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## NAITSA's Continuing Reign Of Terror

*New Executives now Voted In for Next Year's Students' Association*



**DARIA Morgan**

**O**n Friday, March 16, you, the students spoke and voted in next year's Students' Association. In total, 969 of you took a couple minutes out of your day to make a difference – and those who were elected in are thankful!

So, without further adieu, here are the results...

In a landslide, **Rob Ellis** was voted in as NAITSA President. This could have something to do with the fact that no one was brave enough to run against him – especially after what he did to that puppy in the Nest at the Wayne Lee show.

Taking over as VP Operations is everyone's favourite Nest girl, **Diana McCall**. It's been three years since NAITSA had some estrogen, so Diana is a very welcome addition to the Students' Association on behalf of all the females here at NAIT. We know she'll keep these boys in line.

Filling in what used to be big brother's shoes a couple years back, the ever-charming, incredibly sweet **Jason Anderson** slides into the VP

Activities position. I'm a sucker for a guy in a poobah hat. We know he'll do us proud and bring to NAIT some kick-ass events in the year to come.

Continuing his lucky streak as VP Communications is the Pillsbury dough boy personified **Brad Letwin**. Us Nugget staff couldn't be happier to have him still on board for next year's ride and look forward to playing yet more practical jokes on him.

Shaking his groove thing into the VP Academics spot is funny man **Tim Pooke**. After witnessing his rebel yell impression on stage at the Nest last Friday night, it's not hard to tell that this strapping young lad is more-than-eager and more-than-enthusiastic to play with our academics.

Raising a stink on the Board of Governors is, first off, our very own Sports Editor **Travis Bannert**. Judging by the job he did as Sports Editor on the Nugget this year (tee hee), we know he will soundly represent the students' concerns in the year to come. Travis has always been a very friendly and approachable guy – even more so if you compliment his Pedro.

Lastly, but never least as another Board of Governors chair is the boy next door, **Morgan Elliot**.

Cocky, self-assured, we're sure he will be a great addition to NAITSA for voicing our concerns (among other things).

So, there you have it, boys and girls, next year's NAIT Students' Association. The new NAITSA President and VP executives officially take over the reigns Monday, April 2, 2001, while the new Board of Governors guys don't step in till September. Again, congratulations to all the winners, and we look forward to having you on board.



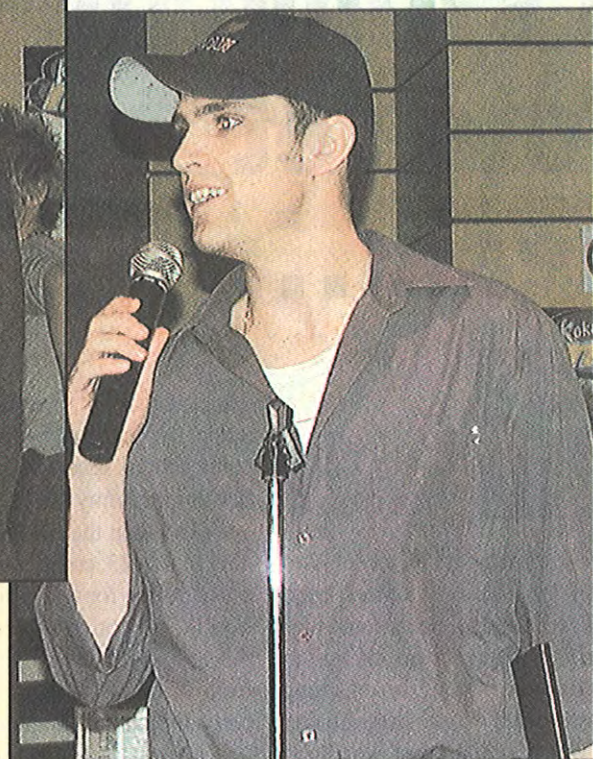
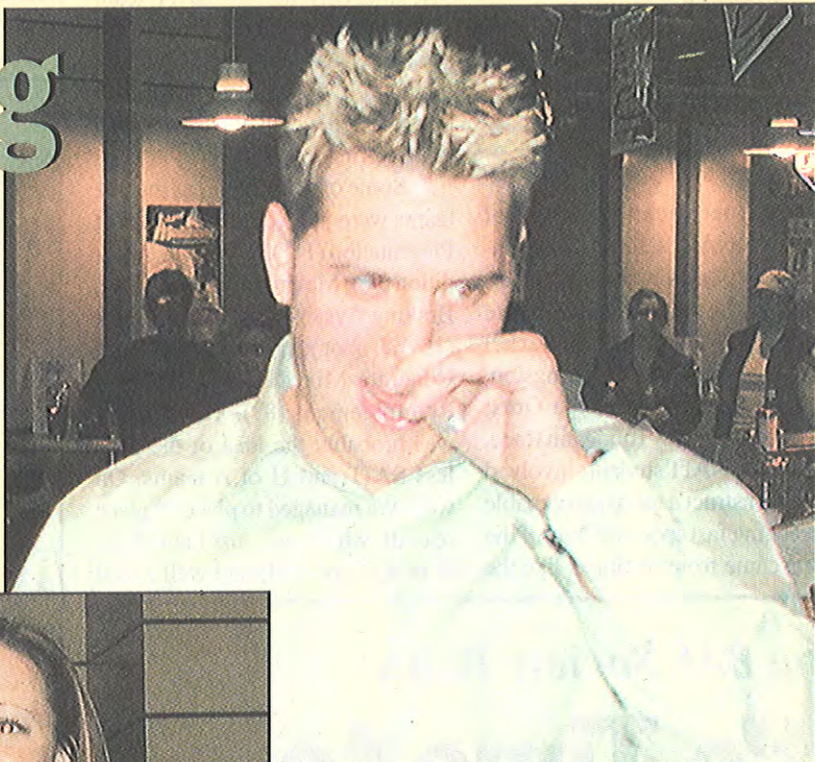
**Tim Pooke**



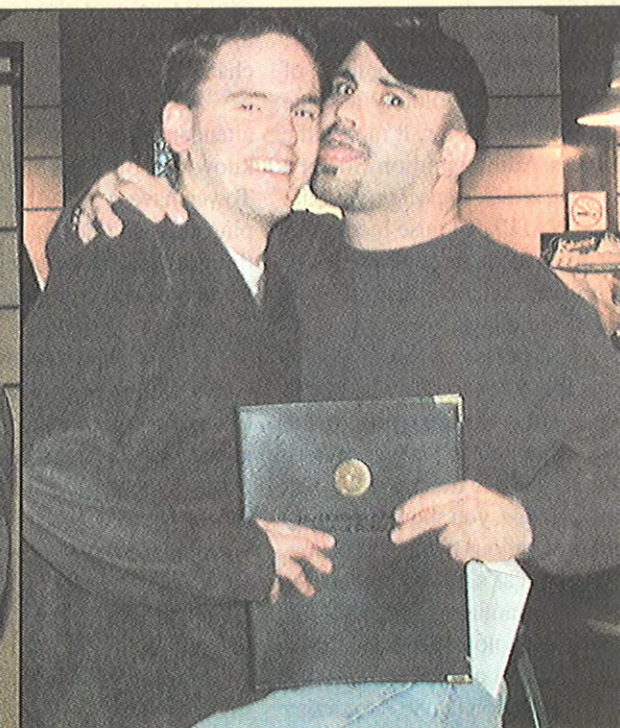
**ABOVE RIGHT: Brad Letwin**

**ABOVE: Diana McCall**

**RIGHT: Morgan Elliot**



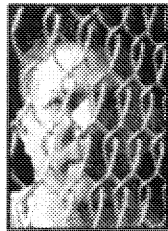
**Travis Bannert**



**Jason Anderson (left) and Rob Ellis.**



# The NAIT Smokeaters



TRAVIS  
Bannert

**J**ust recently, some of NAIT's finest Civil Engineering students (affectionately named the "NAIT Smokeaters") went down to Kingston, Ontario, to compete in the Great Northern Concrete Toboggan Race. The eleven NAIT students involved had to construct a toboggan capable of reaching fast speeds. Some of the teams came from institutes like the

University of Alberta, University of Toronto, and our rivals to the south "the allegedly inbred" SAIT team (affectionately called scum).

The NAIT team had a top speed of 42 km/h, giving them 4<sup>th</sup> place in that division, yet they still managed to place first in the race.

Some of the other areas that the teams were judged on were Exhibit Presentation (14<sup>th</sup>), Curing and Condition (7<sup>th</sup>), Maximum Velocity (4<sup>th</sup>), Braking System (3<sup>rd</sup>), Team Spirit (19<sup>th</sup>), Toboggan Aesthetics (11<sup>th</sup>), Concrete Mix Design (10<sup>th</sup>), and Reinforcement (8<sup>th</sup>). This system was probably the idea of the godless SAIT and U of A teams. Oh well. We managed to place 8<sup>th</sup> place overall, which was just behind the U of A (6<sup>th</sup> overall) and well ahead

of SAIT (15<sup>th</sup> overall).

The Smokeaters would like to send out a big thanks to all of its sponsors, including, you, the stu-

dents. They would also like to think the enlightened and socially conscious members of the NAITSA, General, and Executive Councils,

who voted in favor of giving the team \$1,000 to help with expenses.

Congratulations, guys, and good luck in next year's race.



## The BAS Society Bunch:

# It's Time to Vote yet Again...



JENNY  
Thornbird

**I**f you do not attend any classes in the Business tower, then keep moving, because this article will be of no interest to you. To those of you who do attend mind-numbing classes in the Tower, however, it would be of your benefit to keep reading.

This Friday, March 23, 2001, are the BAS elections. For those of you who have absolutely no clue what BAS stands for, it means the Business Administration Society. And what is their impact on your life here at NAIT? To raise money for your graduation through means of fundraising, cabarets, and all other sorts of fun things.

So, needless to say, if you're one of those Tower rats who like to have a good time outside of the scope of inventing new ways to amuse yourself during your Accounting class, you should probably give some serious thought to voting.

This year's list of candidates who want to amuse you is chalk-full of quite the colourful personalities. If you make it a point to go to the Tower lounge on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor today at 11:15 a.m., you'll see what I mean, as they'll be pitching their woos to you on why you should vote for them. This is something you'll

want to check out, even if you're not part of the Tower power gang, as the some of the speeches promise to tickle your funny bone.

And then the next day, on Friday, March 23, comes the fun process of voting for one of these cards. You'll find voting stations on both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> floor, and you have from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to pick the party animals you want to represent you. Also be sure to bring your student ID cards or else you won't be allowed to take part in this life-changing event.

And, oh, yeah, last year's voter attendance really sucked, as we all know that Business students in the Tower have a nasty habit of skipping class and not following up on things. So, why not change that stereotype and come out and vote? I dare ya.

So, without further adieu, here's the list of people who want to smoke cigars with you and be your new best friend this Friday:

#### BAS President

• Jeremy Coules

#### BAS Vice President

• Amy Veltri

• Mintu Lyall

#### Accounting / Finance VP

• Kris Suchy

• Robyn Dunbar

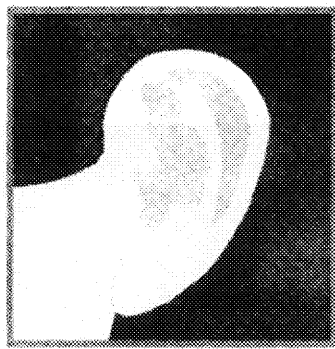
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# Odds & ends



DARIA Morgan

## The Driving Test From Hell

A 22-year-old man in The Hague, Netherlands, got stuck on a set of railroad tracks whilst in the middle of his driving test. The man and the examiner managed to evacuate the car mere moments before a train rammed the car, dragging it 150 metres down the track. The car then ended up coming back to them when a second train coming the other direction hit it and dragged it back the other way. The examiner failed the man, noting he "didn't know whether he was coming or going."

## Going Straight – Straight-Forward, That Is

A Toronto, Ontario, man recently out of jail after serving ten years for pot smuggling and looking to go straight has taken an interesting approach to find a job. The headline to his "employment wanted" ad in the Toronto-based National post starts out with the words "former marijuana smuggler." The ad lists owning and operating a successful fishing business and participating in executive-level management where he "ran a successful pot smuggling venture with revenues in excess of \$100 million US annually" as his qualifications. It also depicts that the US District Attorney will provide a reference for him. When interviewed by the National Post about his ad, the man had this to say: "Someone

will read that ad and realize that not only did I operate that scheme, but that I did it in secret. That shows tremendous coordinating ability."

## The Monaco Family Circus

Wild child Princess Stephanie of Monaco is back in the news again. This time, she is making headlines for running off with the circus. The princess has apparently ran off with the 48-year-old director of Europe's most successful traveling circus troupes, breaking up his 20-year marriage. The princess has made numerous headlines in the past, namely for her infamous series of failed relationships, and once for a failed attempt at a singing career.

## Unconditional Sibling Love

A 48-year-old man in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been freed from jail after serving 18 years of a life sentence in prison for a murder he did not commit. His saviour? His 46-year-old sister, a single mother of two, who worked as a waitress and bartender so she could afford to go to university and get her law degree in order to represent him. The man was released after his sister had a motion granted for a new trial based on DNA evidence. The DNA results ended up proving that blood found at the murder scene belonged to neither the victim nor her brother. Attaining her law degree at the age of 40, the man's sister has said she is prepared to defend her brother if a new trial arises, but otherwise she will give up her law career of one case if charges are dropped against her brother permanently.

## A Scary Growing Trend

A 15-year-old former middle school student pleaded guilty last week to

the attempted poisoning of his fellow classmates after putting rat poison pellets in the cafeteria's salsa. All together, fifteen students were taken to the local emergency wards, and nineteen students were examined by medical staff at the school. The boy used the rat poison Talon-G, which causes headaches and stomach pains in small doses. It is only fatal to humans in large, repeated doses. The 15-year-old was sentenced by a juvenile Judge to indefinite probation and ordered to undergo family counseling. He was also barred from attending Paxon Middle School, where the incident occurred.

## The Queen Damns Scotland

An explanation has been issued regarding the "Biblical" plagues currently beseeched upon Scotland. The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland has complained to Buckingham Palace that it is the Queen's fault for the plagues, as she damned the nation by visiting the Pope in the Vatican last October. In a statement released to the press, The Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland claims that, since the Queen's visit, their nation has "passed through difficult times" and that he "cannot but see the hand of God" in the floods they have experienced, in the train crashes caused as a result of them where lives were lost, as well as the present epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease. In 1649, the Scottish Parliament ratified the Westminster Confession of Faith, identifying the Pope as the "anti-Christ."

## I Want Your Sex (Change)

A 61-year-old woman in Troy, Michigan, has been charged with first-degree murder after smothering

her 74-year-old husband to death. Initially, the death was ruled as undetermined as the victim had a high alcohol level and a pre-existing heart condition. After the woman's niece (who was initially born a man) told a man she had been dating how herself and her aunt killed her uncle to get money so she could complete her sex change, the man called the police and turned them in. The 61-year-old widow, after the death of her husband, ended up buying a luxury sedan for her niece as well as gave her \$70,000 for the operation. The niece, 33 years of age, has also been charged with first-degree murder.

## Little Miracles

A Miami girl suffering from Roberts Syndrome (to be born without shoulders and arms) who was told she would never be able to use prosthetic arms due to the lack of shoulders and shoulder muscles to support them, was permanently given her first set of artificial arms last week. These arms, instead maneuvered by a person's back and chest muscles, were given to the 11-year-old four months ago to practice with. She reports she has had to use muscles she has never used before, but that it is not hard to do at all. The money for the arms, which cost \$90,000, was raised by both the club who invented the arms and by a local television station. The 11-year-old reports she is looking forward to finally learning how to ride a bike, play with her cousins, and get around the house on her own. The first thing she did when she permanently received her new arms? Give her mom a hug.

## Coveting The Muppets

If you are interested in purchasing the Muppets, now may be your chance. German media company EMTV, who bought the Jim Henson Company in February 2000 for \$680 million, is now considering selling the company. EMTV went on a buying spree last year that left it saddled with a high level of debt. There is no word on how much the price

tag on the Jim Henson company, founded by late Muppets creator Jim Henson, may be if it is put up for sale.

## Mixed Emotions (How Would You Feel?)

A 22-year-old man is defending the couple that allegedly kidnapped him when he was baby and then raised him as their son. The man claims he loves the couple, who face second-degree kidnapping charges and could be sentenced to up to 25 years in prison if convicted. New York prosecutors say the boy was born to an unwed mother where an adoption was arranged three days after the boy's birth. The adoption was then challenged by the unwed mother but, instead of turning the infant over to her, the recipients of the baby boy instead fled New York for New Mexico, where they changed their name and raised the boy as their own. The 22-year-old told television show Good Morning America that he was brought up by two very good people and had a great childhood, and that he would not change anything about his childhood or family. He only learned the truth about his abduction and the fact that his biological family had been searching for him ever since his abduction when he applied for a job as a police officer.

## Stupid Headline Of The Week

Attention single silicone girls. The following was an actual AFP headline last week: "Silicon Boys Have More Time to Look for Love."

*Have any questions, suggestions, or comments about my Odds & Ends column or even my Horoscopes or Joke Of The Week columns? If so, please feel free to E-mail them to me at virgin\_state\_of\_mind@hotmail.com.*

## Back To The Polls:

# Mandatory Health and Dental Plan Again Called into Question



DARIA Morgan

How do you feel about the mandatory Health and Dental Plan that NAITSA currently has in place?

A lot of students at NAIT are getting a fair bit of use out of it, but there are also a number of students who are not. Those students who

are not are those who have either opted out of the mandatory plan by proving they have another plan in place, or else they are just not utilizing what they have had to pay for.

Well, on Monday, April 2, 2001, you will get to have your say. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on all campuses, you, the student, will get to put in your two cents about how you feel about the current health and dental plan. NAITSA will be posing two questions on the ballots:

1. Should NAITSA continue to require students to enroll in a mandatory dental plan?
2. Should NAITSA continue to require students to enroll in a mandatory health plan?

You will have your chance to either keep or turf the health and/or dental plan by marking either a "Yes" or a "No" beside each question. When you go to the polls to do this, however, please remember to bring your student ID cards to prove you're currently enrolled at NAIT. No substitutions will be accepted.

The results of this referendum will be announced at the General Council meeting on Tuesday, April 3, as well as in that week's issue of The Nugget. What it will basically boil down to is either the health and/or dental plan will be turfed from NAIT, or else if the majority of the vote is to keep the health and/or dental plan, NAITSA will work on improving communications with students regarding this plan.

If you would like more information on the current Health and Dental plan coming into question, please go to the NAITSA website at

<http://www.nait.ab.ca/naitsa> and look under "Health and Dental Plan." There, you will find the history of the plan as well as the results of the last three referendums. Also look for posters and other media coming your way prior to the election.

The Health and Dental plan affects you and the future students of NAIT, so be sure to put in your two cents on Monday, April 2. After all, if you don't vote, you don't have the right to bitch, so be sure to lock in that right.



# Crime Stoppers Tip of the Week

## Apartment and Condominium Safety

**A**s students, many of us are living in an apartment or condominium far away from home. For some, this is a first time adventure that may be full of unwelcome surprises. When it comes to safety in your home, you must rely on good judgment. Here are some *Do's* and *Don'ts* supplied by the Edmonton Police Service to help make your new adventure a little safer:

### DO:

- **Do** make sure all doors are locked after entering or exiting your building.
- **Do** ensure that the parkade car entrance door closes fully when entering or exiting, this will keep others out.
- **Do** notify the resident manager immediately when you notice suspicious people or vehicles in the parkade.
- **Do** ensure all valuables have been taken out of your vehicle and that the vehicle is locked when parked.
- **Do** confirm whom you are allowing into the building, especially through the intercom.
- **Do** pay notice to people inside your building if they look out of place or suspicious. Say "Hello!" and ask if they live in the building. Thieves hate attention.
- **Do** report suspicious people in or around the building property to the resident manager or call police if warranted.
- **Do** record all serial and model numbers and engrave all your property.
- **Do** make sure parkades, hallways, and entrances are well lit. Notify the building manager if lights are burnt out.
- **Do** get to know your neighbors. Learn whom you can trust and let them know when you are going to be away. Keeping informed and watching your neighbor's apartment is a great safety feature.
- **Do** be aware of your surroundings, especially in the laundry rooms, parkades, and elevators.
- **Do** change the locks immediately when moving into a new residence. The residence manager should be able to assist you.
- **Do** use your through-the-door viewer (or peep hole). If there is not one on your door, have one installed. A viewer with a 180 degree angle is the best

- **Do** have your key ready as you approach the door. **Do not hide spare keys.**
- **Do** have emergency phone numbers listed on or near your phone.
- **Do** have an escape plan that allows you to leave your residence quickly.

### DO NOT:

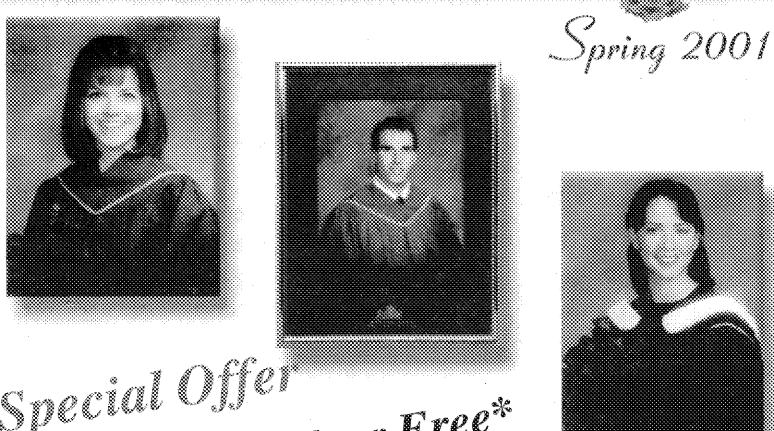
- **Do not** allow access to anyone you do not know or do not recognize. If you feel uncomfortable or impolite closing the door on a stranger when you enter the building, please consider it is for your own safety and the safety of your property.
- If a stranger comes to the door asking to use your phone, offer to make the call for them. **Do not let them in.**
- **Do not** give personal information to telephone solicitors or to wrong number callers. Ask, "What number did you dial?" and just tell them, "You reached the wrong number."
- **Do not** get on an elevator if there is someone on it you do not feel good about. Wait for the next one. Always stand near the elevator's control panel. This will allow you to get off on the next floor or sound the emergency alarm should you encounter a problem.
- **Do not** allow trees to block the view of your windows. Let people see what is going on outside your windows or patio doorways. Always close your curtains or blinds after dark.
- **Do not** put your name beside the apartment number at the entrance. Use "occupied" or nothing.
- **Do not** leave the opening to your mailbox uncovered, so no one can see if there is an accumulation of mail. Consider asking a friend or neighbor to take in your mail when you are away. In an apartment situation, you may ask the rental office to collect the mail until you return.
- **Do not** leave your lights on all night when you are away. This draws attention to your apartment especially if all other apartments in the area are dark. Use a light timer set in different rooms with different start/stop times to give your apartment an appearance of being occupied.
- **Do not** assume your apartment is safe from unlawful entry, even on the higher levels. Always lock your balcony doors and/or place a

wooden stick cut to fit the slide area at the bottom of the door thus preventing it from being opened from the outside.

These few *Do's* and *Don'ts* could spell the difference between an enjoyable and a painful experience.

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# Health & Dental Comments, Questions, Etc.

Dear NAITSA,

**T**he mandatory Health & Dental plan is nothing more than a symbol of character of NAIT's executives, those who feel even though post-secondary students are astute enough to invest in education as a path to personal growth and prosperity, students are to negligent and ignorant to concern themselves with their own personal health. As a consequence of the student's apparent complete disregard for themselves, the all enlightening executives stepped in and added the gracefulness of the word "mandatory" in front of Health & Dental plan, in other words, No Pay - No NAIT. What a novel breakthrough, simply combine the cost of the plan with an already jacked-up price of tuition and everybody's laughing, with freshly polished white teeth of course.

Where in the "heck" do you guys get off, driving your Buicks and wearing Armani knock-offs to take the precious time to dictate how students must live their lives. The same students who bust their asses in school all day and then head off to a lousy part-time job to support themselves, while your at home relaxing and escaping to Ally Macbeal. Students are not children, they are adults, and so being, would appreciate a little dignity in making "grown up" decisions for themselves. So lose the word "mandatory" and replace it with "Optional", and anyhow, I happen to like crooked teeth, they give people genuine character.

Yours,  
Morgan Elliot

Morgan,

**T**hanks for your comments. Before I respond to your letter, I just wanted to congratulate you on your Board of Governors appointment. I can tell that it will be an interesting year next year.

To clear things up for you- it wasn't NAIT Executives. It is a NAITSA plan. It was brought in by NAITSA Executives in 1998-1999 for the following year. It was brought in after having two successful referendums. These referendums involved students going out to vote to make the decision for themselves.

Following these referendums, General Council (which consists of technology representatives from every technology at NAIT) made the decision to go ahead with these man-

datory plans based on the results of the referenda.

It is a mandatory plan to keep costs down. If students already have coverage, they can opt-out. If students were to go to Blue Cross to try to get equal coverage, the cost would be two or three times more.

Students are using the plan- last year the claims were \$10,000 more than the premiums that the students paid. Students are using the plan, and some even like it.

I'm not going to try to sway your opinion on tuition. If you look at other schools, see their high price tags, then compare them to our tuition, you can use your common sense to see the value you get from your tuition.

If you have any more questions or comments, voice them before the referendum General Council called for Monday, April 2nd.

Sincerely,  
Mick Beale, President, NAITSA

# Geado's Corner



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**W**e can tell all about a person by looking at them, can't we? Beautiful blond bombshells and muscle bound hunks are dumber than a sack of second hand hammers. If someone wears thick glasses and a pocket protector, they must be smart, or if a dog is big, it is going to bite you. Should a person be advanced in years, they must be senile.

Or how about this one - anyone who is using a NAIT scooter is 'faking' unless everyone can plainly see the ailment? Several times, I have heard comments like "At least you aren't faking" or "Finally one that really needs it." That can only be because the cast on my foot is plain to see. This really hit home a short time ago when a fellow gimp was relating his mistreatment.

"Geado," he said to me, "Guys around here have no respect. I have

been sworn at, bad mouthed, and even had things thrown at me 'cause I need this machine."

That is something to be expected from students at Grant MacEwan or the U of A, but not here. Not at NAIT where the serious students are.

Looks can be deceiving. Many curvy blondes are intelligent, and some of us old folks have a couple of regular brain cells. So, too, can a Gimp NOT look like a Gimp. This particular fellow has a knee injury that becomes quite painful while supporting his weight. But he LOOKS okay. He can even walk a short distance.

That doesn't mean he is 'faking' or 'pretending' or anything else. It only means that he has a problem and that he deserves some respect.

Sometime around the end of March, I may be allowed to remove the special 'boot' and wear an ordinary shoe. It may take several weeks before walking any distance will be comfortable and sometime after that before carrying my Geritol backpack is feasible.

I won't be 'faking it' either.



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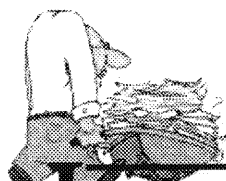
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## Letters to the Editor

### To Curtis Comeau and Kelsey Farnalls,

While I do understand that one of the main functions of a newspaper is to promote the open expression of ideas through dialogue, it is imperative that the editorial staff screen out all letter and articles that are beneath the level of rational thought. I am specifically referring to the ranting article found on the back of the March 15 edition of The Nugget where a petty criminal vents her anger for getting caught trying to kill innocent people.

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**I find it very hard to listen to people who do things wrong like break the law and then whine and complain about the people who catch them.**

complain about the people who catch them. The Edmonton Police Service is doing a very dangerous and thankless job, enforcing the laws that we, the members of this democracy, have enacted.

The reality is that far more people are killed and injured due to traffic accidents every year than be all other forms of unnatural deaths. It is also proven that the leading cause of these deadly traffic accidents is speed. Therefore, we must all agree with the commercials that are built around the slogan "Speed Kills."

Last month, photo radar caught a man going 169 kilometres per hour on the Whitemud freeway. When will this insanity stop?! Anyone who argues with the concept of deadly speed is exactly guilty of what I find wrong with the March 15 article – being beneath the level of rational thought.

I have recently become a new father, and I now see the world in a new light. My newfound maturity makes me realize that arriving a few seconds early is a terrible excuse to put innocent people at risk of major trauma or death. What should be the penalty for someone who kills an innocent person with a deadly

weapon like a car for the motive of one minute off his or her arrival time? Life in prison? Would those people who accidentally cross the law not be thankful for a small monetary reminder that they have risked wrecked many lives, including their own?

I, myself, have received just such a warning via photo radar, but the fault lay not with the gentleman operating the camera or even his boss; I was the one risking much pain and suffering. A couple of signs of maturity are the ability to take responsibility for one's actions and learning from mistakes. How is it even conceivable that I blame anyone else but myself for these thoughtless and reckless actions?

Kelsey Farnalls tells of 165,000 tickets being sent out in 1999 and seems to think that this number is far from reasonable. This is maybe the only thing in this whole article that I agree with. This number is far too low. Every time I drive or walk the streets in the city, I feel like I am in a war zone. All I can hope is that the Edmonton Police Commission takes a stand, however unpopular, and finances a huge number of new photo radar (and stop light infraction) units.

The picture that accompanies the March 15 article raises a huge question. Why do you demand that the police inform you as to their actions regarding the placement of the radar? Is it true that criminals require that the police, who we have hired to protect us from them, inform them of their whereabouts and actions? How utterly repugnant and ludicrous is that? Note to the Edmonton Police: "Stop telling these idiots where you are and what you are doing – just nail them!"

Lastly, this article asks in its title if the Edmonton Police Service rapes and pillages Edmontonians? The answer is yes! To their credit, they have found a very creative way of pillaging only the criminal element to the tune of \$12.4 million. Because of this, my taxes are lower while the moron side of society pays: Way to go, and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Michael Gurnett

Dear Michael Gurnett,

Thank you for your letter to the editor concerning last week's article on photo radar in Edmonton. You raised many valid points. I will, therefore, take those points into consideration in my response to your letter.

First of all, whereas I am aware that a great many deaths and injuries are caused by car accidents, you have made a very serious accusation regarding my (as well as 165,000 other drivers') intentions. To be proven guilty in this country of murder or even attempted murder, we need to see proof beyond a reasonable doubt of both the acts which perpetuated the crime as well as intent.

You see, mental state is a very important element to any crime, and I doubt very much that drivers who may be exceeding the speed limit by 15 or 20 kilometres per hour are out trying to kill people. To accuse them of such is a criminal offense called slander.

As for me being a petty criminal, a traffic violation does not constitute a criminal offense in this or any other country that I am aware of. Criminal negligence is often a charge laid in traffic accidents where the speed limit is exceeded by such an extreme amount so as to be deemed unreasonable, if that speeding was a direct or proximate cause of the accident.

Secondly, I am whining and complaining about receiving a photo radar ticket based on the fact that it is in direct violation of my constitutional right to a fair trial. Under Canada's Criminal Code, I am innocent until proven guilty. Since there is so much doubt surrounding the accuracy of these photo radar machines (so much so that they have been banned in Ontario), I would like more substantial proof before being convicted of this offense. Since the Edmonton City Police refuse to release any documentation showing that the machines have been maintained properly, or even used properly, I feel that I am really being taken advantage of.

Also, you mentioned that the

EPS is doing a dangerous and "thankless" job. I hardly call a profit of \$12 million thankless. As far as being a member of a democracy which has enacted photo radar legislation, well, the last time I checked, democracy was supposed to be for the people and by the people. I don't remember a referendum on photo radar. I certainly never contributed to enacting that legislation. But the citizens of the democracy of Ontario demanded that it be banned, and I am hoping that the concerned citizens of Alberta will be proactive and do the same.

In reference to your point about the man caught going 169 kilometres per hour on the Whitemud Freeway, I agree wholeheartedly with you. That is an offense that fits directly under the heading of criminal negligence. Simply following the flow of traffic (which is generally anywhere from 10 to 20 kilometres per hour over the limit), does not constitute criminal negligence and, in fact, it barely constitutes an offense at all in my mind.

But then, I am of the opinion that there should be no speed limits on major highways and freeways. Take a look at the German Autobahn. Very few accidents occur on the German Autobahn each year, and the ones that do occur are generally not a result of speeding, but careless driving or road conditions. Fourthly, that the EPS has been or-

dered to comply with the guidelines set forth by the Justice Minister in placing signs to warn motorists of photo radar is not my idea, but the EPS certainly has been blatantly disregarding the guidelines despite repeated warnings.

Lastly, the Edmonton City Police raised \$12.4 million in 1999 from photo radar, and I can guarantee that your taxes were not affected in any way, shape, or form by that. If you pay lower taxes in Alberta, it is because we are pumping out the oil like nobody's business. Don't kid yourself.

And to call everybody who has gotten a photo radar ticket a moron is not only ignorant, but it demonstrates to everyone that you, in your infinite superiority, readily place labels on large groups of people. You know what they say - a stereotype is a product of narrow-minded thinking.

But, thank you all the same for your opinions and concerns regarding photo radar. If you change your mind and decide that maybe it isn't all that fair after all, we will be starting up a website to circulate a province-wide petition, similar to the one currently circulating in BC. Tune in to the next issue for that internet address.

Sincerely,  
Kelsey Farnalls and Curtis Comeau

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# An Open Letter to Quebec Premier, Bernard Landry



KENNY  
Total

**M**y name is Kenny Total, and I am a proud Canadian. I currently live in Edmonton, Alberta, and although I have traveled to many provinces, I have never had the good fortune to visit your beautiful province.

I realize that Quebec has its own wonderful culture and heritage, but unfortunately, this does not make it distinct or different. Let me explain.

No two regions of Canada are the same.

In the Maritimes, Great Big Sea is more popular than the Tragically Hip, and the main source of income is fishing.

Ontario is as close to an American state as you can get without actually converting road signs into miles.

The west is home to farming as well very rich oil and gas reserves.

BC is a major international seaport and home to Canada's movie making industry.

The territories are home to vast deposits of minerals that we use in everyday life.

So, as you can see, the only thing that all of Canada has in common is that we are all different from our provincial (and territorial) neighbors. So, as you now see, Quebec is no different than any other Province in Canada.

Of course, Canada is a free country and, should you decide that you want to hold a provincial referendum, the rest of Canada cannot stand in your way. In fact, should you hold another vote, I suggest that the rest of Canada holds its own referendum once more.

This time, however, I would like to be in charge of the potential separation. The question on for our referendum will not be, "Do you think that Quebec should remain part of Canada?" The question on Total's ballot would simply state (and in English only, I may add), "Are you sick and tired of Quebec's bullshit?"

This vote would also be a "One Time Only" type vote. If both Canada and Quebec vote to stay together, great! We remain one wonderful country with many different cultures and two official languages. You, Bernard Landry, the FORMER premier of Quebec would be tried for treason. If found guilty in Total's

Court of Law, the punishment would be castration and a Canadian flag rammed down yer windpipe, followed by my having you strapped into a chair and forcing you to listen to Celine Dion and Mitsou for the next 25 years. You would eat only poutine and would be given a Fleur-de-lis flag to whip your ass with.

All other outcomes will lead to the removal of Quebec from Canada

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as a province. I don't care who votes for what; if we can't agree on staying together, Quebec will be thrown out of Canada. What does this mean for Quebec and the rest of Canada? Let me introduce you to Total's Plan for a Quebec-free Canada:

1. There will be a press release from my office that states that any loyal Canadian citizens that wish to remain loyal citizens will be given 48 hours to get the hell out of the former province. After 48 hours, you will be required to have a valid Canadian passport in order to enter into Canada. If caught trying to gain access into Canada without a passport, you will be shot and then pissed on.
2. On the 49th hour after Canada becomes Quebec-free, the Canadian army will deploy tanks at the Quebecois border. We will, by force if necessary, enter Quebec and take all of our Canadian money, road signs, and anything else that Canadian tax dollars paid for. Our soldiers will be given permission to shoot to kill if they meet with any resistance.
3. Seeing as you are now an independent country, the NAFTA agreement no longer applies to you. Therefore, Canada will implement a 5,000 percent tax on any goods that you produce for export. You will be free to export maple syrup to the United States as you see fit.
4. I will suggest to the Prime Minister that we build an overpass over the Independent Country of Quebec. There will be no on or off ramps into Quebec. The overpass will allow for continued trucking of goods between the Maritimes and the rest of Canada. I will also recommend that

we build huge ramps that garbage trucks can use to dump Canada's garbage into Quebec.

5. We will remove the noun 'Quebec' from our textbooks and maps. From that point forward, you will be referred to as 'Communist Canada.'

In closing, I would like to say that I genuinely hope Canada stays together. I love this country and all its history and all its people - including the French. If, however, we cannot keep ourselves together, I hope that the rest of Canada remains united and proceeds to treat Quebec just like the spoiled child that it is.

Yer pal,  
Total  
kennytotat@mail.com

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we haven't  
met yet?

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to come see us?

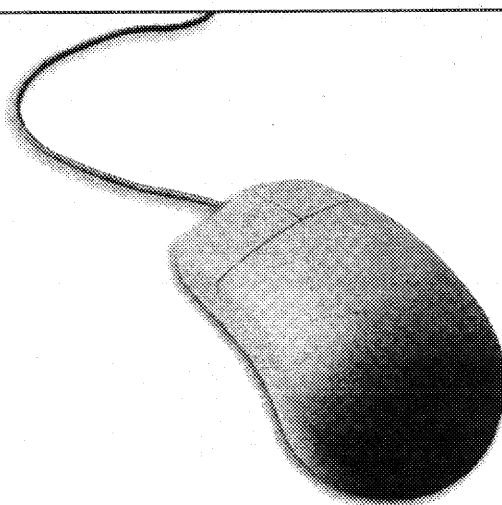
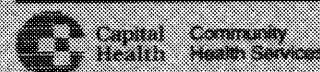
**meningitis**

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# First Date:

## PREPARING FOR AN INTERVIEW

### Part I

SHARON Brown  
NAIT Career Advisor

**R**emember the last time you had a first date with someone you were **really, really** attracted to? Remember that stomach churning, nerve wracking, what should I say/wear/do feeling that became the focus of your existence for the 24 hours leading up to that date? Remember how some of those first dates turned out?

Well, people, that's exactly how you're going to feel when you go for your first job interview.

How long did it take you or your date to decide if this new love interest was going to be a loser or a winner? It will take the employer the same amount of time or less to make a similar decision about you! So, are you going to crash and burn, or is it going to be the beginning of a beautiful relationship? A positive, knock-them-dead first impression takes a lot of research, planning, and strategic maneuvering.

#### RESEARCH:

Read the ad carefully again and go over the research you did for your cover letter (information you collected from their website, written materials, etc.). Go over your list of the employer's needs and review/write down how your skills, personal qualities, training, education, and experience meet these needs.

In Job Outlook 2000, employers said the top ten personal qualities they looked for were: communication skills, motivation/initiative, teamwork skills, leadership skills, academic achievement, interpersonal skills, flexibility/adaptability, technical skills, honesty/integrity, work ethic, and analytical/problem solving skills.

What industry buzzwords do you need to know? Create a list of questions you might be asked and how you would answer them. Know what your salary expectations are in case you are offered the job during the first interview. Refer to our website at <http://www.nait.ab.ca/careers> under student employment, job search tips and look for interview/salary negotiation suggestions.

Be prepared to answer situational or behavioral questions such as "Tell me about a time when you..." Also, be prepared for the ever-popular: tell me about yourself, what is your weakness (always, always state something that you've already improved upon or focus on

what you think the employer is concerned about and stress how your strengths negate this concern), and why do you want to work for us.

**Don't** bring up your history of doomed experiences; focus on your strengths and on convincing the employer that you are the right person for the job. Interviewers always ask if you have any questions so prepare a few questions beforehand. Check our website for ideas. A lack of questions will show a lack of both research and interest in the company, so write them down and have them ready to refer to in the interview. You can even use a question to enable you to bring up a strength that you didn't get a chance to talk about during the main part of the interview!

#### PLANNING:

In many ways, getting ready for your interview is just like getting ready for a date. How are you going to make them fall in love with you at first sight? You're probably going to be worried about what you should wear, how you should act, what you should say, what time you should get there, and what you should do while you wait for them call you in. Is your stomach churning yet?

The way to effectively manage

most interview-related stress and make a great first impression is all in the planning you do before the interview starts.

**How long did it take you or your date to decide if this new love interest was going to be a loser or a winner? It will take the employer the same amount of time or less to make a similar decision about you!**

It's always a good idea to have your full interview battle dress ready to go in your closet at all times. This includes having a shiny pair of shoes to wear with your outfit; you'd be surprised how many employers look at your shoes when they first meet you. The state of your shoes and

what you're wearing tells them a lot about you. So, make sure your outfit says good things about you!

A friend of mine shared that once she wore a blue blazer to an interview that she hadn't worn in a long time. When she tried to shake hands, she couldn't, because the blazer's shoulders were too tight! Get a haircut if you need one, go light on the perfume/cologne (a lot of people have allergic reactions to scents), make sure your hands/nails are in good shape, and make sure your pearly whites are ready to be flashed.

**Plan to take** several copies of your resume, a copy of your reference list, a day-timer/notebook (with your questions written down and the place marked with a pen), and any certification/documentation you think you might need in a professional looking attaché case or file folder. Being able to give an extra interviewer a copy of your resume will demonstrate your ability to be proactive and resourceful.

**Plan how** you will act/respond in different interview locations/situations. Ever embarrassed yourself on a date by spilling your food/drink on yourself or heaven forbid, on your date? Think now about how

you will handle a restaurant or coffee interview: what will you order, should you bring money, who sits down or stands up first. What if the interview is in a hotel or at the airport? What if it is a teleconference or on the Internet?

**Be sure** you know the address and how you are going to get there. Always take the address, phone number, and the interviewer's name along with you just in case something happens (ie: running into some of Edmonton's famous construction zones) and you need to contact them. Study your resume and practice answering the questions you might be asked. Make sure you get a good night's sleep and that you eat something before you leave. Fainting or yawning your head off while you're shaking hands won't make a good impression!

**Plan to arrive** ten minutes early. If your hands get really sweaty or clammy, either put some tissues in your pockets to wipe them off or go to the washroom to freshen up and warm your hands under the hot water tap. Try not to bring too much stuff with you, it's too easy to leave something behind after the interview and then you'll feel pretty silly when you have to go back for it.

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# The War On Racism

JAY Archibald

**W**ednesday, March 21 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day, established in 1966, is something that we all should pay attention to as racial discrimination affects our lives in unimaginable ways.

The World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance (WCAR) is taking place in South Africa this August/September and will be attended by diplomats, politicians, and activists from the world over. Similar conferences, such as the World Conference on Women (Beijing), Human Rights Conference (Vienna), and the Social Development Conference (Copenhagen), have occurred recently in an attempt to bring these issues to the forefront of the world.

The goals of WCAR are to in-

crease the awareness of racism, the history behind it, and the desire for increased international measures to fight against racism in all its forms.

Our very own Jean Chretien stated that it was important for humanity to "turn our backs on the centuries of strife that racism and intolerance have inflicted on people the world over."

You may think that racism only exists in countries like Rwanda, Croatia, and the deep south of the USA. You are wrong. Racism and racial hatred are everywhere, and it takes more than a few conferences in foreign lands to correct this problem. It takes dedicated work by regular folks like you and me, every single day. Canada, while billing itself as multi-cultural, has sordid record on racial relations, including the residential schools that thousands of Native children were sent to and the plight of the Japanese during the construction of the Canadian Railway. I could go on and on. Racism is still in Alberta, in Edmonton, and

in NAIT, whether we like to think so or not.

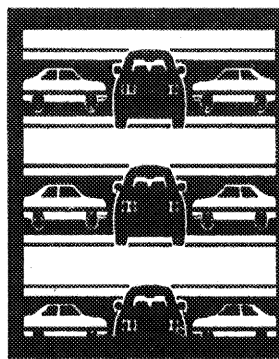
It is sickening to see some of the stuff on the Internet. Hate groups have made it their weapon of the future and, if they have their way, it will be a very grim future indeed.

I read somewhere that hate is like a cancer. It doesn't matter if you have a lot of cancer or a little - it's still cancer. Make a difference in the world today by helping to eliminate racism. The next time someone is telling a racist or ethnically derogatory joke, don't sit back and pretend it doesn't bother you. Say something. Voicing your opinion makes a difference and lets people know where you stand.

For more information, go to <http://www.march21.com> or <http://www.icare.com>. These are just two of the many sites that are striving for a more understanding future. Do wait for someone else to step forward. Find that someone else and step forward with them.

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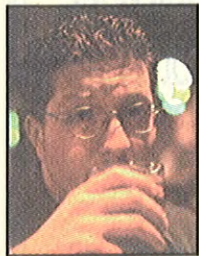
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# Alberta Racquetball Championship 2001



TRAVIS  
Bannert

**T**his past weekend, I saw what was one of the most exciting sports events ever — racquetball.

Being a newcomer to racquetball, I have a beginner's

Almost everyone has heard of the game, but there is a surprising amount of people who have never played. I'm not going to tell you about the rules as that will be fairly long and drawn out. What you should know, however, is that this game used to be tremendously popular about 25 years ago in Canada but is still huge world-wide, especially in the U.S (even "The King" Elvis Presley was an avid racquetball player).

However, in the last couple of years the game is making a come-

paled in comparison. Don't get the wrong idea; these guys were lightning fast. Needless to say, Kane won with ease and took the Alberta Men's Open Championship home.

What I found the most interesting was how several NAIT instructors were in the tournament and did really well. Al Loughlin (Program Head for the Electrical Engineering Technology) won the Men's 45+ tournament while Al and Bob Bear,

an instructor from the Business program, placed second in the Men's A tournament. Not bad, considering their both over 50 years old.

One notable was how Gizmo Williams and Willie Pless came out and played a charity game. They've seen the recent resurrection of this fast-paced and intense sport and claimed

that "they're hooked." It was a very exciting event, but the biggest news for us students would be is that Bob Bear and some of the other instructors are planning a clinic in the next couple of weeks. If you're interested in attending, phone John at 471-8587.

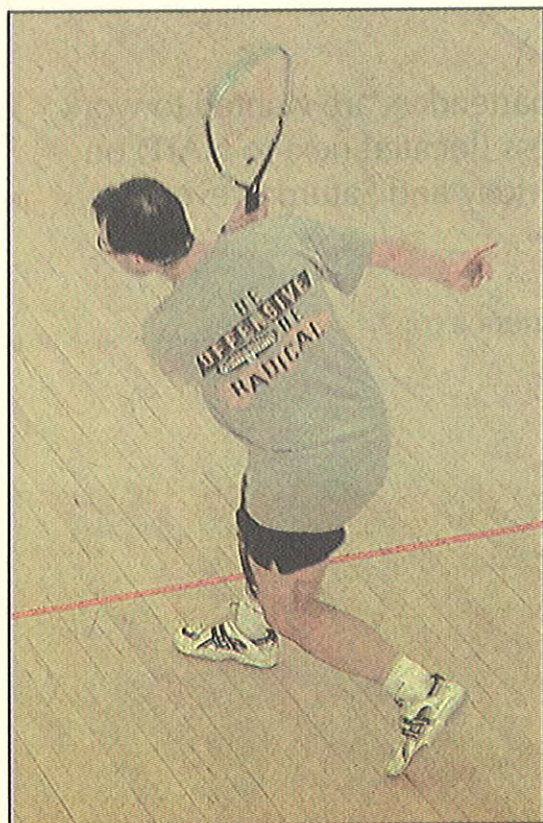
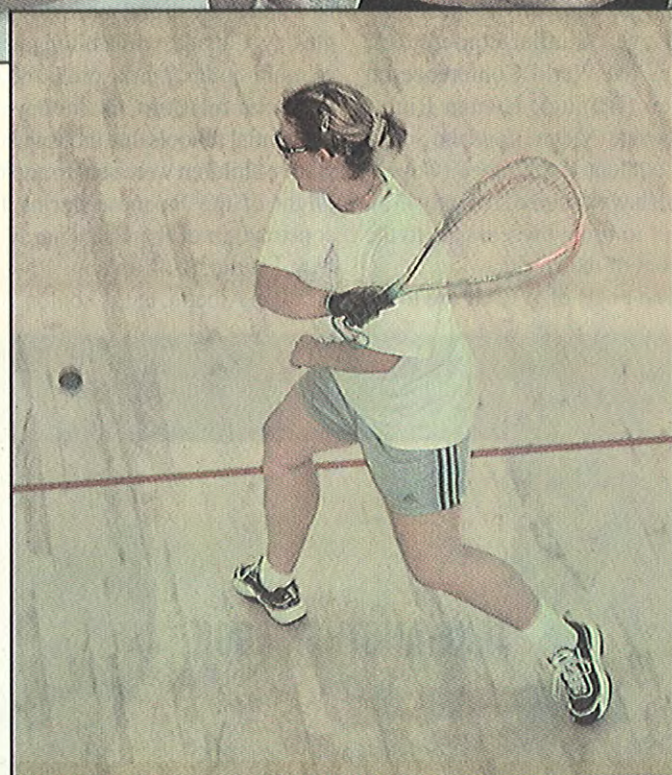
grasp of the true athleticism involved in competing at a pro level in this sport. Now, some friends and I play as often as possible and felt that we were getting pretty good. After attending the championships this past weekend, man, we have a long way to go.

back, and Canadians are at the forefront.

You'd see my side if you attended the championships - what is my big point? Two words: Kane Waselenchuk. This Spruce Grove resident is the top-ranked player in Canada and the 12<sup>th</sup> ranked player worldwide, which is pretty low considering he's beaten the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ranked players in the world and lost in a tiebreaker to the #2 ranked player.

So, how come we've never heard of him on the sports channels or on local television? And he's also only 19 years old, to boot!

Now, I only know a little about racquetball, but I saw a few amazing players last weekend who have been playing for longer than this kid's been alive, and they



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# The Ringpost



SHANE  
Turgeon

**W**ell, wrasslin' fans, don't be looking for any WCW TV in the near future. The higher-ups have decided to put WCW programming on hiatus to re-evaluate the company's current status. Several rumors are continuing to circulate around the ailing fed, including one that may spell the end.

The deal between AOL/Time Warner and Fusient Media Ventures, the company that purchased WCW and all its assets, is appar-

**Personally, I think that if the ECW is going to fold, the WWF should buy them out. Think of the benefits this would have. They could cancel Sunday Night Heat....**

ently still not complete; and even if it does go through, some people in the upper echelons of AOL/Time Warner may not honor the agreement that would see WCW retain a time slot on AOL/Time Warner TV. That would be bad because there would be no TV deal anywhere. No TV deal = no TV.

Starting on March 27th, WCW will not be on TV. The length of the hiatus is, as of yet, unknown, one just hopes that it won't be permanent. Despite all the negative news, WCW is still currently planning its next PPV in Florida.

Speaking of WCW and Florida, indy fed Intense Florida Wrestling will be treating its fans to a reunion of the Outsiders. Scott Hall is currently working a few shows for IFW, and apparently Kevin Nash will be making a one-time appearance to wrestle with his former WCW cohort. Other wres-

tlers scheduled to be on the bill include Earthquake, Typhoon, Prince Iukea, and Marc Mero and his wife Sable.

In WWF news, Rikishi's eardrum surgery was a success, but he may not be healed in time to compete at Wrestlemania.

K-Kwik should be returning in a few weeks, and Edge should be back by the time this sees print.

The Jerry Lawler situation continues to baffle fans. Power Pro Wrestling, an indy fed that showcases a lot of WWF developmental talent, signed Lawler to an appearance, but when the WWF found out Lawler would be appearing, they threatened to pull all WWF talent from the show. PPW decided that their relationship with Lawler was more important and they did the show with the King and, subsequently, no WWF talent.

Well, now that Wrestlemania is a couple weeks away and we've all had time to get used to Paul Heyman in the WWF, it's time for me to comment on some of the goings on...

First off, I like what Heyman's doing with the colour position, but I really hope it's temporary while he's finding a way to get the ECW back on track. Personally, I think that if the ECW is going to fold, the WWF should buy them out. Think of the benefits this would have. They could cancel Sunday Night Heat, a show that has little to no impact on the goings on of the WWF, and replace it with a WWF Extreme style show that highlights several of the ECW talent and many of the WWF cruiserweight stars that there doesn't seem to be a place for in the current WWF storylines.

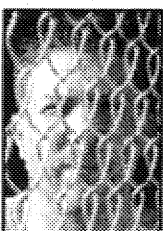
With Heyman booking this show, you would see some truly impressive wrestling. This would also benefit the WWF in the way that they would now have access to footage of some of their biggest stars early ECW days and that could make for some very profitable videos. But I digress...

It looks like X-Pac, Justin Credible, and Albert are on the verge of forming a new DX. While I don't argue that these guys could make a formidable team, I really hope they don't pursue the DX angle. It's been done twice before and has become stagnant. A fresh angle is exactly what two out of these three guys need. All X-Pac needs is to retire.

That's all for this week and, remember, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to E-mail them to me at [theringpost@hotmail.com](mailto:theringpost@hotmail.com).

Bannert's Weekly...

## FITNESS FAQ



TRAVIS  
Bannert

**Moi:**

What do you feel is the easiest or fastest route for beginners at the gym to get educated on creating a workout program?

**John:**

Being an educator of Personal Fitness Trainers, I would say to get yourself a personal fitness trainer to help you. You can actually do this for free by applying at the Student Services office (Room E-134). A first year PFT (Personal Fitness Trainer) will look at your goals and help you develop a plan for now and for the future. We are still short of clients; therefore, it is not too late.

If you don't have time or are off campus or don't want to access this opportunity, there are some other things that you can try. First you have to establish what your goals are. Are they to lose weight, increase muscle mass, or a combi-

nation of both. How much time do you have, and are your goals realistic with the time you have available? You have to have the time if you want to develop a plan.

A fitness plan is a lifestyle change plan, not just a fitness plan for a short period of time. There are lots of plans available in books in the library, Reads and Needs (Personal Fitness Trainer Section), or in magazines, so availability of information is usually not the problem. The problem is starting.

Make some small changes in your lifestyle as far as fitness is concerned. Go for a walk every night or morning for 30 minutes. Go to the fitness centre and do a small resistance training workout. Start with the machines. Do a push exercise a pull exercise for the upper body and the legs and some abdominal work. Do 15 to 20 reps on the weights and enough situps so that you feel the difference the next day.

Develop a plan that is sustainable for you. If it is not sustainable, work on something that is. You have to make time for fitness, there

will always be things that will fill in your time or that will take the place of a fitness session but, for once, be selfish and take some time for yourself and keep that time for yourself for 3-6 days per week.

Other areas we don't consider as fitness opportunities are taking more stairs, walking to school or getting off the bus sooner, riding your bike more, using the swimming pool, walking in the area and adding some stairs, doing some push ups and situps when you get bored with your homework, gardening, snow shovelling, and cutting the grass. These are all activities that increase your fitness level because they make you more active.

There is no easy or fast way to get fit - the important aspect is just doing it. The information is available from a lot of different sources. The professional resources cost money and, sometimes, an outlay of some money will make you motivated to continue. Information that is cheap is probably not the best information. Develop a plan or get help developing it, make the time, then just do it. There is no time better than now to begin. Start small then look at sustainable growth for your fitness plan.

If you have any questions for John, it's too late. There's only a couple of papers left, and we have enough submissions for the rest of the year.

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# HORRORSCOPES



DARIA Morgan

## Capricorn

(December 22-January 20)

This week, everyone around you will severely irritate you. The important thing to remember is that, in the long run, they're all dead.

## Aquarius

(January 21-February 18)

This week, you will find that, after all these years, you are finally beginning to conquer all your fears. You will find that oddly frightening.

## Pisces

(February 19-March 20)

You will spend most of the week attempting to tie knots in a piece of cord using only your toes after losing your socks in a freak balcony accident. You will be unable to say why, but this will seem like a useful skill to you at the time.

## Aries

(March 21-April 19)

You will find an artifact tucked way in the back of your locker this week. Be sure to point the pointy end away from you if you push that little bumpy thing. Personally though, I'd just leave it alone.

## Taurus

(April 20-May 20)

Make it a point to seek out new life and new civilizations this week. Boldly go where no one has gone before (just don't get caught this time)!

## Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

This is a good week to learn to laugh at yourself. It's either that or develop multiple personalities. That way, you won't be laughing at you, you'll be laughing with you.

## Cancer

(June 21-July 22)

It's going to be another one of those excruciatingly boring weeks at school this week. Try to liven things up by summoning one of the people back from the dead.

## Leo

(July 23-August 22)

You will make some new friends this week. One of them will even be on a sacred quest, which will make for a great icebreaker (ie: "So... what's with the coconuts?").

## Virgo

(August 23-September 22)

This week will be a celebration of life, love, and art. It will also be the start of a nagging fear that the itchy spot down below isn't due to the Brazilian wax job you just got done after all.

## Libra

(September 23-October 22)

Old 80s songs will circle through your mind endlessly this week. I recommend screaming and pounding your head on the table till you knock yourself out. That, or brace yourself for a lnnnnnn week.

## Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

Last week's bathtub mystery will be explained this week. Still, you'll have no idea what to do with the rubber ducky.

## Sagittarius

(November 22-December 21)

This week, you will begin work on a life-sized replica of Godzilla to terrorize the campus. Either that, or you'll take a nap. It just depends what sort of mood you're in.

## If Today Is Your Birthday:

Hide.

# Rollins Returns



SHANE Turgeon

March 30th marks the end of an era. After 15 years of vowing never to return to our fair town of Edmonton, punk/metal/spoken word legend Henry Rollins is doing just that. That vow stemmed from an incident at a gig here in Edmonton back in 1985 when Rollins was the front man for the legendary punk band, Black Flag. During the gig, Rollins insulted a member of the crowd, who then took it upon himself to slash the tires on Black Flag's van.

Anyone who knows anything about punk knows that punk bands make little to no money from the gigs they play, and times were a lot tougher back then. Needless to say, Rollins was pissed, and so were the local punks who helped foot the bill for the van's new tires.

And what happened to the idiot who slashed the tires? Well, he was chased out of town, never to be seen again.

Now that you've had a peak into some of Edmonton's hardcore history, it's time to talk about the task at hand. Many of you may know of Black Flag and The Rollins Band, but Henry Rollins is also a very accomplished spoken word performer and, next week-end, he brings that show to the U of A's Myer Horowitz Theatre.

If you are not familiar with Rollins' spoken word, I highly suggest you check this show out. Fueled by an anger that stems from

one of the hardest lives ever to be lived and armed with a sarcastic wit, Rollins gives an intense commentary on the shape of society today. Mixing humor with tales of tragedy, tales like the day his best friend Joe Cole was murdered before his very eyes, Rollins' words can shake you to the very bone one minute and have you pissing your pants with laughter the next.

This is one opportunity not to be missed because Henry Rollins may never return to Edmonton again, and his words can offer deep insight into everyone's lives - and hopefully, this time, no one slashes his tires.

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster for a mere \$24.50, but you'd better hurry because they're selling fast. Doors are at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

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## PLAY review

## Camelot

KELSEY  
Farnalls

I recently attended Lerner & Loewe's extravagant production of *Camelot* at the Edmonton Citadel Theatre. While the stage sets and costumes were quite lavish, the play itself was a tad on the boring side.

The magical story centres on a shining place known as Camelot, where a mythical monarch momentarily held a court of perfect knights and ladies before falling into decay. King Arthur has already met and married the lovely Guenevere when the gallant but pompous Sir Lancelot arrives and a love triangle forms. The fate of Camelot is then left in Guenevere's hands. She must choose between the two.

Since this is a major theme of the play, I expected to see some development of this little love triangle. Instead though, Lancelot announced his love for Guenevere out of the blue, and Guenevere seemed to return these feelings, also out of the blue. King Arthur somehow managed to discover the shared passion between the two and proceeded to do nothing. The play ends on that note. Nothing was really resolved.

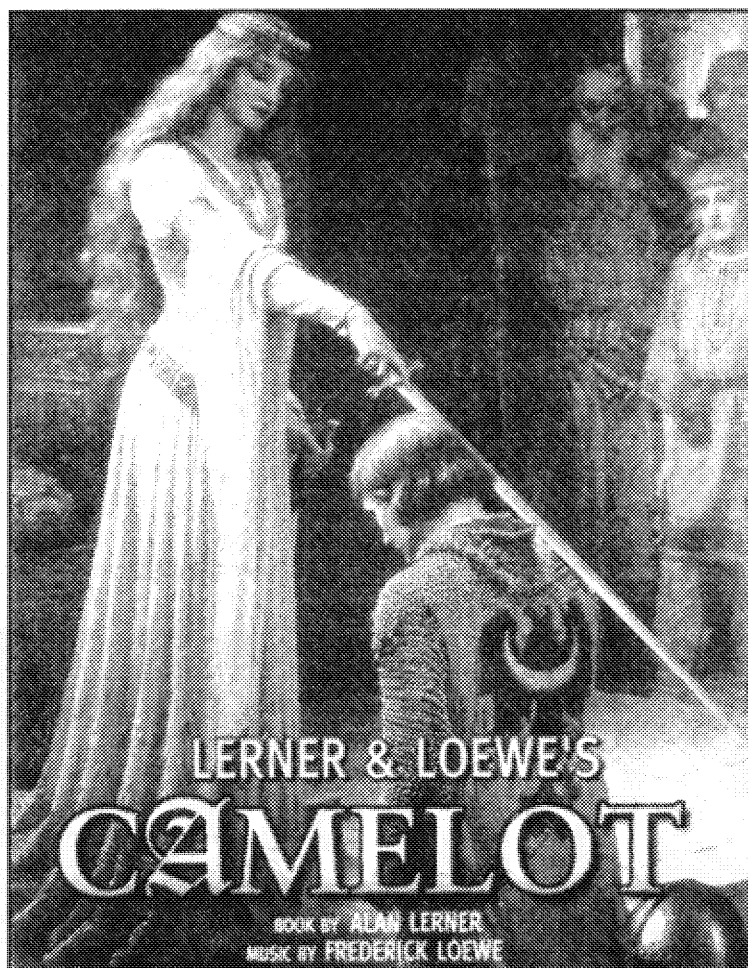
The costumes, on the other hand, were not boring. Over \$700,000 worth of costumes from

the Stratford Festival were used in the play. Pyrotechnics were used to emphasize Merlin's skills in sorcery, and some artificial smoke created a wonderful effect on several occasions throughout the play. There was definitely a lot of visual stimulation in *Camelot* to try and make up for the less than stimulating singing and dancing and general plot of the play.

Amongst the cast members of

*Camelot* is Broadway regular James Brennan as King Arthur. Patty Jamieson also made her Citadel debut as Guenevere. The Citadel is also pleased to welcome back Edmonton-born Dan Chameroy as Sir Lancelot.

*Camelot* plays in the Shctor Theatre until April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the stage sets, props, and costumes make it worthwhile to see.

DIVINE  
JOHN  
WATERS

## A review

SALLY  
Poulsen

Sunday, March 18  
Garneau Theatre  
Shock Value:  
An Evening with John Waters

There is only one man in the entire world that could draw hundreds of people into a theatre at twenty dollars a hit to hear him speak about his friend's experience eating dog shit.

That man is John Waters. And the price tag was far too low.

Sunday evening brought about another coup for the Edmonton Local Heroes Film fest. Last year's Norman Jewison/Bruce McDonald extravaganza was topped by Waters' lecture, "Shock Value." He discussed everything from up and coming filmmakers, to his experiences with *Divine*, to his penchant for trailer trash.

Funnier than most stand up comics, John Waters, the "Pope of Filth" even took a moment to poke fun at himself.

"My life is getting more and more like Buddy Hackett's," he quipped. "You make me feel like Allan Carr."

His advice to artists and filmmakers?

"Let's bring public sex back into the theatres."

Waters, best known for his notorious reputation and his 1973 film "Pink Flamingos" and his later works "Hairspray," "Polyester," and "Cecil B. Demented," held the near-capacity crowd at the Garneau Theatre under his spell. People ranging in age from 16 to 70 laughed hys-

"I thought [my friend] was smoking pot so I took a big hit... and, oh God, I felt like Whitney Houston!"

terically as Waters described the time he accidentally smoked crack.

"I thought [my friend] was smoking pot so I took a big hit... and, oh God, I felt like Whitney Houston!"

And to the new, up, and coming digital generation, Waters added, "You shouldn't want to be rich when you're twenty. You should want to kill the rich."

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## JOKE OF THE WEEK



DARIA Morgan

A man is driving down a deserted stretch of highway when he notices a sign out of the corner of his eye. It says "Sisters of Mercy House of Prostitution, 10 miles." He thinks it was just a figment of his imagination and drives on without a second thought.

Soon, he sees another sign which says "Sisters of Mercy House of Prostitution, 5 miles" and realizes that these signs are for real. When he drives past a third sign saying "Sisters of Mercy House of Prostitution, next right" his curiosity gets the best of him, and he pulls into the driveway.

On the far side of the parking lot is a somber stone building with a small sign next to the door reading "Sisters of Mercy." He climbs the steps and rings the bell. The door is answered by a nun in a long, black

habit who asks, "What may we do for you, my son?"

He answers, "I saw your signs along the highway and was interested in possibly doing business."

"Very well, my son. Please follow me."

The man is led through many winding passages and is soon quite disoriented.

The nun stops at a closed door and tells the man, "Please knock on this door."

He does as he is told, and this door is answered by another nun in a long habit holding a tin cup. This nun instructs, "Please place \$50 in the cup, then go through the large wooden door at the end of this hallway."

The man gets \$50 out of his wallet and places it in the second nun's cup. He trots eagerly down the hall and slips through the door, pulling it shut behind him. As the door locks behind him, he finds himself back in the parking lot facing another small sign:

"Go in peace. You have just been screwed by the Sisters of Mercy."

## Eye on the Outback

# Weekly News from Survivor II



SHAUN McDonald

After a two-week hiatus, Outback has returned and is here to stay...

OGAKOR showed a great amount of intelligence in gaining the advantage after the merge.

Colby's plan to divert attention from Jerri was a brilliant move.

Jeff and Alicia have both showed a lot of CLASS after getting the boot.

Elizabeth is living proof that even the nicest people have a dark side; if she can get inside Ogakor, there may be a place for her in the FINAL FOUR.

Jeff not only screwed himself, he screwed all of Kucha when he gave up in the first immunity challenge...The rope immunity challenge was the most retarded thing I've ever seen; I was playing "the line game" in Grade Four.

BARAMUNDI seems to be eating better these days, with every

challenge involving food in some way or another.

Nobody feels worse about what happened to Mike than he does himself; one false move and his chance at a million was over.

Kimmy's big mouth was not only annoying, it was very destructive.

Had KUCHA voted against Jerri in the first tribal council after the merge, the game would have stayed in their hands; if they don't start performing better in the challenges, their days are numbered.

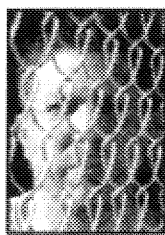
KEITH is a favorite heading into the final stretch, but Colby may have something to say about that.

Now that Ogakor has a two-person lead on Kucha, they can afford to vote for one of their own; Jerri will be cast down to hell tonight.

One of the best features of Survivor is the JURY, where the last seven voted off get to pick the winner. This is when friendships are made and lost...

That's all I've got left in the mailbag this week; your reward is to join me next week, mates.

## NAIT's 1st Annual Battle of the Bands



TRAVIS Bannert

It's finally happened, folks. NAIT is throwing a soon-to-be infamous battle of the bands, and it's happening today.

For those of you who want to put your band in the contest, you're too late, because the bill is filled with the top five bands at NAIT. You can't complain and say that you didn't know because, if you didn't notice the hallway walls littered with advertisements about how and when to apply, then you can't or are unwilling to read or don't attend this school. Either way, you're shit out of luck.

There were a total of sixteen bands that entered this illustrious musical event. This made the process of judging the many demo tapes a long and tiring process. There were a large variety of different genres of music, so the judges had to be as unprejudicial as possible.

Also, people will be pleased at this event as the bands' sounds range from rock to R&B, and even a ska band. The five bands that made the list are Lost Action Heroes, Haven, Effigy, Whoville, and Politic Live.

The contest is judged by a variety of experts from the music and entertainment industry. The judges consist of Christine Timchuk from the Urban Lounge; Brandon Manitoba from The Bear; Matt Gutch from the RTA program; Jason Higgins from Labatt; the new Activities VP of NAITSA, Jason

Anderson; and a rep from Universal.

The bands will be judged on crowd reaction, originality, stage performance, and music content (ie: voice/sound). The band that wins this competition wins \$150. They will also be the first band opening at Spring Fling with Wide Mouth Mason and Staggered Crossing (tickets are still available at the Naitsa office) which also includes a rock star rider.

If you want to attend the concert, it's being held at the Nest tonight (that means Thursday), it's free, and will definitely be packed, so YOU MUST GET THERE EARLY IF YOU WANT A SEAT. The capacity is only 250 people as there will be a stage set up. See you there!

# STUDENT - STAFF

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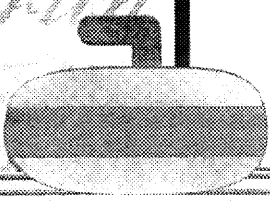
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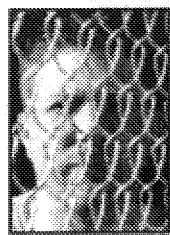
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## CD review



TRAVIS  
Bannert

## Eve

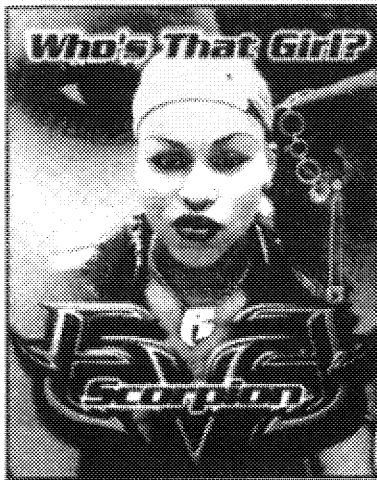
Scorpion  
Ruff Ryders/Interscope

For the fans of hardcore rap, this is a pretty good CD! There are songs featuring DMX, LOX, Da Brat, and Dragon, along with many other artists. The biggest surprise on this CD is the addition of Gwen Stefani from the pop/punk band "No Doubt" on the song "Let Me Blow Ya Mind."

I was not impressed by Eve though; it's funny how such a hardcore gangsta bitch doesn't require assistance for a total of four songs on her first CD. Additionally, the songs that she did perform solo on were pretty boring. There's not much in the way of an original sound or in lyrics that it ends up sounding like regurgitated gangster rap.

It's funny - I thought I'd enjoy this CD a lot more. However, I am a big fan of most of the artists that provide assistance to Eve on her big new release.

Hardcore rap fans will probably disagree with me on my review but, sorry, I don't think anyone should pick up this CD, unless it's for the other artists. DMX's performance is awesome as always, and Da Brat and Dragon also



provide excellent assistance to Eve's tired voice and typical industry sounds.

Now, on another note, The Nugget and NAITSA have a promotion going on. We are giving away four free copies of Eve's new CD. You just have to answer this question. "What rap group does Eve belong to?" Come by The Nugget on Monday, March 26, and come see me.

## MOVIE review

## Enemy at the Gate



KELSEY  
Farnalls

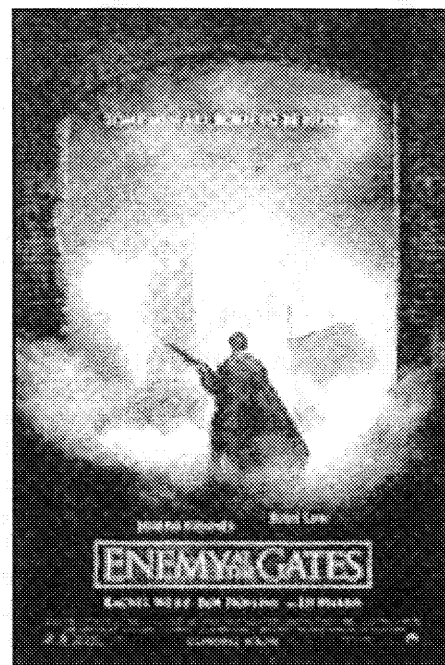
I don't usually like shoot-em-up war movies, but *Enemy at the Gate* was an epic war movie apparently based on a true story. Jude Law, Joseph Fiennes, and Ed

the end trying to kill each other.

Throughout the movie, a love story develops, some feelings are hurt, and more than one tragedy occurs. But everything ends up as it should be, and the result is a movie which captures the heart and soul of wartime and mesmerizes its audience.

I would compare *Enemy at the Gate* to other epic war movies such as *Saving Private Ryan*. I was thor-

oughly impressed with the casting of this movie as well as the story. Not only did it flow nicely, but it held the attention of its viewers from beginning to end, and it left me feeling both enlightened and satisfied. I give *Enemy at the Gate* a rating of 4 gold nuggets out of 5.



Harris made up this stellar cast and brought the characters and the atmosphere of World War II to life.

Joseph Fiennes played the role of Danilov, a soldier who manages to escape certain death with the

...everything ends up as it should be, and the result is a movie which captures the heart and soul of wartime and mesmerizes its audience.

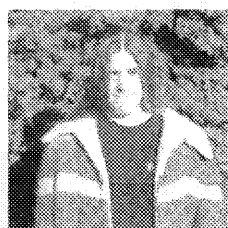
help of a Russian sharpshooting soldier, Vassili, played by Jude Law. The Germans have advanced on Russia and are close to completely overthrowing Stalingrad when Vassili's skills are discovered.

Danilov's strategy to write about Vassili in the paper proves to boost the morale of the Russian army and the civilians, in turn improving their chances against the Germans. For months, Vassili enjoys his new status as hero sniper, and day after day he eliminates the Germans' strongest army figures. The Germans take action and send in a legendary sharpshooter of their own, Konig, played by Ed Harris. Konig and Vassili battle it out to

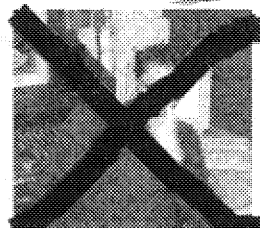
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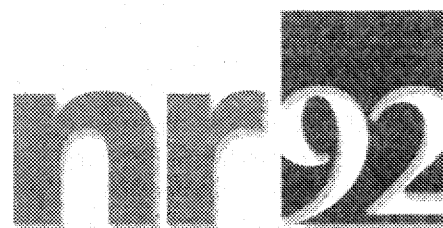
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## CD review



SHANE  
Turgeon

## Mudvayne

L.D. 50  
Epic Records



I have to be honest, I was told a long time ago to check out this CD and, instead of doing just that, I went online and downloaded a few Mudvayne tracks. I hated it. It was entirely unoriginal and screamed of angst-ridden, Korn-styled, watered down simplicity.

Needless to say, I made fun of my friend who recommended it to me to no end.

When I saw the Mudvayne CD turn up here in the Nugget office, I couldn't wait to tear into it and cut it up.

As it turns out, what I had heard on Napster were some songs off of an earlier EP. When I put this album into my CD player, I have to admit, I had to eat my words. "L.D. 50" is a solid metal album that deserves attention.

While Mudvayne's influences are easily heard on this outing, they aren't heard to the point of a blatant rip off, although I'm sure some people would like to challenge me on that. Mudvayne's singer, Gurr, combines harsh, throaty vocals a la Pantera with a very melodic sound that mirrors the combined styles of Maynard from Tool and Chino Moreno from the Deftones. Musically, however, is where Mudvayne truly shines. An intense, heavy, raw metal sound is infused with crazy double kick and slap bass that seems to come out of nowhere and doesn't follow typical metal convention. Where other bands become predictable, Mudvayne becomes original.

If you like bands like Pantera, Slipknot, Tool, the Deftones, and Fear Factory, then you will like Mudvayne, and I strongly recommend it. Now all these guys have to do is lose the lame make-up and then people will really start to take them seriously.

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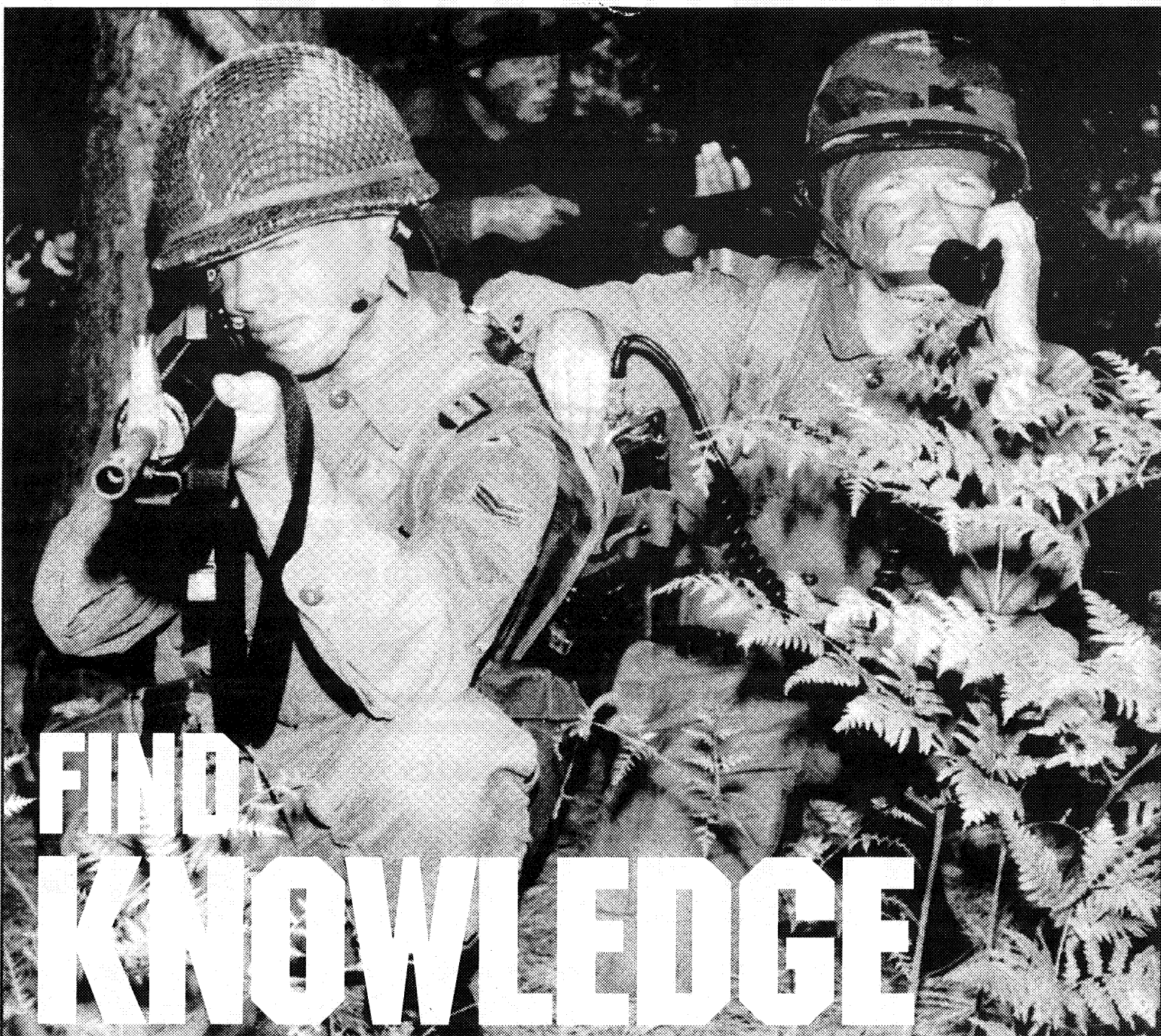
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To all Business students,  
I have the best PMS in the world (Promotional Marketing Strategies). It's not too heavy, it's not too light. It's JUST RIGHT. I'm a cowgirl? I'm a cowgirl, bay-bee! Vote Laura Trapp. To be continued...

To the girl in the hall on Friday,  
I saw you looking. I know you want me. I know all the girls want me, but you most of all. I'm sorry, sugar, but you just aren't in my league. Look at me... I am soooo hot, and my style of dress is impeccable. All you can do is look, and look you shall.  
Signed, Eye Candy

On Friday, March 23, choose dedication and vote Amy Veltri for BAS Vice President!

Curtis Comeau,  
I would like to point out to you more errors in your latest "Toy Line of the Week" column. First off, everyone loved the A-team, and if you don't remember them, then you sure as hell wouldn't remember a show like the Fall Guy. Secondly, you neglected to cover the more popular 6" versions of the A-team figures that were also made by Galoob. Perhaps if you'd stop going into the 3 3/4 inch Figure Archive on RTM for ALL your info you could provide more knowledgeable coverage of the toy lines you cover.  
Signed, A real toy collector not just a Star Wars one

Shane Turgeon (a real toy collector),  
As mentioned before, I know you're jealous about my TLOW column, but that's no reason to get hostile. And by the way, check out this week's toylines. I doubt you will find any of that info in RTM.  
Signed, Your Best Bud.

Your current BAS Vice President needs your help. On Friday, March 23 vote for experience and check "Yes" for Jeremy Coules.

To that awesome grey hoodie guy,  
Who's your daddy? I'm your daddy 'cos I did THIS to your momma! I'm supafly! By the way, I can't wait to spank the monkey with you next week. Is it the 26th yet?!!  
Love, Timmy (and Gobbles, too)

Vote Kris Suchy for VP Finance of BAS. I have 3 years experience in running my own business, and this job is like running a small business. I am also out going and have the connections to make BAS successful in raising money and preparing good parties for you. I think I will be an asset for BAS, so vote for me - the person with the experience!

Boh, Scotch, Dally, and William Nerdsworth,  
Thanks for making our chats such an interesting experience night to night.  
Love, Kimmer

To Steven O.,  
How's your bum? We miss you lots, babe! Where did our sweetheart go?  
Love, The Bar Bunnies

James Hyde,  
Leave our damn fish alone! What they ever do to you? Please don't bug them anymore. We still love you, but if you don't quit it, we're gonna have to hurt you with your own hockey stick.

To the Editor-in-Chief,  
This letter is in answer to all the crybabies bitching about photo radar. Get a life and learn to respect the law. The speed limit is posted for a reason, and if you don't like it, don't drive. If you have the need for speed, go to the racetrack or stop bitching when you get a ticket.  
Sincerely, A Concerned Citizen

To everyone,  
Kelsey Farnalls is a great woman for standing up against photo radar! Way to go.  
Signed, Your fans.

A compliment card to the AHT class of 2000!  
Never have I met such a great bunch of people. The past two years have been fantastic, and I'm gonna miss you all so much! Best of luck to everyone!  
H. Kit

Want to win a FREE CD?  
Read Travis' CD Review on p.16

Lavy,  
Happy 19th! It's been a great couple years. Remember always: The love jeep from Physics 20, "study" sessions for diplomas and accounting, sand hill climbing in the blue beast, and all those times we celebrated little moments are the bar when we weren't all of age. We missed your last birthday, so now's the time to go and celebrate it right. Have a good one!  
Love, Ami, Deb, Jeff, the rest who fear you, and the rest who love you

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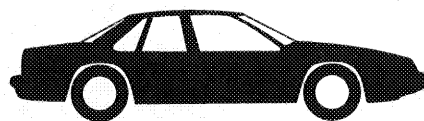
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rob Ellis or Jason Anderson at 471-8725.



# Toy Line of The Week



CURTIS Comeau

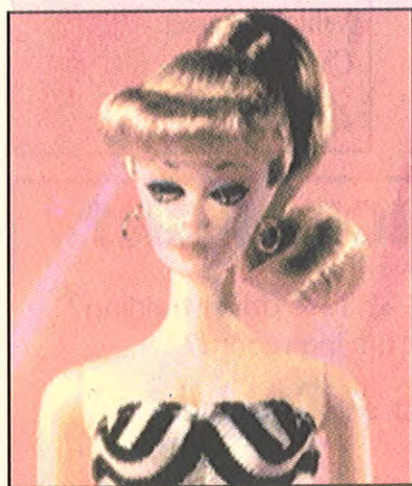
With over four decades of fashion, fantasy, and fun behind her, I think it's safe to say that Mattel's Barbie doll has secured a spot as one of the top three toy lines of all time.

1959. That was the year that Barbie made her toy market debut (and I must say she still looks good 40 years later). Dressed in a less-

than-revealing white and black striped bathing suit the first ever "teenage fashion model" (that's what she was called) instantly became a huge success.

It wasn't until late 1961 when Barbie saw the first of her hundred different makeovers. This new Barbie flaunted a new hairdo called a Bubble Cut - and she also came with a new dress, of course.

Throughout the years, Barbie saw constant change. From a hardcore collector's point, the 1967 "Twist and Turn" Barbie was a major turning point. "This was truly a significant change," says Barbie collector Margaret Anderson "The Twist and Turn Barbie now featured a major point of articulation - the bendable waist!"



The first-ever Barbie doll.



The 70's and 80's, dubbed by many as the pink years (because the packaging was made of a bright pink), saw the introduction of several different friends, playsets, and vehicles. The mid-80's also saw the hit Saturday morning cartoon, "Barbie and the Rockers."

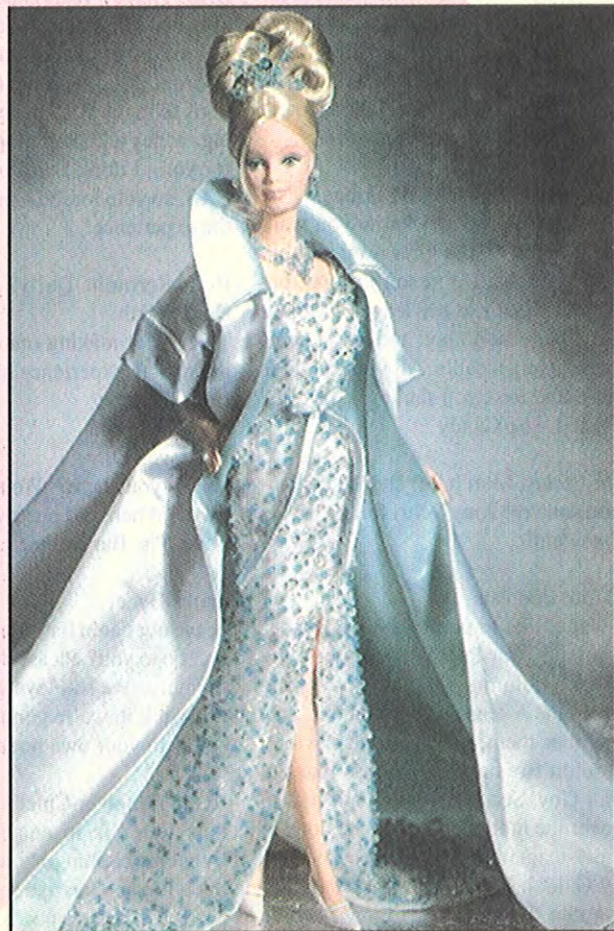
In the late 90's, Barbie took on a different route and embarked a "movie" stint, where she appeared on toy shelves dressed a characters from several time-



less classic films. Some dolls from that line included Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Audrey Hepburn in My Fair Lady, and Marilyn Monroe from The Seven Year Itch.

For those of you interested in finding out more information on the Barbie legacy and Barbie toy-col-

lecting, head down to your local Chapters book store and take a look in their Antiques and Collectibles section - there is bound to be a few different Barbie collectors books there. For the time being, Barbie sales look good, and show no sign of slowing down.



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