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SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE



NAIT Students' Association '04/05 Election Information

CAMPAIGN WEEK

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

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

During campaign week be sure to take some time to talk to a candidate and tell them what you expect next year. You can even win some great prizes during this week so watch for candidates in your area.

MARCH 4 - 10, 2004

ELECTION SPEECHES

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| Thursday, March 4th | Fresh Express | 11:15 & 12:15 |
| Friday, March 5th | Common Market | 11:15 & 12:15 |
| Monday, March 8th | HP Centre (Bytes) | 11:15 |
| | Annex (Bistro) | 12:15 |
| Tuesday, March 9th | The Nest | 11:15 & 12:15 |
| Wednesday, March 10th | 8th Fl. Tower Lounge | 11:15 |
| | Naitrium | 12:15 |

ELECTION DAY

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

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

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

There is a new NAITSA coming... We want to be known for our accountability to our members. But first we need your vote. Cast your ballot on March 11th and make your voice heard!

POLLING STATIONS

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

BRING YOUR ID CARD

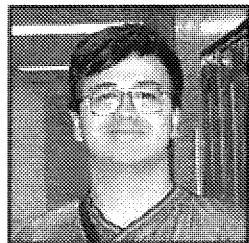
All you need is your ID card at the polling stations. Full-time, part-time and apprentice students are eligible to vote.

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

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

www.naitsa.ca

Candidates for President



Mark Cappis

Hello! You probably have no idea who I am. That means two things: I've got my work cut out for me, and I'm not doing very well in promotions and marketing class. I am Mark Cappis, philosopher, scientist, NR92 personality, and, if you'll have me, the next NAITSA president.

I could sit here and blather on about my political experience. Yeah, I've already been through university, and I was one of the most outspoken pundits of the Augustana Student Association. Yeah, I've worked on election campaigns at the provincial level. Yeah, I was treasurer of my high school students' union. I'm sure every candidate in the election can boast similar experience. But instead of talking about what I've done, let's talk about what I can do.

I am an honest man. I'm sure most of you are saying, "A politician saying he's honest, man, what a liar." But I do what I can. If you ask me an honest opinion, I will tell you what I really think. If I can do it, I will say I can do it. If it can't be done, I'll say it can't be done, and then tell you what we probably can do. There's no logic in lying to you. I'm an honest

guy. If you don't believe me, ask my mother.

I'm hard working. You don't get degrees in math and physics by slacking off. You don't succeed in a job in another country by sitting back and resting on your laurels. Trust me, when you're sitting across a table from a Shinjuku salaryman trying to convince him to send his employees to your English school, you'd better be working your tail off. It's the 110% I bring to every job. I will always do my best to serve you.

I'm huggable. There's no way around it. There's nothing I love more than giving a nice, big hug. No matter what I'm doing, you can just walk up to me and I'll give you a hug. And even if you don't feel like a hug, then just have a seat. I'll listen to you. I'll hear out your concerns, and if I can do something about it, well, I'll do my best.

Honest. Hard working. Huggable. What more could you want in a president? A lot of people are wondering why the heck I'm doing this. I'm in radio! I should be focusing on staying pretty behind the microphone. But I feel I have something to offer you. I know, if given the chance, I'll be your president to the best of my abilities.

And at the very least, I'll see if I can finally get some tampon machines in the ladies rooms.

So, remember, on March 11, vote for Mark Cappis.

women in information technology to 525 NAIT students covering soft skills students will need in the workplace.

If elected to as your NAITSA President I will:

- Put the best interests of the students first!
- Work to keep your Student fees some of the lowest in Alberta.
- Create an Instructor Evaluation System.
- Create a "Tech Fund" that will make money available for:
 - training Tech Reps to better serve their students,
 - Team building workshops for Tech Reps and all students.
- Annual NAITSA Job Fair and Job Seminars to help students prepare for the workforce and find job opportunities before graduating from NAIT
- Work with NAIT to Improve Student Areas (The Dock, Weight room Ventilation, NEST)
- Create Student Committees to review Bylaw and Budget changes BEFORE they are presented at the General Council



Markus Isaacs

Hey everyone! My name is Markus Isaacs, and I am running for the position of President. Currently, I am a member of your General Council as the President of the Mechanical Engineering Technology Student's Association. I have attended General

Council meetings all year long and feel that more can be contributed to this school. I know that NAITSA has followed a bumpy road this year, and I am confident in my ability to bring the Student's Association to new heights. The accountability of the student government is a huge topic for me.

Each and every student should have access to what's happening in and around NAIT. With the Fairview college transition, the facelift for the NAITSA offices, along with the concerns about parking and the student health plan, NAITSA will be in need of

some great representation. Communication between the executive and you, the students, is ever so important during these delicate phases. That is why a goal of mine will be to write an article for the Nugget on a bi-weekly basis to keep you all informed of what's going on behind the scenes. By putting your 'X' by Markus Isaacs, you can ensure the proper representation for you in the coming year with a good combination of both a serious and a fun approach. So on March 11, 2004, VOTE MARKUS ISAACS FOR PRESIDENT! Thanks for reading, and I'll see you around!



Dwayne Johnson

Hey everyone! I'm Dwayne Johnson and I am currently your Features Editor at "The Nugget." Hopefully I've been able to make "The Nugget" more enjoyable for most of you! Now I hope to make the NAIT experience better for us students by running for President of NAITSA!

First let's look at the good-ies we receive for our tuition at NAIT:

- Lack of Parking
- High Book Prices
- Increasing Locker Theft
- Poor Computers in the Tower Basement
- Disgusting Bathrooms in the Annex
- Lack of Communication with NAIT Administration

Shame that NAIT doesn't advertise about these "benefits" in their pamphlets. So what do I plan to do for the students after elected President?

- for approval.
- Install a Television system around the campus to that keep all students informed about upcoming events around NAIT.
- Publish monthly posters that inform students of NAITSA and Technology sponsored events.
- Work with NAIT to find solutions to important ongoing student issues like Security and Parking.
- Create a New Elected Student Position within NAITSA to ensure that NAITs satellite campuses (Annex, Patricia, Souch, HP Centre) are included, represented fairly, and informed

- I plan to arrange for NAITSA and the Business Tower to hold a fundraiser, the funds raised by the Business Tower will be matched by NAITSA, the money put towards new computers for the STUDENTS to use in the business tower basement! Hopefully NAIT will pitch in too.

- I plan to make sure ALL the technologies have access to the software they need in the HP Commons, the twenty-four hour computer lab located in the HP Building. So that all students of NAIT can benefit from its use!

- One ski trip that stays within Alberta, which would stop the 18 year old students from being excluded from the bars on the trip unlike the trips to BC.
- I also want more support for our Television and Radio program! I'd like under the new NAITSA for funds to be raised to allow the radio station to be heard in the cafeterias to gather more support.
- A more suitable Health and Dental Plan that actually BENEFITS the students. Possibly even the removal of the mandatory fees!
- Better communication between NAIT and the Students. Most students didn't even know

when their courses were to begin for each semester.

- Parking...but that might be a bit trickier...I'll try my best and report back to all the students the progress and replies by NAIT administration.

Another issue with the previous NAITSAs was lack of feedback with the students. The students never had any idea exactly what NAITSA was doing for the students! Well I plan to fix this!

After elected President of NAITSA I will write a monthly article about what NAITSA has accomplished for the Students is the previous month, and what issues we plan to tackle in the upcoming month! Poor security? Bathroom Issues? Broken Computer Equipment? A lack of INSANE PARTIES!? You name it! I will talk to the people here at NAIT and let YOU the students know exactly what is planned to fix the situation! It's time the students found out where NAITSA's one million dollar and some budget is spent!

Last time out of 700+ votes I lost by 3! So I need your help guys, every vote counts! Let's make 2004/2005 the year for the Students! Vote Dwayne Johnson for President on Thursday March 11th.

council on a weekly basis. When representing my technology or sitting on the NAITSA Executive I have always put the best interests of the student first. I need your vote on March 11 to make this one of the best years ever for NAITSA and the students it serves! VOTE JONATHAN SONMOR FOR PRESIDENT.



Jonathan Sonmor

Hello everyone, my name is Jonathan Sonmor and I am running for NAITSA President. I have spent the last 6 semesters at NAIT working toward my Bachelor of Applied Information System Technology Degree and over that time I have seen a lot of areas that need improvement in my program and NAITSA. For the past year and a half I have been very active as president of NCIT (NAIT Communication and Information Technologies student group) to improve student life and address student issues in my programs (CST and BAIST). As NCIT president I chaired the Women in IT conference January 04. This event brought some of Edmonton's most influential

regarding NAITSA Student activities and events.

- Protect NAIT student interests in the NAITSA/FairviewSA merger and use Academic Council to ensure that Fairview programs have the same entrance requirements as NAIT students.

At the end of January I was appointed by General Council to the NAITSA Executive. I am currently working on a new NAITSA organizational plan, next year's budget, the NAITSA/FairviewSA merger and I brought your student concerns and issues to executive

Candidates for VP Campus Life



Sam Bressette

Hey everyone! I am Sam, and I am running for VP of Campus Life. I am currently a student in Pre-Technology, but I am going into Chemical Technology this fall.

I was asked to write a piece in the Nugget to introduce myself to you, but I realized that this wasn't as easy of a task to do as I thought it was. Well, I guess I can start off by saying that I am excited to be running in the upcoming elections. I am going against some wonderful people who I know have great ideas. I certainly believe you the voters have the hardest job of all, finding just that right person for the job. So why do I think you should choose me? Great question! Well, all I can tell you is I am very dedicated to my job, whatever that may be at the time. I am extremely hard working and I always love to go that extra mile. I have been

commented on as being tactful, creative, and a great person to work with. I believe I am very open-minded and I love to create new and innovative ways to make things work. I love to laugh and make those around me laugh. My friends and co-workers can tell you that I always try to do whatever I can for people, even if it seems there are no other choices. I am very trustworthy, honest and I voice my concerns and ideas with confidence. If I can do something for someone I can promise I will do whatever I can to do it. I am organized, resourceful, a problem solver and I am very social.

So are these the sort of traits you are looking for in a representative? I can tell you choosing this position will not be easy, but I have all the confidence that you will choose the right person for the job. I believe I am that right person. You are this school, without your voice and your vote you are leaving your decisions up to people who don't care about you as a student, people who have no idea what it's like to be in your shoes. So voice your decision with confidence March 11, vote for me...Sam Bressette for VP of Campus Life. The best choice... is the right choice!



Jennifer Grundke

No article available. To learn about this candidate's platform, attend the election speeches. Times and locations listed on the front page.

Glen Stilges

No photo or article available. To learn about this candidate's platform, attend the election speeches. Times and locations listed on the front page.

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Drop in to the following locations during your lunch hour and speak to a Career Advisor:

March 3 Engineering Annex
March 10 Fresh Express
March 17 HP Centre

We'll be available from 11:15 to 1:15 to provide input on your resume, cover letter and job search.

KARAOKE TUESDAY

MARCH 2ND

@ THE NEST

4:30pm



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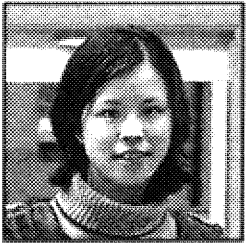


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Candidates for VP Finance & Academic



Hau-Yee "Candy" Chau

Hello, everybody!! My name is Hau-Yee Candy Chau. I am running for the VP Finance & Administrative position for 2004/2005. For those of you who don't know me, I am a student of Applied Banking and Business and in this coming fall I will be taking second semester Business Administration.

Last September, when I first came to NAIT, I thought it was going to be a boring post-secondary school year! But NAITSA

proved me wrong. The OOK-FEST Welcome week was a total surprise. There were so many events and activities to participate in during the first week of school and this has continued throughout the year. Now I want to be part of NAITSA, I want to give back to the student body using my strongest ability: Finance.

I am not afraid to work overtime. I am a responsible person, who is ready and able to get the job done. And I am willing to do whatever it takes to bring the BEST service to all of NAIT's student body. (Well, legally)

The Election Day will be on Thursday, March 11th, 2004! Please bring your student ID, and vote Hau-Yee Candy Chau for your VP Finance & Administrative. Thank you very much~~~!

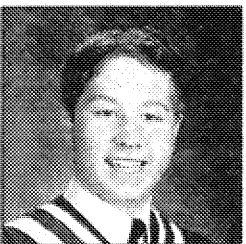


Elaine Devine

Hello, my name is Elaine Devine and I am running for VP Finance and Administration. I am currently in my first year of Business Administration. I feel that I am the right candidate for VP Finance and Administra-

tion because I am honest, trustworthy, and I work well with large amounts of money. Polite, funny, easy going, responsible, and extremely outgoing are just a few words that describe my personality. Last year at NAIT I was my class representative for Pre-Technology and as such helped to organize some awesome parties!! This year I have been involved in many activities at NAIT such as, writing for The Nugget, being the class rep for Business Administration, and volunteering for Shinerama. I am willing to work extremely hard to make sure everyone at NAIT has a fun

and unforgettable year. If elected as VP Finance and Administration my door will always be open to anyone who are having problems or who just want to stop by and chat. Now that you know a little bit about me, I hope you can see why I would be excellent for the job of VP Finance and Administration. On March 11 remember to bring your student id card to one of the voting stations set up around campus and vote Elaine Devine for VP Finance and Administration, and let me work hard for you. So have a moment of Devine intervention and vote for me, Elaine Devine.



Gary Freitas

Hello everyone, my name is Gary Freitas and I am running for the position VP of Finance and Administration. I am a hard working individual, in my third

Semester of Business Administration-Accounting and I am planning on going into the Applied Diploma. I currently serve on Academic Council, am an honor student, and I am not afraid of a little bit of work. If you put me into office I will work very hard for you, and do my very best, I am very determined and I know my Accounting, so if you want someone who is qualified and knows what they are doing on March 11, 2004 vote Gary Freitas VP Finance and Administration.

Are you going to be returning to school next September? Well, this is your chance to

apply for parking

early! The Parking Office will start to take applications March 29. Don't miss this opportunity to apply early...and get the stall you want!!!



**IS COMING TO THE NEST
MARCH 10TH & 24TH**

**IF YOU THINK YOU
CAN BE THE NEXT**

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**COME SIGN UP AT
THE NAITSA OFFICE
ROOM E131**

Candidates for VP Student Affairs



Nathan Lundy

Hi, I am Nathan Lundy and I am running for VP of Student Affairs (or as some of you know it by its old name VP of Academic). I already have experience with student government, I am currently on the Business Administration

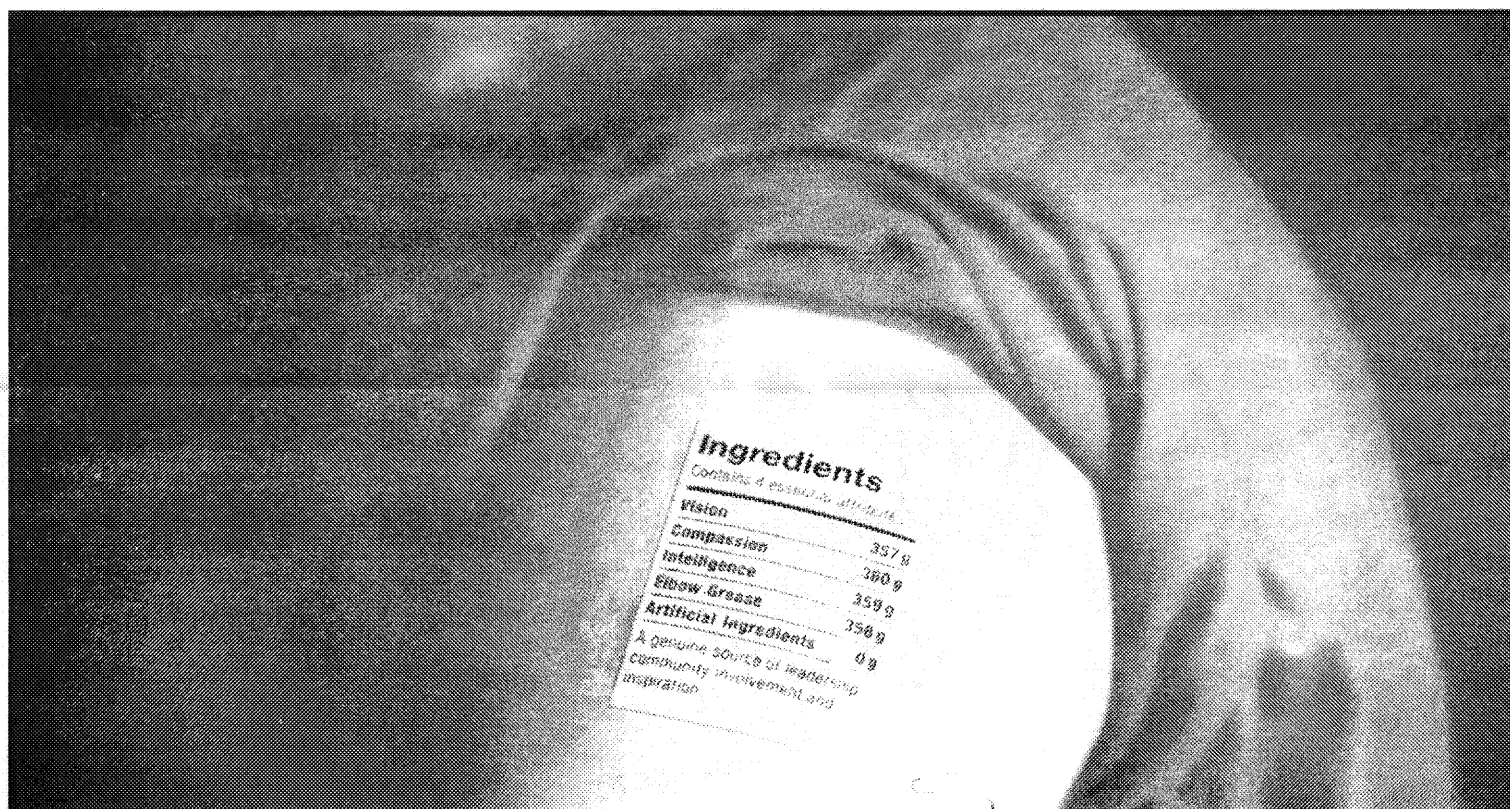
Society, and help out NAITSA whenever I can, plus I always attend General Council (which is the Council that approves all NAITSA decisions). I am also on Academic Council, which is the highest decision making body at NAIT with fair student representation. This will help me with the position, because part of my job as VP of Student Affairs is sitting on Academic Council. Right now I am on a sub committee in Academic Council that is trying to improve instructor evaluation, and I want to be back to make sure that everything goes good.

My main purpose while being VP Student Affairs is to help you, the students, in any way possible. I will be there to help you with any grievances that may arise and anything else that you need. I am also there to make sure that you have as much fun as possible and to make your experience at NAIT the best that it could be. As you can see I am already involved as much as I can be and I would love to be involved even more so I can help the students out as much as possible. So come March 11th 2004 vote Nathan Lundy for VP of Student Affairs.



Aleesha Jex

No article available. To learn about this candidate's platform, attend the election speeches. Times and locations listed on the front page.



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Post-secondary studies can bring out things in people they never knew they had. Surrounded by peers who are engaged in the world, inspired by a flurry of new ideas, and presented with endless personal possibilities, many post-secondary students end up taking on the world with all they've got, and making it a better place for all of us—while in the process becoming better students, better citizens and better leaders.

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Candidates for Board of Governors



Harmen Van Andel

Hello everyone! My name is HARMEN VAN ANDEL and I'm running for my second term as a member of The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors is made up of 15 members. There are two spots reserved for NAIT instructors, and two spots are reserved for NAIT students.

The NAIT student member's tasks are to add a student's perspective to the decision making process at The Board of Governors' meetings.

This past year, a number of concerns were brought to my

attention and I in turn brought them up at NAIT's Board of Governors' meetings. For example, the replacement of the gymnasium floor is now on the table for discussion, and the wheels are in motion to fix the problem. (It's about time too, because it was built in 1963!)

In any case, I'm an older guy with experience and I have plenty of "old-man wisdom". I'm also a huge advocate of the students (as you may have noticed when reading my weekly articles in this paper) and I'm confident I'd be an asset to the NAIT student body.

If you're looking for someone that is not afraid to stand up for what is right and someone that will vigorously represent the students' interests at future Board meetings, re-elect HARMEN VAN ANDEL to the Board of Governors on Thursday, March 11.

It's about Integrity and Accountability! Vote "YES!" this Thursday!



Victoria Willis

My name is Victoria Willis and I am in my first year of Respiratory Therapy. I also work for the Nugget as the typesetter. I am running in this election to become a member of the Board of Governors, and as a member I would be responsible for the following duties: attending all General Council meetings to report on student related Board activity; writing a monthly article in the Nugget to inform you, the student body, of anything concerning student related board activity from those meetings; meeting with the

NAITSA President once a month to discuss student affair matters related to Board activity; representing you at all Board of Governors meetings; and most importantly, keeping your best interests in mind at every meeting I attend. Now that you know about what I would be doing to serve you, there is something else I need you to know. There are only two candidates running for two Board of Governors positions. This means that on election day, March 11th, it will be a yes or a no vote for myself and my running mate, Harmen Van Andel. I urge you to vote yes for both of us, because having two people representing you on the Board of Governors would be much more beneficial than one. Some people may think they have to vote yes for one, no for the other, but remember next Thursday to vote yes for both Victoria and Harmen.

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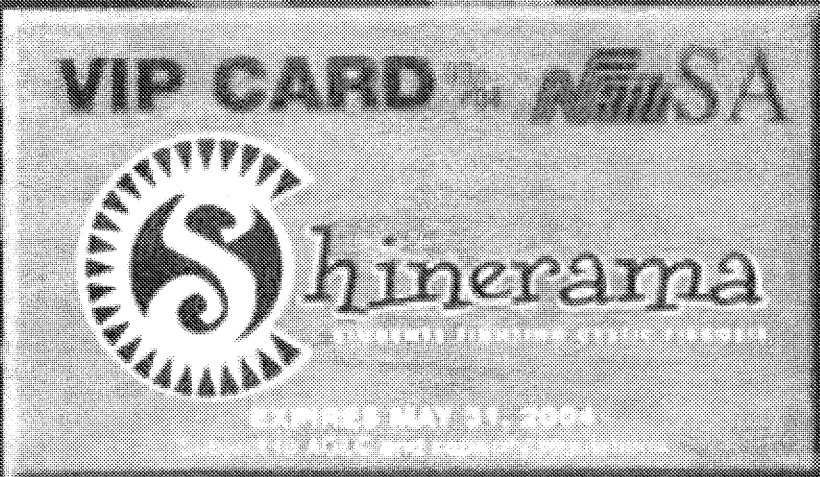
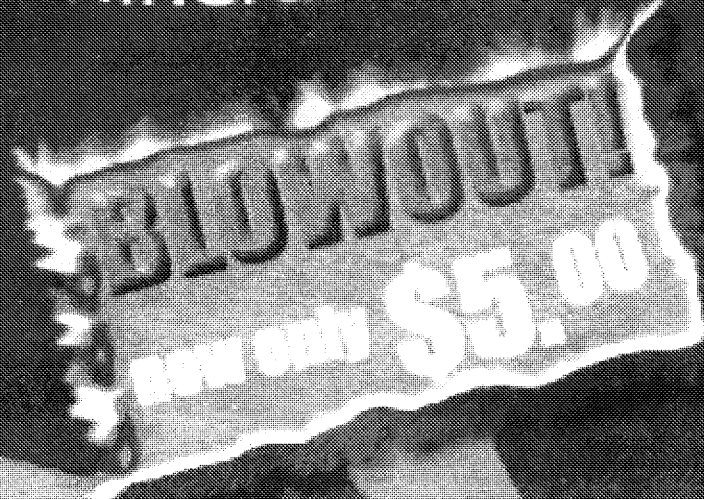
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