn't expect this band to have such lyrical talents. It was just the realization that this band has played at the Nest of all places as part of a regular promotion that shocked me (I guess you have to start somewhere).



I can't say I loved the whole CD (like I said earlier, they sound like the Counting Crows) but their faster tunes are cool. It's mostly an easy listening CD, but there's a buzz going around about their live show. The band is currently on a cross-Canada tour with stops in Banff, Calgary, and our very own city of champions. They're playing at this year's Spring Fling in the NAIT Arena on April 12th.

Staggered Crossing is an excellent band with a mellow rock sound, good lyrics, and a solid frontman in Julian Dean Taylor. The CD is good for their first release, and I think that this band has a lot of talent and potential for growth. On this release, don't expect too many songs like their first single though.

Overall, I give this CD four Nuggets out of five.

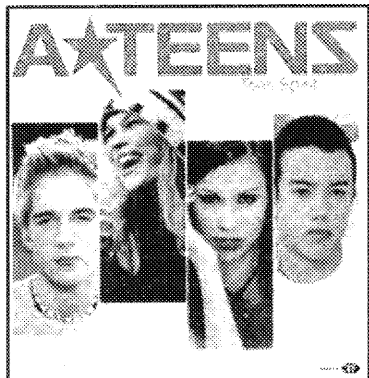
CD review

CHANTAL
Eder

A*TEENS

Teen Spirit
Stockholm Records

I honestly can't say a whole lot about this album that will interest anyone, but I'll try. The A*TEENS, which remind me of a smaller group of S Club 7, started out last year in Sweden with their 2000 release of "The ABBA Generation," compilation of re-made ABBA songs, which



surprisingly got some not too bad reviews.

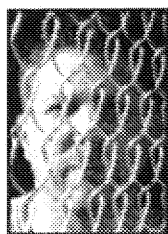
This year, they're trying out their own material with their release of "Teen Spirit," and you can pretty much go with the title of the CD to expect how the music is going to be - happy, bouncy, teeny bopper tunes. Their first single, "Bouncing Off The Ceiling (Upside Down)" Has already hit #9 on the YTV hitlist. That's good, considering their CD was just released in North America.

The group consists of four teens from Sweden, two girls and two guys. There are almost like a younger Ace of Base, and there are songs to prove my point. "Halfway Around The World" has the same style that the old Swedish group Ace of Base used to try and pull off.

I can't honestly say that this "Teen Spirit" group will be here for long. S Club 7 has already got their style down, and I don't think there's room for another irritating show like that. But, hey, it's up to you. If you'd like to invest in something with lyrics like "When I said go... I never meant away... firefly come back to me," go ahead, the vocals aren't horrible.

Let's just hope that if you do consider buying this album, you'll be buying it as a gift for your little sister because that's the age group you're looking at.

Nelly Furtado:

The Beginning of a
Canadian LegendTRAVIS
Bannert

It's about time that Canada has another really talented breakthrough artist. You might be wondering whom I'm talking about.

Well, I'm talking about Nelly Furtado, this songbird from Vancouver, British Columbia, who is making strides in Canada as well as overseas.

Well, the big news isn't just that there's this big new artist or that she was nominated for the most awards this year at the Junos or that her debut CD has already gone platinum, it's that Nelly's tour is stopping in good old Edmonton at the Francis Winspear Centre on

Sunday April 22nd.

Nelly Furtado's music is original and exciting. Her songs have a blend of pop, dance, and Latin influences, which help compliment her sophisticated voice. Her first release, "I'm Like A Bird," soared to the top of the Canadian charts (popular and contemporary) and is still staying strong on the music scene. And now, her new second single, "Turn Off The Light" is following that lead. Tickets are already on sale for \$24.50 and \$29.50, and the concert is almost sold out. So, if you want to get tickets, they're available at Ticketmaster.

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To the band Haven,
I loved your set at the Battle of the Bands at the Nest. You mentioned you had a CD out. Is there a way one would be able to purchase your CD? If so, I'm interested. Please E-mail me at oh_my_foley@hotmail.com.

The ladies of CLXT would like to thank everyone who came out for our cabaret on March 30th. A huge thank you to NAITSA, Moxie's at Kingsway, Earl's, Reads & Needs, and the Roxy on Whyte Ave for the fabulous prizes — you all helped to make it a great success!!!

To pissed off (hacky-suck),
I think you got the wrong idea when I found your hack at the bottom of the stairwell and, nobody around, I assumed somebody had lost it (imagine that)! So, buddy, get a grip, get some help, and get your hack at the Rec desk Lost & Found. When contemplating human nature, did the terms cynical and pessimistic come to mind? Next time you see someone pick up something of yours inadvertently, just ask for it back!
Signed, No ill will

Carole,
Do you want to dance, or do you want to dance?

To the Westwood ladies,
Don't be so shy — come and talk to me if you want, I don't bite.
The Tuesday Visitor

Deb,
Six days after the fact, sorry, but here I go anyway. NEVER again will there be a Royal Alex event. No more hotdogs with ketchup and onions (twice over). No more picking off your ankle because you're doing 360s in a wheelchair. And, finally, no more wheeling x-ray techs with your secret pickup moves. Next time, we'll have a mild evening because we all know you're aging and can't party as hard as you used to. Happy Belated 20th birthday. Too bad you can't berate the aging process.
Love, Ami, Jeff, Lavy, and all those others who remember that fateful evening

Porchmonkey (aka Fire Crotch),
Thank you for making my Mondays more interesting, more corrupt, more laughable, and more memorable. I can't help but constantly smile when you're around. I'm going to miss my Mondays at NAIT now (bawl).
Spitfire

Curtis,
If you were such a real Star Wars collector, why would a real Star Wars collector be selling off half his collection to his competition? Yeah, your \$60 figure is doing quite well on the market, but maybe we shouldn't talk about the little cardboard backdrop that I got for free that is now worth over \$500.
Love ya Snookums, Shane

Sally,
You show up to one meeting and get our hopes up, and then you stand us up at the meeting that counts the most — the last one! You better show up tonight, or else the typesetter is going to need to go back into therapy for abandonment issues.
Your sad, sad Nugget cohorts

Shane,
Unlike you I have a boxed Sandcrawler \$750 to go with my \$250 Jawa!
Ciao, Curt

Please read "In Memoriam" on page 2.
Our hearts go out to Anita Gagne. Although she lost her battle to cancer, we will all take the time to pray for her brave soul.
Curtis & the Nugget staff

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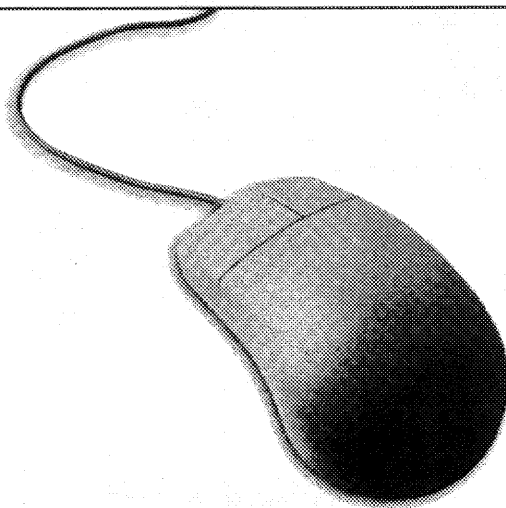
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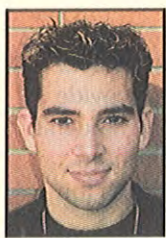
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Want to know how to get a real adrenaline rush? Play a game of paintball against Team Joker (one of Edmonton's top 5 man paintball teams). While

RECORDS, CDS, COMICS, TOYS...

What's not to love?



SHANE
Turgeon

This weekend plays host to one of the most anticipated events Edmonton collectors look forward to - the bi-annual Record, CD, Comic, and Toy Fair.

I know, I know. You're all saying, "Shouldn't I be reading about this in Curtis' Toy Line of the Week Column?" but I thought it would be best if you heard it from me, a real toy collector, not just a Star Wars one.



A Beanie Baby from the collection of Shane Turgeon.

That being said, Sunday, April 8th, is the day in question, and the event takes place at the Aviation hanger on Kingsway just west of NAIT. There is a \$5 collectors hour from 10-11 a.m. where the hardest of the hardcore can arrive one hour early and get the jump on casual attendees. After 11 a.m., the admission is a mere \$2, and the show goes until 4p.m.

If you are a collector of any of the above-mentioned fun or even a serious music buff, you should definitely come down on Sunday - you never know what you might find...

you're trying to lay down cover fire for your front man, Team Joker moves in on you like an NYPD Swat Team, while shooting around 100 rounds apiece.

So, did we win that game? Nope.

Did it hurt? You bet your ass it did.

Did we play the Jokers again? For sure.

You see, no matter if you're a rookie, novice, amateur, or pro team, paintball is a sport for everyone. In fact, you don't even have to have a team to play the game. On Sundays at Paintball Action Games (just

south of Edmonton), you can head out as a walk on.

What kind of equipment do you need to start playing? Well, you could go with a rental gun but, the more you play, the more you're going to want your own gun, or "marker." How much is a marker? Well, prices range from \$200 - \$2,000, so it's all up to you.

The next question is, where can you buy a marker? There are a few places in the city to buy one, but I suggest checking out Paintball Action Games' official store. I suggest this store for two main reasons: the first is that the owner Dale doesn't try to up sell you (meaning, selling you a gun that you don't need.), and the second is they will service your gun should something go wrong. If you're thinking of the net, just remember it's buyer beware.

So, where can you find out more info about playing paintball? I found the best source



was magazines, which can be bought at any Chapters store. The net is all right as well. Check out <http://www.paintballcanada.com>. Visit stores and talk to the veteran paintball players themselves; they are always willing to give advice.

And, trust me, when breaking into a sport like paintball,

good advice is often the most useful weapon.



Toy Line of The Week: STAR WARS



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You know what they say, save the best for last, and that's what I have done for the last Toy Line Of The Week. Now, as mentioned in Shane Turgeon's Toy Show article (left), I am mainly a Star Wars collector, so I think it is safe to say that I know more than him when it comes to collecting Star Wars toys. For starters, the best place

to check out vintage Star Wars toys on the net is at <http://www.toysrgus.com> (yes, that's the right spelling).

STAR WARS HISTORY LESSON

Lesson #1: Did you know that Star Wars figures originally started off as 12-inch dolls? There was only one problem though. If Kenner wanted to make a spaceship for a 12-inch doll, it would have to be the size of a couch. So, they shrunk the figures down to 3 3/4 inches. These figures were the ones that were produced until late 1985.

Lesson #2: Kenner's Star Wars toy line was and still is one of the best selling toy lines ever.

Lesson #3: Star Wars figures were re-molded by Hasbro and re-released in late 1995.

STAR WARS COLLECTORS TIPS

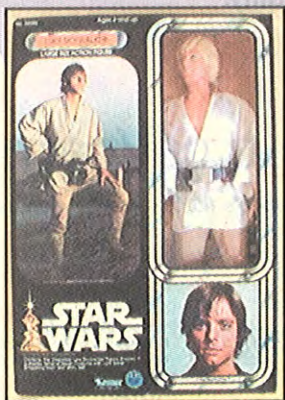
Tip #1: Star Wars (an American-made film) spawned a worldwide phenomenon, which meant that countries in the Eastern Block had to produce cheap-looking bootleg Star Wars figures. Nowadays, those "cheap" and cheesy bootleg figures can sell up to \$300+ US.

Tip #2: Just because you have a bunch of old Star Wars toys in a box somewhere in your garage doesn't mean they are worth money. Remember, there were millions of them made so, to be worth any kind of money, the figures must be in perfect condition and still have all their little accessories.

Tip #3: If you decide to get into Star Wars collecting, do it for the love of the toys and not for profit. There are, however, exceptions to the rule.

Just ask my fellow Star Wars collector Shane Turgeon. This one time, I bought a figure (plastic cape Jawa) for \$60 Canadian and, just a few years later, it's selling for more than \$250 US.

Happy hunting!



12" Luke doll.

