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Loud Mouths:

A Nugget Special

Laura Johnston
ENTERTAINMENT



I think it can be agreed upon that last weekend was truly one to remember. For those of us who weren't busy wrecking havoc upon the sex show Saturday night, The Nest offered a cheap opportunity to see an incredible concert. Accompanied by Split Tract and Deep Fine Grind, Calgary cock-rockers Out of Your Mouth were invited to headline a show fit for the history books. Earlier that

evening, I was granted the unique and fascinating opportunity for an exclusive interview.

If you are at all familiar with the school's exercise studios, located above the squash courts, you've probably been in OOYM's green room. I urge everyone else to picture a mirror-encompassed dance space complete with balance balls, punching bag, floor mats, and the unforgettable "CPR baby". This was the setting for what was conceivably the most interesting interview I've ever conducted. Present were Jason Darr (vocals, guitar) and Rob Shawcross (drums), who were later joined by Paule Sperman and Jerrod Maxwell-Lyster to answer any and all of my questions.

Jason informed me that prior to settling on their name and style, the band went through many distinct stages and musical phases. Triple Six, End of End, and Flu are only a few of the aliases experimented with over the years. After many months of rejections, for either legal or inexplicable reasons, it came down to an evening of serious name discussion before the final decision was made. When something along the lines of "Embryo Soup" was suggested, Jason Darr scoffed "I can't believe that just came out of your mouth!" and, from that moment on, the name stuck.

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What You Wish You Didn't Miss—OOYM

CODY Paton-Perkins—Features

Once again Mike Anderson and his production team at NAITSA brought us one of the best on campus parties in the city this year. Saturday night at the NEST was intense to say the least. The bands playing were Split Tract from Vancouver, e town boys Deep Fine Grind, and Out Of Your Mouth the honorary Edmontonianians.

When the doors of the NEST

opened at 8 pm I was a little nervous about the turnout for the show. By the time Split Tract hit the stage the NEST was packed and curiosity filled the atmosphere. Because most people don't want to listen to a bunk opening act the crowd was stand back but that didn't last long as Split Tract blew everyone away with there set. They had a hard rock groove with a crazy melodic singer. After one listen I have

decided they are my favorite new band. You can check out there website splittract.com for a listen.

As I walked around and talked to people I found that there were quite a few people that came to the gig to see Deep Fine Grind. The first time I got a chance to listen to these guys was last year when they opened for High

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What's Happening This Week?

| Thursday, December 2 | Friday, December 3 | Monday, December 6 | Tuesday, December 7 | Wednesday, December 8 |
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| Construction Engineering Technology Cabaret with Bands At The Nest at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$5 | Petroleum Geological and Chemical Engineering Technology Cabaret at Cowboys NAITSA Cabaret at the Standard Animal Health Cabaret at the Globe | Paramedic Raffle Nest Movie Night: Alien vs. Predator 4:30 p.m. at The Nest | Jameoke The Nest at 4:30 p.m. | Hospitality Management Bake Sale in front of The NAITSA office Architecture Technology Cabaret at Iron Horse |

Chaos in Print

10 Minute Vacations

Mark Capps—NEWS



It's getting to be a busy time of the year. Between the Christmas shopping, end of semester projects, and the usual year-end depression, we could all use a break. But sometimes, the weekend seems kind of far away, and it's still a good month to Christmas. So, what are we supposed to do? This is when we have our "10

minute vacations." This is where we have our own special place that we take off to for a few minutes when a real break won't do.

What do I do on the days when I'm all caught up on my work and I need to release the stress? Well, I strap on my shoes and walk across the street to Kingsway Garden Mall. When I need to get away from it all for a few minutes, I head off to...the Disney Store.

The Disney Store is one of those places that I never really got into until I was in Japan. In Japan, there's literally a Disney Store on every block...except in Kumagaya. But they were always fun to browse through as I was on my way to Tower Records Shibuya.

What made the Disney Stores in Japan a lot of fun, though, was the fact that the Japanese women in my demographic are flat-out obsessed with Winnie the Pooh. So, it was fun to go to all these Disney Stores and see all these young Japanese women kung fu fighting over the last Piglet. OK, I'm lying.

Sadly, there's nothing like that at the Disney Store in Kingsway Garden Mall. Just soccer moms buying the latest Ariel doll for their kids. But something about the Disney Store just provides the proper escape. We've all grown up with our fascinations with Disneyland, and the sad truth is the Disney Store is probably the closest most of us will get. So, it's fun to go there and just...soak up the atmosphere.

The fun thing is, I can still go to the Disney Store and follow a very anti-consumerist, anti-cor-

porate bent. See, the Disney Store really has nothing I want to buy. The key demographic for most Disney merchandise are little girls who've grown up wanting to be a princess. For the mid-20s male like myself, there's absolutely nothing there for me. Everything is either too young or too girly. Granted, there's that brief window at the start of October when they dig out and dust off merchandise for *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, but again, it's really nothing I want. And there are also the DVDs, but if it's a DVD for a Disney movie that I really want, I run down the street to Future Shop and get it cheaper.

And, you know, I guess I could always just buy lavish gifts for the cute girl in class I have a crush on, although, that's probably not a good idea. Odds are, I'd get her a T-shirt or something, and I don't know her size. And if there's one thing I've been taught

about women, *never* get their size wrong.

Until then, though, I'll just go and soak up some free atmosphere. Something about it makes me feel young again, charges up my batteries, and then I'm ready to take on the day again. And I'd better enjoy it while I can. It won't be too long until my special place is violated with throng after throng of Christmas shoppers.

So, take a 10-minute vacation. Find your special place that's close to your home or where you work, and when you feel like it's just time to get away from it all, head to your 10-minute vacation place. True, it may not seem like much, but it'll go a long ways towards keeping your sanity.

NOTE: In order to respect the Nugget's length limitations, this is an edited version. To read the whole column complete and uncut, head to www.chaosinabox.com.

Loud Mouths

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Those who don't know OOYM well probably at least identify them with one aspect: "that band that did the Madonna cover". Of course, Madonna's style is a contributing figure (or at least a guilty pleasure) in their writing process, but there are other groups to thank in the creation of OOYM's own unique style. Both The Beatles and KISS were mentioned as childhood influences as well. It becomes apparent in many of their lyrics just how much these two greats have made an impact.

"Stay in school, don't do drugs," and most importantly, "don't be a fool, wrap your tool!"

As with any band, songs are always a work in progress. Already, the boys have begun to write for their future album. The most exciting news is their release in Japan on January 26th. From there, hopes are to move on to Australia then the United Kingdom. One country leads to another, but the ultimate objective is just to keep getting bigger and better while still keeping it fun. In the mean time, the only plans they can rely on is "to make money, tons of money".

I think what I considered to be the most valuable result of talking with Jason was my instantaneous respect for the work and determination that was embedded to allow the much deserved attention the band receives to this day. There is an incredible struggle for aspiring musicians to get discovered and for every one that makes it big, there are dozens more that are discouraged into extinction. Even now, OOYM continues to strain with not only contract negotiations, but also severe censorship issues making it consistently difficult to convince many stations to play their songs. Aristophanes summed up my feelings best when he said, "let each man exercise the art he knows." For the sake of creativity and individuality, I believe that it is indeed a quote that many should be reminded of.

Following the entertaining interview and the intensely mesmerizing show, we retreated back to the band's green room for a post-rock photo opp and some cold beer. Let's just say hula-hoops and Clodhoppers lead to an exceptionally interesting evening. The boys made it sincerely clear to me that NAIT is honestly their favorite place to play a gig. The show rocked and everyone had a great night. With luck, we can expect them again in the New Year.

Finally, in closing, a few words of wisdom from OOYM... "Stay in school, don't do drugs," and most importantly, "don't be a fool, wrap your tool!"

READS & NEEDS

WHAT TO WEAR



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NAITSA Notes

The Annual General Meeting

MARK Cappis—NEWS

Thursday the 23rd marked NAITSA's annual general meeting. Now, for the annual general meeting, NAITSA needed 100 people to show up to get quorum to vote on the night's business. Well, I'm glad to say that they were able to get 100 people their first time out! Last year, they had to do it 3 times.

And now, I finally understand why. The annual general meeting is when the VP Finance & Administration presents the audited financial statements for the previous year. This is the complete breakdown of how NAITSA made money and spent money in the last school year. No offence, Elaine and the accounting students, but it gets a little boring. But, we know it's a valuable and honoured service you provide. We're just glad it's not us. Instead, we have the fine folks at the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP, who audited the statements this year.

After Elaine gave us a quick accounting lesson so we'd understand what the heck we'd be looking at, she presented the statements to us. I won't get into them here. Heck, for all I know, NAITSA could be printing them in this issue. And if you really want to see them but missed the meeting, I'm sure if you just head down to the NAITSA office and ask nicely, you'll be able to look at them. But you're looking at 12 pages of spreadsheets and additional notes.

Once that was finished, the floor was opened to questions about the financial statements. The one I found most interesting has to do with some money NAITSA gets called "NAIT store grant." The story goes like this. Once upon a time, a long time ago, the South Learning Centre didn't exist. Campus Reads & Needs didn't exist. NAIT had a tiny bookstore on the north end of campus, and NAITSA ran a little store that sold assorted snacks and school sup-

plies on the south end. When the South Learning Centre was being built, it was decided to build a proper bookstore in it. (That would be Reads & Needs.) NAIT didn't want the Reads & Needs and NAITSA's store to be competing with each other. So, this was the deal that was hammered out. NAITSA agreed not to operate a store and sell anything that would compete with Reads & Needs, and in exchange, NAIT gives NAITSA \$20,000 a year. Sorry, there were more questions, but that was the only one I was awake for.

The evening came to an end when the financial statements were voted on, and the school population voted to accept them. Then, the banquet of free pizza commenced!

For their next meeting, NAITSA goes back to a good old general council meeting. It's on Tuesday, December 7, and it's their last of the semester, I believe.

IF YOU'RE DRINKING
WHO'S DRIVING?

Calendar Release Party

At the Iron Horse
Thursday, December 9th

Tickets

\$5.00 in advance or
\$7.00 @ the door
available at

NAITSA office, The Paper Store
or call Mark @ 878-1216

Calendars

\$5.00 from 8-11pm,
\$10.00 afterwards

All girls will be in attendance
Drinks Start @ 8pm
SPECIALS ON ALL NIGHT LONG

Girls of NAIT Calendar

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| <h2>I Volunteer</h2> | | <h3>Volunteer Opportunities At NAIT</h3> | |
| <h3>Volunteer Opportunities In Your Community</h3> <p>The Christmas Bureau of Edmonton is gearing up for the holiday season and is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of different roles. See Shannon at the NAITSA Volunteer Centre for more details.</p> <p>Madeleine Sanam Foundation is looking for an accounting student interested in keeping the books for them. A bilingual candidate is preferred. See Shannon in E-131 for more details.</p> <p>Child & Adolescent Services Association is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of different positions. See Shannon in E-131 for more details.</p> <p>The World Masters Games is looking for a Marketing and Promotions Assistant, see Shannon in E-131 for more details.</p> <p>NAITSA Volunteer Centre Contact Information: Shannon Marshall Phone 491-3966 or E-mail: naitsavc@nait.ca</p> | <h3>Volunteer Opportunities In Your Community</h3> <p>Seniors Driving Centre of Edmonton is recruiting volunteers currently to act as drivers, office assistance and market the programs of the organization. See Shannon in E-131 for more details.</p> <p>Edmonton's Klondike Days Association is looking for volunteers to assist with crowd control, greenroom attendants and information specialist. Contact Shannon in E-131 for more details.</p> <p>Edmonton's Food Bank is recruiting now for its busy holiday season. A variety of volunteer roles are needed to be filled. Stop by the NAITSA Volunteer Centre in E-131, for all the details.</p> <p>The Winnifred Stewart Association is looking for a "Lifestyle and Exercise Support" volunteer. Contact Shannon in E-131 for more info.</p> <p>The Zebra Child Protection Centre is looking for volunteers to challenge themselves, and volunteer for them! Contact Shannon in E-131 for more details.</p> | <h3>Community Profile:</h3> <p>Child and Adolescent Services Association (CASA)</p> <p>CASA is a major provider of mental health services for children, adolescents and their families within the Capital Region and from central and Northern Alberta.</p> <p>CASA offers a continuum of treatment options ranging from the least intrusive support offered through consultation in a community outreach setting to very intensive treatment in day programs and at CASA House.</p> <p><u>CASA Vision:</u> Children, adolescents and their families have access to excellent, integrated and comprehensive mental health services.</p> <p><u>CASA Mission:</u> To advance the mental health of children & adolescents within the community.</p> <p>You can learn more about CASA at www.casaservices.org or by calling 438-0011.</p> | <p>NAITSA Street Team & You!</p> <p>NAITSA is looking for outgoing enthusiastic, energetic people who like to meet new people and promote NAITSA events and issues. If this describes you, come by and see Shannon in E-131 for more details!</p> <p>Volunteer Centre Grand Opening!</p> <p>The NAITSA Volunteer Centre will be hosting a ribbon cutting and Open House on Monday Dec. 6th, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in celebration of the International Day of the Volunteer.</p> <p>The NAITSA Volunteer Centre would like to invite you to volunteer! It's a great way to meet people & volunteering looks great on your resume! Contact Shannon in E-131 for more details!</p> <p>Quote of the week:</p> <p>"Adversity introduces a man to himself."</p> <p><i>Anonymous</i></p> |

NAITSA / SHINERAMA

VEGAS

**Win Transportation and
Accommodation on the
NAITSA Vegas trip**

FRIDAY/DECEMBER 3RD

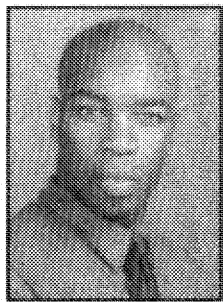
\$5 Tickets at E 131

\$1 Drinks until 10pm in the XY Lounge

the standard

The NAIT Annual Children's Christmas Party

Dwayne Williams



NAITSA President

Do you have little children? Perhaps you know someone who does? Well then have them come out and enjoy the annual NAIT Children's Christmas Party!

The event takes place on Saturday, December 4th between 12 noon and 4 pm. There will be a \$10.00 ticket (for children) which includes a gift (value of at least \$10.00), a visit with Santa, train rides, a mini carnival with

games and prizes, crafts in the NAITRIUM and a meal which includes a hamburger/hotdog, fries, a drink and dessert!

Adult meal tickets are available for an additional \$5.00. The pool and arena are also open to children at this time! Tickets are available in Student Services E-134 located south of the Business Tower across from the NAITSA office.

Student Services would also like to make the students aware of the availability of Christmas Bureau application forms. The Edmonton Christmas Bureau provides festive meals for people in need. They provide either a food hamper or gift certificate to Sobey's (IGA). Students may pick up application forms in the Student Services office. All applications are kept confidential.

Vice President of Campus Life Position Update

Jen Grundke



WIN A TRIP TO SIN CITY... On Friday use your Shinerama Vegas Cabaret ticket to get you into the Standard where one lucky cabaret attendee will win a trip on the NAITSA Las Vegas Reading Break Trip. Tix are \$5 available around campus and at the NAITSA office (E131). If you don't already know, Shinerama is a national post-secondary fundraiser for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation... and the whole five bucks gets turned over to the charity. So far NAITSA has raised over \$20,000 for Shinerama.

Many of you know that NAIT has two different Reading Breaks this year. But don't worry; we made sure that you can still go on the ultimate road trip! NAITSA is organizing TWO trips- one will

leave Feb 16th and return Feb 21st and the other is from Feb 20th until Feb 25th. The cost of this trip is \$390 so make sure you book your spot quick because it will be a sell out!!!

Back on the Shinerama topic... do you have your VIP Card? It is good for 21 clubs and pubs around e-town. The card is only \$15 and will get you specials such as no line / no cover, free "beverages" etc. You can get them at the NAITSA office and once again, your entire \$15 is passed on to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

And one last note, the Out of Your Mouth Concert was wicked, the room was packed, and people were body surfing... in the Nest! It was awesome! Make sure you get your tickets soon for Social Code on Feb. 5. Okay, that's it for this week, until next- caio!

Jen Grundke
VP Campus Life

Questions? Concerns?
You can contact Jen at (780) 491-1320 or at jgrundke@nait.ca

Vice President of Student Affairs Position Update

Aleesha Jex



Wow! Christmas is coming fast! I hope that you are all studying for finals. Believe me, I know it's hard to concentrate on school sometimes.

This is our last issue of the Nugget before Christmas break. Our writers will be focusing on studying. School always comes first!

Thank you for all of your Speak Out! forms! Unfortunately, we won't be able to publish any of

them until after Christmas. We are well on our way to correcting some challenging issues. Your comments, suggestions, and recommendations are much appreciated!

This week, I am so excited! I am a former ballet dancer and I have never seen the Nutcracker. This week, I have the opportunity to finally see it at the Citadel's Shoc-tor Theatre. It's a ballet fantasy I am sure to never forget!

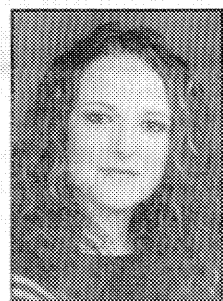
Well, I hope that you all will have a blast over this break from school and homework.

Aleesha Jex
VP Student Affairs

Questions? Concerns?
You can contact Aleesha at (780) 471-7607 or at aleeshaj@nait.ca

Vice President of Finance and Administration Position Update

Elaine Devine



The next General Council is on Dec. 7. Dr. Sam Shaw, NAIT's President and Shannon Marshall, NAITSA Volunteer Center Manager will be there to answer questions. Also, The Dean of TCI will be attending to talk about E-Learning Fees. This should be a great General Council, so come join us at 5:00 p.m. in the X107.

I would like to let all students know about some of the things

that we sell at the NAITSA office. We sell movie coupons for Cinéplex Odeon for \$9.00, The Shinerama VIP Card that will get you into almost every bar in the city for \$15 and the money goes to The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. We also sell cab cash for Co Op Taxi. You can buy \$5 worth of cab cash for \$3. Cab Cash is also a great stocking stuffer. We have many great deals for students at the NAITSA office E-131, you should come check them out.

Elaine Devine
VP Finance and Administration,
NAITSA

Questions? Concerns?
You can contact Elaine at (780) 471-7609 or at edevine@nait.ca

Special General Council

December 7th 2004
Rm. X-107 @ 5:00 PM

Coming to answer questions and concerns are:

Dr. Sam Shaw – NAIT President
Eleanor Frandsen – Dean of Technology and Curriculum Innovation
Shannon Marshall – NAITSA Volunteer Centre Manager

So pass the questions you'd like answered on to your Technology Reps and Class Reps and look forward to the following Nugget for answers.

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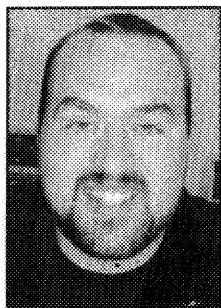
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Ook of the Week

Kelsey Charuk

Trevor Elliott—SPORTS



Given that most NAIT academic programs are two years in length, finding a student athlete who has been with their team for four consecutive seasons. Kelsey Charuk is one of those rare gems that have been with the Lady Ooks' basketball team since September 2000.

Kelsey is in her final year completing a Diploma in Food and Nutrition Management. Previous to the course, Charuk completed her Personal Fitness Training Diploma. Kelsey's education

will set her up well for a career in nutrition and fitness consulting and Kelsey has her eyes set upon entrepreneurship.

Coach Doug Leong is very impressed with Kelsey's athleticism as well as her character and leadership of the team. Kelsey is very hard working both on the court and in the classroom.

Kelsey is extremely impressed with how well the Lady Ooks have developed during her time with the team. The team has developed tremendously in skill, depth, character, as well as leadership with four returning players sharing the leadership responsibilities. The improvement is a direct reflection of the coaching of Leong as well as the athleticism of every member of the team.

The team has gotten away from their system a few times this year and have broken down mentally

and made mistakes in a few of their losses; however, Charuk is very proud that her team has the ability to win whenever they play as a team and play a strong defensive game for a full 40 minutes.

Before playing for the Lady Ooks, Kelsey played for Ardrossan throughout her Junior and Senior high school and received athlete of the year and MVP in both Grade 11 and 12. The Lady Ooks then took note of her outstanding athleticism and recruited her to play for NAIT.

Kelsey is very happy to have had the opportunity to go to school at NAIT and to be a part of the incredible atmosphere of the school. Kelsey feels that she couldn't have chosen a better school to attend and will have many memories when her student career is completed. Kelsey Charuk has been an integral athlete to her team and is sure to be successful wherever life after school may lead her.

NAIT OOKS Ook Tracks

TREVOR Elliott—SPORTS

MEN'S HOCKEY

Last Week: The Ooks defeated GMCC 5-4 last Wednesday at Bill Hunter Arena. The Ooks were defeated by the Griffins 3-2 at home on Friday.

Coming Up: The Ooks finish the first half of their season with a two game road trip to Bricrest College this weekend.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Last Week: The Lady Ooks ended the first half of their season on a sour note as they lost 3-1 on the road to SAIT on Thursday and were defeated 5-3 at home to Mount Royal on Saturday.

Coming Up: The Ooks play in the SAIT Invitational tournament January 7-9

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Last Week: The Ooks lost a road game to King's College 87-76 last Wednesday. The Ooks won both legs of a home and home series last weekend as they defeated Augustana 70-69 on Friday and 79-70 at home on Saturday. The Ooks finished the first half of their season with a visit to King's College yesterday.

Coming Up: The Ooks play in the SAIT Coca-Cola Classic December 27-29.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Last Week: The Lady Ooks lost both legs of their home and home series against Augustana as they

were defeated 86-59 on Friday and 75-58 at home on Saturday. The Lady Ooks hosted King's College last night.

Coming Up: The Lady Ooks finish the first half of their season when they visit King's College next Wednesday.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Last Week: The Ooks defeated King's College 3-2 (25-23, 22-25, 26-24, 13-25, 15-13) at home on Wednesday. The Ooks completed the first half of their season last night when they visited King's College.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Last Week: The Lady Ooks were shut-out 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-20) when they hosted King's College last Wednesday. The Lady Ooks completed the first half of their season when they visited King's College last night.

Coming Up: The Lady Ooks travel to Hawaii for an exhibition tournament in Honolulu December 27 to January 3.

CURLING

Last Week: The Ooks competed in the ACAC season's first bonspiel last weekend at Portage College.

Coming Up: The Ooks compete in the second ACAC bonspiel January 28th to 30th at Olds College.

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Apply before December 15, 2004

Ooks Standings

TREVOR Elliott—SPORTS

MEN'S HOCKEY

as of November 27, 2004

| Team | Games | Wins | Losses | Tie | OTL | Points | GF | GA | Home | Away |
|---------------|-------|------|--------|-----|-----|--------|----|-----|-------|-------|
| SAIT | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 61 | 41 | 5 1 1 | 3 2 0 |
| Grant MacEwan | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 64 | 35 | 5 2 0 | 3 1 1 |
| Mount Royal | 12 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 66 | 39 | 4 1 0 | 4 3 0 |
| NAIT | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 61 | 35 | 5 2 0 | 3 2 0 |
| Augustana | 12 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 38 | 50 | 1 3 1 | 2 3 2 |
| Concordia | 12 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 33 | 54 | 0 4 1 | 3 4 0 |
| Briercrest | 12 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 32 | 101 | 1 5 0 | 0 6 0 |

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

as of November 27, 2004

| Team | Games | Wins | Losses | Tie | OTL | Points | GF | GA | Home | Away |
|---------------|-------|------|--------|-----|-----|--------|----|----|-------|-------|
| Mount Royal | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 36 | 20 | 3 2 0 | 4 0 1 |
| Red Deer | 10 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 36 | 23 | 3 2 0 | 4 1 0 |
| SAIT | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 27 | 22 | 3 1 1 | 3 1 1 |
| Grant MacEwan | 10 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 22 | 27 | 1 3 1 | 2 2 1 |
| NAIT | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 34 | 38 | 2 3 0 | 2 3 0 |
| U of C | 10 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 40 | 0 4 1 | 0 5 0 |

MEN'S BASKETBALL

as of November 27, 2004

| North Division | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|--------|--|
| Team | Games | Wins | Losses | Points | PF | PA | Home | Away | Streak | |
| Lakeland | 12 | 12 | 0 | 24 | 1071 | 885 | 5 0 | 7 0 | W12 | |
| Concordia | 12 | 9 | 3 | 18 | 964 | 883 | 6 1 | 3 2 | W4 | |
| Grant MacEwan | 12 | 9 | 3 | 18 | 951 | 832 | 6 1 | 3 2 | L2 | |
| NAIT | 11 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 881 | 936 | 1 3 | 3 4 | W2 | |
| The King's Univ College | 11 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 885 | 942 | 3 4 | 0 4 | L2 | |
| Augustana | 12 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 867 | 895 | 1 4 | 2 5 | L4 | |
| Grande Prairie | 12 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 867 | 1116 | 0 6 | 1 5 | L4 | |

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

as of November 27, 2004

| Women's North Division | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|------|---|------|---|--------|
| Team | Games | Wins | Losses | Points | PF | PA | Home | | Away | | Streak |
| Concordia | 12 | 11 | 1 | 22 | 757 | 538 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | W9 |
| Augustana | 12 | 9 | 3 | 18 | 854 | 692 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 1 | W2 |
| Grant MacEwan | 12 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 746 | 580 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 2 | W1 |
| Lakeland | 12 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 706 | 794 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | L1 |
| NAIT | 10 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 550 | 659 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | L1 |
| Grande Prairie | 12 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 654 | 738 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | W1 |
| The King's Univ College | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 420 | 686 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | L10 |

| Women's South Division | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|------|--------|--------|-----|-----|------|------|--------|--|
| Team | Games | Wins | Losses | Points | PF | PA | Home | Away | Streak | |
| Lethbridge | 10 | 10 | 0 | 20 | 712 | 431 | 4 0 | 6 0 | W10 | |
| Mount Royal | 10 | 9 | 1 | 18 | 715 | 434 | 4 1 | 5 0 | W4 | |
| SAIT | 12 | 8 | 4 | 16 | 661 | 590 | 3 2 | 5 2 | W1 | |
| Red Deer | 10 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 584 | 533 | 2 4 | 3 1 | L1 | |
| Medicine Hat | 10 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 552 | 558 | 3 3 | 1 3 | W2 | |
| Briercrest | 12 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 489 | 835 | 2 4 | 0 6 | L2 | |
| Prairie Bible | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 523 | 855 | 0 6 | 0 6 | L12 | |

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

as of November 27, 2004

| Men's North Division | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|------|------|--------|
| Team | MP | MW | ML | Points | GW | GL | Home | Away | Streak |
| Grande Prairie | 12 | 11 | 1 | 22 | 34 | 8 | 6 0 | 5 1 | W5 |
| The King's Univ College | 11 | 8 | 3 | 16 | 28 | 14 | 3 2 | 5 1 | L1 |
| Lakeland | 12 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 27 | 21 | 3 3 | 4 2 | W1 |
| Grant MacEwan | 12 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 24 | 19 | 2 4 | 4 2 | L4 |
| NAIT | 11 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 19 | 21 | 5 1 | 0 5 | W1 |
| Portage | 12 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 31 | 3 3 | 0 6 | W1 |
| Keyano | 12 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 35 | 1 5 | 0 6 | L1 |

| Men's South Division | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|------|------|--------|
| Team | MP | MW | ML | Points | GW | GL | Home | Away | Streak |
| Red Deer | 10 | 10 | 0 | 20 | 30 | 2 | 4 0 | 6 0 | W10 |
| Mount Royal | 10 | 8 | 2 | 16 | 25 | 8 | 5 1 | 3 1 | L2 |
| Briercrest | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 19 | 14 | 4 2 | 2 2 | W6 |
| SAIT | 10 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 2 2 | 2 4 | W2 |
| Medicine Hat | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 27 | 1 4 | 0 5 | L8 |
| Lethbridge | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 27 | 1 4 | 0 5 | L9 |

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

as of November 27, 2004

| North Division | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|------|------|--------|
| Team | MP | MW | ML | Points | GW | GL | Home | Away | Streak |
| Grant MacEwan | 12 | 11 | 1 | 22 | 34 | 8 | 6 0 | 5 1 | W6 |
| Grande Prairie | 12 | 9 | 3 | 18 | 32 | 11 | 6 0 | 3 3 | L2 |
| The King's Univ College | 11 | 8 | 3 | 16 | 26 | 13 | 3 2 | 5 1 | W4 |
| NAIT | 11 | 7 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 15 | 5 1 | 2 3 | L1 |
| Keyano | 12 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 16 | 25 | 2 4 | 2 4 | W2 |
| Portage | 12 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 31 | 1 5 | 1 5 | L4 |
| Lakeland | 12 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 0 6 | 0 6 | L12 |

| South Division | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|--------|----|----|------|------|--------|
| Team | MP | MW | ML | Points | GW | GL | Home | Away | Streak |
| Red Deer | 10 | 9 | 1 | 18 | 28 | 7 | 4 0 | 5 1 | L1 |
| Mount Royal | 10 | 8 | 2 | 16 | 24 | 11 | 6 0 | 2 2 | W1 |
| Lethbridge | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 21 | 14 | 5 0 | 1 4 | W2 |
| SAIT | 10 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 17 | 20 | 1 3 | 3 3 | W4 |
| Medicine Hat | 10 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 25 | 1 4 | 1 4 | W1 |
| Briercrest | 10 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 29 | 1 5 | 0 4 | L1 |

BADMINTON

as of November 27, 2004

| Team | MP | MW | ML |
|------------------|----|----|----|
| Concordia | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| Mount Royal | 10 | 9 | 1 |
| NAIT | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Red Deer College | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Grant MacEwan | 10 | 3 | 7 |
| Grande Prairie | 10 | 0 | 10 |

Ooks Find Their On Switch

TREVOR Elliott—SPORTS

Three weeks ago, the Ooks were 0-6 and had lost the confidence of their fans and weren't considered a threat by top teams in the ACAC. The team has since found their "on switch" as they have recorded four wins in the past five games.

So what caused the sudden change in the team? Coach Chuma Nwobosi had become intensely frustrated with the lack of effort from his players in both game situations and practices and called a team meeting before their trip to Grande Prairie. Chuma laid it on the line for his players... play with 100% effort or don't play at all. Chuma even went as far as kicking his players out of practice when they didn't put in full effort. Coach Nwobosi attributes the change in his club to the new philosophy of his staff as well as his player's newfound confidence in the defensive system.

For weeks, Nwobosi had been teaching his team to press; however, the team had not had much success at all in implementing the system in game situations. The success of the system changed during their trip to Grande Prairie as the team played nearly a full 80

minutes of the system and came away with two solid victories against the Wolves. The club then had a temporary set back as they lost a close road game to King's College last Wednesday.

Coach Chuma Nwobosi had become intensely frustrated with the lack of effort from his players....

The Ooks returned to their winning form last weekend as they were victorious at Augustana on Friday, winning the game 70-69. The Ooks returned home and overpowered the Vikings 79-70 in a well executed game on Saturday.

The Ooks played the last game before the Christmas break as they hosted Kings College last night. The Ooks finished the first half of the season very strongly and Coach Nwobosi is confident

that the team's success will continue into the New Year. After the break, the team must continue to improve their defense and the man-to-man defense in particular. The team must improve on their shot percentage and must also continue to put out maximum effort in order to improve their game. The character and experience of the team will also improve, after the break, as the Ooks will be adding two new players to their squad.

Simon Mahary is one of the additions to the NAIT team in January. Mahary is currently a student at GMCC; however, Simon chose not to play for the Griffins this season. Mahary is a tough 6'3" Post who is expected to help the Ooks inside and improve the team's rebounding. The club is keeping the second addition a secret until after the break; however Coach Nwobosi has previously coached the unknown player.

The Lady Ooks were stunned last weekend as they lost two games to Augustana 86-59 on Friday and 75-58 at home on Saturday. The Lady Ooks hosted Kings College last night and play their last game, before the break, next Wednesday at King's College.

NAIT Student Awards Office

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Deadline: February 4, 2005

Alexander the Great!

MICHAEL Cristello—GUEST

Last week, I had a chance to see the historical tale of one of the greatest and most influential leaders that has ever lived. *Alexander* shines an all-star cast, which includes Colin Farrell, Anthony Hopkins, Ange-

est level of historical accuracy be achieved in every detail of the film. The props, weapons, furniture, clothing and the set design were all made especially for this movie. In order for *Alexander* to express the realism that the

arrows, slings, javelins and sarissas (a lance that measures up to 18 feet long), as well as mastering cavalry horsemanship, standard bearing and military formations. As you watch the movie, you will see how precise all this is, and you will appreciate authenticity that was achieved in this movie. The acting was done very well by the main characters, and during the battle scenes

everyone who participated did an excellent job. The fight scenes were very gory, and horrific, but it was necessary for this film.

Unlike other movies, *Alexander* didn't have too many digital effects, and it was made as realistic as possible. With very little offensive language, and swears, *Alexander* consisted of much action, drama, sexually explicit

material, truth, some comedy and nudity. Other than some confusion on character names, I extremely enjoyed learning more about the life of legendary Alexander the Great, and his conquest at an early age.

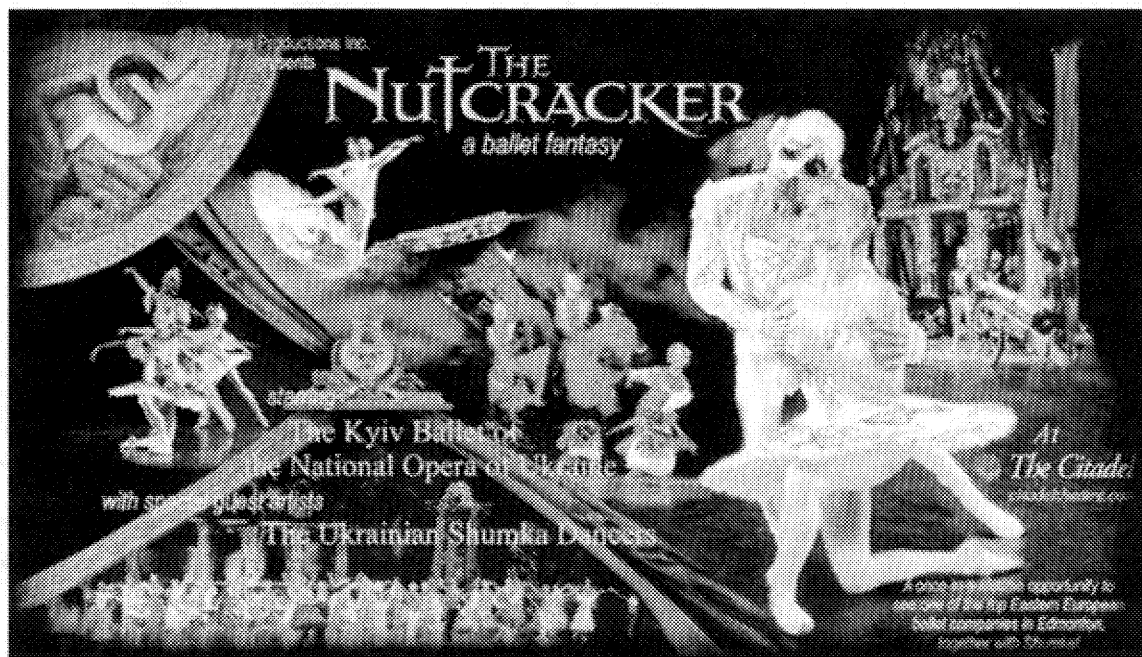
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lina Jolie, Rosario Dawson and Val Kilmer. These extremely talented actors and actress's had the chance to relive the world of Greece in the year 356 B.C to 323 B.C.

Alexander director/screenwriter Oliver Stone demanded the high-

director requested, Captain Dale Dye, USMC (Ret.), films most recognized military expert, was brought in to train Colin Farrell and the rest of the key performers for this film. During that time, the cast gained knowledge and expertise in sword fighting, wielding shields, bows and



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Skydiving should be everyone's new hobby

CODY Paton-Perkin—FEATURES

What is the craziest thing any of you have ever done? I can say the most intense thing I have ever experienced is skydiving. Most people laugh at the idea of skydiving. Usually people reply with something like "why would you do that?" My response is always "cause it looked fun".

Only 2% of people that go skydiving each year are killed. I know, I know what if your in that 2% of like 23 000 000 jumps that take place every year. I say take the chance. I'm not sure about you, but I feel safer jumping out of a perfectly operating aircraft than I do crossing the road to go to the HP center for a pita. People drive like maniacs...but yeah.

For the days approaching the jump, I got an adrenaline rush when I thought about it. Many of

my co-workers who I was going with were nervous and a few backed out. On the day of the jump, one girl passed out during on ground training from stress. After the six hours of in class/on ground training, our group had to wait to get suited up. During this time I repeatedly asked myself "what am I doing here?"

After getting our gear on and very uncomfortably waddling out to the plane, it was time to hop in and head up to 3500 feet. This was, by far, the most intense five minutes of my life. The most intense moment of my life came when the door opened and I looked down out of the plane. Most people would ask what about getting out of the plane. This is not as bad because you have to think about all of the things you have to do to get out of the plane safely and not on the

fact you are climbing out of the plane.

The next moment, I actually remember was hanging from the wing of the plane yelling at the Jump Master. When I let go of the plane, a euphoric feeling came over me for about 2 milliseconds, then a feeling of holy shit came over me for the rest of my 3 second free fall as proven by the video where it shows me kicking my feet spasmodically. When my shoot opened and I began my slow decent I decided that I had found my newest and coolest hobby.

I would recommend skydiving to anyone, I know it sounds a bit crazy but anyone that has done it will agree that it's worth the risk.

Important Information Regarding

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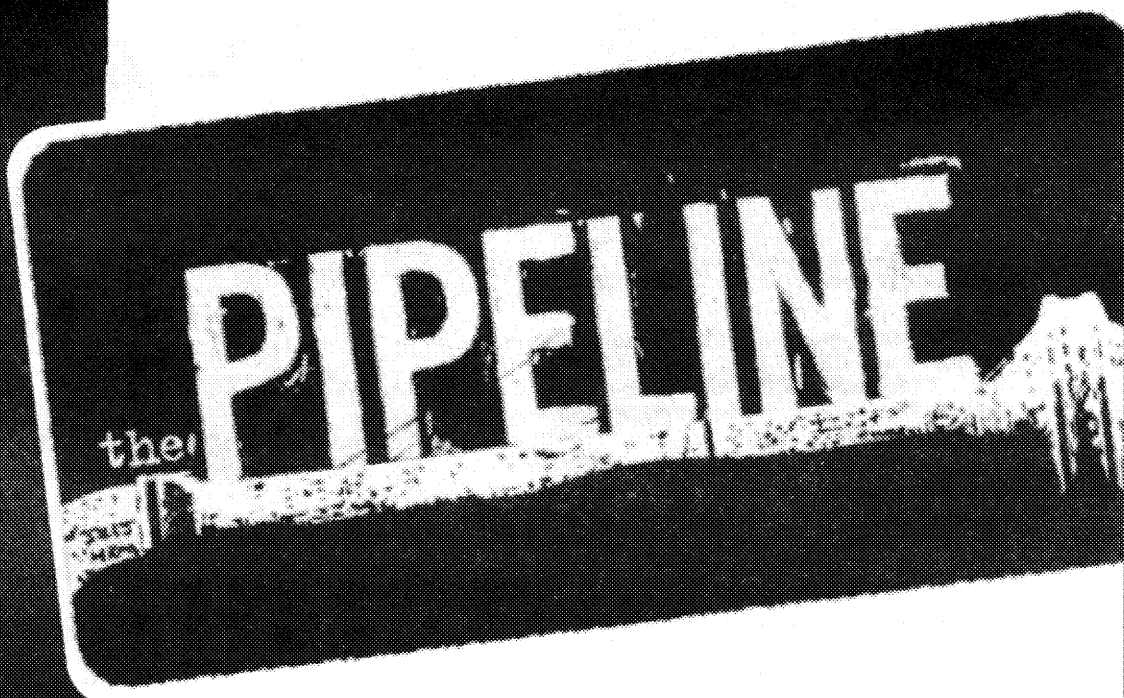
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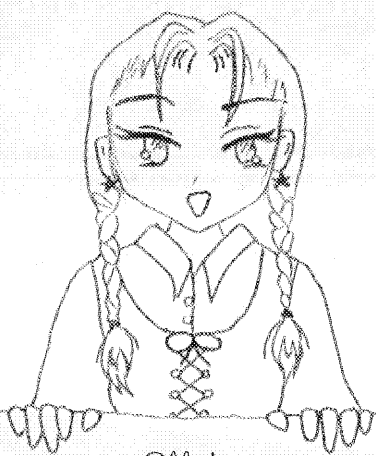
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Holy Days at the NEST and they impressed me. I am sure that the craziness of the crowd for DFG can be attributed to the great rock show that they put on and the amount boozin' that was going on. In my opinion DFG should be playing in the show at the Winspear on the 1st of December with the other bands on the verge of being signed

When Out of Your Mouth hit the stage the crowd went effing crazy. It helped that Out of Your Mouth's front man Jason Darr puts on one of the best shows of any front man in the business. He often let the crowd to scream into the mic during the set. He is definitely a great front man and knows how to pump the crowd up. Jason combined with the rest of the band turn the NEST into one of the best rock shows this year. For a spe-

cial treat OOYM played a new cover they learned to replace their hit single "Music". I wasn't quite sure what to expect but when I heard that Milkshake song coming from Jerrod Maxwell-Lyster their guitarist I died! Now I am not sure how others feel about that song...but OOYM did a much better job of playing it than that chick. I am not sure exactly when the crowd surfing started but it definitely gave the NEST the feel of a huge sold out show.

Overall I give Saturday night 9.3 out of 10. I would recommend coming out to the NEST to check out the new sound and lighting systems that have been installed to make the NEST the best college bar in Canada. A great time to check out the new NEST will be when Social Code plays there in February.



Elle's Eye On Edmonton

Concert Listings

- Thursday, December 2nd ---
 -- **Slammin Jack w/ Funktion** --
 --- Sidetrack Cafe (10333-112 Street) --- Show @ 8pm ---
 --- Friday, December 3rd ---
 -- **The Paperbacks w/ Columbus and Little Baby Cupcakes** --
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 -- **AA Sound System w/ First Aid Kit** --
 --- Seedy's (10314-104 Street) --- Call 421-0992 for Details ---
 --- Saturday, December 4th ---
 -- **Saturday Night Fish Fry w/ Hot Cottage and The Craft Horns** --
 --- Sidetrack Cafe (10333-112 Street) --- Show @ 8pm ---
 -- **Dudley Dawson w/ The Ultimate Power Duo** --
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 --- Tuesday, October 7th ---
 -- **Swayzak w/ Matthew Dear** --
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 -- **Rant Music w/ Matt Allen** --
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The Greatest Canadian

KAREN L. Kay—Guest

It may not have consumed you. You probably didn't even watch it, but you heard about it. It was the contest that CBC ran to find out who is The Greatest Canadian. The show generated a lot of debate and got people talking about who deserves the title and why. The winner turned out to be Tommy Douglas—the Father of Universal Healthcare. He beat out Marathon of Hope runner Terry Fox, who was second and former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

The remaining finalists, in order of ranking, were Nobel Prize winner Sir Frederick Banting (co-inventor of insulin), environmentalist and science broadcaster David Suzuki, former PM and Nobel Peace Prize winner Lester Pearson, CBC hockey broadcaster Don Cherry, the country's founding prime minister Sir John A. Macdonald and, bringing up the rear, telephone pioneer Alexander Graham Bell and hockey great Wayne Gretzky.

Talking to students on the NAIT campus showed many didn't even know who Tommy Douglas was, or what he did. However, when the Top Ten list was run down, students had their opinions. How could a politician beat out a person who died trying to raise money for

cancer research? How could Don Cherry come in seventh and Wayne Gretzky tenth? What NHL records did 'Grapes' ever break? Why did Pierre Trudeau, the PM who gave the west the finger, beat out the guy who invented insulin and won the Nobel Prize?

Here's what NAIT students had to say:

Karyn, Radio and Television Arts--"Tommy Douglas, I don't know who that is. I've always had a special place in my heart for Terry Fox I guess, maybe him. I think everyone is special, everyone who was nominated."

Shawn, Welding--"It didn't really matter to me so much, I mean there's lots of good ones right, can you rank one as the best?"

Andrew, Chem. Tech--"I don't really know who Tommy Douglas is, so I can't say he's the greatest Canadian. Terry Fox should so be one of the greatest Canadians. Terry Fox because he raised money for cancer and they're still doing marathons in his honour."

Joanne, Marketing--"I was going for Tommy Douglas that whole debate. Terry Fox did a lot of good, but I think Tommy Douglas did more as a whole, like for everyone."

Myron, Welding--"Terry Fox did

quite a bit, he's a pretty big name. I'd say Terry Fox."

Garret, Business--"I agree with Tommy Douglas, he helped out all of Canada with healthcare. I mean Terry Fox is a good spokesperson for Canada I guess, he's a really great person, but I wouldn't say he's the greatest Canadian."

Nicole, Marketing--"I didn't watch it that closely, but I like Tommy Douglas because I lean to the left politically and I like our healthcare system and think he did a good job provide that for Canadians so we can all have equal access to healthcare."

Eric, Computer Systems--"Well, Tommy Douglas deserves it, but Don Cherry shouldn't be out there, he's racist, he doesn't like French-Canada." "If Cherry was number 7, that's still too high."

The final standings in CBC-TV's The Greatest Canadian contest:

1. T.C. Douglas.
2. Terry Fox.
3. Pierre Trudeau.
4. Sir Frederick Banting.
5. David Suzuki.
6. Lester B. Pearson.
7. Don Cherry.
8. Sir John A. MacDonald.
9. Alexander Graham Bell.
10. Wayne Gretzky.

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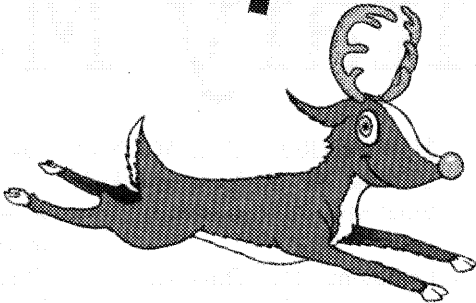


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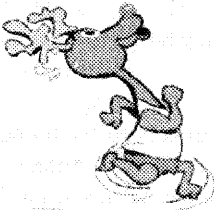
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Santa, the Impotent Military Man

Jenny Annett
HEALTH & LIFESTYLES



It will be here soon. With it's noise and toys and family and friends and drinking and laughing... Christmas is coming. Unfortunately for us, Christmas is 'effed' this year...

There I was, driving down Yellowhead trail, when a billboard with a cartoon Santa on it caught my eye. Being a Christmassy kind of gal, I slowed down to read the festive ad. It read: "Santa's not coming this Christmas...milk causes impotence...soy brings joy" Normally, I don't give billboards a second thought, but this one was strange. At first, I didn't get it. "What does 'Santa's not coming this year', and 'milk causes impotence' have to do with each other?" I said to myself. Then I remembered what Santa had been looking at. The loveable man in the red suit was looking at *HIS PENIS!!!* OH,

THE HORROR! THE AGONY! SANTA, NO!!! I was shocked. What have we become?

Exploiting the Christmas season isn't anything new. We have Santa "Ho, Ho, Holding the payments." There are Fido ads saying "Christmas is calling..." I recently read an Edmonton Examiner that had Santa on the front, being escorted to Northgate Center by a military tank. Why has Christmas become this, you may ask. Is it because we are too busy to notice it plummeting into commercial darkness? The truth is everyone notices the commercials and the billboards. Everyone sees the Santas with the beer cans, or the Santas hocking pagers. It's not that nobody recognizes these things. It's that nobody cares.

How can we? NAIT students have exams until December 22. How can we care about the demise of Christmas when we have to worry about finals and loans and rent and food and insurance and shopping and dating and gettin' some? The truth is the Christmas holidays, like so many other breaks, have just become a time to catch up on sleep, work, and partying. It is too much for students, or anyone, to think about how Santa has been misrepresented, or how there just isn't any Christmas spirit any-

more; it's just not a priority.

It wasn't always like this. I remember there was a time when Christmas wasn't about Mr. and Mrs. Claus 'doin' it'. It was about sitting in your pyjamas until three in the afternoon. It was about playing video games in the basement while the grownups talked upstairs. Christmas was about dressing the dog in reindeer antlers until he pawed them off and ate them. Friends and family would come over and there would be food and laughing and singing. The season was full of happiness, life and excitement.

With our busy schedules, it is easy to let 'Military Santa' or 'Beer Drinking Santa' go unnoticed. We will soon be into finals and worrying about being able to afford plane tickets to fly home for the holidays. At this point, Christmas will be the furthest thing from our full little brains. So, with this in mind, I only ask you, dear reader, for a small, tiny, insignificant favour. You don't have to dress like Santa, or even decorate your apartment. You don't even have to say 'Happy Holidays'. All I ask, is when you're driving on the Yellowhead and you see Santa looking at his penis, think about it. And care a little.

Dear Bonny and Guest

The hilarious column where you can seek advice from a normal, unaccredited NAIT student and her zany weekly guest! To submit your questions, email us at bonny.andguest@hotmail.com

This week's guest: The Perpetual Bachelor

Dear Bonny and Guest,

I have been with my girlfriend for about nine months now. The other day, we were lying together on the couch and she whispered, "I love you." I didn't know what to say, so I pretended to be asleep. What should I do?

-Super Scared

Dear Super Scared,

Bonny: Every relationship goes through this situation. To say "I love you" is to bring the situation to a heightened level.

Perpetual Bachelor: Man, you got *served*! You're in for it now! Dinner with the 'rents, cleaning up after yourself... Damn. I'd hate to be you.

Bonny: What you have to ask yourself, is if you feel it too. If you feel like it's too soon, you need to let her know.

Perpetual Bachelor: I would suggest running. The sooner you run, the sooner you can be pickin' up chicks at the bar.

Bonny: The problem with saying "I love you" is all of the negative connotations surrounding the words. People associate love with being trapped.

Perpetual Bachelor: Here's what you do: you take her to a movie. Then, when it gets dark, you say you have to go to the bathroom. After that, you book it out of there! She'll just think you're being kidnapped or something. I'll pick you up and we'll go pick up some bee-rods... It'll be awesome!

Bonny: It is possible to be in love with someone without the weight of heavy commitments. You simply have to talk with your girlfriend to see where she is with the two of you. Pretending to fall asleep isn't the answer.

Perpetual Bachelor: I'm tellin' you, man. We'll eat some KD, watch some ball and call these chicks I've been watching. They said I'm disgusting, but they'll come around. I stole their underwear.

Bonny: Ugh. That was *you*? You *are* disgusting. I didn't recognize you with that creeping moustache/ glasses combo. Stay away from me. And quit putting a camera in my shower.

Festival of Trees Childhood Memories

JENNY Annett—HEALTH & LIFESTYLES

With the holiday season upon us, I felt it necessary to explore an exhibit I haven't visited since my childhood. The chosen exhibit, or festival, if you will, was the *Festival of Trees*. As most of you know, my life revolves around cross stitch, counting pieces from my 'Chips That Resemble Famous People' collection, and

making pretend phone calls to look popular. Because of these sad, embarrassing facts, I was more than happy to visit the festival on Saturday afternoon.

The first thing I noticed when arriving at the Shaw Conference Centre, was the amount of children with dirty faces. Being

somewhat of a detective, I deciphered this as evidence that the Festival of Trees is for people with children - filthy children. I was right. After giving my ticket to the elderly woman in the blinking sweater, I was surrounded by children, things for children and games for children. There was a fishing game, where you could

win small prizes, a shop where kids could buy things that were no more than three dollars, and various other craft centers for the little munchkins to make wonderful pieces of art that parents would be forced to put on display. (Look mom, it's an ashtray made out of Rice Krispy Squares... You can eat it after you're done smoking!) Joking aside, The Festival of Trees offered plenty of fun things to keep the kidlets happy.

Unfortunately, the fun adult factor was a little low. I love Christmas, especially Christmas trees. So, when I heard the name, *Festival of Trees*, I was sure I would be in for a magical treat. I have to say I was little disappointed. There were trees alright, but they weren't that magical. The trees were decorated nicely, but not different from trees you would see at the Bay. A few trees caught my attention, like the Punk Rock tree, which featured a scary mannequin head as the star, or the Finding Nemo tree, which was completely blue with fish swimming

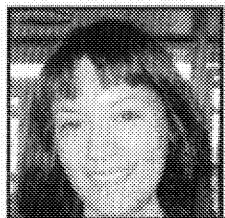
all around it. Other than that, the trees were lacking the oomph I had been expecting.

A neat thing about the *Festival of Trees* was the gingerbread houses. There were so many intricate submissions by people all over Edmonton. There was a glowing house made out of rock candy, a gigantic house with a skating rink in the yard, and a pirate ship made out of gingerbread with reindeer surrounding it.

The display was interesting and became my favorite part.

Overall, I don't regret going to the *Festival of Trees*. I do, however, regret going with someone who whistled at a fifteen year old girl singing Christmas carols. (Long story). Though the trees weren't that spectacular, the Shaw Conference Centre was filled with happy, excited volunteers offering their time to provide some much needed holiday cheer. That, in itself, made the trip well worth it.

Meet the nr92 DJs



Name: Sharie Scott AKA Evey Styles
Hometown: Saskatoon, SK
Gotta Show? The Adam and Evey Show
When Can We Listen? Thursday's 7-9PM
What Do You Play? Random Variety Galore!
Band You Can't Live Without: Changes on a Weekly Basis
Song That Rocks Your World: Changes on a Daily Basis
Edmonton Station You Love: 92.5 JOE FM
Interests Outside Radio: Producing Electronic Music, Cooking, & Reading
In The Future You See Yourself As: A Superstar Producer!
In the Stars: Lovely Libra who's always slightly off-balance. I also like to take long walks in the rain...



Name: Mark Cappis
Hometown: Entwistle, AB
Gotta Show? Chaos in a Box
When Can We Listen? Wednesday's @ 5
What Do You Play? Everything
Band You Can't Live Without: Weird Al
Edmonton Station You Love: 92.5 JOE FM
Interests Outside Radio: Finding Love
In The Future Career You Yourself As: A Janitor
In the Stars: I already write too much shit for this paper. Just read any of my 4000 page articles and you can figure it out.

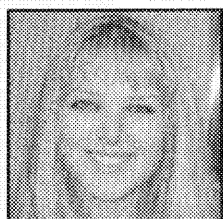


Name: Adam Kerr
Hometown: Vegreville, AB
Gotta Show? Iller than Thou & The Adam and Evey Show
When Can We Listen? Monday's 5-7PM (Iller than Thou) Thursday's 7-9PM (Adam and Evey Show)
What Do You Play? Rap/Hip Hop // Everything and than Some
Band You Can't Live Without: Swollen Members
Song That Rocks Your World: Lady Venom
Edmonton Station You Love: 96X
Interests Outside Radio: Reading, Music, & Being an Evil Genius
In The Future You See Yourself As: A Kick-Butt Producer
In the Stars: Libra - likes laughing evilly in front of the fire on a cold winter night



Name: Drew Dalby
Hometown: Inuvik, NWT
Gotta Show? Inside Football
When Can We Listen? Wednesday's @ 8
What Do You Play? Sports Talk Show

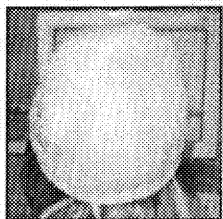
Most Embarrassing CD on Your Shelf: Britney Spears (But I kept it for the liner pictures...)
Best Concert You've Ever Been to: 50 Cent
Edmonton Station You Love: The Team 1260
Interests Outside Radio: Sport and Music
In the Future You See Yourself As: A Sports-caster or Producer
In the Stars: Libra who likes a gal who brings beer while I watch football



Name: Angie McConnell
Hometown: Smith, AB (Yeah Hamlet!)
Gotta Show? The Aftermath
When Can We Listen? Thursday's @ 5
What Do You Play? Metal, Punk, and Rock
Band You Can't Live Without: Metallica, Nickelback, Green Day, & Incubus
Song That Rocks Your World: 'Space Oddity' - David Bowie, and anything by the above bands
Edmonton Station You Love: 100.3 The Bear
Interests Outside Radio: Hunting, Quadding, Partying & Music
In The Future You See Yourself: On-Air (I'm Heading to Peace River!)
In the Stars: Aries who can seem "sweet" and "innocent" but turns out to be a small town redneck



Name: Kiley Savannah
Hometown: Red Deer
Most Embarrassing CD on Your Shelf: Hanson's Christmas Album
Best Concert You've Ever Been to: Fleetwood Mac, also Big Sugar and The Trews
Did Video Kill the Radio Star? Yes. Now it's so uncool, it's cool again. Promise
What Would You Do With \$30? I'd probably buy some cd's. Also, 3 coffees.
Edmonton Station You Love: 97.3 K ROCK
Interests Outside Radio: Dancing and Laughing
In The Future You See: Moving Somewhere Warm
In the Stars: A Taurus who Laughs At Anything and Everything



Name: Sarah Mortenson
Hometown: Whitecourt, AB
Most Embarrassing CD on Your Shelf: Creed
Best Concert You've Ever Been to: Bowie & Fleetwood Mac
Did Video Kill the Radio Star? Wow...can't even begin
What Would You Do With \$30? A New Radio, Class, Get Me the Hell Out of Here
Band You Can't Live Without: Gn'R, Zepplin, Nirvana, Cream
Song That Rocks Your World: Yeah Right
You Pick Your Favorite

Edmonton Station You Love: 97.3 K ROCK
Interests Outside Radio: Reading, Music, Being a Loser & Camping
In The Future You See Yourself: In Sales (She's Amazing)
In the Stars: Virgo - I Don't Like You



Name: Karyn Germain
Hometown: Edmonton
Most Embarrassing CD on Your Shelf: Hanson's Christmas Album...MMMXXMAS
Best Concert You've Ever Been to: Live!
Did Video Kill the Radio Star? Obviously Not! I'm Still Alive Baby...
What Would You Do With \$30? Wow. A Whole \$30?!?!?
Band You Can't Live Without: Counting Crows & Live
Song That Rocks Your World: 'Round Here
Edmonton Station You Love: I'm A Channel Surfer
Interests Outside Radio: Comedy, Music, People, Reading, & Kitties
In The Future You See Yourself: On-Air
In the Stars: Virgo Who Likes Scuba-Diving



Name: Matt Cech
Hometown: Ardrossan, AB
Most Embarrassing CD on Your Shelf: Color Me Badd
Best Concert You've Ever Been to: The Hip in '97
Did Video Kill the Radio Star? No
What Would You Do With \$30? Buy Food, Drink, and Lovin (in That Order)
Band You Can't Live Without: Jay-Z
Song That Rocks Your World: Soon You'll Understand
Edmonton Station You Love: 96X
Interests Outside Radio: Music, etc...
In The Future You See Yourself: On-Air
In the Stars: Leo Who Likes Long Walks off a Short Pier, Occasional Drug Use, BLAH BLAH BLAH



Name: Mara Lester
Hometown: Edmonton
Most Embarrassing CD on Your Shelf: Boy Power
Best Concert You've Ever Been to: Big Valley '04
Did Video Kill the Radio Star? Hell Yeah

What Would You Do With \$30? Pay off Debt
Band You Can't Live Without: Emerson Drive
Song That Rocks Your World: Strawberry Wine - Deanna Carter
Edmonton Station You Love: 103.9 CISN and 92.5 JOE FM
Interests Outside Radio: Music, Sports, and Drinking
In The Future You See Yourself: On-Air (Hopefully)
In the Stars: Taurus who Can Party and Dance All-Night...Loves Karaoke!



Name: Danaye Maier
Hometown: Saskatoon, SK
Most Embarrassing CD on Your Shelf: Amy Grant
Best Concert You've Ever Been to: Dixie Chicks
Did Video Kill the Radio Star? Yeah
What Would You Do With \$30? Buy a 2-6 of Rye
Band You Can't Live Without: Dixie Chicks
Song That Rocks Your World: First Cut is the Deepest - Sheryl Crow
Edmonton Station You Love: 103.9 CISN
Interests Outside Radio: Singing, Guitar, Piano, and Drinking Profusely
In The Future You See Yourself As: A Radio Personality
In the Stars: Sagittarius who Loves to Blink and Wink



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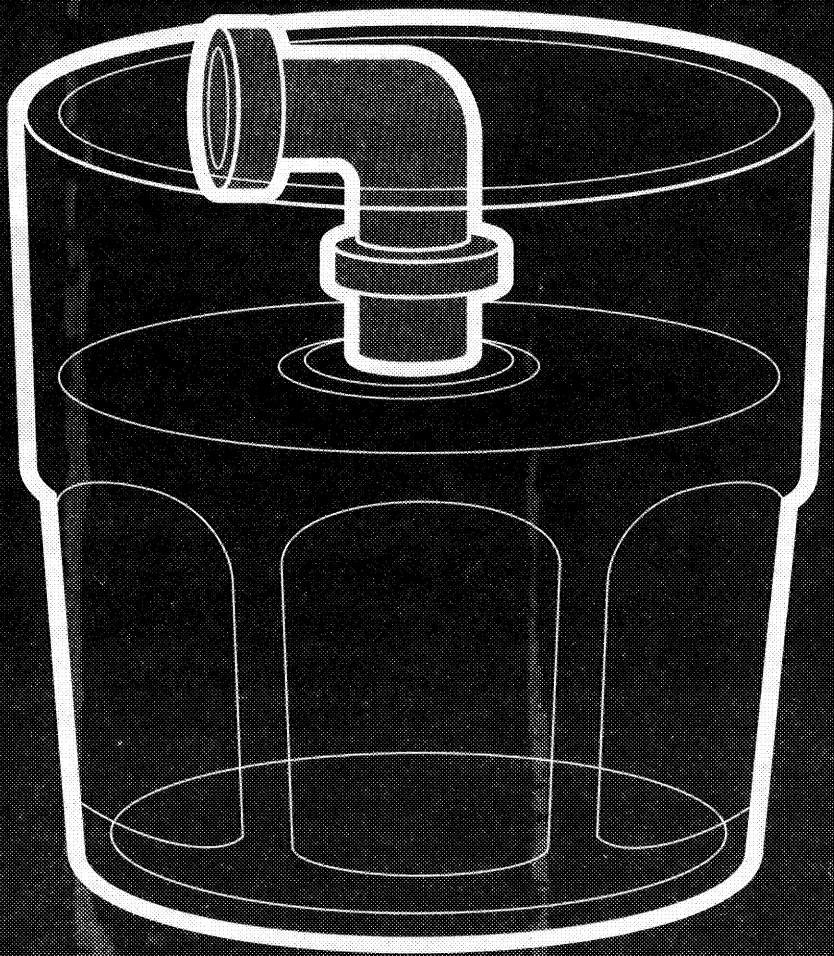
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Hey Pretty Lady! Um, you have really beautiful.....uh.....eyes, yea. You are pretty. What I mean is... You have a nice forehead...umm crap....Do you believe in..... ummm...when I walk by.... Oh Man, shit, STUPID STUPID STUPID! Lame Loser

To Wonder women that I saw in the south lobby. Booyakasha. You can lasso me and I'll tell you the truth... Damn your fine and that's no lie. I'll be your Flash and astonish you with my speed. The man in white

To the person that returned my wallet to the front office of the HP building. Thank you very much for your honesty and kindness. Not only was my Master Card, and Debit card still there, so was my four Cinema City 12 .50cent movie vouchers. Thank you again for your honesty who ever you are.

The Student Awards department is such a joke. How does a peniless student with a 97% average not qualify for a scholarship or a bursary?

Why don't the grapevines print much more than the "hi hottie" type garbage?

WHY didn't anyone answer my question?! hot coverall wearin guys: WHAT DO YOU WEAR UNDER THE COVERALLS?

To the girl in MLA that was in bytes sometime last week. The corny pickup line was a dare from my friends but if you see me sometime I would like to ask appropriately this time. The Phone Number Guy

Want to come see my HARD DRIVE? I promise it isn't 3.5 inches and it ain't floppy. HP Wanna Be

Hello fellow students, Have you noticed that the grapevines have become increasingly boring lately? What ever happened to the care-free days of people insulting other people for our amusement? I would like to see more entiries in the grapevines in the future, as it is about the only thing I find hilarious in the nugget. So, in order to entice more people to write in, the following programs are gay:

CNT, NET, Biomedical, Dentists, Accounting, Lawyers, and many others. Also, the common computers are pieces of junk, and not a day goes by where I do not see people getting ticked off because they would function better as boat anchors. Sincerely, BoredGapeVinesGuy

Did you see the guy in the army outfit on Halloween? He was dressed up like Tom Clancy!!!

Baby, if you were words on a page, you'd be what they call FINE PRINT! Dez

I like to snowboard!! I like to pretend that I'm Tony Hawk!!!

Has anyone else seen this one guy in the computer commons? He's always talking REALLY loud and laughing in an annoying manner. He says things like: "THIS IS FUUNNNEY!!!!" and "WAAA HAAAAA!!!!" and "PROGRAMMING IS GAY!!!! YOU GUYS!!!!!!!" and "Over heyah" Please tell this guy to be quiet

To Renee in Pre-Tech you are the hottest thing I have ever seen. Me and all the guys worship you. Your little sexy teacher getup on halloween was the best. The top of all our fantasies. And to that lucky lucky man that looks like Justin Timberlake how did you do it, how did you land someone like her. kind of out of your league dont you think. man would i like to know your secrets, high-fives to you buddy all the guys wish they were you.

To the guy with died black hair in RTA. Have you ever considered purchasing a hat or something? Come on, I mean, it looks like you used your head as a chimney sweep.

Hey Browns guy, I am a Huge Steelers fan, and I am in your class. Let's cuddle! Meet me in the washroom... Love ya...

Hey Cleveland Browns guy I got a message for you: Garcia...Sucks, Green...Spits and the Polish Guy in your class...SWALLOWS!!!

This is for any of the ladies out there interested in the guy with the genital piercing.....he is in first year Mechanical Engineering Tech. Just ask around and you will find.

This is for all the people who complain about business being stressful.....shut the f*\$# up.....maybe its not easy but there are harder courses at NAIT than "business".....

To Cody Paton-Perkins, I think you are a wonderful reporter. However, the review of

Soul Decision, at the Nest, was a little bit off kilter. The table of guys were not yelling, "you guys rock". We were yelling, "You're SOOOO HOT RIGHT NOW....SOOOO HOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!". Just to clarify things for everyone.

Keep up the good work. The dancer from "the table of guys". P.S. Welders for ever!

Wow! Whats up with cooking class, should it be this much fun, because if so, I'm in for another year! Chef boyardee

To the gutless people who keep making a mess in the parkade. Grow up and start throwing your garbage out in the trash cans that NAIT has provided, instead of on the ground and leaving it for someone else. Be courteous! Concerned NAIT student

Oh man, the OUT OF YOUR MOUTH concert was unbelievable! You poor suckers missed out on one heck of a show! The lights, the sound, the atmosphere! FANTASTIC! NAITSA KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! OUT OF YOUR MOUTH FAN

I like candy.... and women.... but candy is better. Mr. Hershey's Kiss

Hey guys! There's a new waitress in the nest! She's absolutely gorgeous! I mean HOT! The Nest has sexy waitresses as it is, but this new addition to the Nest family will keep me coming back for more! I'm turning into an alcoholic.....CHEERS! Beer Juggs

To the guy to always makes reference's to the "DOC WALKER LADIES", I'm curious to know who you are. I mean, everytime I see your blurb in the paper, you always have something nice to say about these ladies. I'm jealous

ous of them, and I want that kind of attention too! I need a foreign man, that will treat me with respect and give me all the loving attention I deserve. "Mikey" you seem to have those qualities I look for. Find me on the 8th floor of the tower daily around noon. I'm the brunette that sits by the window with my hair in a ponytail.

Bizz chick

I WANT TO COMPETE IN A DODGEBALLTOURNAMENT! NAITSA HELP ME OUT! Desperate Candy man

Hey mandy I enjoyed meeting you yesterday, we should have sex again sometime. Call me. Danny

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Wow, did you hear about that guy, in that place with the stick of stuff? Because I sure didn't Confused

I WANT A NUGGET GUY IN THIS PAPER! COME' ON! LIVEN IT UP! baby girl

To the skiers and boarders at NAIT, the season is here! I heard that most of the mountain resorts here in Alberta are open for the 2004/2005 season. So strap on the boots and lets hit the slopes! Skier-4-Life

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