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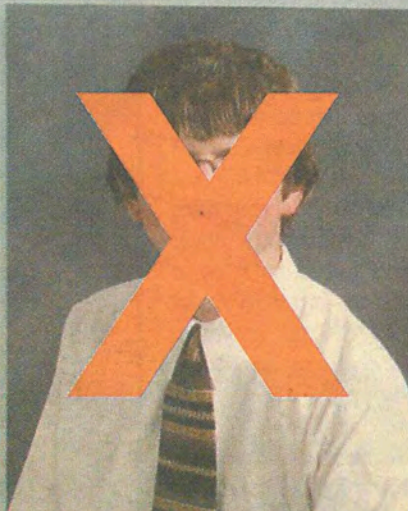
NAIT'S OFFICIAL STUDENT NEWSPAPER

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ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST!



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The latest
blow to our
Student's
Association
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And Then There Were Two...

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**HARMEN
Van Andel**

The NAIT Student Association a.k.a NAITSA lost another executive this week.

On Tuesday, January 12, Francisco Sarango was officially dismissed as VP Operations of NAITSA. This marks the 4th Executive dismissed since the elections took place last March, leaving us with one out of the five that were elected last year.

"Mr. Sarango was dismissed for failing to be able to continue in his program due to failing grades," says NAITSA President Jeremy Coules. "We require that student VPs pass the curriculum and be able to continue in their program from semester to semester, and Francisco failed to do that."

This marks the worst year in NAIT history for VPs not completing their full term in office. It also puts the organization in a unique situation.

"It's pretty complicated," says NAITSA General Manager Chris Chelmick, who was in attendance at Tuesday's General Council meeting. "Our legal council basically says we're 'hooped'. We can't meet quorum and thus can't make decisions. ... (NAITSA) is a big organization and we have important issues to make decisions on."

According to NAITSA's constitution, three voting executive members make quorum. Without Mr. Sarango, that can't be accomplished.

With elections for new representatives coming in March, a by-election seemed redundant so current reps decided on a temporary quick-fix: two students would be appointed to act as members of the executive council until they can be replaced with actual elected representatives on April 1.

Those two students were appointed at the General Council meeting. Aleesha Jex and Jonathon Sonmor will be volunteering their time and will 'cosmetically' bring the Executive Council back up to four members. In order to make their decisions official however, they will have to be reviewed and 're-decided' upon once new members are in place in April.

Since the last election, VP Activities Trevor Bannert was dismissed for failing grades in June; VP Academic Wade Babiuk was impeached in the summer; and VP Communications Tarence Fitzgerald resigned for "personal reasons" in October.

The VP Academic position that Mr. Babiuk made available was filled by Jennifer Grundke in early October in a by-election, and the VP Activities position that Mr. Bannert made available was deemed unnecessary and subsequently voted to be eliminated by General Council in September.

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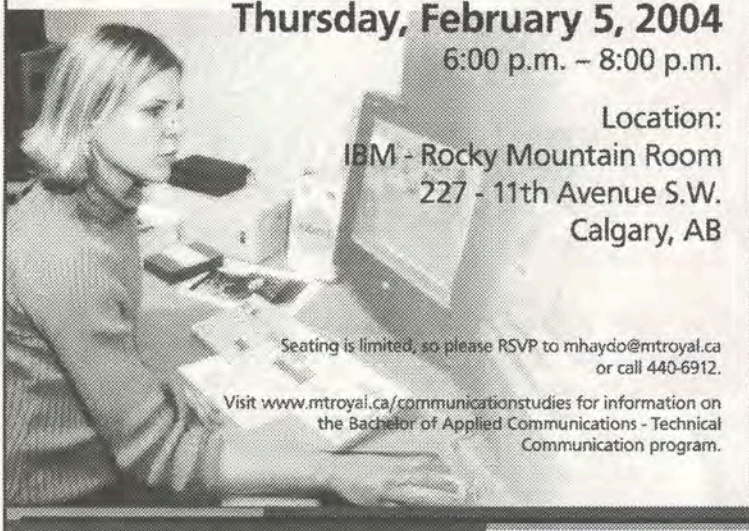
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Are You Watching Too Much TV?

ELAINE Devine

The average Canadian watches 23 hours of television per week. The amount we spend watching television is equal to the amount of time people spend at part time jobs. It is not enough that we watch TV at home; we have to watch TV on our computers and even in our vehicles.

Despite an increase in the overall physical activity levels of Canadians, their body mass is ballooning. Between 1990 and 1995 the number of Canadians aged 20 to 24 with a body mass considered overweight, rose from 208,567 to 221,546 according to Statistics Canada. Is it because of TV? As time passes more homes have televisions and more cars have televisions. Ninety-nine per cent of Canadian households own a radio and a television set. Fifty-nine per cent have two television sets, and more than a third own at least three. Eighty-one per cent all TV homes have cable. Eighty-four per cent have VCRs.

Driving and watching TV has become a huge industry but if you are thinking of jumping on the bandwagon and considering installing a video screen on

your dashboard to watch your favorite morning show or catch a flick to break up the monotony

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of your commute, think again. Beginning January 1, 2004 in California, a new state law will tighten restrictions on drivers who watch video and television screens while operating their vehicles. With the explosion of high-tech gadgets and gizmos for vehicles, California lawmakers have overhauled an existing law to attempt to limit at least some distractions for drivers. The new

bill bars drivers from operating televisions and video screens in their line of vision while the vehicle is moving but allows the use of mapping and some other devices. With this law passing in California, other places will not be that far behind so you may want to hold off on installing a video screen, because in a while you may not be able to use it.

If you think you may be a TV master take this quiz:

1. On what show have Martin Sheen and his son Charlie appeared?
 - a) One Tree Hill
 - b) Cold Case
 - c) West Wing
 - d) C.S.I
2. In The Simpson's what was the name of Flanders' store?
 - a) The Leftorium
 - b) The Left Hand Store
 - c) Flanders' Left Hand Help
 - d) Bible Lovers Path
3. In C.S.I. Miami what is the main characters name?
 - a) Eric Delko
 - b) Megan Donner
 - c) Adell Sevilla
 - d) Horatio

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4. Which of these characters is the villain on Care Bears?

- a) Shreeky
- b) Penguin
- c) Stinky
- d) Beaster

5. In Friends how many times have Ross and Rachael been married?

- a) 3
- b) 2
- c) 1
- d) 0

6. What animal was Carlton when he was the school mascot on Fresh Prince?

- a) Chicken
- b) Peacock
- c) Alligator
- d) Panda bear

7. On That 70's Show what did the parents get stoned on at the garage sale?

- a) Cocaine
- b) Heroin

- c) Pot
- d) Hash

8. On South Park what character is always killed?

- a) Kenny
- b) Kyle
- c) Carman
- d) Stan

9. The actress who is the voice of Leela on Futurama starred on what tv show?

- a) The Practice
- b) N.Y.P.D. Blues
- c) ER
- d) Married With Children

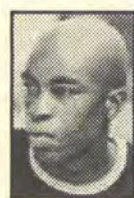
10. In King of the Hill what dose Hank sell?

- a) Natural gas
- b) Petroleum
- c) Diesel
- d) Propane

I hope you have enjoyed this quiz, remember to get pleasure from watching TV.

Answers: 1.c, 2.a, 3.d, 4.a, 5.b, 6.c, 7.d, 8.a, 9.d, 10.d

Why are people so afraid of pictures?



DWAYNE Johnson

Some mumbled words, a flash of light, and then the panic sets in. Welcome to the world of having your picture taken! What is it about having a picture taken that seems to worry and trouble so many people. The expression upon the face of someone is often either a reaction based on anger, worry, or both. To some people it seems that having a bad picture is life or death!

Now true, a picture is a pretty unbiased representation of a person. They don't hide the truths that perhaps a person might want to pretend don't exist. Have a protruding stomach? It will show. Bags under the eyes? Some acne problems perhaps? Maybe a lazy eye? All will show loud and clear in a picture. But is that the reason people fear having a picture taken?

Most likely the reason people dislike having their picture taken is due to the lifecycle of a picture. Basically the fact that it will stay around until ripped up, burned, or eaten (worse case scenario for people wanting to hide those REALLY bad pics!) The true fear behind a picture is most likely not of what is contained in the picture...but who will see the picture!

So it says a lot about a person when they aren't afraid to make crazy faces into the lens of a camera staring them dead in the eye (unless they are drunk...that's a cop-out!) In the end the fear of pictures boils down to confidence level. Those who could care less what some random person thinks about them or their current state in the picture (drunken etc.) are most likely very confident in themselves.

Next time you want to test a person's confidence level, perhaps sneak up and grab a picture of them when they least expect it. See how they react...either way it should make for a funny story later on!

Breakin' The Law

ELAINE Devine

It's like people make these laws just so we can make fun of them; here are some of the dumbest laws I could find:

Canada

- It is a law that 35% of a radio stations content must be "Canadian Content".
- You may not pay for a fifty-cent item with only pennies.
- No one in Canada may watch or listen to an encrypted broadcast, which is not licensed by the Canadian government. This means using US satellite systems such as "DirecTV" is illegal.
- In Alberta when you are released from prison, it is required that you are given a handgun with bullets and a horse, so you can ride out of town.
- In Calgary there is a by-law that is still on the books that requires businesses within the city to provide rails for tying up horses.
- In Oshawa, Ont. It is illegal to climb trees
- Ottawa it is illegal to eat ice-cream on Bank Street on a Sunday
- In Beaconsfield you cannot own a log cabin.

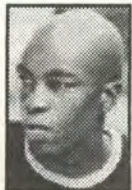
In Montreal you cannot have a "For Sale" sign in the window of a moving vehicle.

U.S.A.

- In Detroit it is illegal to tie an alligator to a fire hydrant.
 - Utah: It is against the law to fish from horseback
 - In Gary, Ind., persons are prohibited from attending a movie house or other theater and from riding a public streetcar within four hours of eating garlic.
 - In Miami, it's illegal for men to be seen publicly in any kind of strapless gown.
 - In Ottumwa, Iowa, "It is unlawful for any male person, within the corporate limits of the (city), to wink at any female person with whom he is unacquainted."
 - In Kentucky, "No female shall appear in a bathing suit on any highway within this state unless she be escorted by at least two officers or unless she be armed with a club"
- An amendment to the above legislation: "The provisions of this statute shall not apply to females weighing less than 90 pounds nor exceeding 200 pounds, nor shall it apply to female horses."

- Clinton County, Ohio, calls for a fine for anyone caught leaning against a public building.
- Loins may not be taken to the theater in Maryland.
- Texas: It is illegal to walk around with a concealed ice cream cone.
- In Carmel, CA, it is illegal to eat ice cream while standing on the sidewalk.
- Georgia law provides that it is a misdemeanor for any citizen to attend church worship on Sunday unless he is equipped with a rifle and it is loaded.
- In Maui Country, Hawaii, children must be 12 years old to play on a busy highway.
- A Chicago law forbids eating in a place that is on fire.
- In Fort Madison, IA., the fire department is required to practice fire fighting for fifteen minutes before attending a fire.
- San Francisco prohibits elephants from strolling down Market Street unless they are on a leash.
- There are so many dumb laws as well as so many laws that do not make sense any more, and as the years past more and more laws become out dated, yet no one changes them.

A monopoly on fun? Sure!



DWAYNE Johnson

The adrenaline is pumping and hearts are racing. The tension in the air could be cut with a knife, and you eye the person beside you, contemplating what they might possibly do next. Is this the start of a bar fight? Nah, it's just good ol' Monopoly!

This past weekend I was reintroduced to the joys so long ago forgotten, the joys of playing a simple (or complicated if you want) board game with a group of close friends! Who else remembers the days when getting together and playing a game of "Pictionary" or a round of "Sharades" was a fun and entertaining thing for friends to do?

The games that we used to play when we were younger (or

for some, still play today) are still classics! Sure the latest PS2 game or Xbox games are more visually stimulating, but nothing can beat the simplicity and fun that dominating another person's country can bring in a game like "Risk!"

You can't really beat the experience of defeating another person's retail empire and causing them to go into bankruptcy. Monopoly allows those of us who aspire to someday be able to buy and trade properties like baseball cards to fulfill our "dreams," while at the same time having fun in comfortable surroundings!

So the next time you plan to have a calm, relaxing, and fun get together with a group of buddies, perhaps consider whipping out one of the classics games we grew up around as kids. Bring back those old memories, and dish out some new ones! After all aren't we all just big kids on the inside?

REELING FROM RESOLVING



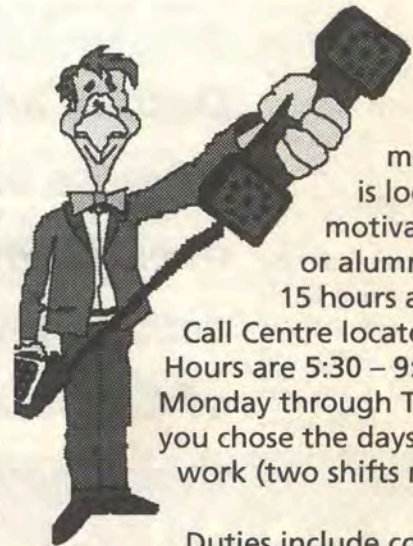
DANI Kent

Another year, another resolution. Many of us are now starting to feel the burn of this annual curse. Whether you're tired of exercising, craving another cigarette, or dying for just one more chocolate brownie, you're wondering who you can blame for this short-term, yearly misery. If you don't feel like blaming yourself, I've found-out where and who this tradition came from.

New Year's originated 4000 years ago from the early Babylonians. With that, they also created the tradition of improving their lives with the season of rebirth. The early Babylonian's most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. (I'm sure that one's still floating around there somewhere.)

However, this still doesn't change the fact that you are morally stuck to your resolution. I remember hearing from a VERY reliable source that if you do anything 50 times, it becomes a habit. But if you've gone past that mark and you're still not a "better" person, just eat the brownie.

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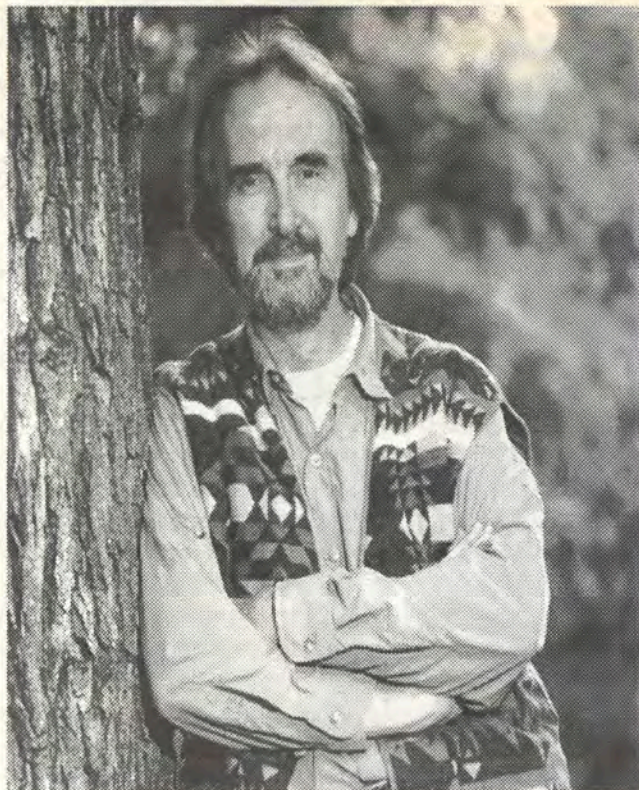
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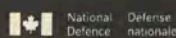
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Welcome New Students!

(to our soap opera...)



HARMEN Van Andel

OK so, as the editor of this rag, I'd like to welcome the new students to NAIT. And to those of you who are returning, welcome back. We are embarking on a new semester that will hopefully go fast, but will probably drag on like Richard Simmons in a Victoria's Secret catalogue. It's week two for me, and I've already had enough.

The Nugget is a little small this week because it's the first paper of the new semester. I invite you to check out our website: www.thenugget.ca and send us some submissions. Whether it's a gripe or a friendly note through the grapevines section, this is the

students' paper, so have fun with it. Besides the "Trailer Park Boys" making U.S. television, the big news to come across my desk last week was that Sisco (as we called him) was dismissed from his duties as VP Operations of NAITSA. What the? I fell off my chair when I heard that. I swear I went through the '5 stages of grief' in like, 30 seconds when that bombshell landed.

Source: "Did you hear Sisco failed and was removed from NAITSA meetings?"

Harm: "Wha? Get the f*ck out of here!" (*denial*)

S: "No really, it's true."

H: "You gotta be shitting me, Sisco!? What'd he do that for?!" (*anger*)

S: "Yeah, I just heard about it."

H: "He's a pretty smart guy though... Sisco? No way, if Sisco

failed I'll give you my left nut!" (*bargaining*)

S: "No seriously dude, the Sisco is histo."

H: "Aw man, I was gonna ask him to help me with my taxes." (*depression*)

S: "Oh, well don't bother, he's got other things on his mind."

H: "Shitty, Oh well, that's OK, maybe I can get Dave Vellieux to do them for me." (*acceptance*)

I still haven't given the person my left nut (my fingers were crossed), but it is true: 4 out of the 5 elected last year are now toast. I could spend a lot of time writing an editorial on all the stuff going on across the hall from my office, but that's just way, WAY too easy, frankly.

What's kind of puzzling to me though is that, despite my comedic ranting, Sisco is truly a nice guy, and a really smart dude. He came into office last year out of Avionics as an honor student. How is it possible that he failed? What's even more puzzling is, as a NAITSA Executive, if you're going to fail, why not quit for 'personal reasons' or urinate off the roof and get impeached? With NAITSA's current laws, if he had chosen any of those avenues, he would have left NAITSA with no one knowing a thing.

Not to mention the fact that execs that are impeached or resign for "personal reasons" are not required to pay the \$1500.00 fine levied on VPs that leave before completing their term in office. Sisco is now liable for the \$1500.00 fine and everyone knows his reasons for leaving. He has to walk around campus knowing that everyone knows he's a failure.

I've said it before, the moral of this story is that it's better to crap on the President's desk and be impeached, than it is to fail your classes. It's cheaper, and less humiliating.

Hmmm, that needs fixing, no? Don't get me wrong folks;

I'm simply saying that a \$1500.00 fine is great, but it should apply to everyone. No exceptions. It's about accountability. It would not only make it harder for one to resign, but it may make the 'powers that be' think twice about an impeachment.

I sincerely hope that this can be rectified for the next VPs in office. VPs leaving office early has to stop. The VP positions coming available this April are extremely important to all of us students, and particularly to students who are returning next year.

These four positions offer a tremendous amount of opportunity and an extremely valuable experience for the ideal candidates. So please, my fellow students, for the future of NAITSA, if you are that person, get on the ballot this coming March. And if you're a student that would rather sit and watch, get to the voting booth on Election Day; your vote this March is more important than ever.

OK, so now, after the General Council meeting on Tuesday (see p. 2) we kind of have our 4 execs to make quorum. It's a quasi-student's association so to speak, or the 'Diet Coke' of Student Associations as Dr. Evil might say. It's all very weird to say the least, but it'll only last for a few months. The two candidates that volunteered to join NAITSA temporarily seem like good, capable people, and kudos to them for donating their time.

The current execs in NAITSA have it tough right now; do they deserve all the wrath coming their way? Probably not, they're not guilty of anything as far as I know. I just can't help but think that perhaps a better choice for NAITSA VPs last year would have been Sunnyvale's Ricky, Julian, Bubbles, and J-Rock ("know what I'm sayin?").

And that concludes this installment of the continuing saga... "As My Stomach Turns."

To write a letter to the editor, send it to editor@thenugget.ca

Starting This Semester Off On the Right Foot

MARGARET Marean
Student Counselling Centre

It's a new semester and a great time to evaluate what went right and what could have gone better last term. Here are some areas to look at:

Attitude - Am I prepared to put schoolwork as my priority and to work hard?

Discipline - Do I have regular study and homework times?

- Am I starting into my study routine right at the beginning of the semester?

- Do I procrastinate? If so how can I change this habit?

Organization - Do I use a daytimer to write down all assignments, appointments, exams, etc.?

- Do I make a daily to-do list?

- Are my books, locker and work space neat and organized?

Interference - What were the major sources of interference last term? How can I limit phone calls, television time, computer games, interruptions from family and friends?

Focus - Am I concentrating and learning during classes and study periods, or is my mind wandering?

Balance - Do I eat, sleep and exercise adequately?

Resources - Could I make better use of the services available such as the Library/

Learning Resource Centre, the Tutorial Centre (Room A133), the Counselling

Centre (Room 0117), peer tutors, instructors?

Finances - Have I budgeted for the semester so I am not stressed about finances towards the end of term when school stress is the highest?

Here are some suggestions to boost your success:

- Give yourself credit for your academic strengths. Evaluate your weaknesses and decide on one or two areas that are realistic to improve. Don't expect perfection.

- Attend Study Skills Seminars each Wednesday from January 21st to February 18th. Details available from the Student Counselling Centre.

- Read suggestions on areas you would like to improve. Handouts on various topics including basic study skills, time management, procrastination and memory are available from the Student Counselling Centre.

- See a Counsellor for any academic, personal or career concerns.

- Be realistic. Most New Year's resolutions are abandoned because they are too grandiose. Set small, achievable goals for change, monitor regularly and reward yourself.

Have a great semester!

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REVIEW

The Last Samurai



MACKENSIE
Crawford

The alcoholic Captain, for lack of anything better to do, learns this newfound culture, and begins to forget his troubles. He is eventually accepted by this samurai group, and joins them in their fight against the destructive

slaughtering masses of men with naught but swords is not only raw and emotional, but serves to point out the hopelessness of fighting the cultural impact that the west forced upon the Japanese during



One thing I have come to expect from the film industry is the glaring inaccuracy of even well-intentioned historical movies. Try as they might, *The Last Samurai* was well researched, but certainly not for the History Channel. Nonetheless, this is an intriguing story about Captain Nathan Algren (Tom Cruise), a troubled American veteran who at first fights his past demons with booze, but accidentally discovers the disciplined way of the samurai to be his calling.

Algren saddens the audience from the very beginning with his depressing tone, heavy drinking, and overall attitude on life. When he is hired to travel overseas to train Japan's new army, and is instead captured by the Samurai rebellion, it seems his miserable life is nearing its lowest point. Though most of his captors simply want to kill him, he is kept alive by the "bushido" leader, Katsumo (Ken Watanabe).

modernization of Japan.

I was particularly taken by director Edward Zwick's aptitude for creating a beautiful picture; the landscapes, in combination with spectacular choreography and costumes, make this film alluring. Although Cruise looks as out of place during fight sequences as Keanu Reeves does in *The Matrix*, *The Last Samurai* never fails to deliver stunning action. The images of gatling guns



the Meiji Restoration. I can only praise the historical aspect of this film in that it opens the minds of some people to Japan's beautiful culture and past, although the theme of epiphany made up for the intellectual expectations I had for it.

Whether you are looking for a good action flick, some basic Japanese history, or simply want a good story, check out *The Last Samurai* before it leaves theatres.

REVIEW

Paycheck



MACKENSIE
Crawford

When I saw John Woo as the director of this new release, I expected it to be at least a semi-tolerable action flick. Unfortunately, the only "action" I saw in the theatre was between the couple sitting in front of me. In



the end, that is all that *Paycheck* turns out to be: a mediocre film that's just filler for all the other big movies in the box office right now.

Save your money and Preparation H until it comes out on DVD.

Michael Jennings (Ben Affleck) is one of the world's top engineers, hired by companies to work on large money-making projects. His mind is frequently erased to protect the secrecy of these assignments; as compensation for this work, he often pulls in six-figure cheques. After his most recent project, he finds his money to be missing, and his life in danger. He ends up running from FBI agents and his employer's hitmen, saving his own life with a bizarre collection of items he sent himself to "remember". These items all too conveniently bail him out during the most tense and dramatic moments of life and death. Michael finally starts to remember why he sent these things to himself, and with the help of his girlfriend Rachel (Uma Thurman), he destroys the evil project he was hired to build

for the last three years of his life.

As exciting as the plot could have been, it had a poorly written screenplay that was overly straightforward and simple. I found myself jumping to conclusions regarding what twists the story might take, only to discover that there were none. Ben Affleck barely holds his own while acting as Michael; it is obvious that he is out of place and struggles with portraying such a



serious and troubled character. Rachel barely contributes to the outcome of the plot, and the FBI agents (Klein and Dodge) are little more than a nuisance to the lines of action in the film. Aaron Eckhart's acting talents are wasted on portraying the stereotypical character of Rethrick, a run-of-the-mill company president hell-bent on world domination. Almost all of the characters are uninteresting and lack basic development, adding to the already tedious plot.

I will admit that despite a simple and sometimes flawed screenplay, the overall idea of *Paycheck* is interesting, but not worth sitting for two hours over. Save your money and Preparation H until it comes out on DVD.

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NAIT Women Beat U of C in Pivotal Game



JUSTIN Huculak

Last Friday the lady Ooks played host to the University of Calgary Dino's. Trailing the Dino's in the standings by two points and having split the previous two games with Calgary, this game was all about positioning in the standings.

My only other prior experience seeing the women in action this year was in the pre-season. Now I won't repeat the score but I can say it wasn't pretty and I had all but wrote the team off. But after being challenged by one of the players who promised me they were better and a much more physical team than one would think, I decided to check it out first hand.

I have to say that I was surprised. The game was fast-paced and the last time I checked female hockey was non-contact, but these Ooks don't hold much

regard for that rule and took the body on many occasions (most the time drawing a penalty), but making for a much more exciting

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game and it definitely made the Dino's think twice about skating with their heads down.

The first period was tight with a lot of up and down action and great saves on both sides, but Jolene Martin was able to beat the

Calgary goalie on a hard wrist from the top of the circle giving the Ooks 1-0 lead heading into the first intermission.

NAIT continued their speedy attack in the second by adding two more goals. Sarah Duquette scored the second of the game with some help from Miranda Miller, and later in the frame on a powerplay, Trina Pashko and Duquette set up Tara Maddex to give the Ooks a 3-0 lead.

The third period started off much the same as the first two with NAIT continuing to apply intense pressure on the Dino's Defence and they were rewarded again. Miller scored her 7th goal of season with Kerry McDonald picking up the assist. With the score 4-0 and NAIT clearly in control it looked at those goalie Jen Bangsund was well on her way to her first shut-out of the year. But with only minutes remaining Tara Hammer of Calgary managed to get one by Bangsund (who was later named player of the game).

The 4-1 win gives the Ooks a 4-7 record and currently tied with

the Dino's for the last playoff spot with 8 points. However the Ooks do now hold the tie-breaking edge. By the looks of it though the tie-breaker shouldn't even come into play, for this team has come

a long way since the beginning of the year and only look to get better. Their next home action is against the first place Griffins of Grant Mac tomorrow night at 7:00.



Sara Duquette shows her presence on the ice.



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A New Year and the Same Ol' NAIT



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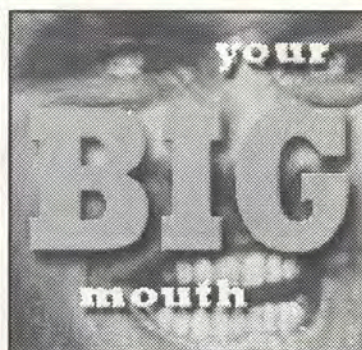
Another semester has begun here at NAIT, and what a fine way NAIT has started off once again. There was confusion going into the new semester as to when classes were to officially begin. Contact with administration staff was not possible due to the holidays and people being gone, so all the students had to go off was the information located in the "MyNAIT - Student Portal" area of the NAIT website.

Here is where the irony of situation really comes into play! NAIT being the school of technology, one would think that the information in regards to new semesters and such would be fairly easy to distribute. After all we pay so many large fees to have such frivolous access to random useless things, why not use them, right? Several times in the past, NAIT has used the "Ookmail" service to notify students of instructors being unable to attend a class and such, yet when each semester has started we get no such information as to the starting of class dates. A quick check of the "Enrollment Details" in the student portal showed that classes were to begin for the CST program on Monday January 5th 2004.

But this is NAIT, and here at NAIT you might as well find out information from a stranger walking through Kingsway...it seems you'd get more reliable information that way. This statement being assumed due to the fact that despite "information" given on the student portal, it turns out classes were not due to resume until **WEDNESDAY** January 7th 2004. So a one hour bus ride later, I was able to find out this "wonderful" news.

But the joy does not stop there folks! Oh hell no! Nope, it turns out one of my good friends was also curious as to when classes started, and even contacted the Registrar's office to find out this information. HE TOO was told that classes started on the Monday, but being the wise NAIT student he is, he knew better then to take one administration's words as the truth, and he decided to call another friend who informed him otherwise.

I am so glad that things are starting off in such an organized fashion once more. It reminds me of my first semester here at NAIT when during orientation we waited around for roughly forty-five minutes until the speakers showed up...the reason? Oh my! It seems they were given a different starting time than the rest of us! To think...that was just a tiny foreshadowing of things to come!



E.N: These were submitted online at www.thenugget.ca, they have not been edited. If you have something to say, go online, follow the links, and give us your thoughts. All students welcome.

To all the instructors in the business tower, maybe if you would open the blinds in the classrooms on the northside of the tower, you would see that your students wouldn't be as tired all the time. It's hard enough as it is to stay awake in OB without having to fight the urge to yaun. I know there are many other students that could vouch for my opinion so please take it into consideration. - frustrated business student

To the uppity business girls that just came into the HP centre to "make fun of our printers": Please get a clue. I don't know what you were told about the way real business works, but you have to do more than prance around and look pretty. Oh, and your shoes are so last week. -The Russian Storm

What good is having all this technology such as web ct and crap when hardly any of your teachers even use it? out of all my classes three are on web ct and only one teacher makes it usefull. Like seriously if your going to spend large ammounts

of money on something at least USE it for f*ck sakes. -Fairview

Well as the end of my career at NAIT draws to an end I feel that I should vent a few of the things that I have noticed and kept quiet about all these years...First to the Annex itself and anyone on the NAIT payroll that thinks it is a satisfactory building... you are wrong. The classes are old, the bathrooms stink, and the lighting has made all of us look like albino's...Well except for those who are orange from the fake'n bakin (but that is another story.) Second to all the people using the Grapevine as a personal add, grow a sack and just go talk to that person you would like to slobber all over. Lord can we have some more losers sayin things like "I saw you seein me, and, to the girl with the hair" Yeah we get it you are a stalker! Now shut up! Lastly I will have to give a salute to the instructors... Oh wait no I don't, for the most part I figured out the material on my own. Now don't get me wrong I had some good times at NAIT, what with all the friendly women and parties...oops! We had none of those either. O well who says college is for partying and having fun anyways. To all the people that will try to write something back to say to me next week, I will not be here...so in advance "Nice cumback...Now wipe it off your chin" That is all for me, have fun in school SUCKERS!! Go Rider!!

I've noticed a lot you are spelling LOVE the wrong way! In the context it's mostly being used, it is in fact spelled L-U-S-T. Love and Lust are almost complete contradictions of one

another. Love requires constant commitment, and nurturing; lust does not. Love is a great gift which we are capable of giving, and should not be confused with lusting after another. To understand what love really is please see 1 Corinthians 13:4. It's time to get serious people. Love is.

To the girl that wrote about all the oter girls that wear too much make up and perfume, and walk 'heel toe, heel toe', who ever taught you how to walk the only people the walk from the balls of their feet to the toes are very very stupid people everyone wether wearing high heels or flat shoes walks heel to toe and no one that I've seen in the halls of our school walks any other way. Also people have the right to dress or look however they want and if you can't deal with that then maybe you should grow up and start acting like an adult because in case you haven't noticed you are in college.

This morning, I attended a funeral for my late aunt. I did not know her well, but saw that her life had a profound impact on people. Her daughter (my cousin)lost her mother. My cousin's daughter lost her grandmother. My aunt will not see her daughter get married or her grand-daughter grow up. I could not imagine the pain they must feel. My aunt battle lung cancer for two years, which spread to her brain and throat. She passed away a few days ago at the age of 48. And yes, she was a smoker. I ask those NAIT students I see smoking around the entrances... is it worth it? Those of you thinking of quitting, DO IT NOW!! If not for yourself, at least for your friends and family. The few weeks or months of misery from cravings will be worth the years of extra time you get to live your life with your loved ones. Respectfully yours...XYZ

I have 2 beefs with this school. First it is January 5th and half of my marks still haven't been posted. We pay good money in the form of tuition so that teachers and secretaries have jobs. I don't know who's to blame, but this is ridiculous. If I flunked all my classes, I would have just wasted three weeks in which I could have got a job instead of waiting for the retarded red tape at NAIT to clear up. The second beef is that there was no where to watch the Canadian Junior Game on campus. There were probably at least fifty students and staff looking for a place to watch the game, but instead the NEST was closed that day and NAIT can't afford twenty bucks a month to hook up TSN. For all the money that they mug form students you'd think they might use a little foresight and let us watch a hockey game.

Where are the Jobs are in 2004?

MATT Smith
NAIT Career Advisor

The first step in looking for work is pretty straight forward - you need to know where the jobs are! Where are they? Well, there are a number of ways to look for work - the trick is to spend most of your time focussing on the most effective methods. There are two primary ways to job search: 1) Responding to Advertisements and 2) Taking the Proactive Approach. In this article I will describe how to effectively search for advertised jobs and talk about the proactive approach next week.

Responding to Advertisements: There is no doubt that many jobs are advertised in newspapers, industry magazines, employment offices, and on employment internet sites, company internet sites, and even job hotlines. The problem with advertised jobs is that

they are seen by many people. That means many job seekers end up competing for the same job. This is something you want to avoid like a mad cow wearing a SARS mask. How do you avoid ending up in a pool of 500 applicants? Simple: spend time looking at job ads that will be seen by fewer applicants.

This means spending less time looking at newspapers and massive job sites like Workopolis and more time with company websites, industry magazines, and specific job search sites like the one provided by NAIT Career Services (www.nait.ab.ca/careers). NAIT's Job Postings, for example, target only NAIT students and alumni and only NAIT students and alumni are allowed to access the site. Moreover, job ads are categorized according to program area, so if you are in Dental Assisting, you will only be competing with other NAIT Dental Assisting students

and alumni. While you are a student and up until a year following your graduation, you can even sign up for Job Alert and get emails about job ads that meet your criteria. More about our terrific site next week.

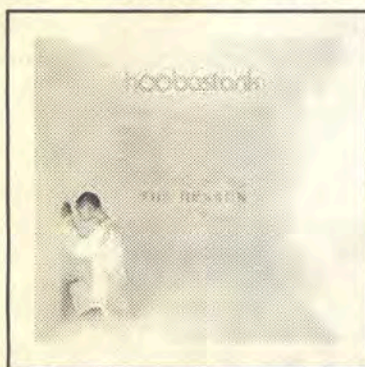
Company and organization web sites are excellent ways of avoiding competition as well. Not everyone will take the time to research companies and check them regularly for jobs. The first step is to develop a list of websites representing companies in your industry of choice. You can do this by looking at the Yellow Pages, doing an internet search, or accessing a directory like the Canadian Oilfield Service and Supply Directory. Once you have a list of websites set up, make a point of visiting them regularly. Simply set out an hour or two every week to check the sites for jobs. This is a good idea even if you aren't actively looking for

a job. Find out what skills and abilities employers are looking for and take the steps to gain these assets if you currently lack them. The same thing goes for industry publications and Edmonton's Labour Market Information Centres carry many helpful industry magazines.

By looking for job ads that are accessible to fewer job hunters, you will have a much better chance of getting hired sooner. The time you spend looking for work will be more productive. Now that I've told you all about finding job ads, here's the bad news: only a third of all jobs are advertised! So, next week I'll tell you about the elusive Hidden Job Market and the Proactive Approach to job hunting. For more information about your work search, come to Career Services (O117) and ask to speak with a Career Advisor.

'stank Doesn't Stink

MACKENZIE Crawford



After two years, the wait for more Hoobastank is finally over. I just got my hands on a copy of *The Reason*, a great follow-up to the band's self-titled release of 2001. With wicked drumming, angry lyrics, and sharp riffs that really stand out during the tense moments, I was not disappointed.

It is becoming clearer that Hoobastank really is Incubus' "little brother", especially with the amount of new sound that they have covered. This new adventure for the band is an excellent way to prevent having to live up to their 2001 album, which enjoyed great success. The range of emotions expressed by the band varies from the title track *The Reason*, which sounds less like Nu-metal than it does emo-rock, to the livid screaming in *Out of Control*. This album is a rollercoaster not only in terms of the wide-ranging sound, but also with the lyrics, which seem to point out that vocalist Douglas Robb and the rest of band have something to get off their chests. Some might find this album to have an unpolished sound, but I think it represents the band's attempt to delve into more a more personal work, one which doesn't push them to meet the accomplishment of their 2001 release. *The Reason* proves to Hoobastank's critics that the band is not a one time wonder, but rather, has matured vastly since its beginnings in the mid-90's. The band has slowly learned how to survive and stay fresh in an industry where long term success is rare.

If you were expecting a heavier sounding Hoobastank with harsher, angst-ridden lyrics as a follow up to their self titled album, you may be a little let down. Regardless, don't let this one pass you by; it is an essential album for anyone who appreciates tight riffs, catchy lyrics, and angry neighbours at three in the morning.

Movie Review

"Mona Lisa's Smile"

Would "Mona Lisa's Smile" Make You Smile?

ELAINE Devine

Mona Lisa Smile directed by Mike Newell is set in the early 1950's at a prestigious upper class all-girl college in New England. Katherine Watson played by Julia Roberts is an art history teacher, who moves from California to teach at the Wesley College. Katherine is not welcome there at first due to her liberated thinking and living, however Katherine soon forms strong bonds with the girls in her class. The girls played by such great actresses

as Julia Stiles, Kirsten Dunst and newcomer Ginnifer Goodwin, are smart and well groomed, however they are molded into becoming housewives to stand by their husband and smile no matter what happens. Hence "Mona Lisa's Smile", she is smiling, but is she happy? Katherine tries to show the girls that they do not always have to do to what is expected of them. This causes problems between her and the traditional alumni, who want Katherine to

change her values and way of life in order to fit theirs.

Although the acting is quite good it does not make up for the weak story line. I was interested for about the first hour, after that I found myself digging through my purse and playing with my phone for amusement. I thought that the story was missing something and felt let down with the ending. This movie is not the click-flick I was hoping for, and it did not give me that feeling I like to get after

watching a girl-power movie.

To the guys who are thinking about going to see this movie trust me, runaway there is no way you will be able to sit through the whole thing without slipping into a coma. You may think with someone like Topher Grace a.k.a. Eric from "That 70's Show" it could be a little bit funny it's not, and he only has about two lines that don't make the movie any better.

Overall though the acting impressed me, I don't feel that this movie lived up to my standards of a good movie. The only time I would recommend seeing "Mona Lisa's Smile" is if you need help falling asleep, because it is so slow and boring that it could make anyone fall asleep.

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Athletics Mid-Year Report



JUSTIN
Huculak

Midway through the school year the positives of NAIT athletics are definitely outweighing the negatives, which is a good thing I guess.

Starting with men's basketball team who sit atop the standings in the ACAC and are currently ranked #1 among colleges in Canada sit with a perfect 12-0 record and seem to be a team destined to win another ACAC Championship and possibly another National Championship, which is very tough task to repeat. The women with a 4-7 record sit in 4th place and will be trying to hold onto the last playoff berth for the remainder of the season. Both men and women's action will get underway this Saturday with tip-off at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

In hockey the men stand atop the league with a 13-3 record with their next home action coming this Saturday as they play host to a resurgent Mount Royal squad. The puck drops at seven bells. The lady Ooks sit with 4-7 record, good for 4th spot and will be looking to climb the standings on a strong second half performance. They defend the ice tomorrow against Grant MacEwan at 7:00 pm.

In the Volleyball world, with new divisions in place for the second half of the season the men have started strong and are tied for first with a 2-0 record. Meanwhile the young women's team continue their slump and have dropped their first two matches of the New Year and sit with an 0-2 record. Both teams will be looking to improve their records this weekend as they entertain Keyano College on Friday and Saturday.

In curling NAIT is looking to be a force to be reckoned with again this year. With the men posting a perfect 7-0, the women a near perfect 6-1, and the mixed team boasts a 4-2 record after their first bonspiel. Their next competition is the weekend of Jan 30- Feb 1 at Lakeland College.

Finally swimming is set to get underway with the swim teams first meet next weekend at Grant MacEwan.

All in all it looks to be a promising 2004 for the Ooks.

Outside Sports



JUSTIN
Huculak

First things first, as I'm sure you all know over the break disgruntled forward Mike Comrie was finally traded. Not to Anaheim as speculated, but too Philadelphia for d-man Jeff Woywitka and a couple of draft picks. When this trade went down I heard many people grumbling

that the Oilers got ripped off. But I truly believe the Oil got the upper hand in this deal. First of all Woywitka is a promising young blue-liner who will one day anchor the defensive corps for Edmonton. Woywitka has the credentials as well he played with the World Juniors a couple years ago and was an integral part of the Red Deer Rebels Memorial Cup runs. As for the draft picks that's going to be up to the scouting staff to find the right people for the organization. But for all you naysayers of the trade. Give it a

year and you'll all see that this was a smart move by Kevin Lowe and his staff.

Speaking of the World Juniors I read an article by Mike Toth of Sportsnet who blames Gretzky (jokingly) for their loss to the U.S this year and he has a pretty good basis for it. When the "Great One" was traded to L.A. he sparked an immediate interest of hockey in the south and inspired many youth to take up the sport that wouldn't have known what a puck was if it hit'em in the face. But these young onlookers aren't

too young anymore. Their now at that age where were going to begin to start noticing more and more elite players popping up from states that scouts didn't even exist in before: like California, Florida, Texas, etc.

In baseball news Vladimir Guerrero the most sought after free agent made a surprise move and signed with the Anaheim Angels for a measly \$70mil over five years. And Raffy Palmeiro is out of Texas and returning to Baltimore, wonder if all the Viagra jokes will follow too?

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These grapevines were submitted online at www.thenugget.ca, they have not been edited.

to the girl that stinks... i am one of very few individuals with a mohawk at NAIT... and being that i have no idea who you are, feel free to come and give me a slap so that I know who it is that I have been so foolishly ignoring.... I apologize to the poor guy that gets slapped if it isnt me...blah. -last of the mohawkians

Hey katrina in culinary arts damn girl ur fine. its to bad i didnt get to know u better in high school hopefully i'll c more of you in the halls. by the way those pink pants are smokin on u. your bud from ainlay in mech tech will AKA DOA

to the guy who addressed the 'h-wing' girl--It's hard to tell who she is if we dont know what she looks like, yes?Maybe you could give us a little hint..... -OsoCurious-

To the Guy in IET that wears a cape and glasses: Stop wasting our time. -IET

It's been fun while it's lasted. To all other Millwrights out there, good luck on you future exams, and may you realize that I am the smartest and best looking Millwright. To Leanne, sorry I don't think it is going to work; you being a second year and I, a Fourth year. "I'm outta here" -I@SON

to Amanda in CST, i gotta say you looked so damn sexy all dressed up for your presentation! congrats on your project, your team did an amazing job! -on looker

I'm fortunate that a beautiful angel like you; could actually be all mine. You make me feel special, every minute of every day; thank you for the chance to make you feel the same way. Sneaky

AHHHH ISN'T IT NICE TO BE BACK...HAHAHA.....NOW EVERYBODY, LETS NOT START THIS SEMESTER OFF WITHEVERYBODYB*TCHI*G ABOUT SOMETHING OR ANOTHER, SO I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY.....KEEP IT TO YOURSELF!! -I'M OUT

to the metal chick who was wearing the bullet belt and had the WASP and Halloween patches on her jacket let me express my undying and unholy lust for you. I want my clowded frostspire to penetrate your gates of attrition.Love your war god of lust -The Firecrotch

"C" in Business..if you want you can e-mail me at strebll1@nait.ab.ca

Congratulations to Dana Perkin of the Sports Equipment Desk on his engagement to long time girl-friend Miranda, and to his acceptance to the Edmonton Police Service !!!! We will miss you here in the basement but we wish you and your family all the best in this new stage of your lives. Well Done ! -Sec Staff

To "C" in business...This New Year's will be one I will never forget..I can still feel your soft

kisses and beautiful hair. I now always see your amazing eyes in my dreams. I hope to see you again. (Thanks for the compliment on my teeth and smile :))

Hey sexy katie in the hp center, its me the guy from the bar, this is just to say your really hot.

This is to Terrance Fitzgerald..You are hotter then ever! How was your christmas break? I sure hope that you got everything that you wanted and if you didnt, look me up.. I am usually floating around in the business tower!

Why is that people drive on parkways but park on driveways?

I'm looking for people to go jibbing with. Email me at jib_edmonton@hotmail.com -- I won't open emails with attachments. -Tyson

I swear 80% of the people in the tower are brainless. It's hard for us H wingers to even bring ourselves down to their level and have some sort of decent conversation. What's up with you people up there? Get some people skills!

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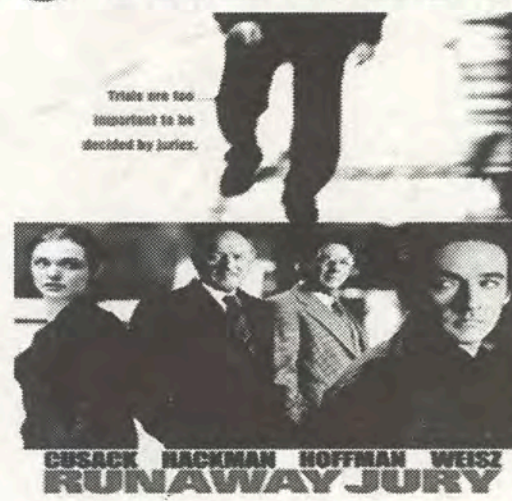
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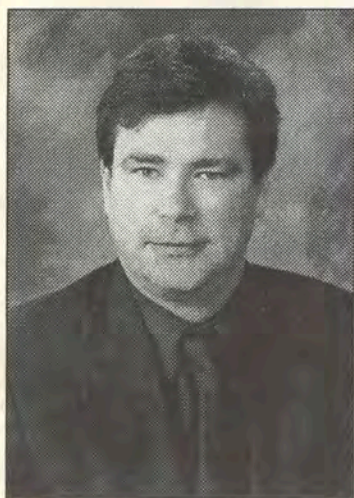
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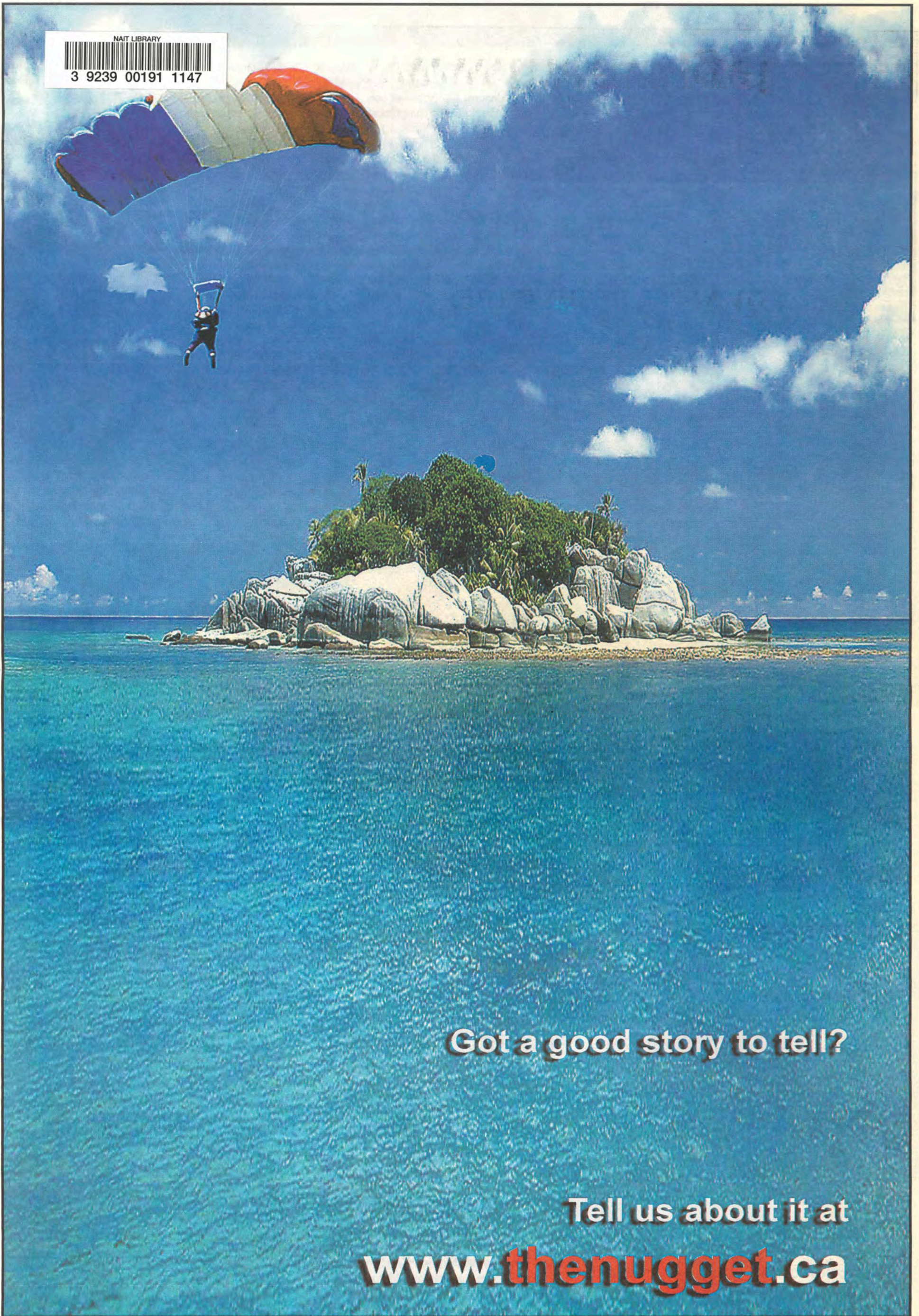
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