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## Election Fever



**KIMBERLY  
Ashley**

You are going to be hearing a lot about the NAITSA elections in the next few weeks. But listen up, tomorrow, Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day for anyone interested in running for a position on the

board of governors or NAITSA, to get their nomination forms in.

Students running for all positions must collect the names and student ID numbers from 10 people, excluding those running for president. If running for president you must collect 20 signatures. I know that nearly EVERYONE at NAIT must know at least 10 people by first name, so get a nomination form from NAITSA and start collecting some

signatures.

Being involved at NAIT is rewarding. You will experience student life like no one else. You will know what's going on before anyone else, maybe you will even be planning the events. You could be sitting on the board of governors with Industry leaders and even the president at NAIT. You would be the student voice at these meetings making a difference in student life. Maybe you would

even be involved doing the communications for NAITSA. You would put together the handbook, oversee the newspaper, and get involved in really cool activities at NAIT.

A lot of students think that being on NAITSA will be a lot of work, but is having fun work? Not by my books. Going to the Nest to give prizes away for karaoke, or helping organize Ookfest, or arranging the blood donor clinic does not sound like work to me. It sounds like a great way to get out and meet students, other people in the community with

similar interests, as well as connect with people in business and in the industry.

So you may have to go to a few meetings, and have your own office, computer and phone, but you will be paid to have fun and help promote student life at NAIT. There is NO experience necessary, you don't have to be on the dean's list, and you don't have to be the life of your class either. Just step up to the plate by 4 pm on Friday, and you could be part of the next student leadership team for 2003/2004. Don't be scared, but do it today!



## NAIT Students' Association '03/04 Election Information



NOMINATIONS OPEN

**'Leadership has its privileges.'**

**FEBRUARY 18 - 28, 2003**

NAITSA wants to pass some info on to you in case you're looking for a challenge next year. A challenge that comes with some pretty great perks too.

What kind of perks you ask?

How about...

- A MONTHLY SALARY
- TUITION BURSARY
- WORK EXPERIENCE
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES
- NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
- A CHALLENGE

Never thought about running until now? (Advertising works, doesn't it?) Don't worry, you're not alone and you have until February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to get your nomination form signed and submit it to Room E131... maybe your new office next year? Did we mention you get your own office too? We'll even help you out with your campaign with a \$25 contribution!

Pick up a nomination form at Room E131 and submit it before February 28, 4 p.m.

CAMPAIGN WEEK

**'Elections are more about listening to constituents than talking to them.'**

**MARCH 6 - 12, 2003**

### ELECTION SPEECHES

Most speeches will take place from 12:15 to 1:10 pm.\*

During the five days that students will be campaigning they will be giving speeches, making promises and touring the campus to get your vote. Most of all, they will be asking for your opinion. Give it to them.

During campaign week be sure to take some time to talk to a candidate and tell them what you expect next year.

You can even win some great prizes during this week so watch for candidates in your area.

Date	Location
March 6	Fresh Express
March 7	The Bistro (Plaza II)
March 10	Common Market
March 11	Tower 8th Floor
March 12* 11:15	Bytes (HP Centre)
12:15	The Naitrium

ELECTION DAY

**'The easiest way to speak your mind is to write this... X'**

NAITSA has a goal... to have 30% of the student body vote.

Believe it or not, the national average is about 11%. Unacceptable.

There is a new NAITSA coming... We want to be known for our accountability to our members. But first we need your vote. Cast your ballot on March 13<sup>th</sup> and make your voice heard!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

### POLLING STATIONS

- NAITSA Office (E131)
- The Tower (1st floor)
- The Bookstore (X-wing)
- South Lobby (Main)
- Fresh Express
- HP Centre (1st floor outside "Bytes")
- The South Stairs (Plaza II)
- South Campus (Office)
- Patricia Campus (Office)
- Distribution Centre

### BRING YOUR ID CARD

All you need is your ID card at the polling stations. Full-time, part-time and apprentice students are eligible to vote.

### NOW HIRING POLL CLERKS - MAKE SOME \$\$\$

Holding an election is a lot of work. Several jobs are available now. Ask for info in E131.

[www.naitsa.ca](http://www.naitsa.ca)



# Interviewing Revisited

SHARON Brown  
NAIT Career Advisor

So you've had 2 interviews but no job offers. What's going on, why don't they want you? Time to sit down and re-evaluate your interview preparation, presentation and follow-up strategies. Most people get into trouble when they haven't put enough thought into the following items: What are the employer's needs? How do I meet those needs? What do I have to offer over the competition?

Learn about the employer's needs from the job ad, the company website, what you know about your industry in general and what you've learned from others working in your chosen career. Make sure you know the current buzzwords and technical lingo. Be sure to make use of the [www.nait.ab.ca/careers](http://www.nait.ab.ca/careers) site under the Job Seeker section when doing your research.

Consider how you meet the employer's needs in terms of your skills, training, education, experience and personal qualities. If you were the one doing the hiring, what skills would you be looking for? What are your strengths in relation to the employer's key needs? If there was a billboard out there with your name and face on it, what would it say to make an employer want to hire you? Know what your edge is over the competition and why should the employer pick you over everyone else.

Use your research to develop answers to common interview questions that reflect how you meet the employer's needs supported by strong, relevant examples from your life. Practice your responses and develop answers to any questions you weren't ready for the last time. You could also book an appointment with a Career Advisor to discuss your interview strategies by calling 471-8874 or going to Career Services, South Lobby, 0117.

Your preparation will increase your state of readiness and self-confidence and result in a relaxed, competent and professional presentation.

#### Additional areas to examine:

Evaluate how prepared you were for the interview in terms of your dress, overall presentation, eye contact, body language and facial expressions. Did you act professionally, and did you sell the employer on your overall perfect

fit for this job?

Did you send the employer a thank you letter within 48 hours of the interview? Here is the perfect chance for you to tell them how excited you are about this opportunity, add a strength you forgot to mention and thank them for meeting with you. This letter often clinches who gets the job and who doesn't.

Lastly, did you follow up on your rejection letter or phone call? This is a golden opportunity that

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many let fall by the wayside. Contact the interviewer and let them know once again how much you appreciated the opportunity to meet with them and to keep you in mind for any future opportunities. Ask them if they can give you any tips that would help you to improve your interview skills. You may discover something that is key to your clinching your next interview. Ask if the employer knows anyone else who may be interested in hiring someone with your skills and experience. Networking can result in some really good job leads for you. Make sure to end the conversation on a positive and professional note.

In summary, if you don't sell yourself, no one else will do it for you. Don't let an interview rejection discourage you; use it as a stepping stone to get to where you want to be. Convince the employer that you meet their needs and the next job will be yours.

# Become a Blood Donor



JENNIFER Benoit

The last NAIT Blood Clinic of the semester was on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Canadian Blood Services won't have another clinic at NAIT until next Fall. However, that doesn't mean you can't donate blood until that time. Of course, you knew that. But where in Edmonton can you go to donate blood?

The Edmonton Blood Donor Clinic can be found at 8249 - 114 Street, which is next to the University of Alberta Hospital. You can call 1-877-431-8775 or 431-0202 (in Edmonton) to book your appointment.

If it will be your first time donating blood, there are a few

things you need to know. When going to your appointment, make sure you bring identification will full name and signature, or full name and photograph. You must be between the ages of 17 and 61 and weigh at least 50 kg (110 lb). Come well rested, feeling well, and in good health. You should have had something to eat right before your appointment. A test will be done to make sure you meet hemoglobin (iron) requirements. At your appointment, you will be asked a series of questions to determine your eligibility.

Before donating, you must wait three days if you've been to the dentist and 12 months if you've had ear/body piercing or tattooing. If you have a sore throat, a cold, or the flu, you must wait until you are fully recovered.

Donating blood can be inconvenient and it takes an hour out of your busy schedule, but it is impor-

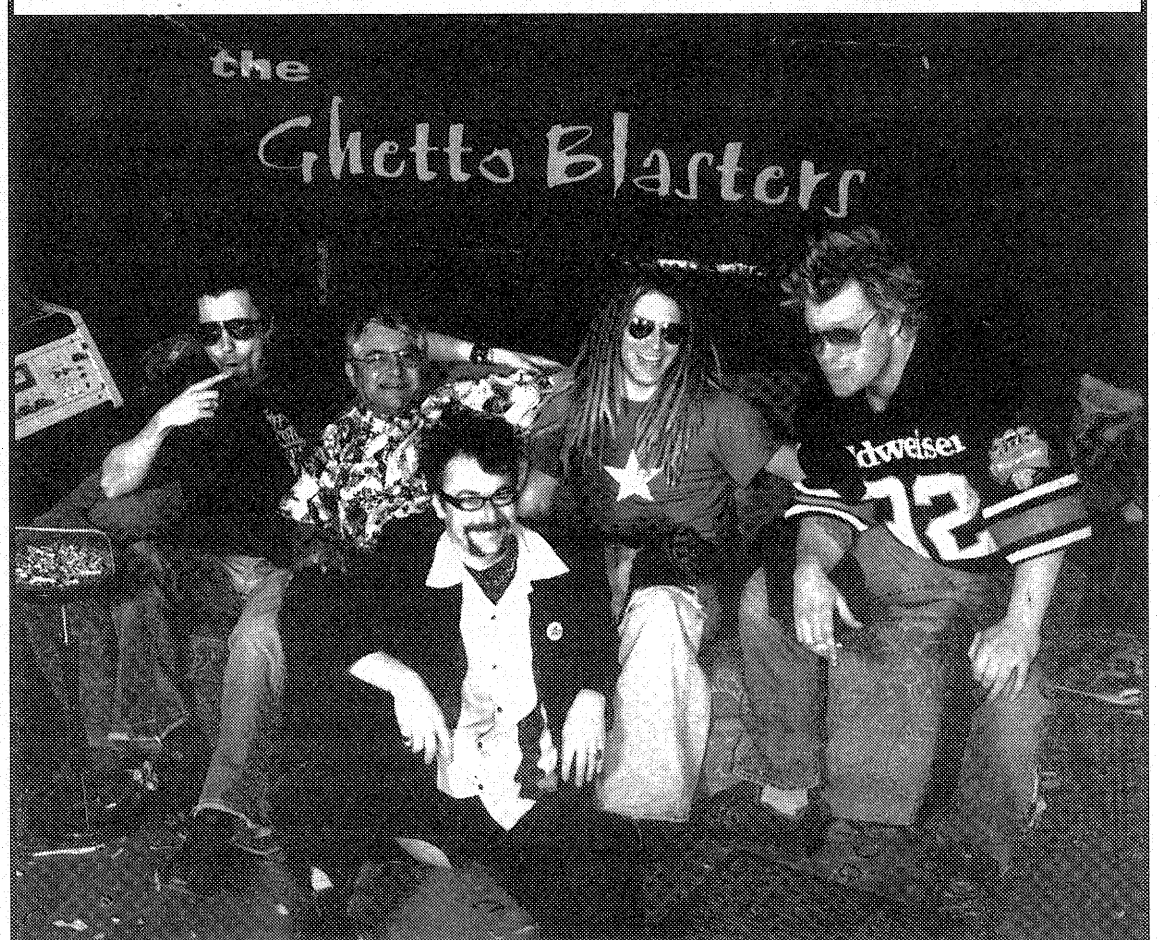
tant for you to donate blood if you're eligible because Canada is experiencing a shortfall of blood. Every minute, someone in Canada needs blood. You would think differently about donating blood if it was you who needed it to live.

If you would like more information, visit the Canadian Blood Services web site at [www.bloodservices.ca](http://www.bloodservices.ca).

#### Black History Month Fact:

Dr. Charles Drew graduated with a medical degree from McGill University in 1933. While researching long-term blood preservation at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, he discovered the process for storing blood plasma. The blood banks we have today are in existence because of this discovery. (Source: <http://inventors.about.com>)

## LIVE AT THE NEST



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# Black History Month:

## What do you know?



JENNIFER Benoit

What do you know about Canadian Black History? Try the following quiz that comes from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation web site.

1. Who was the first recorded Black person to arrive in Canada?
  - a) David Walker
  - b) Mathieu Da Costa
  - c) Murphy Still
  - d) None of the above

2. What Canadian province was the major destination for runaway slaves?
  - a) British Columbia
  - b) Nova Scotia
  - c) Quebec
  - d) Ontario

3. Where was held (in Canada) the 1909 convention of Black and white leaders which resulted in the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.)?
  - a) Toronto
  - b) Niagara
  - c) Quebec
  - d) Victoria

4. In what year did Canada's federal parliament officially recognize February as Black History Month?
  - a) 1921
  - b) 1956
  - c) 1985
  - d) 1995

5. In what year did the Black Loyalists arrive in Nova Scotia?
  - a) 1833
  - b) 1783
  - c) 1823
  - d) 1753

6. Who were the Maroons?
  - a) A group of escaped slaves from Jamaica
  - b) A group of islands in the Caribbean
  - c) A group of slaves from the USA
  - d) None of the above

7. In what year was slavery abolished in Canada?
  - a) 1758
  - b) 1830
  - c) 1833
  - d) None of the above

8. What was referred to as "Jim Crow"?
  - a) The Underground Railroad
  - b) Segregationist Laws
  - c) Black Loyalists Movement
  - d) None of the above

9. What was the name given to the secret route used by slaves to escape from slavery?
  - a) The Underground Harbour
  - b) The Underground Rail Station
  - c) The Underground Railroad
  - d) None of the above

10. Who was known as "The Black Moses"?
  - a) Jackie Robinson
  - b) Marie Joseph Angelique
  - c) Harriet Tubman
  - d) None of the above

Check your answers in the classifieds section today!

"The Canadian Race Relations Foundation is pleased to commemorate the month of February as a time to both celebrate the contributions and achievements of Black Canadians as well as acknowledge Canada's racist past. It is our hope that with each passing February the education and awareness emphasized during this month will eventually become an integral part of our every day consciousness and common knowledge to all Canadians." - The Canadian Race Relations Foundation.

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# Black Inventors

## A look at the technology they gave to society



JENNIFER Benoit

February has come and gone, and it's the noted month of Black History. Since NAIT is a technical institute, I thought it would be interesting to include an article of black inventors of different technologies that we can't seem to live without these days. The information came from the Scholastics Publishing Group web site, and while most of the inventors are African American, there is one inventor in the list who is actually an African Canadian.

Elijah McCoy (1843 - 1929). This Canadian invented the oil-dripping cup for trains. The expression "the real McCoy" comes from the fact that no other inventor could make the oil cup as well as McCoy made his.

Lewis Latimer (1848 - 1928). Latimer worked in the same laboratories as Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell. In fact, Latimer invented the very important carbon filament of the light bulb.

Madam C. J. Walker (1867 - 1919). Walker grew up poor, but became the first female African-American millionaire when she invented a hair-growing lotion.

Garrett A. Morgan (1877 - 1963). Morgan invented both the gas mask and the first traffic signal. The man is a hero and received wide recognition for his outstanding contributions to public safety. He himself used the gas mask in 1916 to help rescue men trapped by a gas explosion in a tunnel that was being constructed under

Lake Erie. Morgan sold his traffic signal design to the General Electric Company, which has since been modified to today's traffic lights.

Otis Boykin (1920 - 1982). Boykin invented 28 different electronic devices. Boykin invented the electronic control devices for guided missiles, IBM computers, and the pacemaker.

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Dr. Patricia E. Bath (1949 -). Bath invented a method of eye surgery that has helped many blind people see. She is currently nominated to the American National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Jan Ernst Matzeliger (1852 - 1889). Matzeliger improved shoe-making production significantly when he invented a machine that increased shoemaking speed by 900%.

Granville T. Woods (1856 - 1910). Woods was awarded more than 35 patents for electrical system and devices which created new energy techniques for the transportation and communication industries. Wood's first patent was for a furnace and boiler to produce steam heat. Later, the prolific inventor "improved the telephone transmitter and developed an electric car powered by overhead wires, a grooved wheel for the trolley car, a "third rail" system for an electric locomotive, an improved airbrake system, and a telegraph system for communicating between moving trains, which contributed to railroad safety." (Source for this piece: <<http://bgess.berkeley.edu/bios/text.shtml#woods>>)

George Washington Carver (1860 - 1943). Carver invented peanut butter and around 400 plant products. Carver was born a slave and later attended college when he was 30.

Lonnie G. Johnson (1949 -). Johnson invented the infamous Supersoaker water gun.

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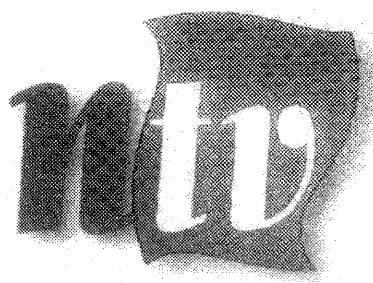
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# Money Bags



## FURIOUS George

Bill Gates is said to be worth \$50 billion or so. He's considered to be the richest man in America. If he were to sell his assets, invest his \$50 Billion in a low interest account, let's say 5% per year, he would make an annual income of \$25 million on interest alone.

*(Bill Gates) could wake up and spend \$70,000 per day, and never see his balance decrease.*

That's about \$70,000 a day. He could wake up and spend \$70,000 per day, and never see his balance decrease. Hey, if he saved up for a few days he could buy a Ferrari or something nice. I save up my

money for a few days sometimes so I could get a Sub instead of a Muffin in the Common Market. Asking Bill Gates for \$1 million is like asking someone who has \$50,000 for a dollar.

Yeah \$50 billion is a lot, but I was watching TV the other day and ABC News stated that a war with Iraq could cost from 200 billion dollars to 2 trillion dollars depending on the outcome and how long it will last. To put that in perspective, two trillion dollars is \$2,000,000,000,000.00. What the?! I tried to do the math on that, but my calculator didn't go high enough. I had to use my computer. It means that the cost could reach \$7,500 per person in the United States. Some people don't even make that in a year in that country! That is so much money, it could feed, cloth and house me for 83 million years at \$2000 per month. (That's with no interest accruing!) That's also enough to give Edmontonians \$2 million each! We could all retire. I'd take my share to Vegas and give it all back any-ways.

Answer to the question in Har- men's column: 20.

# A day in the life...

## POLISH Hall

Well right off the bat I consider myself to be a pretty average guy. I've spent my semi-productive life thinking about three main things: Age 1 to 10 Candy, Age 11 to 13 Ninjas, Age 14 and up Women!

After more than a decade of observing women and their behavior, I have become something of an expert on the subject, and I have come to the following significant conclusions: Smell Nice. Soft.

Anything beyond that tends to leave me stumped. No amount of dating or mating has led me any closer to finding out the reasons women live entire days based on their horoscopes, bake cookies and try to make their friends eat them so they'll get fat, or pretend they never, ever go number two. I've decided to put my nose to the grindstone and commit myself to some serious research. In an effort to understand women better – and, I hope, learn how to more effectively bend them to my will – I will try to mimic a few of their inexplicable everyday behaviors.

### Bizarre Chick Behavior #1:

Talking to their stylists about their sex lives

Gosh, I'd hate to think what my ex-girlfriend's hairdresser knows about my many fetishes and minor shortcomings. I can envision him snapping his fingers and swinging his head around in a circle, all the while exclaiming, "Girl, do tell!"

I wish I had a fab hairdresser to confide in, but all I've got is Alan, the buffed out son of Italian immigrants. He wears a lot of gold and speaks with a New York accent, as in "Fuggeddaboutit!" He is definitely not "all that."

With a tape recorder strapped to me, I get in the barber's chair. I'm nervous because I don't know how Alan will react. Also, he's holding a big-ass pair of sharp scissors next to my head. He starts snipping.

"My lover doesn't satisfy me."

"Wha?"

"My girlfriend doesn't make me come."

"Oh." The scissors stop snipping. "Oh!" Alan adds.

"There's no foreplay. I need romance, man."

Alan, to his credit, hangs in there.

"Well, maybe you guys should talk?"

"What? Tell her my prob-

lem?"

"Yeah, you know, tell her."

"If she loved me she'd know."

"Nah, ya gotta communicate."

"Maybe your right, dude."

What I learn: A) Alan cuts hair faster when you freak him out, and B) fast haircuts are not always the best haircuts.

### Bizarre Chick Behavior #2: Acting overly body-conscious

My girl calls my new haircut messy-chic. I call it a screwed-up haircut. If she weren't happy with

*What I learn: Regurgitating "womanisms" at your girl-friend is a good way to get her really angry.*

her hair, she'd obsess about it – and every other perceived shortcoming she had – for days. I give it a try. She perches on my lap and kisses me.

"What's wrong?"

"Nothing."

"Come on..." She tickles me.

"Stop!," I whine. "Don't play with my fat!"

"Well, why don't you go on a diet then?"

"Don't try to solve my problems!" I blurt. "Sometimes I just need you to listen!"

### What I learn: Regurgitating "womanisms" at your girlfriend is a good way to get her really angry. Bizarre Chick Behavior #3: Withholding Sex

I can't count how many times a done deal came undone when we got back to my place. I decide I'm going to be the one that gets her all hot and bothered and leaves her hanging!

What I learn: There are some things a man simply cannot do.

### Bizarre Chick Behavior #4: Ridiculing friends' outfits behind their backs

Is their some special satisfaction that comes from tearing down your friends' wardrobes? I give it a try at my daily hoops game in the gym. Forcing back my pride as far as it will go, I whisper to Jason, "Look at Corey's shoes."

"What?"

"His shoes. They totally clash with his shorts, man."

"Are you serious?"

"Totally." Rolling my eyes, I add, "And he does not have the body for that jersey." Jason suddenly decides to run some laps.

What I learn: It's easier to post Jason up if he thinks your gay.

### Bizarre Chick Behavior #5: "Does my ass look fat?"

Really, it's the same ass you had yesterday, honey. Does chanting this mantra achieve an unknown stress-relieving effect?

I invite a few buddies over for the SuperBowl.

Knowing they'll miss any subtle enlargement, I tape 50 plies of paper towels to each cheek and steel myself for their mockery. The doorbell rings.

I pass out beers and some cookies I baked earlier. During a commercial, I get up and stand in front of the TV. The consensus is I should get the hell out of the way, until...

"Guys... does my ass look fat?" The hail of get out of the way chips abruptly halts.

"Get out of here! What?"

"Do these jeans make my ass look fat?" I revolve and thrust my padded butt at them. Silence reigns until...

"Actually, dude, it does."

"Yeah, what happened?"

"I don't know... I'm bloated. Chris, how do you stay thin?"

"Dunno." Chris grunts through a mouthful of potato chips. He can eat whatever he wants and never gain a pound. I hate him.

What I learn: A) The laughter of others hurts, and B) if you bake cookies and try to get your friends to eat them, they'll assume they're laced with Ex-Lax.

The bottom line: Gentlemen, I have gone where no man has gone before. I've studied the behaviors of women, reenacted them with painstaking accuracy, and what I now know about the female sex I can share with mankind. What I know is this:

Smell Nice. Soft.

# MARCH 21

NATE ATHLETICS PRESENTS

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# Boyfriend Break?



TOM Ace

Dear Tom,

I want to take a break from my boyfriend. He's not needy or clingy, or anything, I just feel that we need to take some time off. I want to explore the world without him for a change. Hang out with my girlfriends more and look at other guys without feeling guilty, you know, all the fun stuff! I love him very much but we've been dating since high school and I feel that I'm wasting a part of my life by not exploring the world without him. I'm sure that we'd get

together in the end and that the relationship would be as strong as ever, all I need is some time. Any thoughts?

Anonymous

Dear Anonymous,

Yeah, I've got some thoughts alright but they can't be printed in a student newspaper so I'll try to stay calm while I write this. Let me take you through the thought process of a normal guy when he hears the infamous words "let's take a break." First, pure shock. After he picks his jaw off the floor and feels around in his nether regions, making sure his manly hood didn't also drop, he'll probably think that you want to sleep around with other guys. Sorry honey, that's just the way men think. No matter how many times you explain it to him,

he'll just be traumatized by the idea of you not being with him. If you really truly have feelings for the guy then you would never want to take a "break." What you would want to do is spend less time with him. Simply book a few nights off from him and spend that time with the girls. As for the whole looking at guys thing, don't worry about it. Look at guys all you want, he does the same with women. Next time you see him looking at another woman, call him on it. Then he can't get mad at you drooling over George Clooney's ass. If he is a truly good boyfriend he'll agree to the ladies-night-out a couple of times a week and he really won't mind if you gawk at other guys, just as long as you stay true to him (that means no playing hide the salami

with any boys you meet at the bar). At this point, I am reminded of a Disney cartoon by the name of Robin Hood. In which there is a scene with the hot fox Maid Marian and her largely obese chicken servant, Lady Cluck. I quote Lady Cluck when I say, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." And that is just my point! If you do love this boy, you will find yourself missing him the less time you spend with him. If you're not missing him just a tiny bit after a week of not seeing him then you know that it can't be that serious. So my closing advice: if you want to take a break, don't use the words "let's take a break." And if you are really just breaking up with him, grow the balls to tell him straight out damn it!

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# Letter from the Editor



**KIMBERLY Ashley**

In response to Mr. G. Prud'homme's letter to The Nugget as per tuition increases for apprentices, I would like to say that it is about time that apprentices were paying the same amount full-time students pay, or something similar at least. Being an apprentice has many benefits. Many of the employers actually pay your tuition for you to go back to class. As well, you get the benefit of having a full-time, well paying job to go back to when you finish your training. Apprentices are still eligible for many scholarships and bursaries for their education as well. On the NAIT website, as of Monday the

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24<sup>th</sup>, there were 10 scholarships available to electrician apprentices, such as yourself, totalling \$7,500. I don't know how many of you guys are out there, but I know that there is money available. I may be wrong, but I am sure that many of the apprentices at NAIT receive \$14 plus per hour while on the job, which is still probably more than I will make my first year out of NAIT.

Tuition may finally become fair for students attending NAIT. For the past few years, the apprentice tuition has been capped. The cap will finally be lifted next year, and apprentices will pay approximately the same as a full-time student, based on the number of weeks of your program. Next year, a full-time student registered in a daytime program will pay \$3034.96 (estimate-NAIT needs to update their website) that means for my 32 weeks (16 weeks per semester x2 semesters) I will pay \$94.84. As well, I still have to include my NAITSA fees (\$133), health and dental (\$206), E-learning (\$100), locker fees (\$30) and my books (\$950). Hey, guess what? You are still getting a

deal. Apprentice tuition will only be \$81.25 per week, and that's in 2004/2005! By that time my tuition will be about \$103.41 per week. While you are at school for those 8-12 weeks you get to claim EI. How many full-time students at NAIT get that option?

My question for you is this. Should apprentices pay similar tuition fees to those students in a full-time day diploma program? My answer is yes. You are still in the building that has power, water and heat. You walk down the same hallways, use the same toilets, and park in the same parking lots. Why should you pay any less? You get what we get. But face it, tuition is going up for all of us. At least the apprentices are able to work and then go to school and then go back out to work at a job they are already familiar with.

You go on to talk about bills, and a mortgage and a family. There are MANY full-time students here at NAIT that have a family to support, a mortgage, bills, car payments and more, and somehow they find the time to come to school full-time for usually 32 weeks and still raise their family. I know that they cram a "whole year" into just 8 weeks, but I thought the idea of apprenticeship was to "learn while you earn". You do learn things out there in the workforce too, while you make some money.

You talk about all of this immigration stuff, but I don't know much about that. I am sure that it will have detrimental effect on society. I agree that standards and safety would not be the same from those who have difficulties speaking English, as well as those without the proper skills. This is a problem everywhere, as contractors are trying to find the cheapest labour, and unfortunately that would include immigrants and non-unionised workers.

So before you go all out there and freak out over tuition increases, realise that we are all facing tuition increases. The cost of living is rising, inflation, and the cost of running an organisation like NAIT is increasing too. Yes, the government should give us more money to support our education, but where will it come from? It will come from your own pocket eventually whether you had set that money aside for school, or whether the government taxed you more on your earnings. All I can say is at least you are still paying less than I am.

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# Government hikes tuition fees while trades shortage looms

**GILLES Prud'homme**  
Electrical Apprentice

After reading the article "Trades scrambling as labour shortage booms" on the front page (Journal, February 12<sup>th</sup>) it makes me wonder if the next step is for Ralph Klein to reintroduce his idea to bring in workers from other countries to work in our construction industry. I believe that last year he wanted Mexicans to come into the country. Just ask any American what they think of the idea of having Mexicans infiltrate their workforce. Of course, President Fox of Mexico would love to send a few hundred thousand people here to alleviate his unemployment problem, as he mentioned in a meeting with Jean Chretien a few weeks ago.

Immigration is not the answer to a happy workforce. At the moment, Canada has numerous citizens who are on welfare, are unemployed or underemployed. Has anyone asked workers at the shopping mall if they would like to train for a new career that pays four time more than they are now earning?

Why, you ask, is the construction workforce so low? Well, I will tell you. Poor planning. Did no one think that the workforce would age over the years? You need to constantly replenish your workforce and this has not been encouraged.

Another blow to Canadian citizens trying to enter the trades program is fees. Right now the cost is \$65 a week for tuition (plus \$100 in addition fees, plus \$200 in books, plus school supplies, plus \$3 a day for parking) for eight to twelve weeks (depending on the year of your course) every year to take a four-year trades program.

In my mailbox on Thursday I received a letter from the Alberta Apprenticeship Board informing me of the following tuition hike:

2004/2005-\$81.25 per week
2005/2006-\$96.88 per week
2006/2007-\$112.50 per week

And after the last schedule increase in 2007, annual increases will be limited to the Alberta Consumer price index plus 2%.

This is an increase of 175% over 3 years. Plus who knows how much the additional NAIT fees will increase to (is there a ceiling

on these costs?)

And are we not talking about your regular students here. These are people who have families and mortgages who struggle through an eight-week program every year for four years.

During those eight weeks they only get the money that Employ-

***Just ask any American what they think of the idea of having Mexicans infiltrate their workforce.***

ment Insurance gives them, less the two week waiting period, of course.

This is an intense course that should really be a year long, concentrated into 8 weeks.

And the bills are still there and the kids are still in the background while you are studying your brain away.

If the government is screaming that there is not enough workers in the trades, why are they increasing the tuition fees by 75%. Is that the brilliant idea that they think will make people join the trades while there is a shortage?

(This shortage may have been created on purpose in order to facilitate the ease of bringing in low paying labour to break the unions)

So what solution has the government come up with? Instead

of running a promotion campaign to its own citizens (which they should have done 5 years ago) our government thinks it would be a great idea to bring in immigrants. Right now, Alberta has a trade program to be proud of. Any one trained in Alberta is wanted by other countries in the world. Bringing in immigrants would lower our standards because we would have to compensate for the fact that the majority of them don't know English. Or, instead of taking the course, would they be grandfathered into the trades with qualifications granted on lower standards?

Did you know that Canada admitted 250,346 immigrants in 2001 and of those people, only 61% are in the business class, 27% are family members of other immigrants and 11% are refugees. Of the 61% which are in the working class (153,000) only 43% were actual workers, the rest are just DEPENDANTS of workers. (Those are 2001 Canadian Government figures). Let me translate this for you, that means that 72.5% of the immigrants brought in during 2001 had nothing to offer Canada! Does the government really think that it is a good idea to bring in more deadbeats? We need controlled immigration.

Maybe this gives you an idea of where your tax dollars go. Does the phrase "social services" come to mind? What about our struggling health care? Of course that's going to take a hit as well.

The only thing that bringing in immigrant construction workers is going to do is lower the wage rate and boost the non-union sector of the construction industry. This will compromise the safety of construction workers because of inexperienced workers flooding the jobsites.

This is entirely unacceptable!

This is a very interesting paradoxical decision to an imperative situation. We need to replace our own construction workers with our own citizens before someone else makes the decision for us.



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# Protein Power



**HARMEN  
Van Andel**

Do you use supplements? How about them weight loss pills? I've heard lots of promises about that stuff. They're like a fad now: protein bars, protein powders, meal replacements, creatine, ephedrine, etc. So wassup? Their ads say their great, but are they?

"Dude, you gotta try this, man. It's called 'the stack', you mix Aspirin to thin your blood, Ephedrine to open your airways and increase your heart rate, and caffeine to further increase your heart rate. They say it's like working out, like, double man, try it, it'll make you get lean real quick!"

Some of you may have heard that before. "This is a deadly combination," says Personal Fitness Trainer student Emmy Sams. "It does and will increase your heart rate and will of course make you burn calories at a faster rate. It will also increase your blood pressure to the point it would increase to if you were exercising. So by mixing this with exercising, it will increase your blood pressure and heart rate to a level that can be fatal."

What if someone wanted to gain muscle though? Can't we just increase our protein intake? Like,

eat a bunch of protein bars, and/or shakes? "It's not necessarily the protein powder that will make you bigger," says Sams, "it's the fact that you are taking in extra calories. The extra protein will help repair the muscle, but it is the extra calories that you are taking in which will make the most difference."

The supplement industry is big bucks. Protein bars are \$4, and meal replacements can be more. Is it really worth it in the end? What if we just had a steak instead? "Meat proteins will give you all the essential amino acids where plant proteins won't," says Sams. "If you are not getting enough of a daily recommended anything you would need to supplement it. If you are eating a well balanced diet, there is no need to waste money on things that you can get naturally."

If you want to add to your daily intake of food, go ahead and use the protein powders and vitamin pills, etc. Just don't live off of them. Supplements are meant to simply 'supplement' your diet. "To meet your daily nutritional requirements," continues Sams, "a multivitamin should be enough of a supplementation along with a proper diet. There is no miracle supplement! It takes a proper diet, exercise, will power and the proper rest to insure the outcome that you want."

# Easy Ways to Save Your Money



**STACEY  
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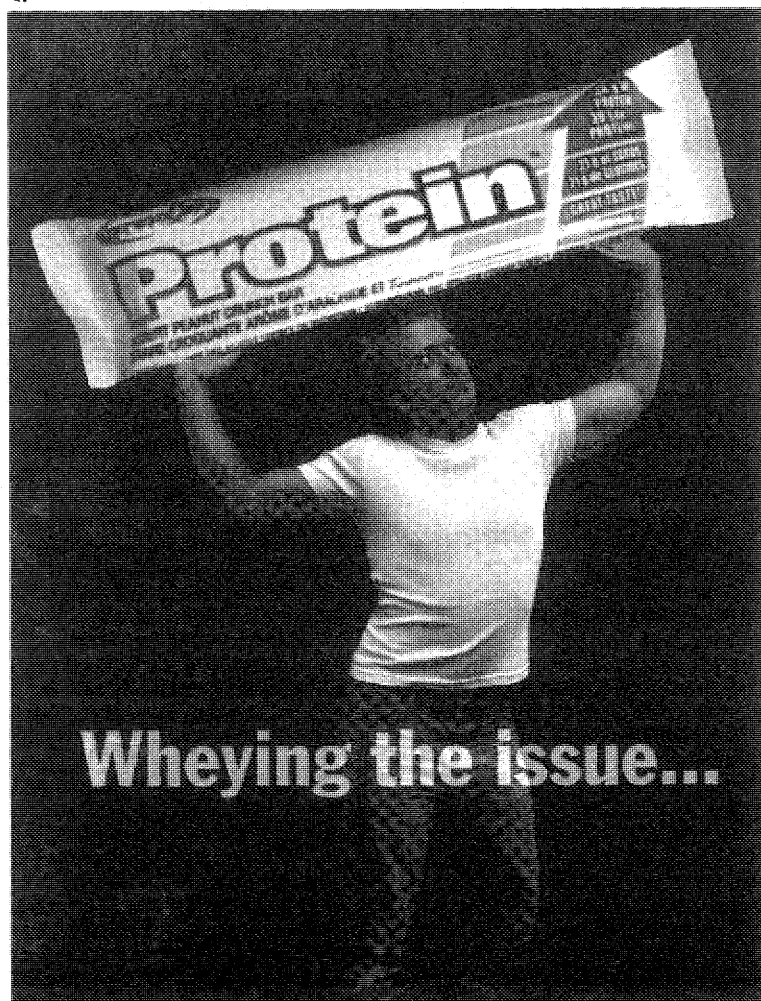
Saving money has to be one of the most difficult tasks that one can encounter and even more difficult is succeeding with it. I have a few ideas that will hopefully help enable you to put some of your hard earned money away for something special. First, you have to track what you're spending your money on in order to reduce unnecessary costs. An easy way to achieve this is to put everything on your charge card. I know that you're thinking this is a great way to overspend. Actually, if you only use your card when you have cash in the bank then you'll be fine. Your credit card statement is an excellent way to keep track of

your spending it can also cut out impulse buying, as most people don't like to put small amounts on their cards. Now that you have a list of items you buy, you'll probably notice that a lot of money goes towards food. If you buy your lunch everyday you'll probably spend about \$6 a day times that by 5 and then 8 months and you would have spent \$960 in a school year. As well by bringing a drink you can save \$1.50 a day or \$240 in 8 months.

If you like potato chips buy a large bag and divide it into 5 zip lock bags this will save you \$96 in 8 months. Buying your favorite snacks in large portions and then dividing them up is an easy way to save money on buying convenient food. So get up a little early or pack a lunch the night before and save about \$1300 on lunch alone. Another easy way to save cash is to only use your own bank machine. Bank charges range from \$1.50 to

\$3.50 per transaction and making two transactions for an average charge of \$2.50 will cost you \$80 in a school year. So if you know you're going to need money leave early and stop by your own bank. If you have a balance on your credit card pay off this amount as soon as possible. Charge cards charge an average rate of 18% you can get a student loan or a line of credit for an interest rate of substantially less.

A great way to put aside some money is to open an account and ask the teller to encode your bank card to make no withdrawals from the bank machine and then put \$10 a week in the account. Once you've saved \$500 move it into a t-bill. You won't miss \$10 a week, but you'll sure enjoy the money when you take your holiday. I could go on and on and probably have too much, but hopefully these few tips will help you save your money.



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# NERD ALERT



**HARMEN  
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"What's your IQ?"

If you asked anyone that question, they probably wouldn't know the answer. I didn't know my IQ until I took a bunch of online IQ tests a few days ago. I think I did OK... well, let me just say I would kick Forrest Gump's ass. If you're curious about your own

brainpower, there are IQ tests all over the Internet. Just google 'IQ Tests' and you'll be blasted with results.

IQ stands for Intelligent Quotient. It's used to determine how 'bright' we are. They say the average IQ is 100-110. Scores of over 145 are considered genius level. Einstein was thought to be at around 160, which is rather low compared to that of chess player Bobby Fisher (187) or Mathematician/Physicist Blaise Pascal (195).

There may be a few flaws

with the different IQ tests online though. The problem with the Internet is that you don't know whether the website you're at is legit, or whether it's written by a 13-year-old killing time in his mom's basement. It seems that each test may give you a different answer; one may say you're at 120 and the next may say you're at 135. Sure, that seems like a minor difference to you and I, but to a group like Mensa, it's a big deal.

Mensa is an elite group of intellectuals that originated in England in the 40s. They boast that in

order to qualify to be a member, your intellect must be in the top 2 percentile of the earth's population. They decided not to go by IQ numbers, but to create their own test, and give that test to all prospective members. You basically qualify if you kick ass on it. They won't give you an IQ score, they'll give you a percentile score. Currently there are over 100,000 members (including the comic guy from The Simpsons). See if you can correctly answer this question:

If you were to count from 1 to 100, how many 7s would you

pass along they way? (The answer is at the end of Furious George's column in this issue.)

"Mensa has professors and truck drivers, scientists and firefighters, computer programmers and farmers, artists, military people, musicians, laborers, police officers, glassblowers--the diverse list goes on and on." Says their website. They even have a 4 year old!

If you've got 30 minutes, you can find a teaser called the 'mensa workout' at [www.mensa.org](http://www.mensa.org). I took the workout, but I'm not gonna tell you my score. Stupid is

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MOVIE REVIEW

# THE LIFE OF DAVID GALE



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The premise of this movie is that convicted murderer David Gale (Kevin Spacey) gives Pulitzer prize winning Bitsey Bloom (Kate Winslet) a series of interviews just days before his execution. These interviews consist of three - two hour segments on Gale's final three days of life.

Gale basically tells his story of innocence to Bloom. On the first day of the interview we find out that he is one of the leading opponents to the death penalty working with an activist group called Deathwatch. He also tells her of being arrested for the rape of one of his students this event begins the downturn of his life. It further causes his marriage to break up, and his wife and child move to another country. In addition to all else this reaction of his wife contributes to his alcoholism. David's (Spacey) longtime fellow Deathwatch activist Constance Harraway (Laura Linney) sticks with him and ironically enough is the woman he is convicted of raping and murdering.

While the execution draws nearer Bitsey and her young intern,

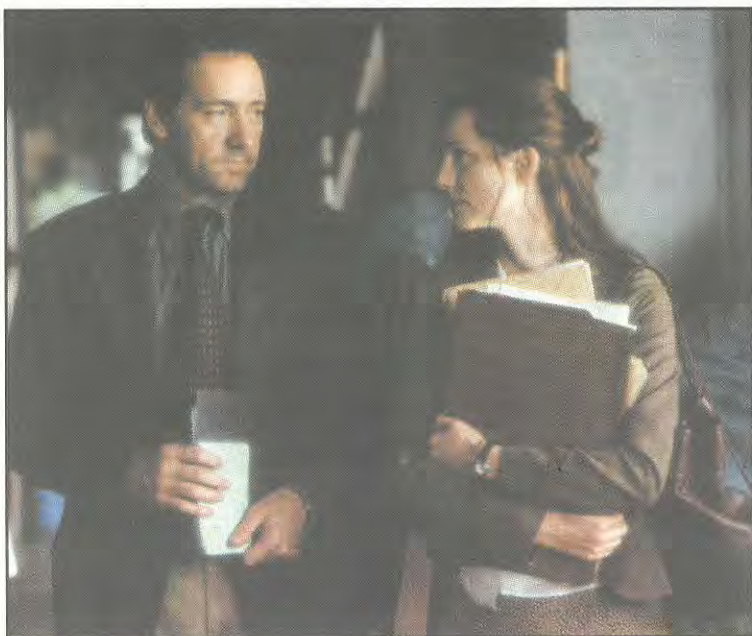


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Professors David Gale (KEVIN SPACEY) and Constance Harraway (LAURA LINNEY) prepare for a debate with the governor.

MOVIE REVIEW

# Dark Blue



STACEY  
Laing

Dark Blue is a crime thriller set in the time of the Rodney King trial in Los Angeles. Kurt Russell and Scott Speedman star in this thriller as two police detectives. It tells the story of corruption in the Los Angeles police department, as well as, the impact the Rodney King verdict had on L.A.

The movie tells the story of the effect that corruption has on an entire city. It is a gritty look at the LAPD, similar in style to that of Training Day. Jack Van Meter (Brendan Gleeson) is a corrupt police chief who dictates illegal orders that everyone follows. His subordinate is Kurt Russell who plays Sgt. Eldon Perry Jr. who comes from a long line of corrupt cops, believing that killing criminals is better than arresting them and sending them to trial and jail. Finally, there is Scott Speedman who plays rookie cop Bobby Keough who is eager to please his new division the Special Investigation Squad (SIS) and do anything to become accepted by them.

Zack Stemmons (Gabriel Mann) race the clock to dig for anything that might extend the death sentence for Gale. The conspiracy angle is heightened with a mysterious cowboy lurking around (the real killer who framed David Gale????) and a video tape of Constance's murder.

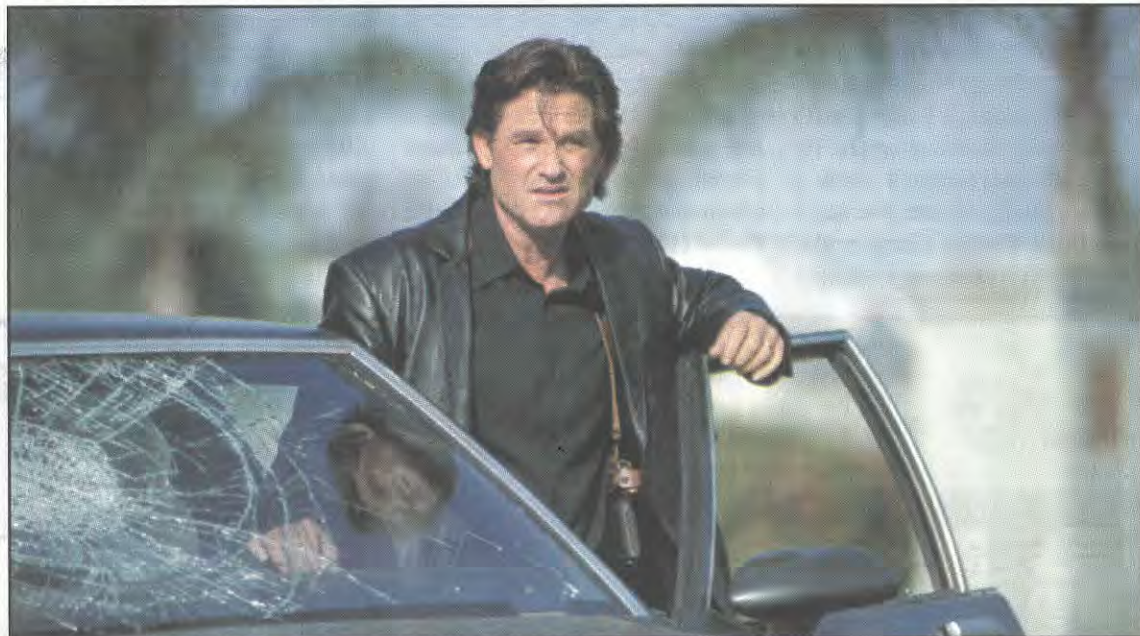
This movie has a very strong cast and a few twists and turns to keep you guessing about Gale's innocence and culminates with Gale's final involvement. It is an interesting story, so go and see it.

Against these three officers is Assistant Chief Holland (Ving Rhames) who is searching for evidence against Van Meter and Perry. He is willing to start a war in the police force to bring this corrup-

tion to an end.

I thought the movie was well acted; Russell plays an alcoholic cop who appears to have no morals or emotions. The audience can see him struggle between who he is

and who he wants to be. Gleeson is excellent as the Chief that honestly believes that he can not be taken down, and that he is invincible. Speedman is the weakest link in the movie, but he serves his purpose. The movie is racially charged and this is very evident considering the time period is during the Rodney King trial. This is a great gritty police movie that is full of action and suspense.



Kurt Russell stars as Eldon Perry in the drama Dark Blue.

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# NAIT Curlers Win Gold-Gold-Silver

It was a tremendous season by the NAIT curling teams as they added two more golds and a silver to their already impressive collection.

The ladies' team, skipped by Kyla MacLachin, defeated NAIT's constant challenger, LLC-8-40. The mix revenged last year's loss by beating LLC-7-4. The men, in trying to give NAIT a threepeat, had their hopes dashed when their last work of the game pecked.

This was a highlight year. Three medals. The three teams executed a perfect Winter Regional 13-0. The mixed team, who were 0-4 in the Fall Regional, only lost one game the rest of the way.

The ladies and men finished first in the regionals. The ladies went undefeated 13-0.

A total of 100 games were

played this year in ACAC curling. The two regionals, hosted by Olds and P.C., involved 70 games. The remaining 30 were played in the Provincials hosted by AUC. When the pebble was gone, the 2002-2003 champions were men - LLC, ladies - NAIT, and mixed - NAIT.

Kyla MacLachin and her team of Jen Tomkins, Jody White, Jessica Korb, and Raya Lindquist, were awesome in game one and never let up. They finished first in the regionals with an 8-0 record and were a perfect 3-0 in the Provincial round robin. They had little trouble in the semis, crushing AUC 10-3. With the record tied in the 7<sup>th</sup> against LLC, Kayla executed a tremendous tap back through staggered guards for a 4 count. That was the ball game as NAIT posted

an 8-4 victory.

The mixed team of Ryland Brusky, Krystal Jackson, Kris Erhardt, Allison Robinson and Andrew Pearson were the question mark team. Expected to be competitive they went 0-4 in the fall regional and then turned it around by going 4-0 in the winter regional. The real team showed up in the Provincials. They went 2-1 in the round robin and then crushed AUC 10-3 in the semis. In one of the great ACAC mixed finals, a big three NAIT broke an 8<sup>th</sup> tie giving NAIT the 7-4 victory.

Adam Enright, last years Alberta Junior Provincial champion, and his team of Derren Rehm, Stephen Jensen, Regan Braseht and Adam Mann finished first in the regionals with an 8-2 record. They went 2-1 in the provincial round robin and faced Olds in the semis. They were tied after 8, and then NAIT scored pair on 9 and hung on for a 6-4 victory. Facing LLC in the finals for the fourth time in five years NAIT looked poised for the victory. Up one with the hammer in ten and just needing a draw to the edge of the four foot for victory - bang - the rock pecks and LCC wins

8-6.

In the HACK:

- NAIT qualified all three teams for the 12<sup>th</sup> straight year
- NAIT curlers finished the season with an 32-9 record
- The two golds marked NAIT's 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Four players were named to the ACAC all conference team

Men: Skip Adam Enright

Lead Regan Braseht

Ladies: Skip Kyla MacLachin

3<sup>rd</sup> Jen Tomkins

Congratulations curlers on a great season.



**LADIES' TEAM:** From left—Jessica Korb, Raya Lindquist, Jody White, Jen Tomkins, Kyla MacLachin.



**MEN'S TEAM:** From left—Adam Mann, Stephen Jensen, Regan Braseht, Derren Rehm, Adam Enright.



**MIXED TEAM:** From left—Andrew Pearson, Allison Robinson, Kris Erhardt, Krystal Jackson, Ryland Brusky.

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# Gym War

*PWA Pulls No Punches at NAIT*



MIKE  
McGuire

As most of our teams get prepped for playoffs, a different kind of action returned to the NAIT gym on Saturday.

Superstars from the Prairie Wrestling Alliance invaded our hardcourt and set out to destroy one another, all to the delight of the fans in attendance.

Before the show kicked off, all the talent, officials, and fans

*In the opening bout, Sgt.*

*Hazard lost to*

*Ricky "take a look at my ass*

*cheeks" Rage.*

observed a ten-bell salute in the memory of Curt "Mr. Perfect" Hennig.

In the opening bout, Sgt. Hazard lost to Ricky "take a look at my ass cheeks" Rage. The decision was filled with confusion, as referee Michael Fitzpatrick awarded Rage the pin, only to call it back. Rage then knocked out the ref, who upon waking determined that it must have been Hazard who hit him, and awarded the DQ win to Rage.

Next up, it was a match that set the bar for the rest of the night. "Iceman" Eric Freeze and "Livewire" Matt Richards brought out the extreme and executed some amazing highspots, including a series of suicide dives which made their way into the audience. Freeze eventually resorted to using a steel chair on Richards, and even attacked Richard's valet, Siren. Enter the Funky Bunch to make the save, only to be laid out by rivals the Durrango brothers. While Richards was declared winner,

security dragged him to the locker a bloody mess.

Following the carnage from the run-ins, Hobemma's Red Thunder and the Apocalypse went next, in a great technical battle. Neither man small in stature, it was impressive to see some very quick spots. Thunder had dedicated the match in memory of his grandmother, and while his efforts were apparent, the goth-clad Apoc managed the win.

In tag team action, it was Dirty Duke and Crazy Dean (the Durrango brothers) facing off against Phoenix Taylor and NAIT's Marky Mark, the Funky Bunch. Following introduction of the Durrangos, the Funkies executed a sneak attack on the deranged brothers. At an obvious size disadvantage, the funky ones resorted to a variety of aerial and speed attacks. Following a double senton bomb (damn impressive considering they came from mid-rope on either side), it looked as though the Funkies would have the victory. Eric Freeze, still angry about his loss, attacked Phoenix with a chair, and continued to systematically attack Marky Mark and Funky bunch member DJ Old Skool. Winners: Funky Bunch by DQ.

In semi-main event action, it was a power struggle for the #1 contendership spot between Edmonton's Johnny Handsome and Chris Steele. This match started slow, but turned into a great battle. At one point, it looked like Handsome was dropped on his head, but he recovered and came just short of winning the contendership spot. In the end, and pulling the tights, it would be Steele with the win, setting up the main event for the next NAIT show.

Finally, in the main event, Tex Gaines squared off in a Table Match against Bill Yates. Yates, well known for having fun during his matches, took every opportunity he could to hurt the red-neck from Missouri. After being slammed head-first into one of the walls in the NAIT gym, Gaines came out of the entrance way a bloody mess. Back in the ring, it was a top-rope northern-lights suplex that began closing the door on Gaines. Finally, another suplex, and Gaines went through the table, ending the match.

The PWA returns to NAIT on March 21st, more details to come in "From riNGSIDE".

# New Addition Making Splashes

*Swimmer Albrecht Breaks Records in NAIT debut*



MIKE  
McGuire

In their second major meet, the NAIT swim team managed yet another impressive performance in Calgary.

Team newcomer Kelly Albrecht made a strong showing for the men's team, winning all four of his individual event, setting two new ACAC record times.

Overall, the NAIT swimmers remained consistent from the meet in Grand Prairie earlier this year. The Oaks men's team finished second behind a dominant Mount Royal, and the women's team took third behind both Mount Royal

and Grant MacEwan.

Combined scores placed NAIT third overall, with coach Jeff Riddle admitting that his teams do have some issues to work out. "If we are going to beat GMAC for ACAC team second, we are going to have to win the close races."

**Top Three Team Scores as follow:**

Team	MEN	WOMEN	COMBINED
MRC	173	183	384
NAIT	111	49	178
MAC	52	140	210

**Top Point Scorers for NAIT:**

Women: **Lee McDonald - 20 points** including a win in the 200m Butterfly, 2nd in 200m IM, and 3rd in 50m & 100m Breast.

Men: **Kelly Albrecht - 28 points** with wins in the 50,100,200m

Backstroke and 100m Freestyle.

**Other Top three Finishers for NAIT:**

Matt Logodin  
2nd 200 & 400m IM, 3rd in 50m Breast

Julien Herrera  
3rd 400m freestyle

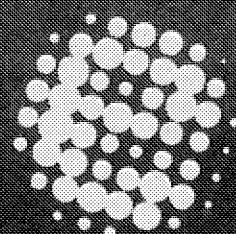
Tyler Arthurs  
2nd 100m Butterfly

Jack Lee  
2nd 200m Butterfly

Aaron (Arthur) Topolinski  
3rd 100m Butterfly

The final meet of the season happens right here at NAIT on March 8th. The meet starts at 1:00 at the NAIT pool. Come out and support your Oaks!

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**THE NUGGET**



# The Blind Duck

## That Other NAIT Hangout



MIKE  
McGuire

For most NAIT students, in addition to our own fine watering hole, The Nest, another option surfaces from time to time. Often frequented by students on the northernmost parts of the campus, or by our friends in the Annex area, The Blind Duck has served as a popular escape for many a year.

For owner Alex Halabi, the past seven years alongside NAIT have been a pleasure. "I like NAIT. They're good people, good customers."

Halabi adds that while there is such a high turnover at NAIT, a lot of his customers continue to stop by, although years out of school. "I still have contact with some of them. When they come back into town, a lot of (former students) will stop by."

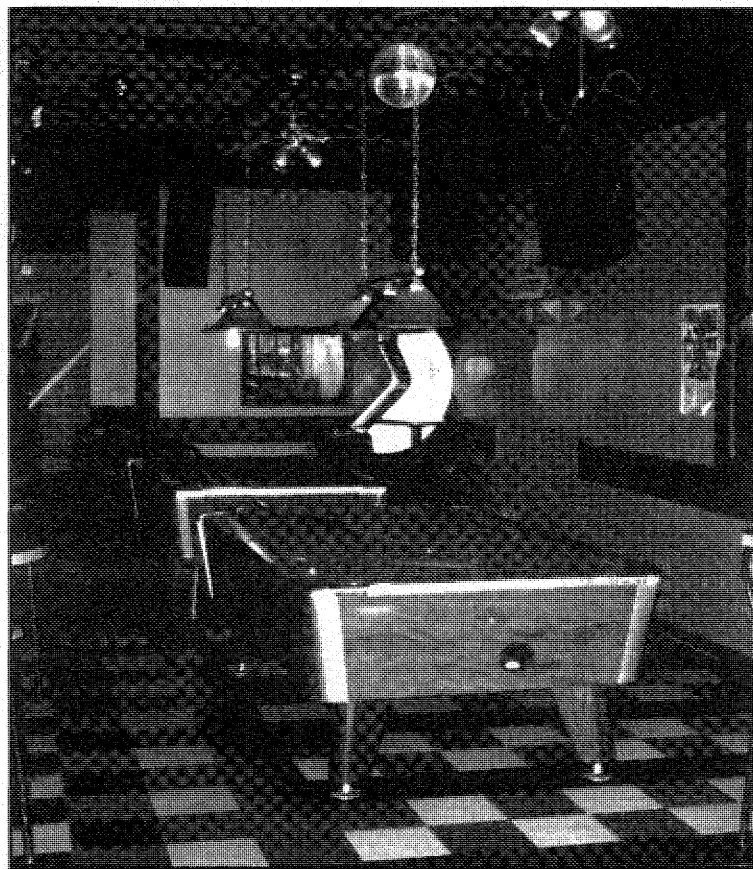
As for a menu, you may be surprised. In addition to the token burgers and fries associated with many a lounge, the Blind Duck also serves fresh pizzas, sandwiches, and a wide variety of appetizers and salads including

everything from Fish n' Chips to Chicken Caesar salad.

Open seven days a week, from 10a.m. to 2 a.m., the Duck also features such events as Karaoke Wednesdays, as well as Oilers and Eskies home game specials. The Blind Duck has also been site of

many NAIT events, including such hits as "Meet the Firsts," and a variety of Technologies' cabarets.

Located at 10416 118 Ave, the Blind Duck will more than likely continue to serve as a hangout for many, and a "study hall" for many more years to come.



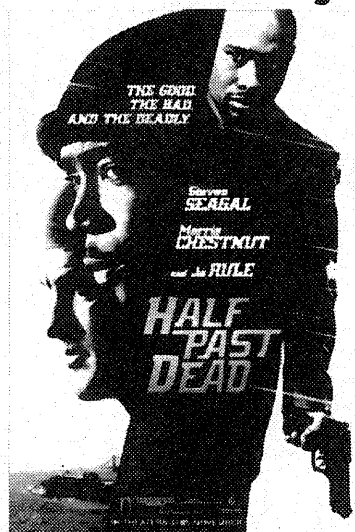
The Blind Duck has much to offer. Great entertainment, food, beer and location. It's just right across the street from the Annex.



## THIS WEEK AT THE NEST MARCH 3 - 7

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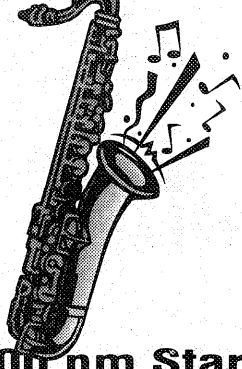
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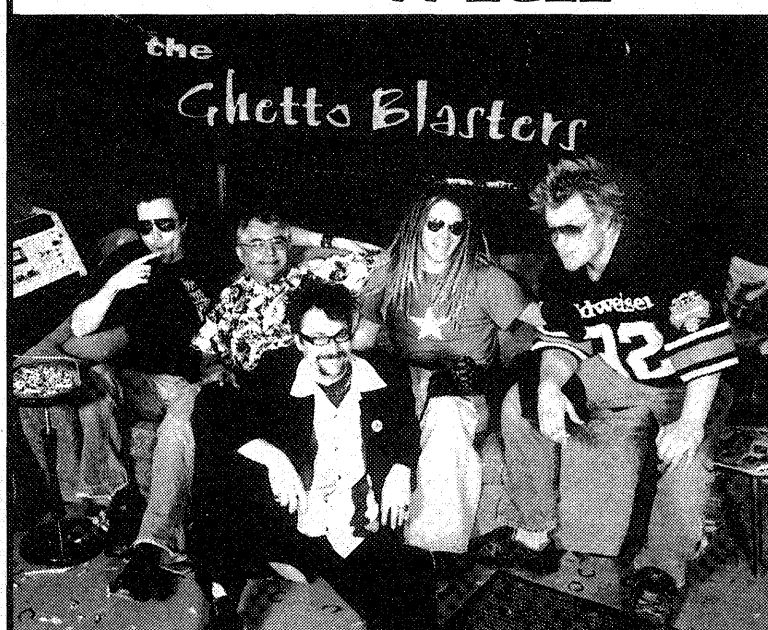
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# "E"lympia: 2003 & Beyond

Get a Taste of Elympia's Finest



SHARMZ

TuffHouse is back at it once again! Just after releasing "Letters on Paper" by the labels most known artist, the independent label has come back with a compilation album entitled "The Outbreak". The album showcases some of Edmonton's finest emcees and singers working together to build hip-hop on a local and National level

The album is primarily produced by Edmonton's own, Stress of Smashtbenz studios. But don't get it twisted your not gonna get repetitive sounding tracks on this album, every song has a different feel and flow to it. Artists featured on the 18 track album are Reason, Wayz, Ghetto Soul, Politic Live, Jae-La, Fatty Jones, CV's Finest, Yakk and Double D, Holy Ghost, Nucasselle Brown and many more. The album showcases the different emcee'n styles that come outta our own city. As with every compilation you get a lot more diversity and uniqueness in this album. The albums first single, "Last in Line" by Ghetto Soul got airplay

on radio locally (CJSR) and nationally (Flow 93.5). Other well known tracks such as "Deuce D" by Double D and "Top of Tha Hill" by Politic Live showcase raw emcee'n talent with crisp production and attention to detail. With "Need U" by Jae-La you get production that sounds like Roccafell's Just Blaze and an emcee who can rip the mic in half in Jae-La himself. Other songs that stand out from the rest are "Blaze Dat" by CV's Finest, "You and Me" by Reason, Wayz and Ghetto Soul, and "Dance" by Nucasselle Brown featuring Proveli Paragon.

So if you want to get a feel for what "E"lympia has to offer this is your chance. The cream of the crop is on this one album and most will be astonished to hear the talent when this peep this album. Locally TuffHouse is really helping the Hip-Hop scene grow by providing us listeners with local talent to bob our heads to. Support local talent; cop the album by picking it up through [www.indiepool.com](http://www.indiepool.com). Lay-Up, Foosh, and ColorBlind and soon to be HMV. You can also check out the cd release party for "The Outbreak" on March 7th at 4-Play nightclub just off of Whyte Ave. Much love to TuffHouse Records and all Edmonton artists!!!

## MOVIE REVIEW

# OLD SCHOOL



STACEY  
Laing

Be prepared to laugh when you go to see Old School. When I saw the preview for this movie, I thought great another stupid movie, but I was wrong. This is hilarious! I laughed for almost the entire movie. The entire cast worked well together, but I thought that Will Ferrell really made the movie. Every scene with Will was great; he is a master at comedy.

The synopsis of the movie is not very original, however, the cast and physical comedy make this a must see movie. Luke Wilson comes home early from a conference, only to find his live-in girlfriend in the middle of a group sex party, of course this episode turns his life upside down, but luckily his friends are there to help

him through this. His friends are all living lives that are not up to their expectations and therefore take advantage of Mitch's (Luke Wilson) situation. Mitch gets a house in close proximity to the

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university and because of its location, it must be used as student housing. Therefore, Beanie (Vince Vaughn) comes up with the idea of creating a fraternity. Beanie is married with a couple of kids and is feeling trapped in his life, and

is using this as an escape. He convinces Mitch that this is a great idea and will help him recover from the heartbreak that his girlfriend brought upon him. Beanie is an over-the-top self-made millionaire who spends a fortune to throw the greatest party in order to become accepted by the university crowd. It is during this party that Frank "The Tank" (Will Ferrell) streaks across campus and runs into his new bride. This is one of several very funny scenes with Ferrell. In addition, to the three friends there are the fraternity members who will make you laugh. The fraternity includes an unusual mix of people, ranging from students of the university to a 79 year old named Blue, and everyone in between. The movie is well done, the jokes are new and refreshing, and the chemistry between the cast is great. If you're looking for a fun movie to go and see you can't beat Old School.

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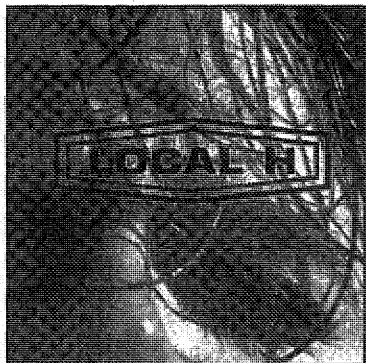
JENNIFER  
BenoitHaven  
*Between The Senses*

Haven's story is one of fate. Five years ago in Cornwall, England, Gary Briggs and Nat Wason met each other in a record shop. Gary was "the voice" without a band and Nate was in a band that had no lead vocalist. Gary and Nat's band jammed together, and a friendship was formed and eventually the band Haven was created. Five years later, Haven has a debut album called *Between The Senses*. The Haven quartet is Gary Briggs (vocals, guitar), Nat Wason (guitars), Iwan Grnow (bass, vocals), and Jack Mitchell (drums). The Brit alternative

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rockers have a striking harmonious sound – an upbeat, slick melodious mix of songs that are sugar-coated with Gary Briggs extraordinary voice. Most wonderful about this album, however, is the artistic coordination of the guitar talent displayed by the boys, especially evident in their song *Where Is The Love*. There are no real meanings in the lyrics in *Between The Senses* as Haven lets the fans decide what they want the songs to express. *Between The Senses* has a decidedly new sound, not quite anything else you've heard, which puts Haven in a genre all of its own.

## CD REVIEW

JENNIFER  
BenoitLocal H  
*Here Comes The Zoo*

The fifth album of Local H, *Here Comes The Zoo* follows the band's four other albums: *Ham Fisted*, *As Good As Dead*, *Pack Up The Cats*, and the exclusive *The '92 Demos*. Since the original drummer for Local H left the band in the summer of 1999 to "pursue other interests", Local H obtained a new drummer, Brian St. Clair. The other half of Local H is David Scott Lucas, who is the band's vocalist, guitar player, and bass player. The album includes the new single, *Hands on the Bible*, which shows the band's ability to continue without the ever popular original drummer Daniels. The album is a great collection of hard rock tracks with help from such vocalists as Shanna Kiel from Sullen. The album also features MAXimum TONnage in three of the ten tracks. The album ends with the 11 minute *What Would You Have Me Do?* followed by some pointless guitar riffs. The band that draws its origin from Zion, Illinois seems to be doing well this year with much touring around the United States.

## Horoscopes

*Written in the Stars*

## Pisces

(February 18-March 20)

Was Valentines a sham? Well, there is still your birthday. Try your luck and meet a new friend at a beer garden, or pub-crawl or some drinking establishment this week at NAIT. Check the paper for local listings.

## Aries

(March 21-April 19)

If you are feeling down in the dumps this week, stay home, lock the door and enjoy a great book.

## Taurus

(April 20-May 19)

Anyone who makes fun of you this week is an insecure little brat. Start planning your perfect April Fool's prank immediately.

## Gemini

(May 20-June 20)

Unforeseen expenses will leave you feeling burned. Now is not the time to turn to your parents for help. You may have a better chance calling MasterCard for your next credit advancement.

## Cancer

(June 21-July 21)

Some unexpected news leaves you shaking your head. Suck it up and chill out, it doesn't happen everyday, jeez.

## Leo

(July 22-August 22)

Take on that leadership role you always crave. Grab a nomination form for the NAITSA elections and get involved to change your life.

## Virgo

(August 23-September 21)

That nasty cold has got you too. Chicken noodle soup, hugs and kisses and time will make it all better.

## Libra

(September 22-October 22)

Midterms, good or bad? Take this weekend to prepare and the rewards will truly show, if you have written yours already, too late now...

## Scorpio

(October 23-November 21)

Someone has a surprise for you. It could come in the form of a pop quiz or a missed car payment. Don't be shocked, it won't be that bad...

## Sagittarius

(November 22-December 20)

Your actions are appreciated by

many. Believe their kind words and sincerity, it doesn't happen often enough.

## Capricorn

(December 21-January 19)

Do not bite the hand that feeds you. Thank your feeder and hope that they never ask for anything in return.

## Aquarius

(January 20-February 17)

Your birthday has come and gone, but don't be disappointed. There is still someone out there with a special greeting for you.

## RESUMES!

## Is Your Resume:

- Targeted-towards the position for which you are applying?
- Focused-highlighting your qualifications and work experience related to the job posting?
- Results Oriented-communicating clearly to the employer(s) what you can do for them?

## Career Services offers:

- Individual resume assistance
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- Useful job search resources

"Resume Help Tables" will be set up at the following locations and dates.

11:15 am to 1:15 pm

March 5th	South Lobby
March 12th	North Cafetorium (near entrance)
March 19th	Engineering Annex (elevators)
March 26th	Business Tower Lounge

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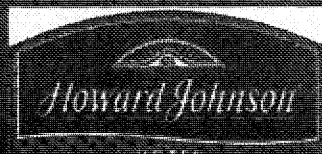
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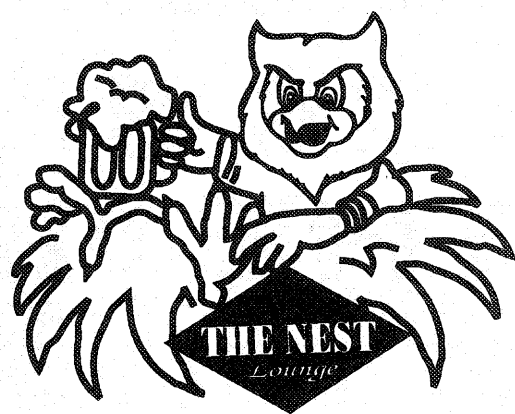
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To the BAS students that tried to organize the pub crawl  
You dinglenuts could not organize a drunk at a brewery. And the drink specials? What the Hell? The only thing special were you retards making an appearance at the pub crawl. It's probably good you retards go to school to occupy your time, otherwise you might find the sharp objects your mothers hid from your dumb asses.  
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To: the not so gay guy in BET 11  
Thank you soooo much for last-night, you never told me how incredibly big you are! I've never came so many times in one night, I even had to take another birth control pill this morning just to be sure. For all you ladies out there, this man knows what he's doing. One word....ORGASM. Need I say more? He's in H-wing everyday, you'll know who he is!

Just wanted to say hi to my girl Shannon in Chem. Tech.  
Love, "LUL"

Congrats to our Editor-in-Chief, Kim Ashley, who recently got engaged. Oh, to meet the man who could finally tame the wild and promiscuous Kim.  
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## Classifieds

Well, you've stopped dreaming, but now you're wondering. The 1<sup>st</sup> year AHT girls are having the "Cats Meow" pub-crawl on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Buses will leave the Nest at 7:00 pm sharp, and we will be prowling around to Nashville's for \$2 drinks all night, Ruby Skye lounge and the Joint to end before a nice cat nap back to the Nest. Tickets available from the "queens" of 1<sup>st</sup> year AHT for \$10.00 or call Miranda at 920-4455.

**Attention students of NAIT!**  
Landscape Architecture is having a beer garden on February 27<sup>th</sup> (TONIGHT) from 3-7 pm at The Dock (Engineering Annex). Oilers and Motorshow tickets to give away. Awesome selection of beers. **BE THERE!**

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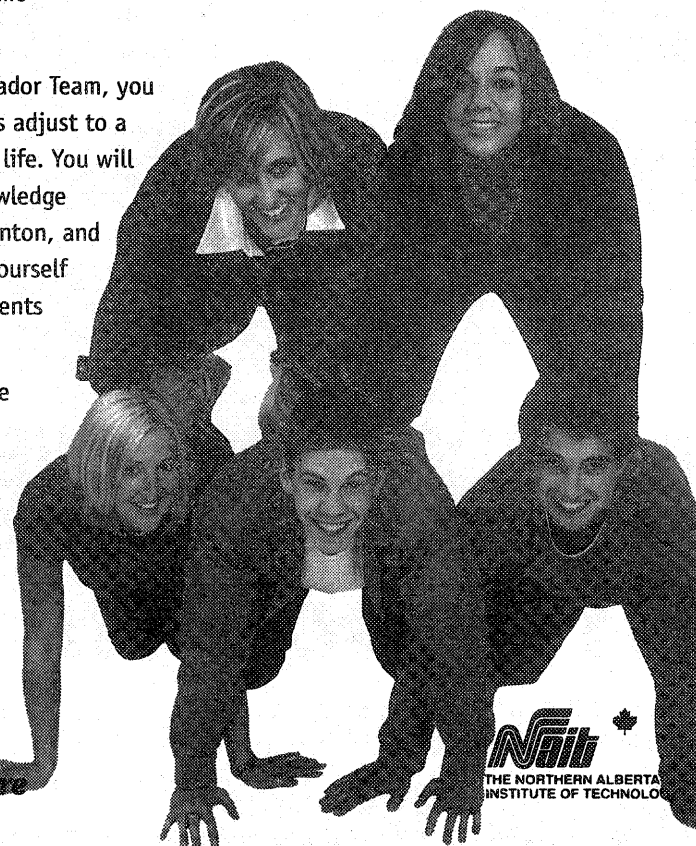
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The Nugget's next victim of the Elysium makeover was Hallie Gough. Hallie wrote to us with her story on why she needed a makeover.

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Hallie received the special treatment by getting her hair and makeup done. If you need a new look, write to us! Just be sure to keep it short and include a recent picture, full name, student ID and contact number!

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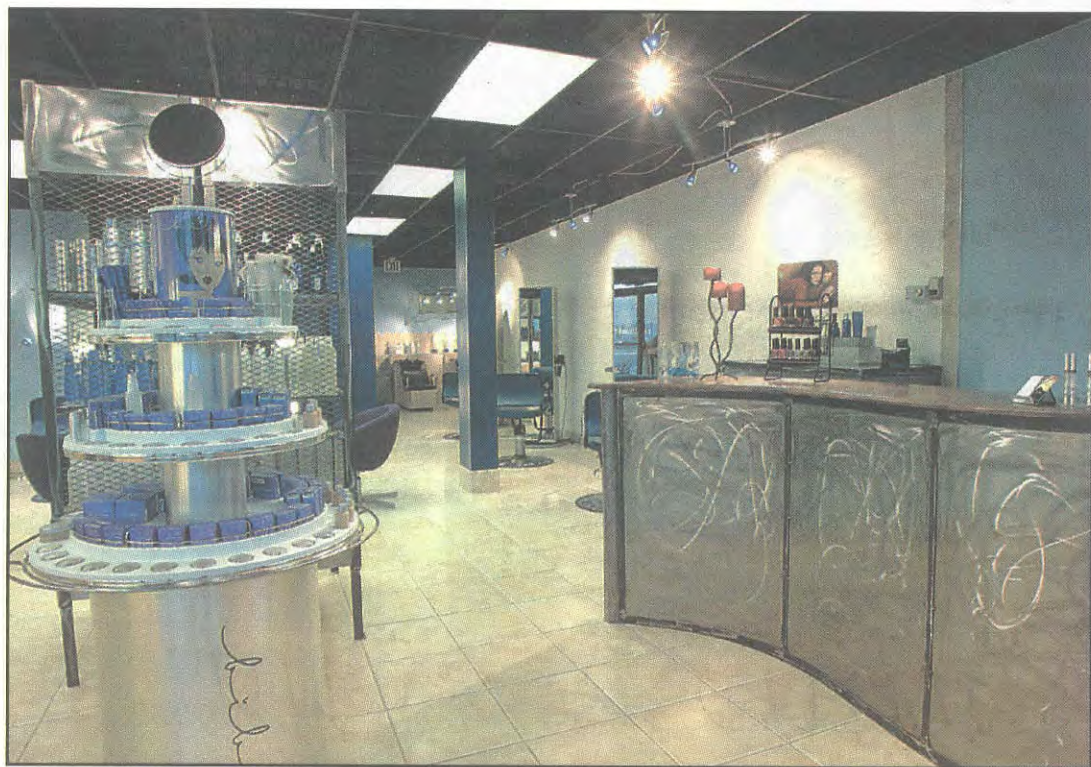


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