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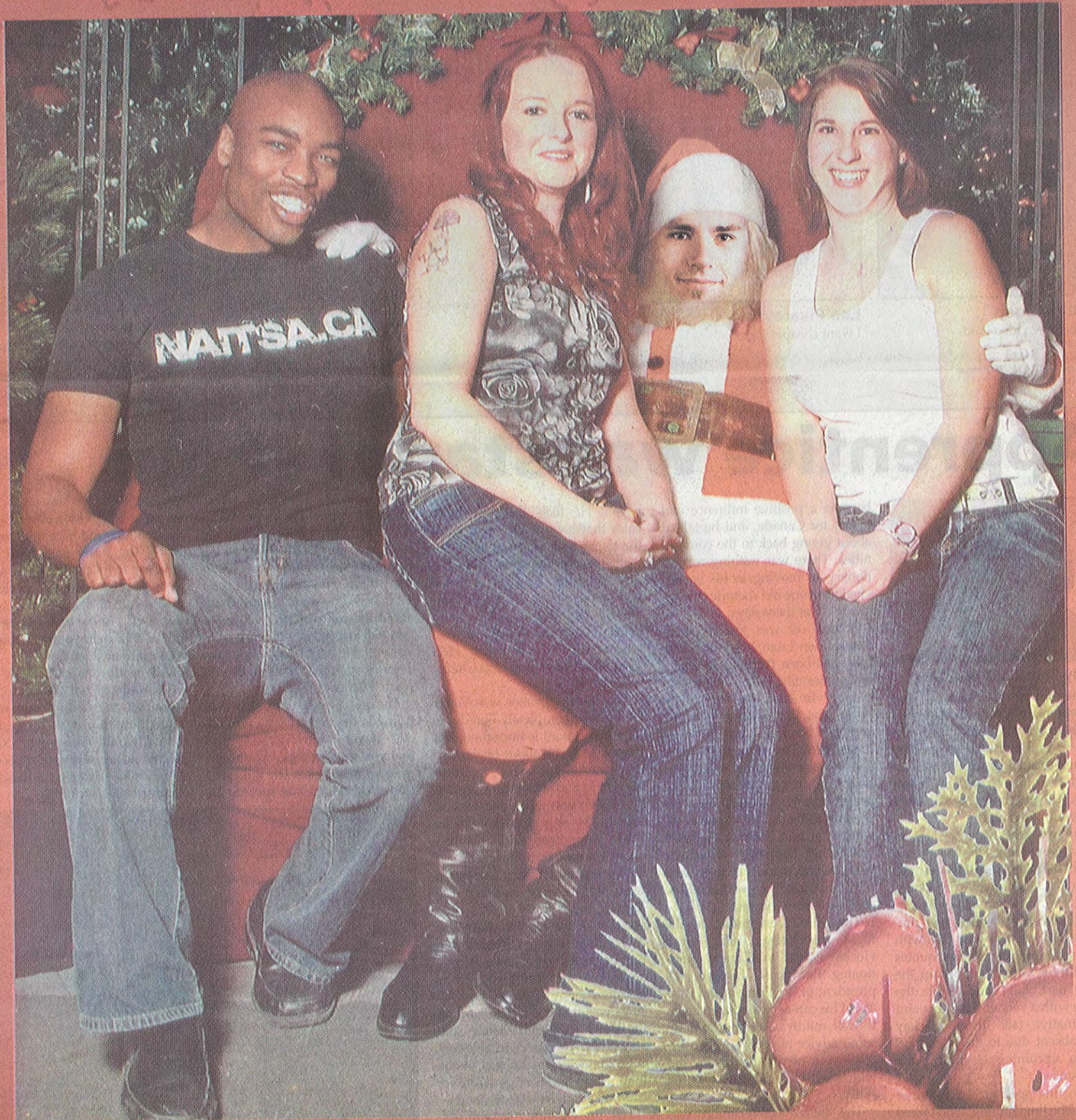
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GOODWILL HUNTING?

The Nugget gives you a Top-10 list of charitable things you can do this season. See story inside.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Your NAIT students' association executives wish you a safe and happy holiday season. From left to right: President Dwayne Williams, VP Finance & Administration Elaine Devine, VP Student Affairs Jon (Santa) Hoffman, and VP Campus Life Carrie Creaser.

NEWS & FEATURES

NAUGHTY OR NICE?

Mouthing *OFF*



By TARA COPELAND

This week, we asked students what they would like for Christmas? Naughty or nice, we wanted to know.



Chris Poon
The new video iPod.



Leo Pisarevski
I want cheaper gas.



Jessica Bateman
I could go for an iTrip.

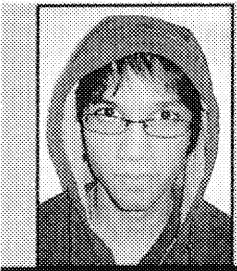


Taz Dhariwal
My Christmas wish is that some real famous celebrity guy/person in the news gets (serious grief from) a crazy fan, someone like Tom Cruise or Paris Hilton.



Amy Marton
I want lots of money, so I can go shopping for Boxing Day sales and buy lots of shoes.

Apprentice was star of show



By CHARLES NOBLE

The Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs Conference (YPEC) was held at the Winspear Centre on Nov. 23 and any who were lucky enough to attend know it was well worth their time to be there. If you weren't there, then here is a brief overview of the night.

The speakers for the night in order were, Jim Dinning, Luan Mitchell-Halter, Kelly Hrukey and Patrick R. Laforge, Victor Dodig and lastly, the keynote, Bill Rancic. In all sincerity the first few presentations were at best OK, with some entertaining stories/quotes that I'll tell you about. But for the most part, Bill Rancic stole the show with a very entertaining and informative talk. Peter Mackay was absent due to the likelihood of an upcoming election being announced.

The first speaker was premier wannabe Jim Dinning, who talked about the growing economy in Alberta, which was forgettable. He talked about how we need to

become a positive influence and leader for Canada, and he talked about giving back to the communities. There was nothing revolutionary or moving in his speech - just the same old rhetoric that we always hear these days.

Second off was leading businesswomen Luan Mitchell-Halter who has been featured in many magazines. She talked about succeeding in business. Her main point was that change happens and you have to learn to adapt to succeed. The other main topic she addressed was not to judge a book by its cover, never pre-judge people because no one these days is predictable by appearances alone. Her best quote of the night was, "shift happens," when she was talking about change and how you have to go with the flow and learn from the past.

The third presentation of the night was Kelly Hrukey from Hockey Night in Canada questioning Patrick R. Laforge, the president of the Edmonton Oilers about his career as a businessman. It was mildly entertaining with some advice about how to overcome your own faults like he did with his lack of communication skills.

The better conversation was with Kelly Hrukey (played in the NHL from 1983-98) who I interviewed before the whole event

began. He likes the new NHL rules that have really opened up the game and the shootouts that thrill players and fans alike. His picks for teams to make it all the way to the Stanley Cup are Philadelphia, Ottawa or Carolina. Kelly hates mullets and thinks, "anyone with a mullet belongs in jail." He's most afraid of getting Don Cherry mad at him.

The fourth speaker was Victor Dodig, who completely bored me. Sure investment is important, but I came to learn about leadership and how he got to his stature in life. He had a PowerPoint presentation that was quick and easy to forget. The only decent point he made was already said before - about learning from the past.

The last and best presentation was the keynote speaker Bill Rancic, the winner of the first episode of the hit TV show The Apprentice. When I interviewed him before the conference, he was a very nice and funny guy, yet he also had many stories. One such story was that the car he won off the show was immediately sold for charity. Another charitable contribution he has made was a book that he and his sister co-wrote for children about lemonade stands.

His presentation was impressive in that he always reminded people that your roots are really important for your future and not

to forget them. He pointed out that your goals in life can't be the only thing you look at. You need to have mini goals that you set along the way to your final goal. Like a marathon, you must not just think about the full distance, otherwise you will lose focus and overwhelm yourself. He urged people to make a series of small goals until you reach the final finish.

The best quote he had was, "Not trying is the biggest failure of the all." It was in reference to the fact that you must conquer your fears in order to succeed. The three best traits that helped him succeed are

working hard, being able to adapt to situations and his ability to take risks. The never-quit spirit also aids you to reach the top, he said. People must heed the advice of others but also make their own decisions. In the end, realize that if you believe in yourself, you can make it, Rancic said.

All in all, this conference was full of advice but the best came from Rancic. Trump you really know how to pick the best of the best. I would recommend YPEC to anyone for next year, especially if the keynote speaker is Rancic or someone of that calibre.



Jolene interviews Bill Rancic.

Make a difference this Christmas



By DAVID MALLET

So you want to discover the true meaning of Christmas? Is it buying hoards of presents? Is it getting into a frenzy about major family gatherings? Is it wondering whether someone will love the \$200 present you bought them?

We think not.

If you really want to discover the true meaning of Christmas, consider some of the options outlined below.

1) Caroling at convalescent homes.

Nothing can warm your cockles quicker than caroling for the elderly.

Spending day after day, usually painfully alone, seeing a group of young people take some time to bring a little cheer into their lives will do their hearts a world of good.

It might just warm yours up too. Remember, we all grow old someday (hopefully) and something like this can be a holiday highlight for those who are alone and unable to take care of their daily life.

2) Donate to your favourite charity.

Have you been putting off helping a charity? Are you like me and you look back over the last few years and realize that aside from six cents in the missing kids jar at Mac's you haven't given a penny? Well, now is the time. Pick your favourite charity, grab that 20 spot and drop it for someone in need. Trust me, the beer will always be there.

But so are the suffering. Make a contribution this Xmas.

3) Spend a day helping out a local organization.

Edmonton has plenty of places you can go to help out organizations that need manpower, or womanpower. From the Bissel Centre to Marian Centre to the Salvation Army or the Food Bank, these guys are always strapped for help. Most of us have about three weeks off for the holidays. Crack

your phone book, make a call and offer a few hours of your time to these organizations that help those who have nothing.

4) Get involved.

I have a soft spot in my heart for the local group Food Not Bombs. Making a clear statement to the world against war and violence, this group is active all over the world.

Serving vegetarian meals to the hungry, the mandate of this group is to spread goodwill and end hunger rather than blow people to smithereens for a bad president's war. I like the idea of that and I hope you do too. Sorry for getting on my high horse, but if you are upset about the state of world affairs, this is one way to help the needy while making your voice heard.

5) Shovel some snow.

Though it may be another "El Nino" kind of year this Xmas, if there is snow this season, grab a good shovel and get some exercise. Do you see people with three feet of snow on their drive while all the neighbours are clean as a summer's day? Clear it off.

You would be surprised how a generous gesture can affect somebody. It can really make a big difference. Of course, they could be lazy and just hate shoveling their walk, but chances are they are unable or physically cannot do it.

6) Don't buy from big box stores.

Give small businesses some, um, business by buying from them instead of up-against-the-wall-Mart. Many small businesses find it hard to compete in this busy season and count on customers to come their way. So if ya gotta buy your food for the holidays or decorations for the tree, try going somewhere else other than those mammoth, soul-sucking stores.

7) Earthquakes, tsunamis and hurricanes.

Oh, yeah, right. There were some natural disasters this year. It's funny y'know, but it's amazing how quickly we can forget about these things after all the news networks run of out of sensational stories to tell. Alas, though, there is still much to be done in affected areas. In greatest need is the Pakistan earthquake region. Contact the Edmonton Red Cross or another organization that turns your crank (read: you know the money actually gets to those in need) and find out what the greatest need is. Then meet it!

People are dying in these regions ever still and we shouldn't ignore it.

8) Sponsor a child.

There are still millions of children dying from famine every year. It is absolutely painless to set up a sponsorship. It costs about \$33 a month and literally changes a life. If you smoke, drink, go out to eat or buy a coffee each morning, I promise you - you will find the money. It's really very little cash you have to give and it makes such a huge difference. World Vision, Foster Parents Plan, Christian Children's Fun and many others are always willing to take your call.

9) Christmas Bureau of Edmonton.

The Christmas Bureau of Edmonton is perhaps the most essential volunteer organization in Edmonton. People from all walks of life help them every year and they serve upwards of 65,000 citizens thorough their efforts. If you want a more tangible way to help this Christmas, this is it. You can drive vehicles to pick up and drop off donations, fill hampers, help out office staff, stuff letters or simply work the donation desk. Your help is greatly needed and your gift will be to yourself for knowing you helped those "less fortunate." Visit christmasbureau

u.edmonton.ab.ca for more.

10) Be nicer.

For many, Christmas is the hardest time of year. Some are dealing with loneliness, grief and depression. Suicide rates rise during the holiday season, so if we all smile a little more, say hello and give an extra hug or two, we can make this commercialized season of cheer and commerce a little easier for those who find it painful.

Well, I hope you all can do at least one thing on this list this year. I'm going to try, even though NAIT has me totally burned out. Until next year, then...

Herpes Vaccine Trial For Women Without Herpes



The Facts

- Approximately one in five Canadian women have genital herpes
- Many don't know they are infected with herpes
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What Can You Do?

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OPINION

We shouldn't forget the Montreal Massacre

On Dec. 6, 1989, 14 young women went to school as they did every day.

That night, none of them made it home.

All 14 were young and bright. They were students in a post secondary institution much like NAIT.

On this particular day, the 14 showed up for class. Then, one of their classmates arrived and walked up to the front of the classroom. He pulled out a gun. He separated the males from the females and he asked the males to leave.

He said, "I hate feminists," and he started shooting his female classmates.

He shot one of his victims, but she was still alive. So, he grabbed her and stabbed her repeatedly in the chest.

After many people died, somebody pulled the fire alarm. Onlookers said the killer seemed to realize it was only a matter of time until he was caught. He shot himself in the head.

It's a crime so violent, it's hard to imagine something like that happening in Canada. But it did.

Dec. 6 will forever be the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, but now, that tragic day brings hope for some.

In memory to the women who were killed that day, Dec. 6 is now recognized as The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

It's unfortunate that attention still needs to be directed to this. We like to think things have progressed and violence towards women is no longer an issue. But the massacre didn't happen that long ago.

We like to think we are more civilized now, but are we really? Perhaps we are in the sense that Doctor Joe Blow, wife beater, washes his hands first before he back-hands his wife. Women are still physically, emotionally and sexually harmed by those they know.

People can be educated and attitudes can be changed, but we can't change nature.

There's no simple solution to violence, just as there isn't towards racism or the other injustices that we have as a society. But through education, public demonstrations and discussions, racism has become far less prevalent in North American society.

Let's hope for the same with regard to violence against women.

Letters welcome We want your views

We want to begin a weekly letters-to-the-editor page here at The Nugget.

Is something bugging you about NAIT or the rest of the world? Do you have some praise to dish out about the school or life in general?

Get those thoughts into print.

Keep them short and to the point. No more than 100 words.

Hell, we're a newspaper not an encyclopedia. Give us a break!

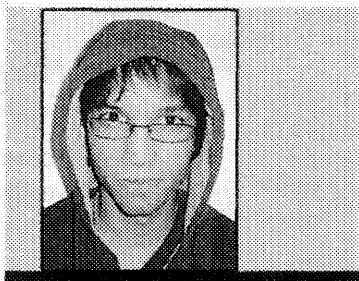
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Looming election leaves me cold



By CHARLES NOBLE

As Christmas approaches, so does the possibility of an election. All the wolves are gathering around Prime Minister Paul Martin and ready to pounce at the first bill that goes against their own party policies.

No one wants to head outside to vote on a sunny day during mid-July let alone during winter wonderland holiday season. Voter turnout is horrendous during the times of the year that people enjoy to be outside. On the last election, the turnout was 61.2 per cent,

which is the lowest ever since the creation of our country.

Voter apathy has taken over, from the youth to adults. Though not just apathy looms in our minds, but also a lack of confidence in any of the candidates. I mean how can a voter begin to trust people that escape scandal after blunder and after spending all our tax money on themselves? It's hard to trust in the elected leaders that become corrupt so easily.

If a winter election were called, would anyone show up to the polling booths other than the people being paid to oversee the ballots and voting stations? I mean, people aren't going to skip their family parties to go vote, even if it only takes a few minutes. It's too long during the holiday season to be sober for most.

In all seriousness I believe the candidates with the biggest extended family willing to make

the trek to the polling stations will emerge victorious. Sadly, this is far from the democratic process, considering the majority of people won't be participating, but hey, it's Canada. Can you imagine the candidates walking door to door in a snowstorm bothering you while you are on your relaxing break from work? You might not have to imagine if a winter election materializes.

Even if the election rolls past our country, it's likely the results will have another minority government leading the country to yet another election. So I say what is the point really of having a "quick fix" election that doesn't accomplish anything but inflate the egos of the people who win for a little while and cost taxpayers loads of money to have another coin flip election? We need a system in which a majority government can be formed and either runs this country well or at the least, just runs it!

People complain about the elected body, yet rarely vote. A simple solution is to take 10 minutes out of your life and read a bit on each of the parties' platforms (goals for Canada) and just vote for the member of that party in your area. Personally, if it comes down to the worst problem being that you don't like any of the parties and none of the candidates at the least vote for a party you like. Hence if I don't like any party that has a chance of winning, I vote for either the Green Party or the Communists - I like them.

(At press time, the government fell and an election was called.)

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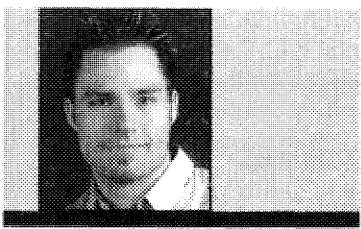
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STUDENT POLITICS

Ski trips and resolutions

By TARA COPELAND

This week, The Nugget asked NAITSA executives more of your questions, to help NAIT students get the inside scoop on NAITSA and everything else you wanted to know about the people that work so hard to make your experience at NAIT the best it can be.



JON HOFFMAN
V.P. Student Affairs

1.) What new campus safety initiatives have been raised lately?

Over the past week, we have developed a committee of students and staff who will provide leadership and raise awareness for safety initiatives such as Campus Crime Stoppers and The Safe Walk Program. We will be looking for students to volunteer and get involved in the new year.

2.) It looks like there will be a winter federal election. In a nutshell, what does this mean for students at NAIT?

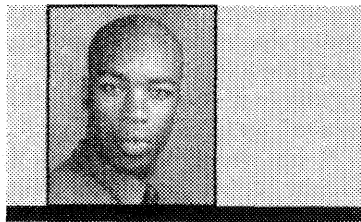
A federal election means that students at NAIT should take an interest in the current political situation and make their voices be heard, while the opposition is listening and wants votes. Hopefully, we will have a well attended forum on campus where students can hear from local politicians and communicate what they want for the direction of Canada.

3.) What are the top three things on your Christmas wish list this year?

- Seattle Seahawks tickets for Christmas day since we are spending Christmas with family on the West coast.
- New white clothes since a pen got in the white load and now I have nice blue spots on everything.
- Sidney Crosby Team Canada T-shirt

4.) What do you think your New Year's resolution will be?

Get up early to run or go to the gym - when it is hard to get up in the mornings, I will just have to think like Mathew Park! Check out mathewparkmuscle.com



DWAYNE WILLIAMS
NAITSA President

1.) Will NAIT students benefit from the Grand Prairie campus? Why?

NAIT students will now have another alternative location to receive excellent hands-on training at the Grand Prairie campus! The campus is being built from scratch will be around 22 acres in size. Students from the Northern areas of Alberta may have opportunities to take classes such as business administration, etc. without having to burden a huge re-location expense compared to moving to Edmonton. I think everyone will be excited and impressed with the results.

2.) What would you like to see improved on campus?

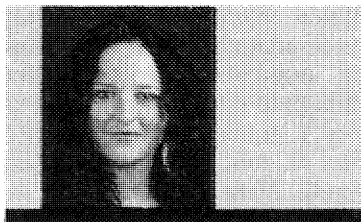
I would like to see (and have spoken with NAIT administration) more garbage cans placed within the school and outside at high traffic areas. If we ever truly hope to have a campus that reflects the quality of education received within, we can't have garbage scattered throughout the halls and trampled along the sidewalks and in bushes. Hopefully this will be something that can be improved before the end of the 05-06 school year.

3.) What are the top three things on your Christmas wish list this year?

Well, I love movies, so DVDs of some of my favourites would be nice to have! Christmas is weird for me really, whenever I typically want something, I just go buy it, so when Christmas comes around...I already own everything I need at the time! That and since I don't have a girlfriend, I pretty much buy gifts for family each year! So for Christmas, I hope that my family and friends get everything they wish for! One thing that I am looking forward to getting is plenty of sleep and not living at the school day after day.

4.) What do you think your New Year's resolution will be?

New Year's itself will be interesting this year since I will be ending the year on the biggest NAITSA New Years Ski Trip ever...and then beginning the year on the biggest NAITSA New Year's trip ever! So, I think my resolution will be to ensure that every day for the rest of the year is as fun and memorable at the beginning of it! I mean really...life's too short to not enjoy every minute of it!



ELAINE DEVINE
V.P. Finance & Administration

1.) Would the say the Respect NAITURE initiative has been successful so far?

I would say that Respect NAITURE is going over well, however I think that as the weather is getting a bit colder people are migrating back by the doors. Everyone needs to remember that there are people who are allergic to smoke and they can't walk into buildings if people are smoking by the doors.

2.) Can you sum up some important points that were raised at the AGM for students who missed it?

All I can really say is that the AGM went very well. We have a few good questions like "Why are their not more arcade games in the HP Center?" Answer, "Because the HP Center is so open that sound would travel and it would be too loud in the Computer Commons and in class rooms." I can't sum up the presentation, it is too long, but if any students have questions, my door is always open.

3.) What are the top three things on your Christmas wish list this year?

- Money
- Money
- Money

With money I can buy what I want, instead of getting presents that I have to pretend that I like.

4.) What do you think your New Year's resolution will be?

I never have New Year's resolutions, because New Year's is a happy time so I don't focus on what I need to improve. Instead, I focus on everything that is good and enjoy my time. It's like when people try to lose weight or quite smoking as a resolution. Why, just because it's a New Year would you try improving your life? You should try doing that all year long, not just at New Year's. New Year's is for celebrating. I don't think it is a time to take something away from yourself. It takes away from the enjoyment when you have to think "What is wrong with me? What do I need to change as a resolution?" So I will spend my New Year's having fun, not think about resolutions.



CARRIE CREASER
V.P. Campus Life

1.) If a student wants to hold an event, but they missed the necessary meeting to do that, what can they do? What do students need to know about planning events at NAIT?

If a technology missed the mandatory meeting, there is nothing they can do until we hold another one. We will most likely do one in January. Students need to know that to hold any event, they need to come to me and fill out an event form and please give me at least one week before the event occurs. I can help any technology for ideas or input on their event, but it is up to them what they choose to do!

2.) How has the ski trip turned out?

The New Year's Ski trip has had 125 students sign up! I could not be happier! We are going to have so much fun!

If you would like to win a free trip for two to the ski trip, bring a non-perishable food item or \$1 donation to Edmonton Food Bank between Dec. 5 to Dec. 9! One item gives you one entry for the trip! The trip will include a ride to Fernie, ski or snowboard rentals, two days of skiing, accommodations and \$500 spending money! Check out www.naitsa.ca for more details!

3.) What are the top three things on your Christmas wish list this year?

- Some cash to pay off some bills.
- Speakers for my computer.
- Jewelry.
- What do you think your New Year's resolution will be?

I don't believe in New Year's resolutions! I think we should make ourselves better people all year long!

MATURE STUDENTS

Inviting all adult students who are returning to school to meet for an informal coffee.



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Honour your mother this Christmas



Ask Maria

Dear Maria:
I'm in the radio and TV program here at NAIT and I'm seeing this cute guy.
My best friend seems to be way too friendly with him when we all get together.
She's always touching him and paying more attention to him than me.
Should I be worried?
- Paranoid or not?

Dear Paranoid,
OK, here's a true friendship test. Stand back and watch what happens for a bit. See if he falls for her. If so, he wasn't worth it, and neither is she. If she continues to go for him and he says something to you, then tell her what he says to you. If she continues and he doesn't say anything to you, maybe you should re-evaluate your friendship. I would still say something like, "Hey chick, he's mine. Back off and get your own!"

Dear Maria:
I probably spend 50 hours with my course load but I'm totally broke.
I've got a chance to do three waitressing shifts at a popular bar and I could make \$150 a night.
I need the money but I'm not sure I can spare another 24 hours in a week. What would you do?
-Tired but desperate

Dear Tired,
What are you spending your money on, Gucci?
Please for heaven's sake, you're a college student! Budget your cash and just do one or two shifts. Remember why you are in school. You don't want your grades going down because you need some extra cash. Budget, Budget, Budget!

Dear Maria:
I had a really lousy childhood. My parents constantly fought (especially during holidays) and have since divorced.
Now my mom and her new live-in guy want me to come to their place for Christmas to celebrate the holiday with them.
I don't like my mother's boyfriend. He creeps me out.
I'd rather go to a girlfriend's place this Christmas but my mom will be totally bummed if I don't at least show for dinner.

Is there some way to not go and still keep my mother happy?
-Wondering

Dear Wondering,
You can do one of two things. Go just for the dinner and tell your mom that you have other people to visit. Or have a chat with mom about feeling uncomfortable about boyfriend Billy Bob being over for dinner. But it's important to you that you spend some time

with her over the holidays. Make time for your mom. It means so much!

(Maria Manna is a NAIT alumni whose advice columns have appeared in magazines and newspapers throughout North America. If you have a question for her, you don't have to reveal your real name. Just e-mail Maria in confidence at: etiquette@shaw.ca)

Be flexible, be a trainer

The personal fitness trainer program at NAIT is all about being flexible, in mind, body and schedule. As such, it's no wonder that there are an increasing number of stay-at-home parents wanting to learn how to get in on the action.
According to Kathy Lawson, a parent and a student in the program, the advantages aren't just limited to the flexible schedule. "Studies have shown that when parents are active, the kids are pretty much guaranteed to be active."
"This is so amazing to be able to do this," said Lawson. "Just to be able to have fun with your kids."
"I was always interested in the personal training program," said Charity Carlson, a mother of three. "I've always been very active."
Carlson also says that being an active parent sets a good example for children. "Who better to look up to than your parents?"

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Movie offers bang for buck

Downey Jr. and Kilmer team up for a stellar performance

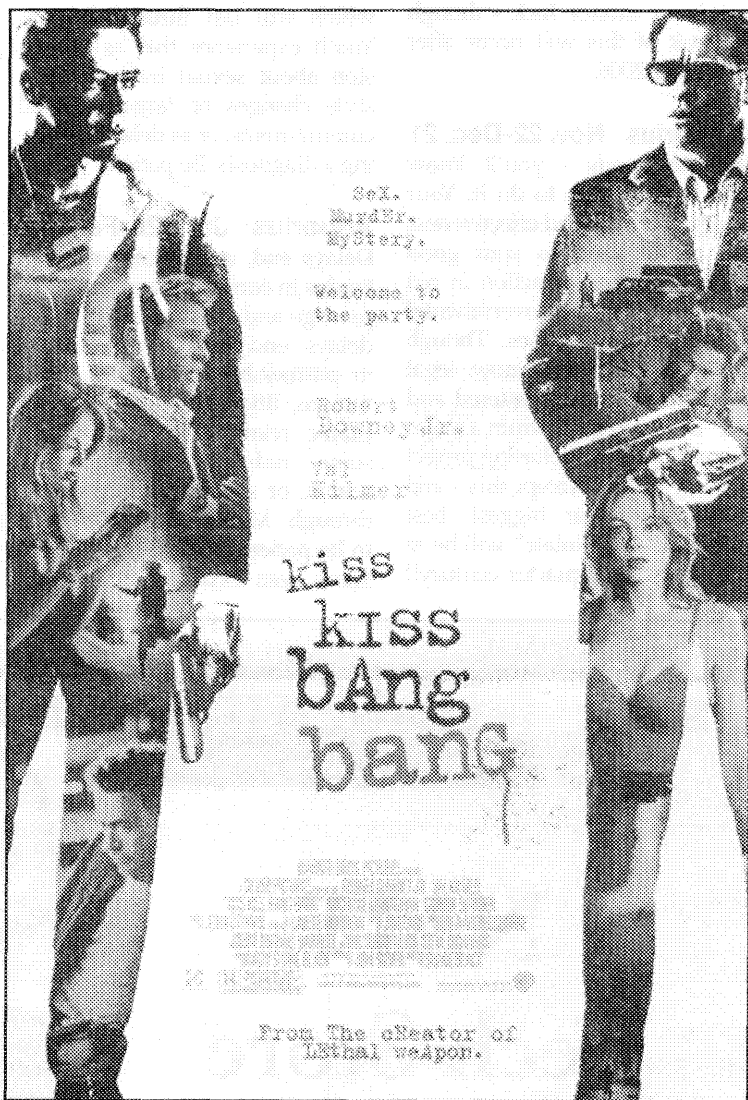
By **CHRIS POON**
Student Writer

Kiss Kiss Bang Bang starring Robert Downey Jr. and Val Kilmer is a comedy, action, adventure you don't want to miss. Directed by Shane Black, the movie creatively involves the viewer in the twisted plot line making it impossible to get distracted.

Harry Lockhart (Downey Jr.) finds himself at a party in L.A. unintentionally after stumbling into a movie audition. At the party, he is paired up with a private eye known as Gay Perry (Kilmer) to help with his acting skills. The first day on the job together everything goes wrong. They end up witnessing a murder and later discover Harry is aimed to take the fall. Harry and Gay Perry are forced use their P.I. skills to solve the mystery behind the setup.

Robert Downey Jr. easily fits the dark, mysterious, cynical character of Harry Lockhart. Harry's character is complimented by Val Kilmer's hilarious role as Gay Perry. Both actors are backed by an excellent support cast including actors like Michelle Monaghan, Corbin Bernsen and Larry Miller. Robert Downey Jr.'s portrayal of Harry Lockhart has proven that he is one of Hollywood's top actors once again.

Shane Black, known for his screen writing abilities for movies like Lethal Weapon, has his directorial debut doing Kiss Kiss Bang Bang. Black does a superb job of keeping you at the edge of your seat. Using a fast pace progression of the story. The movie ensures



the intelligence of the viewer is not insulted. The constant use of cliches adds a unique character to the movie. The creative design of the story makes Kiss Kiss Bang Bang stand out over most of the other movies with same genre.

For those who desire a movie that will keep you entertained to the end; Kiss Kiss Bang Bang will not disappoint you.

4 1/2 out of 5

Rated: R

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Is Outkast Back?

By **TRYSTAN MEYERS**

Big Bio Presents...Purple Ribbon All-Stars: Got Purp? Vol. 2



The album is an impressive 23 track, 71 minute mix tape. Mix tapes usually feature up-and-coming rappers, created by DJs and used for promotional use only.

This compilation is full of heavyweight artists like Big Boi, Bubba Sparxxx, Killer Mike, Sleepy Brown and newcomer Janelle Monae. What I don't understand is why would established artists need a mix tape?

The answer is simple - between albums when they only have a few tracks produced they can put out a CD, promote their own upcoming albums and at the same time introduce new artists. The album art consists of release dates of all the artists featured on the album, which is too many to list.

I hate down tempo crunk music. That is what I was expecting from this album, but I was shocked

to hear an easy listening, pop, R&B record. Unlike most urban albums the many guest artists does not clutter this album.

Instead it enhances the flow and makes each song unique, which kept me glued to this CD. The first single off the album is called Kryptonite (I'm On It) featuring Big Boi and Killer Mike.

With half of the Outkast duo working hard on this album, Big Bio turns heads after saying that, Speakerbox/The Love Below was his and Andree 3000's last album. Besides this album screaming of promotional over saturation and shameless plugs, this album deserves red ribbon status.

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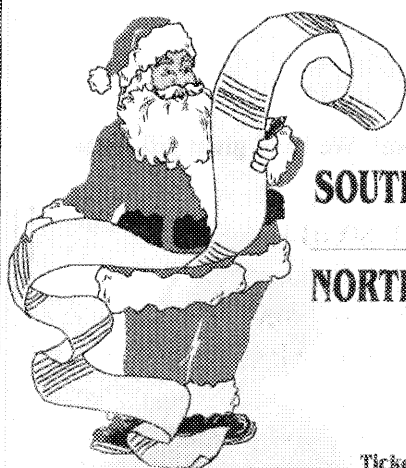
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Astral Reflections



By TIM STEPHENS

Dec. 4 - 10, 2005

Aries March 21-April 19

Delays are over, so charge ahead. You'll feel popular, optimistic early week. Money that has been delayed since September/October could come soon. VIPs, bosses and parents have looked on you favorably for the past month - take advantage of this now, especially Sunday morning and Friday/Saturday. (Those last two days, everything goes your way, including love, legal, travel and learning concerns.) A good investment could be staring you in the face Wednesday! This entire week favors higher education, media, culture, international affairs, far travel, love, rituals and religion.

Taurus April 20-May 20

Delays end in relationships, relocation, contracts, negotiations, public dealings, earnings, buying/selling, romance, creative projects, teaching, finances and intimate bonding, love/lust, health diagnosis or lifestyle changes - charge ahead on any of these fronts now. It's time to commit, or break off. One area - red tape, government and institutional dealings and to some degree, covert sexuality - will burst from delays with a "surge" or adventurous feeling Sunday. Life renews itself! But one area is just now slowing, through March: home, real estate, family and legal or educational matters involved with them.

Gemini May 21-June 20

Delays end, especially in work and home, family and real estate zones. Major finances (and intimacy) have been mildly lucky since early November. (Which might have helped you recover from a big debt, or a September/October misstep.) A Capricorn has impressed you. Your financial good luck continues, so commit to investments and debt reductions Sunday morning, Wednesday morning/noon and Dec. 14. Use the same timing for work, health. Red tape, governmental, planning and spiritual areas "turn around" this week - and march toward a February resolution. Your popularity, optimism rise Friday/Saturday.

Cancer June 21-July 22

Delays end, so charge ahead on all fronts except one: relationships, especially those tied to your income or buying power. ("Relationships" includes marriage, partnerships, dealings with the

public, negotiations, contracts and relocation.) This area experiences slowdowns, indecision by others, through March/06. November's affection still lingers, though! You might soon (or recently did) run into someone sweet, even romantic, from the past (perhaps Sunday morn, or Wednesday/Thursday). Generally, you're in the midst of a work and health month, so tackle chores, especially Monday/Tuesday (finances, health) and Friday/Saturday (lucky career, prestige relations).

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Romance, love, joys with children, beauty, the creative urge, speculation, winning, pleasure - these fill your life now. A job will "go backwards" through March/06 - plod along, neglect nothing, but don't start new work, machinery or health projects. (Co-workers remain affectionate; bosses remain critical, impatient.) In general, delays end, especially in home, family, realty, and romantic/creative areas. Take a chance! Many of you had the "chance taker" knocked out of you between 1984-1996 - but that was then. Risk enlivens you. Lucrative mysteries Wednesday! Love, culture, far travel, higher learning succeed Friday/Saturday.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Delays end in almost every area, so charge forth - but realize that nothing is accomplished without a solid foundation, emotionally or practically. And it is precisely this - your foundation - that has been turning and changing since 1995. Turn your efforts toward this area (business foundations/territory, home, security, family, nature, nutrition, soul, etc.) now to late December. Some things will actually shoot ahead: communications, travel, law, learning, publishing, commitments and cultural projects. But expect delays, through March/06, in secret loves, charity, red tape and "escapist" creative pursuits. Good investments are available Friday/Saturday!

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Delays end in money, earnings, buying/selling, distribution, office work, files, communications and travel, partnerships, investments, loans, sexual and lifestyle commitments - get ready for a rush of activity! But delays are just starting in home, real estate, security, child-oriented and soul areas - be patient in these until April/06. (You might, in these four months, yearn for an old home, or be "offered" a domicile you couldn't afford or manage earlier.) This week, home is sweet, love tickles. Friday/Saturday could bring a significant relationship or an opportunity that "fits" your destiny.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Delays end in almost everything, notably in hopes and plans, partnerships and agreements,

contracts, work and health, and sexual or financial commitments. Indecision ends! Charge forward, especially Wednesday morning/noon (love, creativity, children) and Friday/Saturday (work, health). But one area has just begun a four-month slowdown: career, short travel, communications, paperwork. Be patient with these. (Career - slowing now - involves ambition, prestige; work - speeding up now - is done to survive.) Your personal luck is growing, inch-by-inch, day-by-day. So is your money luck - though the peak of this will occur after November 2006.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Indecision ends - you'll know what to do, when to do it. Your energy, charisma and effectiveness rise; others defer to your good sense. Expect quick action in red tape, work, health, governmental and institutional zones. Though money is good right now, legal or other delays have entered and will "hold you back" from a major new earning or purchasing project through March. Accept this - and realize that your biggest, best period to "accumulate" will be in 2008. (Best in a quarter century!)

Luck, romance, pleasure, creativity surge Friday/Saturday!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Delays end in almost every area, so go forth - but carefully and slowly, as your energy is low - though your "charms" are high, as you might have noticed. Love, romance and attention from strangers are quite possible! Still, get lots of rest, eat and dress sensibly, and protect your reputation and position. A couple of areas have recently begun a slowdown, which will last through March. You'll experience this as indecision about sexual intimacy, lifestyle changes or large financial commitments, or as delays involving a diagnosis. Be patient!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Delays end, a year of expansion begins in earnest, in career, status, prestige and similar areas! In fact, delays end everywhere, except in partnerships, contracts, negotiations, litigation, relocation and public relationships - in these, some red-tape, governmental, admin, or similar hold-up occurs through March/06. You'll have to be patient in these relationship zones even through August 2007,

so slacken your pace, expectations. Otherwise, things speed up! Your energy rises Sunday night to Tuesday. Seize on money/career luck Wednesday morning. Trips, news media, communications, distribution, reading, calling are smooth Friday, lucky Saturday!

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

The emphasis is on career, ambitions, relations with higher-ups, parenting and community status. You're building toward a change in these - a "new start" could come as early as Dec. 12 or 13. (Dec. 20 is best, if you can control the timing.) Work, health and machinery initiatives are delayed through March, but everything else surges forward now, particularly Wednesday, in communications, travel, learning, media and legal arenas. Be contemplative, rest and hold confidential discussions Monday/Tuesday. Chase goals Wednesday/Thursday, when your energy and charisma rise. Money's stable Friday, lucky Saturday.

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Tyler strikes a chord



By DAVID MALLET

The title of Brock Tyler's debut EP is *A Canvas for Clarity*. What is entirely clear after hearing this strong six song collection is how darn good Tyler is. Firmly entrenched in the acoustic/folk stylings of artists like Iron and Wine and Elliott Smith, this new Edmontonian is an extremely welcome addition to this city's burgeoning music scene.

Tyler moved to E-town in September from Winnipeg. Well, their loss is our gain.

And we have a prettier skyline.

"The city skyline is my favourite," said Tyler. "And I noticed the difference in bus etiquette too. People actually say thank you to the bus drivers when they leave. That was just foreign to me."

What may be a little foreign to Edmonton audiences is a local songwriter with chops this strong.

A Canvas for Clarity jumps out of the speakers and into your soul. Self-produced and all written by Brock himself in his parent's basement, this sounds like a big budget professional recording. The guitars shimmer like diamonds and Tyler accents the deceptively simple arrangements with tasteful touches of piano, organ and few kitchen sinks.

His voice resonates too. Indeed similar to Smith's, his vocals have a warm, familiar feel, like you've heard it for years. In this case, that's a good thing. After only one release, Tyler comes across as a seasoned artist. I can't wait to hear what he does next. If this is only the beginning, we may be in for a long, prolific career. But Tyler isn't sure how he feels about all this.

"I don't like the idea of people buying my music and thinking I have all the answers."

Brock Tyler is eminently humble. But the guy has a point. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to see that most audiences out there gobble up whatever they get shoved their way, picking up behaviours and trends without thinking about it. The bulk of modern music is empty and manufactured and thoughtful songwriters like Tyler tend to be labeled as poets, sages

and denim demi-gods.

"The tendency is to throw stuff out there, and people kind of just grab on to it," said Tyler. "People will take it as gospel. Is there any truth or validity to it? People worship the arts, even if they don't know it. People often wish they could 'sing like that,' or 'paint like that,' or whatever, without a second thought to what that art is conveying. It becomes a spiral of individualism - the artist makes self-seeking art and the audience adopts it for self-seeking purposes. In turn, it inspires new artists who don't care about the integrity of their content - rather, they'll write or sing or compose or paint about whatever will get them praise from those around them - i.e. whatever is fashionable in popular opinion - because the search for that is what is driving that artist's art in the first place. However, again, I do think that 'art' and 'the arts,' songwriting in this case, has real potential to be beautiful and wonderful, but so often it is all so easily and mercilessly abused."

The truth is that Tyler's music has a beating heart and a full brain (and a bit of soul) and it's damned refreshing. "I write about the things I work through," said Tyler. "Things meaningful to me and other people." Death, for example. "There was a succession of people I knew that died within a string of a month."

These kinds of things motivate his songwriting. Not a sexy girl or bad parents. "I write songs based around conversations I hear, people I see...I guess, in a word, my words are inspired by

everything I experience through the senses: things I read, people I see, the beautiful and ugly world around me, how I feel, hearing about how you feel...all that finds its way into my songs."

Tyler is very much about words and thoughts. A glance at his website (brocktyler.com) makes that immediately clear.

Currently studying philosophy, he informs his life and his music with literature and poetry and he has managed to do so without coming off as a pompous wiener like Conor Oberst or Jack White.

"I direct my efforts to the poetry, to the words," said Tyler. "Rather than try and give people answers I don't have, I want to give people the opportunity to participate in a greater dialogue."

And Brock Tyler believes there is a growing audience for smart, literate music like his.

"People are reacting to a spectrum of contrived, unchallenging music. Indie music is getting a firm grip and I believe it just might salvage popular music," quipped Tyler.

I couldn't agree more. Get a grip on Brock Tyler and a couple of other rising Edmonton artists at New Music Showcase, Friday Dec.

9. Taking place at The Canopy (6005 Gateway Blvd. - the basement of CKER and SONIC 102.9), Tyler will be joined by Consider The Ravens and Amanda Gallant. Admission is only five beans. Don't be silly, spend five dollars and see who I believe is one of Canada's next bright lights. So

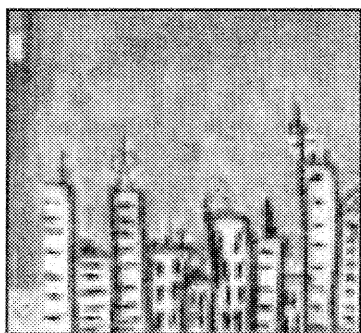


Brock Tyler prepares for his gig.

If it ain't broken ...

By KEVIN GIBSON

Broken Social Scene
Broken Social Scene
 (self-titled)
 Arts & Crafts



With their eagerly anticipated third album, *Broken Social Scene*, Montreal's music collective have done much to dispel that old "Too many cooks..." adage. In fact, in corralling well over a dozen diverse talents (Jason Collette, Leslie Feist and Metric's Emily Haines among them), they may well serve as a model of modern democracy.

A logical progression from their sophomore release, *You Forgot It In People*, *Broken Social Scene* still sticks to the same basic formula: a slow burning sea of cacophony from which springs frenetic, at times anthemic, pop music.

As motifs recur and recede, it's sometimes hard to decide whether to praise BSS for their thematic consistency or bemoan their dearth of fresh ideas. They certainly can't be faulted for their lack of panache. Ace producer David Newfeld captures the raw joie de vivre of a BSS live performance while maintaining a crisply defined sound. Defacto leaders

Kevin Drew and Brendan Cannon should have prodded their cohorts to further fiddle with their sonic palette, as much here echoes their previous releases. *You Forgot It In People*, in particular, features a couple notable antecedents to a few of the tunes on *Broken Social Scene*. Both albums certainly have the same pacing.

Highlights include the breezy horn-driven live staple, "7/4 (shoreline)", the wistful "major label debut" (a superior version of which is featured on an accompanying bonus EP), and the stop/start catharsis of the climactic, "it's all gonna break."

In spite of these minor complaints, *Broken Social Scene* has once again struck gold and though it may be a bit more of the same, they can't be faulted for their fidelity to such a winning formula.

A 'space rock epic'

By KEVIN GIBSON

My Morning Jacket
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After last year's departure of two members, *My Morning Jacket* left some fans a little worried about what to expect from the band's fourth full-length. Any concerns have been quelled with the release of *Z*, a sprawling space rock epic in the best sense.

Album opener "Wordless Chorus," with its dreamy dub, immediately brings latter day *Flaming Lips* to mind, and the swirling paranoia of the following "It Beats For You" recalls *Lips'* cronies *The Mercury Rev*.

Two songs in and I was convinced I knew where the album was heading. Happily, this proved to be a misconception as the *MMJ* boys seem to be painting with a whole new palette. The mesmerizing "Gideon" actually sounds like *U2's* "One Tree Hill" slowed down with a spidery circular

guitar riff and features a soaring vocal from frontman Jim James sounding like *Blind Melon's* Shannon Hoon crying out from the other side after sipping on some scalding honey-lemon tea.

Veteran produce John Leckie's (*Pink Floyd*, *Stone Roses*) work has led some to call *MMJ* America's answer to *Radiohead*, with whom he produced *The Bends*. Apples and oranges, I say. Where *Radiohead's* last couple endeavors led me to believe they've all but quit listening to music, *MMJ* seem to have gained everything by just being music fans with good ears.

In the space of one song, *MMJ*

broke you can't even afford that? (Trust me, I can relate!) Four free tickets are waiting to be picked up at the NAITSA office. First four there snap 'em up!

The first two people to come by the NAITSA office on Monday morning will receive a pair of tickets to the Dec. 9 concert.

can mash up several genres and come up with something listenable and more incredibly, concise. With previous releases, A&R whores might have complained "I can't hear a single," but no such claim can be made here. Pop needn't be a dirty word and the point is well made on *Z*. The band have finally written the full out reggae ditty they've long promised with "Off The Record" and the infectious "Anytime" seems to cruise along like *New Order* meets *Springsteen* with a dash of *Steely Dan*.

Longtime fans still get a lot of the extending jamming they expect and the usual influences naturally crop up: Country rock still looms large as does the spectre of the *Beach Boys* and the delicate "Knot Comes Loose" wouldn't sound at all out of place on a *Neil Young* album.

It seems odd to say, but in channeling the sounds of so many seemingly disparate artists, *My Morning Jacket* have finally found a sound they can proudly call their own.

SPORTS

NAIT students are pumped for the Rush

By JASON JONES

Lacrosse is Canada's national sport and starting Jan. 6, 2006, Edmonton will play host to its very own professional lacrosse team, the Edmonton Rush. You've probably seen their logo around NAIT because they've been sponsoring many NAIT promotions to get the word out. The president of the Rush, Duane Vienneau said, "Our number one target (audience) is aged 18-34 and NAIT students are a part of that."

For those of you who are unfamiliar with lacrosse, it's a fast-paced game with lots of scoring and lots of fighting. For those of you who have seen it before, there's nothing like seeing the top professional lacrosse league and this is your first chance to see it - live. Plus, the games are always on the weekend, so students won't have to worry about school the next day.

Vienneau added that "the number one thing is awareness of the team, who we are and what we are," and the Rush are targeting you to be aware of the team. Tickets are available at Campus Reads and Needs for only \$15 and students are the only group right now who are getting discounted tickets. Vienneau said that "students have limited budgets, so they might not be able to go otherwise."

The Rush spent Saturday, Nov. 26, at West Edmonton Mall unveil-

ing the team and the official jerseys for the season. The big promotion for the home opener on Jan. 6 is the unveiling of the custom built Edmonton Rush chopper made by Orange County Choppers. Every game has a different theme, almost half of the Rush games will be televised and every game will be on the radio.

NAIT student Ashley Busko is extremely excited for the upcoming season. She said, "I'm excited because we've never had anything like this in Edmonton and tickets are cheaper than even the Roadrunners were. (Lacrosse) will do well because it's something new."

"When you come, you'll love it," prided the confident Vienneau.

We've seen a lot of teams come and go in Edmonton in the last few years, but do you remember the Aviators or Roadrunners coming to NAIT and putting their logo all over the place? Do you remember their cheer team in the gym, or their discounted tickets? No.

The Rush have been the first professional sports group who have really made efforts to get their name out to NAIT students and attract them to the games. They want you to come to the games and they've given you many reasons to go. And, if nothing else, Vienneau reminds students not to miss out. "Come to the home opener (Jan. 6) and give it a shot."



Photo: Lisi Monro

Professional lacrosse is packed with speed and intensity.



Rush team is really reaching out to NAIT students for fan support.

Photo: Lisi Monro

SHOT Single of the week



We know it's tough to find that perfect relationship but there are tons of eligible people out there right on campus. Best part is? They're single! Here's our Hot Single of the Week:

By MORGEN ZOELLER

Hey single girls. You're all beautiful to us. We want to put your smiling face in the Nugget. See below for details on how to submit your photo.

Name: Matt Primrose

Age: 21

Program: Instrumentation

Likes: Good music, fine wines, expensive cigars and fast cars. Also, pirates, G.I.Joes, pizza measured in radians; things that rhyme with orange.

Dislikes: I have quite a few dislikes such as sand, needles, bleeding and paint bubbles. I hate putting money in my mouth, but I'm afraid people will steal it if I don't and things that aren't symmetrical.

Turn-ons: Women are generally pretty sexy so it's hard to pin-point specific things. But what does it for me is a woman who gives me her phone number in binary.

Turn-offs: Men, bad attitudes and girls who think that just because you're looking at them, they must be hot. Well you probably are, but don't act like it. And those ugly moccasin boots.

Words to live by: If money and good looks get girls, then hopefully acting like you have money and getting rid of good looking guys will help too.

Heroes: William Shatner. We're nothing alike and I don't even really care for the guy, but I bet he owns some nice things. And one day I hope to own things.

Fun night out in Edmonton: If I had people to hang out with I would probably do anything they wanted to do. I'm a pretty big fan of riding the elevators at Canada Place.

Ultimate dream job: If it's a job, it's probably not one of my dreams unless it's the one where I'm a wealthy business man by day and at night, I'm "Apathy Man," a super hero who doesn't really get very excited about anything that's going on.

Why are you single? Could be the sorry excuse for a beard, or it could be the fact that I don't talk to women. Either way it's not my fault at all.

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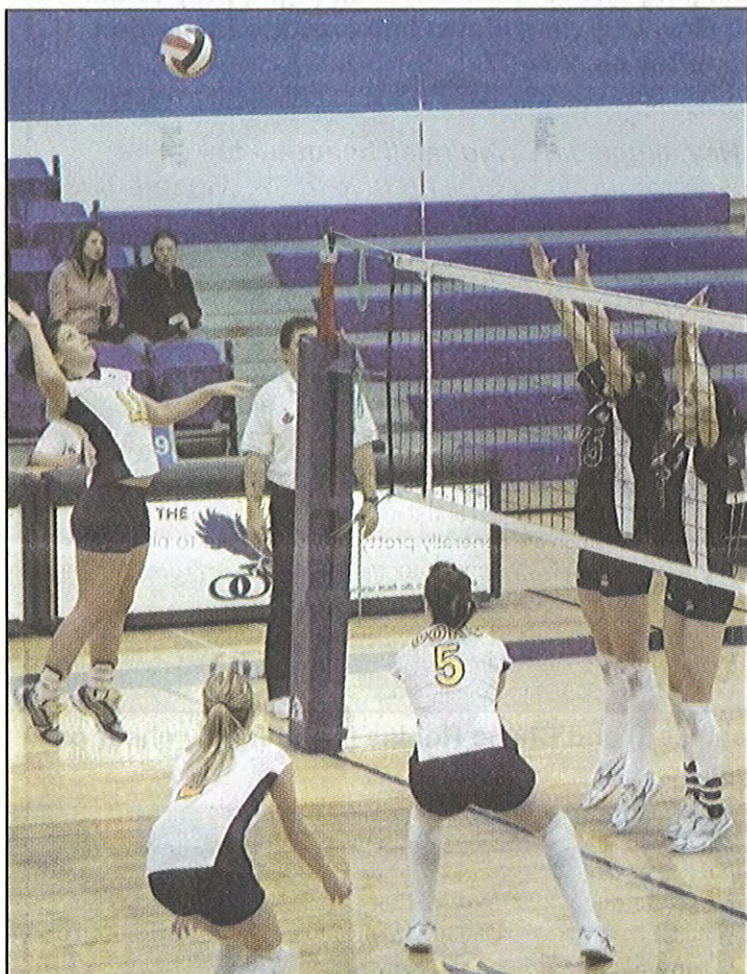
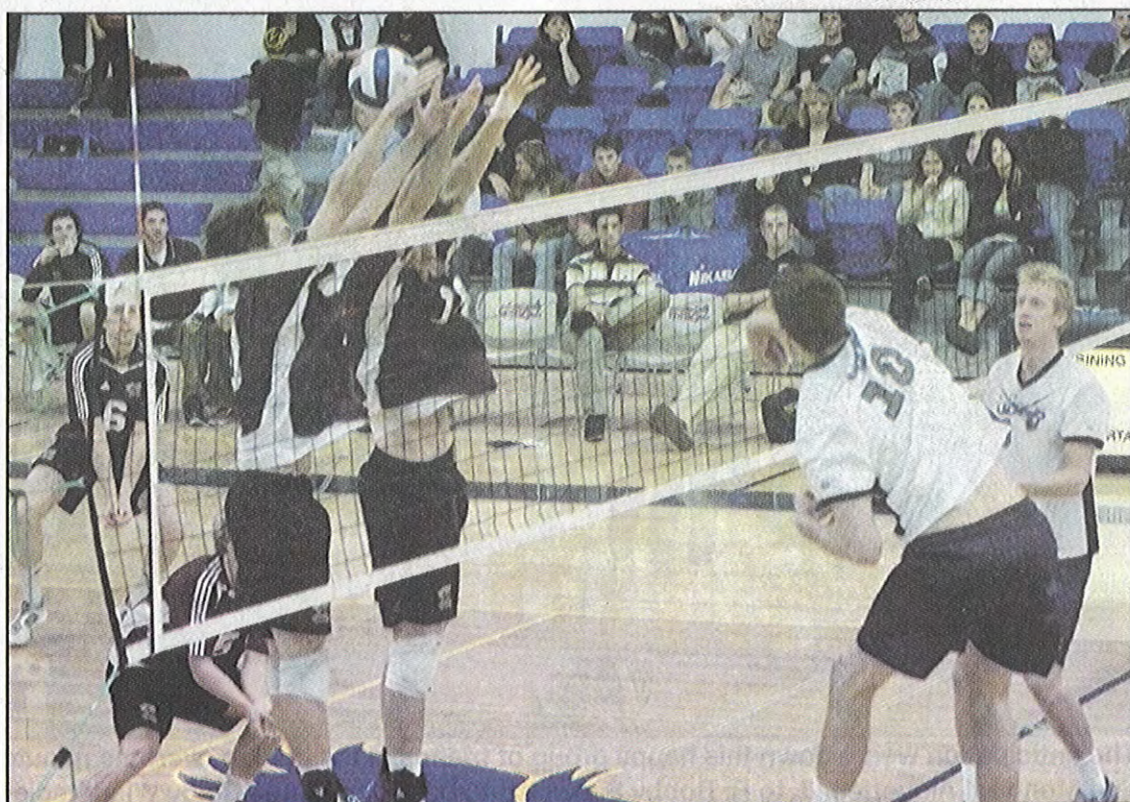
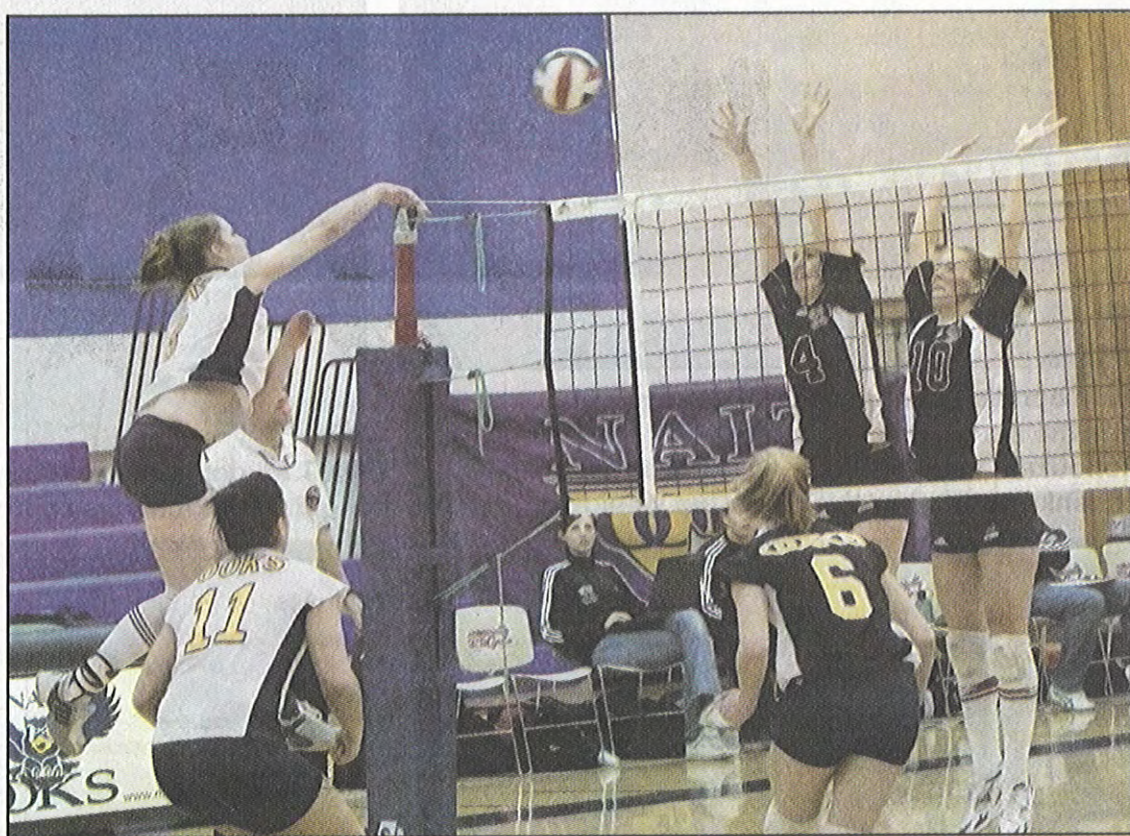
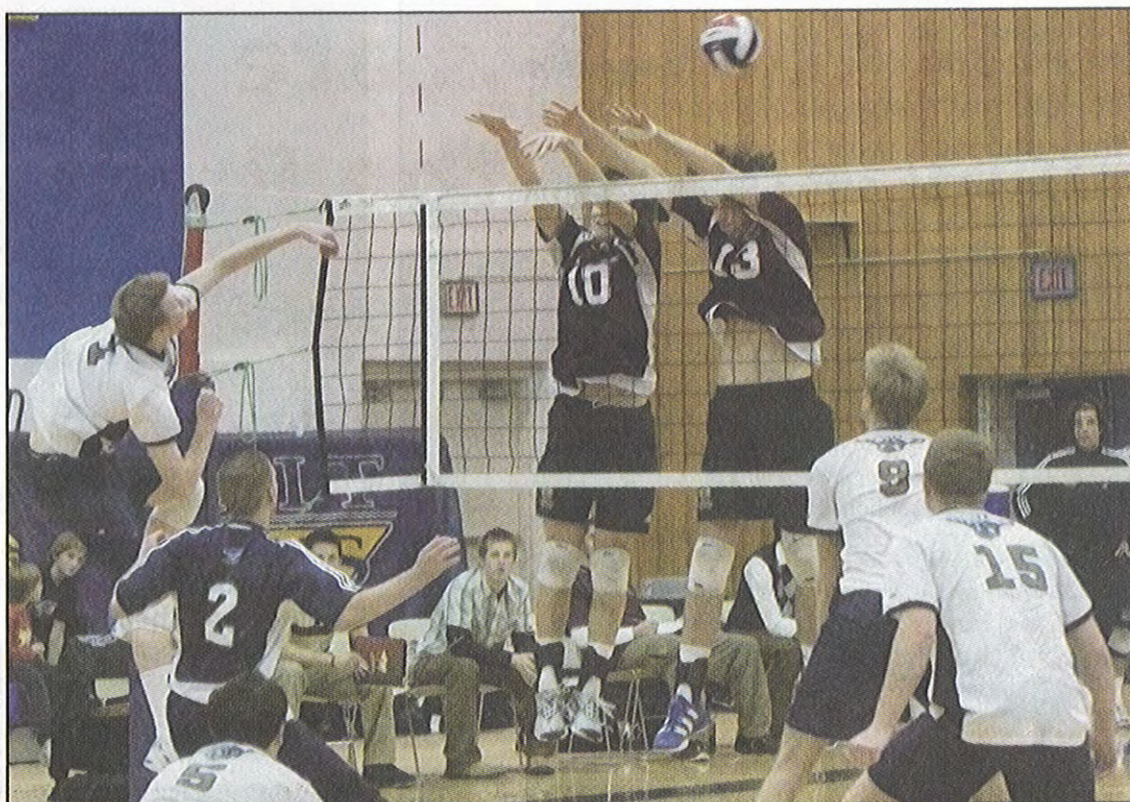


109 St. Challenge

The NAIT men's and women's volleyball teams participated in the NAIT/Grant MacEwan 109 street challenge at the NAIT gym last Friday night. The women suffered a 3-0 loss to the Griffins while the men posted a 3-0 win over the MacEwan side. Photos by Lisi Monro.

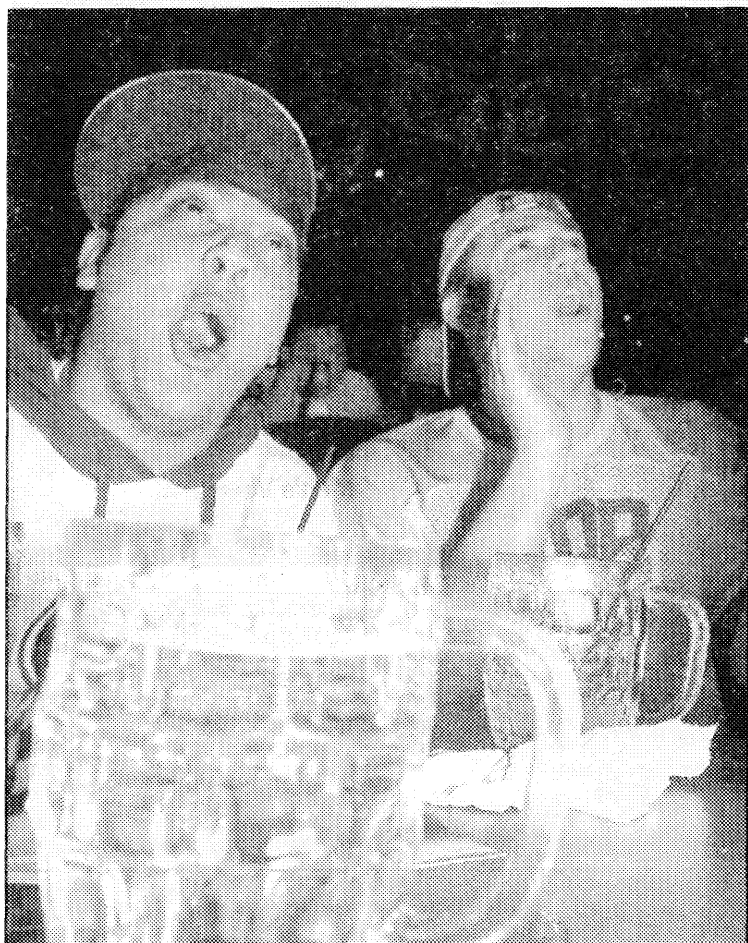
Clockwise from right: Jared Bonnett gives the MacEwan hitters a hard time.

- Erin Kerschbaumer puts pressure on the MacEwan block.
- Tony Zylstra gets one past the MacEwan block.
- Tim Ritesma and Justin Turner anticipate the spike from the MacEwan side.
- Jamie Bloxham jumps for the spike against the Griffin girls.



Agony and ecstasy

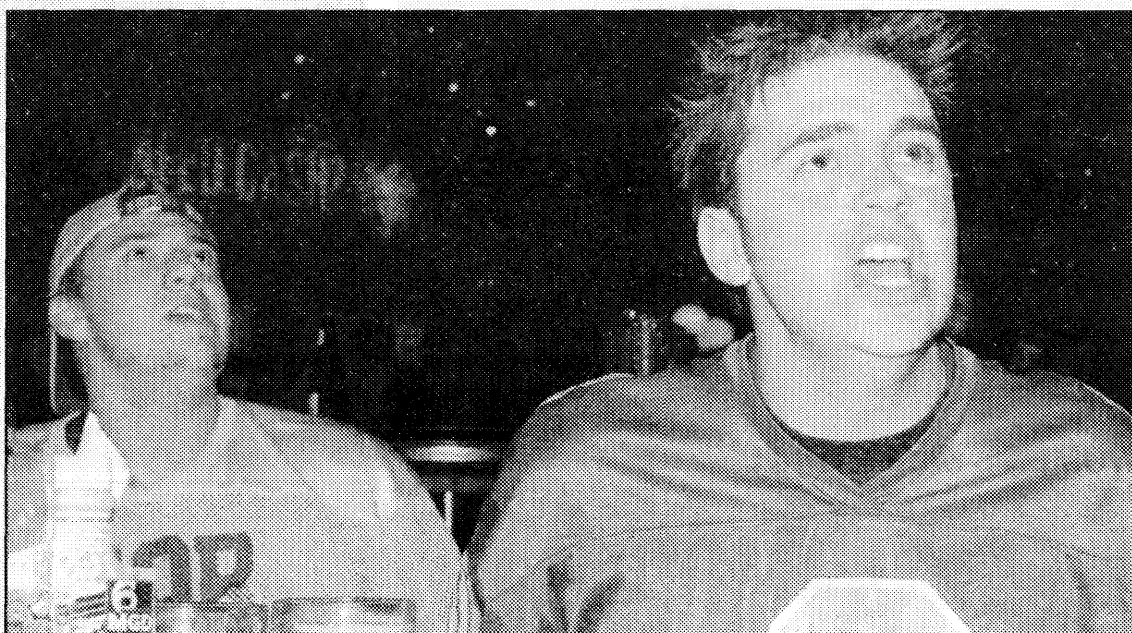
NAIT photography student Olivia Kachman captured the emotional roller coaster of Eskimos fans (and NAIT students) as they cheered their team to victory in last Sunday's Grey Cup at Schanks sports bar.



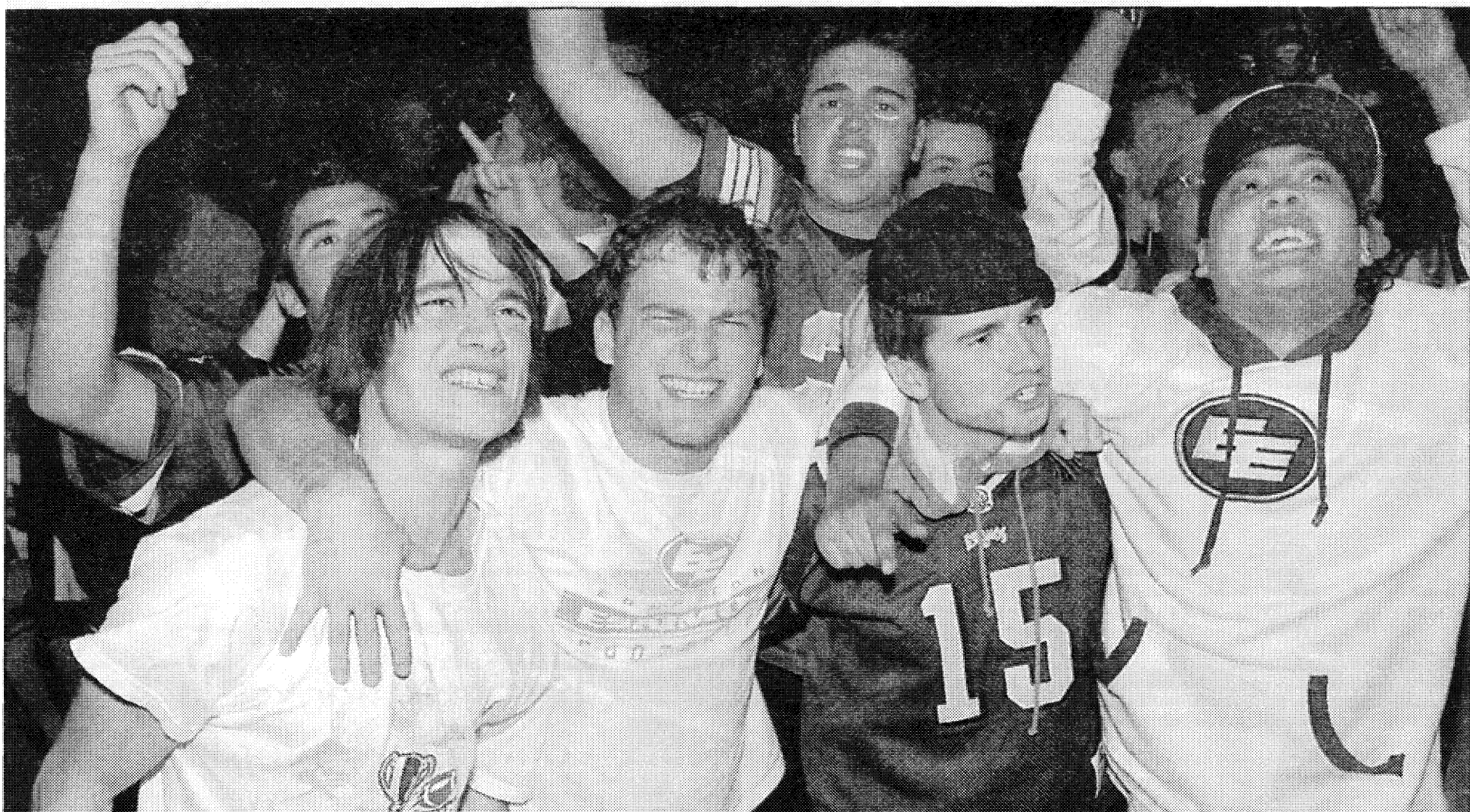
Male bonding over excessive amounts of booze was the name of the game for NAIT students Kevin Rohouzan (left) and Andrew Guydash (right) at Schanks sports bar this Grey Cup weekend.



NAIT students Kevin Rohouzan (left) and Andrew Guydash (right) pray to the football gods in the nail-biting Grey Cup showdown between the Edmonton Eskimos and the Montreal Alouettes on Nov. 27.



NAIT students Andrew Guydash (left) and Chase Robins (right) madly cheer on the Eskis at Schanks sports bar.



The anticipation wears down this happy group of friends in the double overtime minutes of the Grey Cup final between the Edmonton Eskimos and Montreal Alouettes. L to R: Bobby Szewczuk, Dan Kliparchuk, Colby Wiederspiel, Chase Robins, Tyler Serbin and Kevin Rohouzan.

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Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Tie	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Home	Away
SAIT	12	7	4	1	0	15	55	38	4 2 1	3 2 0
Mount Royal	12	7	4	0	1	15	47	48	3 2 0	4 3 0
MacEwan	11	6	3	2	0	14	47	32	2 1 1	4 2 1
Concordia	13	6	5	0	2	14	49	46	4 3 0	2 4 0
Augustana	12	6	5	1	0	13	48	41	2 3 0	4 2 1
NAIT	10	4	6	0	0	8	28	41	3 2 0	1 4 0
Briercrest	12	3	9	0	0	6	33	56	1 7 0	2 2 0

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Tie	OTL	PTS	GF	GA	Home	Away
Mount Royal	10	8	1	0	1	17	34	21	4 1 0	4 1 0
SAIT	10	7	2	1	0	15	49	25	4 0 1	3 2 0
NAIT	10	7	2	1	0	15	31	24	3 2 0	4 0 1
Red Deer	10	5	4	0	1	11	25	20	3 2 0	2 3 0
MacEwan	10	2	8	0	0	4	18	33	1 4 0	1 4 0
U of C	10	0	10	0	0	0	11	45	0 5 0	0 5 0

MEN'S BASKETBALL

North Division										
Team	Games	Wins	Losses	PTS	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak	
Concordia	12	10	2	20	983	859	5 2	5 0	L1	
MacEwan	12	9	3	18	926	882	3 2	6 1	W1	
Lakeland	11	7	4	14	874	795	4 3	3 1	W1	
NAIT	11	6	5	12	835	843	1 3	5 2	L1	
Grande Prairie	12	5	7	10	919	924	3 3	2 4	W2	
TKUC	12	3	9	6	856	940	1 4	2 5	W3	
Augustana	12	1	11	2	795	945	0 7	1 4	L8	
South Division										
Team	Games	Wins	Losses	PTS	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak	
Mount Royal	9	8	1	16	783	590	5 0	3 1	W5	
SAIT	9	8	1	16	725	581	3 1	5 0	W4	
Red Deer	10	7	3	14	768	666	3 1	4 2	L2	
Lethbridge	10	4	6	8	733	747	3 2	1 4	W2	
Medicine Hat	10	1	9	2	664	789	0 5	1 4	L4	
Briercrest	10	1	9	2	518	824	1 5	0 4	L5	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

North Division											
Team	Games	Wins	Losses	PTS	PF	PA	Home		Away		Streak
Concordia	12	10	2	20	820	683	7	0	3	2	W2
MacEwan	12	9	3	18	860	716	3	2	6	1	W3
TKUC	12	7	5	14	778	754	4	1	3	4	L1
Augustana	12	7	5	14	773	768	4	3	3	2	W3
Lakeland	11	4	7	8	745	809	3	4	1	3	L2
Grande Prairie	12	4	8	8	783	868	3	3	1	5	L2
NAIT	11	0	11	0	654	814	0	4	0	7	L11
South Division											
Team	Games	Wins	Losses	PTS	PF	PA	Home		Away		Streak
Lethbridge	10	9	1	18	718	532	4	1	5	0	W3
Mount Royal	9	8	1	16	670	427	4	1	4	0	W2
Medicine Hat	10	5	5	10	547	561	2	3	3	2	L2
SAIT	9	4	5	8	497	509	1	3	3	2	W4
Red Deer	10	3	7	6	492	564	0	4	3	3	L3
Briercrest	10	0	10	0	411	742	0	6	0	4	L10

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

North Division											
Team	MP	MW	ML	PTS	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak		
MacEwan	12	9	3	18	27	12	5	1	4	2	W1
Grande Prairie	10	8	2	16	24	8	4	2	4	0	L1
NAIT	10	8	2	16	28	11	4	0	4	2	L1
TKUC	12	7	5	14	24	17	4	2	3	3	W1
Lakeland	12	5	7	10	18	22	3	3	2	4	W2
Keyano	12	3	9	6	11	29	2	4	1	5	W2
Portage	12	0	12	0	2	36	0	6	0	6	L12
South Division											
Team	MP	MW	ML	PTS	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak		
Red Deer	10	10	0	20	30	1	6	0	4	0	W10
Mount Royal	10	8	2	16	25	8	3	1	5	1	W4
Briercrest	10	5	5	10	18	19	2	2	3	3	W2
SAIT	10	5	5	10	16	18	3	3	2	2	L2
Lethbridge	10	2	8	4	7	27	1	4	1	4	L8
Medicine Hat	10	0	10	0	7	30	0	5	0	5	L10

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

North Division											
Team	MP	MW	ML	PTS	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak		
MacEwan	12	11	1	22	34	7	6	0	5	1	W9
Grande Prairie	10	9	1	18	28	8	5	1	4	0	W8
TKUC	12	7	5	14	26	16	5	1	2	4	L4
NAIT	10	7	3	14	22	14	3	1	4	2	L2
Portage	12	4	8	8	16	27	1	5	3	3	W4
Lakeland	12	2	10	4	8	32	2	4	0	6	L10
Keyano	12	0	12	0	6	36	0	6	0	6	L12
South Division											
Team	MP	MW	ML	PTS	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak		
Mount Royal	10	10	0	20	30	3	4	0	6	0	W10
Red Deer	10	8	2	16	26	9	5	1	3	1	W4
SAIT	10	6	4	12	18	20	4	2	2	2	L2
Lethbridge	10	3	7	6	16	22	1	4	2	3	W2
Medicine Hat	10	2	8	4	13	26	2	3	0	5	L4
Briercrest	10	1	9	2	5	28	0	4	1	5	L5

Ook Tracks

Men's Hockey

Last Week: Bye Week
Coming Up: Travel to Caronport, SK for a game against Briercrest on Dec. 2 and 3.

Women's Hockey

Last Week: Defeated U of C 2-1 on Nov. 25 and 6-2 on Nov. 26.
Coming Up: Host Mount Royal on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Visit Mount Royal on Dec. 3.

Men's Basketball

Last Week: Defeated MacEwan 75-60 on Nov. 25. Lost to MacEwan 78-74 on Nov. 26. Hosted Lakeland Nov. 30.
Coming Up: Host Augustana on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Last Week: Lost to MacEwan 76-58 on Nov. 25 and 79-48 on Nov. 26. Hosted Lakeland Nov. 30.
Coming Up: Host Augustana on Dec. 3 at 5 p.m.

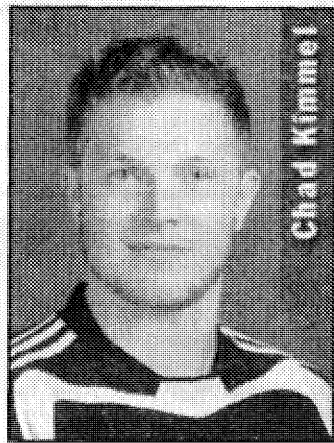
Men's Volleyball

Last Week: Defeated MacEwan 3-0 on Nov. 25. Lost to MacEwan 3-2 on Nov. 26.
Coming Up: Host Grand Prairie Dec. 2 at 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 3 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

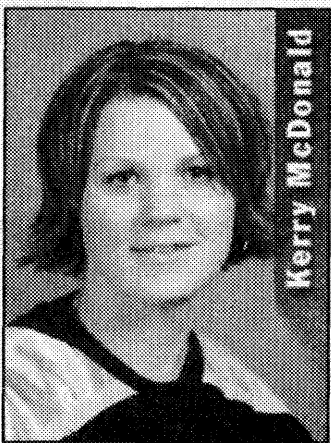
Last Week: Lost to MacEwan 3-0 on Nov. 25 and 26.
Coming Up: Host Grand Prairie Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.

Ooks of the Week



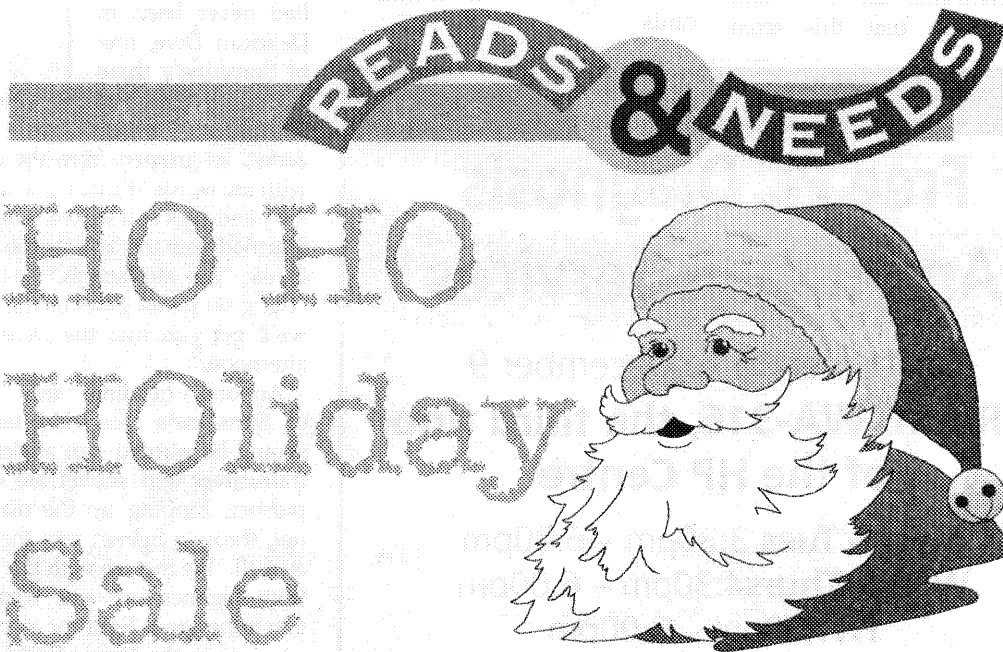
Chad Kimmel

Ook Of The Week
Chad Kimmel: Volleyball – LS
Fourth year marketing
From Wetaskiwin, AB
Helped NAIT reach the 'Power Pool' for the first time since the 2001/02 season with a pair of victories over Lakeland college (28 kills, 2 blocks, 2 aces, 12 digs) and handing the previously undefeated MacEwan Griffins a 0-3 loss and a weekend split.

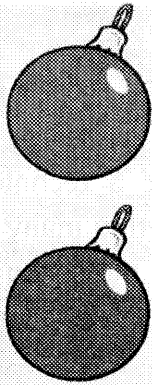


Kerry McDonald

Lady Ook of the week
Kerry McDonald: Hockey - defense
Fourth year graphic communications
From Fairview, AB
Stifled the U of C in games on Nov. 25 and 26 and added two goals in a two-game sweep of the Dinos. McDonald leads all Lady Ook defenders in scoring, with three goals and four assists.



December 1 to December 21

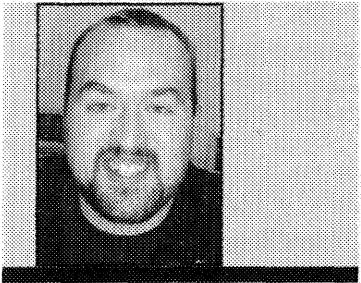


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NAIT volleyball poised for strong first-half finish



By **TREVOR ELLIOTT**
Sports Editor

The Oaks battled their way into the ACAC's 'Power Pool' with an outstanding 3-0 victory Nov. 25 against the previously undefeated MacEwan Griffins (MacEwan forfeited to Keyano and Grande Prairie).

Led by eighth year coach Craig Wourms, the men have clinched their first berth in the Provincial Division since 2001/02.

With the arsenal available to the veteran squad, one can only wonder just how far the team can go this season.

The towering 6'8" Tony Zylstra has led the Oaks up front this season with an outstanding 0.56 service aces per game (third in the ACAC) and 3.19 kills per game (fourth in the ACAC).

Much of the success of this team, however, can be attributed to the phenomenal teamwork and sportsmanship that this team

exudes each and every match.

The women also have the opportunity to advance to the 'power pool' with a victory on Dec. 2 or 3. The Lady Oaks host second place Grande Prairie on both days.

The Lady Oaks last made the Provincial pool also back in 2001/02. Dropping both games against MacEwan (Nov. 25 and 26) may have been a set-back; however, the season is just heating up and coach Trevor Turner's Lady Oaks will be firing on all cylinders after the New Year.

The Lady Oaks will rely heavily on their big three to lead them to the Provincial pool. Erin Kerschbaumer leads the ACAC with 4.11 kills per game, Jessica Rentz has been amazing defensively as she has averaged 3.63 digs per game (third in the ACAC), while Amy Schmidt has given the opposition few opportunities with 0.58 service aces per game.

Catch the NAIT volleyball squads in action against the Wolves at the NAIT Gym. The action starts Dec. 2 with the women at 6:30 p.m. and men at 8:30 p.m., while the teams go at it again on Dec. 3 starting at 1 p.m. Admission is free to students when they show their student ID cards.

Snowed under in the Rockies is a good thing

By **JIM BARR**

SUNSHINE - There may not be any evidence in the city, but the mountains have a ton of snow with some of the best and earliest conditions in years. At 5,000 feet higher than Edmonton, Sunshine Village and many other resorts are stocked with snow. Downhill Riders tour guide Trevor Suer and I made it up to the Shine last Friday and took in a stellar first day. "I remember coming here a couple years back at the top of December and compared to this year, only half the terrain was open and it's three weeks earlier," said Suer over lunch at Mad Trapper's, a popular on-mountain pub. We were chowing down with Mike Moynihan, the Shine's new sales and marketing guru. "I have been a resident of the Bow Valley for 11 years and these are the best early conditions I have ever seen."

Delirium Dive

Moynihan was looking to prove it and when he heard Suer and I had never been in Delirium Dive, one of Sunshine's three double diamond freeride terrain zones, he jumped from the table with the words "I'll be right back." Suer and I got real stoked when he returned with avy kits for the both of us. "No guarantees" he said, "but if ski patrol gives us the nod, we'll get you into the Dive this afternoon."

Anyone heading into any of Sunshine's free ride terrain should be warned - an avalanche transceiver and shovel are compulsory. Ripping up the dive or not, throw a helmet into the mix as well. We met up with the crew from biglines.com and were all given the green light for a special preview in the Dive. Being able to hit this zone on Nov. 11 and experience the amount of snow we ripped was unreal. Filled with

killer lines and incredible powder our day left us all repeatedly yelling, "this is the best first day, ever."

Rowan Harper has been with Sunshine for 17 years and is the chief snow safety supervisor. "We were saying yesterday, if the snow level was this good Dec. 10 we'd be happy, but for Nov. 10 it's excellent." Get to BigLines.com to check out the gnarly video marked, "A Day to Remember," the crew shot from our day and see for yourself

what's waiting for you. With the continued storms that have brought big dumps to the slopes, it's not just Ullr the snow god who needs some praise. A hard working staff of 18 makes up Sunshine's trail crew, working all the hours God gave them to ensure that the most amount of terrain gets open as early as possible. And they are doing an exceptional job. Sunshine already has over 60 per cent of its terrain open with eight out of 12 lifts running, including Continental Divide.

Matt Jasper has been with the crew for six years. "To be honest we haven't opened the Divide this early in a long time," he said. "This is the best year I've seen for snow." We're lucky; in the mountains this side of the Rockies and within the interior, the snow received is light, dry and fluffy, perfect for epic powder sessions. The only draw back is that wind will pick it up and move it anywhere it wants. Sunshine's trail crew has mastered the art of snow farming, hoisting up over 25 kilometres of snow fencing across the vast terrain.



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It's all downhill (and fun) from here

Downhill Riders Ski & Travel Co has a NAITSA Fernie New Years tour that is running from campus Dec 30-Jan 2, however it is now completely sold out.

The 135 folks who are leaving from campus will have a stellar time ripping up the slopes with 450 other people from the tour.

If you are looking at hitting the slopes just after New Years, join hundreds of students on the slopes of Panorama Jan 3-6 for a wicked University/College week tour.

Three nights accommodations are matched with unlimited skiing or snowboarding and a concert with the Sweatshop Union all for \$265 per person (tax in).

Panorama is known for epic terrain matched with an incredible village environment, featuring on mountain accommodations.

Call Downhill Riders for all the details at 489.7669 or check out the web site at www.downhillriders.com

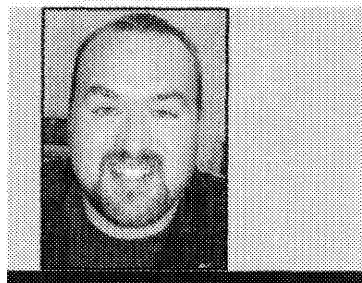
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Tragic story offers lessons



By TREVOR ELLIOTT

Imagine having your entire life in front of you and then having it all slip away into darkness before you could even enjoy it. It may be difficult to imagine? For the family of Brad Boechler, it is a harsh reality that they will have to remember for the rest of their lives.

Brad Boechler was once a prominent student on the NAIT campus. He was a student like all of us, who was just trying to make a better life for himself and his beloved girlfriend, Candice Bersani.

Boechler was a friend of all his Chemical Engineering Technology classmates and demonstrated his never ending will and desire to succeed. Brad successfully completed the program in April, 2004.

Before beginning his new career with Degussa Chemicals in Gibsons, the young man spent a well-deserved month long vacation in Europe.

"My life is perfect right now. I've got the job of my dreams and I've had the vacation of my dreams," the proud, goal-oriented individual emailed his mother from Europe near the end of his vacation.

After working only a week with Degussa, Boechler was hesitantly persuaded into joining a group of friends for a houseboat weekend on the Shuswap Lake in beautiful British Columbia.

After finishing his exhausting week of work, the young operator drove all night out to the lake, hopped a ride on a speedboat and joined his friends on the houseboat near Marble Point on July 10, 2004.

Many conflicting stories exist; however, after a barbeque, Boechler somehow ended up in the water. Friends say that he went below the five foot thermocline, was shocked by the cold



Brad Boechler

water, swallowed an amount of water and drowned after struggling to reach the surface.

"Fatigue was definitely an issue. Working all day and then driving all night couldn't have been easy on him," said Sharon Boechler. Brad was also in really great shape and his muscular body density also worked against him.

Brad did have the athletic ability and was quite a good swimmer. "Brad loved the water," said Bersani. "If he could've lived in the water, he would've. He was a great swimmer."

Boechler was not wearing a life-jacket. "I get that (the crew) didn't even know where (the lifejackets) were," said Boechler's mother.

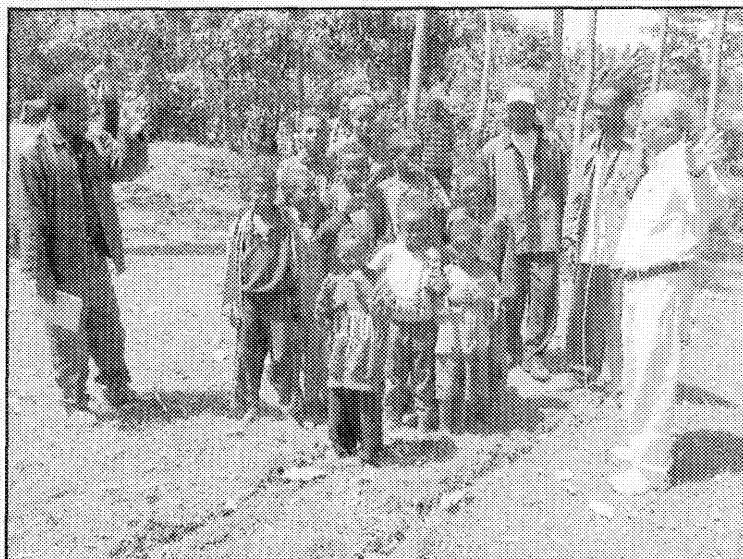
"He really was at the peak of his life," said Brad's mother, Sharon Boechler. "He just got this great job. He had the vacation that he'd always wanted and the bank phoned to approve his mortgage just two days after he died."

Sharon Boechler was extremely pro-active after Brad's death and decided to remember her son by setting up a living memory water well in Ethiopia. The family had previously sponsored a child in the area through the Christian Children's Fund and by spreading alerting young people of the dangers of house-boating.

In addition, the family has donated \$10,000 to a perpetual scholarship fund for students entering the first year of the Chemical Engineering Technology program.

Many vacationers are unprepared for the dangers that a house-boating trip entails. The captains of the boat are required to be 18, but do not even have to possess a valid driver's license. Captains receive an orientation on how to run the boat; however, water safety is left as the responsibility of the captain and the vacationers.

There is a thermocline that



Children of the Ethiopian village.

exists between the top five feet and bottom five feet of a body of water such as the Shuswap lake, which is 600 feet deep in some areas.

Currently there is no emergency medical service on the lake. Boaters are warned to travel at their own risk. In the event of an emergency, there is no response team available. Therefore, it is suggested that a vacation crew include at least two people who are trained in CPR and first aid.

Wristbands supporting the water well cause are currently available at the PGC office at the Engineering Annex. Students are encouraged to support this cause and remember the fallen NAIT alumni member.

Remember, life is not always fair. Life is not always just. There may be no tomorrow, so live your life for today and always prepare yourself for the dangers that you may be faced with.

Be a Volunteer This School Year

On Campus Volunteer Opportunity:

On December 3, NAIT is hosting its annual **Kids Christmas Party**. Volunteers are needed to help with face painting, ticket taker, assisting in the craft area and at the fishing pond. If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Norine at 471-7713** or stop by the Student Services office in E-134.

NAITSA is hosting a **Food Drive** to benefit the Edmonton Food Bank the week of December 5th to 9th. We are looking for volunteers to operate two drop off stations at NAITSA & the Annex. Booth hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. daily, if you are interested in helping out please contact **Carrie at 471-8883** or by email at carrie@nait.ca

The **NAITSA Volunteer Centre** would like to thank the following volunteers & sponsors for their involvement in the **NEED 2 READ Book drive**, November 15th to 17th. Together with your support we donated 3000 books to the Centre for Family Literacy.

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December 3 & 4:

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Saturday, December 3, 2005: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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December 10 & 11:

Project Factory and McNally Library
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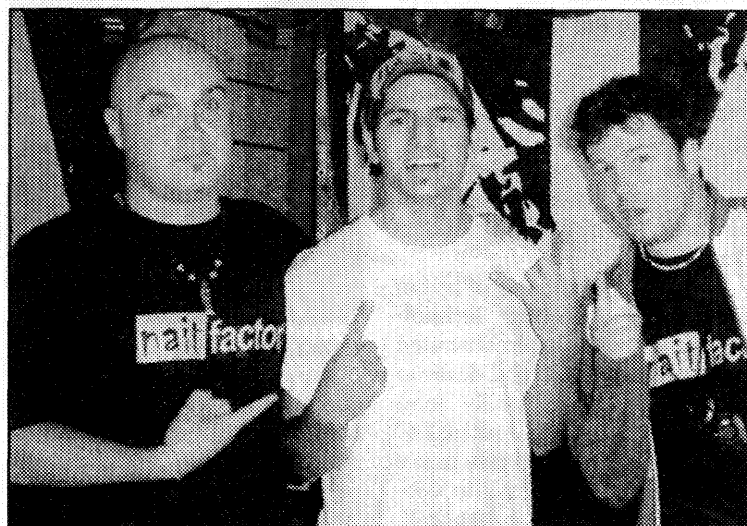
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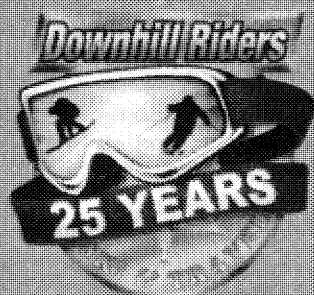


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NAIT Factor, based on TV's Fear Factor, put competitors through their gross paces at the Nest Nov. 29. Henry Wenger won \$1,000 for carrying through his, ough, tasks. Photos by Jon Hoffman.



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Sex guru visits NAIT



Photo: Olivia Kachman

Sue Johanson looks confused as to how to use her latest toy at her recent sex talk at the NAIT gym on Nov. 24. Her humorous perspectives on shopping for the ideal sex toy left her audience in stitches. Would you like to win a signed copy of her book titled *Sex, Sex and More Sex*? Enter by sending an email to: nuggetsubmissions@hotmail.com. Title your entry "Sue's Book Contest." Include your name and phone number.

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Again, thanks for your cooperation and support.

Yard-apes and weasels

By STEVE FARRELL

Yard-apes are those institutionalized simians that have never experienced the real jungle. They are born and raised in a zoo. Their residence consists of, a tire swing, a fake tree and usually a bucket or construction helmet. They live in the backyard of their cage, hence the name...Yard-ape. When you go to the zoo just look for the people laughing and pointing, on the other side of the plexi-glass and you'll see the Yard-ape, usually doing something like defecating into his helmet and then putting it on his head.

Yard-apeism usually affects a small number of human males. It's easy to spot one; they're the ones with the blank look on their face, which is an indication of what is on their mind. They're generally large and not too bright. They constantly seek attention from others by doing stupid things or just cause a general annoyance. The only individuals who really have time for Yard-apes are Weasels.

Weasels are sneaky nobodies who need protection. They're not popular, but for some reason they think they are. They are smarter than Yard-apes, however. Using their manipulative skill, they

encourage the mindless Yard-ape to do their bidding for a laugh. The poor dumb Yard-ape doesn't realize they are laughing at him.

Weasels tend to stay in groups because they don't have the courage to stand up for themselves. For safety, Weasels tend to find a Yard-ape to hang off. The Yard-ape likes this because he thinks he has groupies. If he weren't a Yard-ape, he'd have no Weasel friends.

I've spoken to friends in other classes and understand the Yard-ape/Weasel problem is chronic, just look to the back of the class and you'll see them all sitting together. You can find the Yard-ape sleeping, drooling on himself

or chatting with the Weasels like little squirrels while they throw toys and interrupt the class. They try to impress people by talking about the opposite sex, but you never see any of them with females, which make most people wonder about their sexual orientation. They are always together, hmmm...?

Unfortunately, the majority of students are here to learn. Instead of making waves, most just put their heads down and hope the Yard-ape and Weasels will be victims of their own demise. Some are thank God, as for the rest, I'd like to see our instructors start eliminating the problem with a three strike

policy, no exceptions. I realize that the instructors want to just do their job and policing isn't one of them; however, a handful of people are disrupting the class and you, during lectures. Once they're gone we can all learn in peace.

So please consider the next time you're distracted students, don't answer your questions in class, give the Yard-ape his bucket and send him out into the yard with his Weasel friends and the classroom will be a better place.

In closing Yard-apes and Weasels, don't belong in class. It would be better if they were sent to an island, so they could hump each other into extinction.

Where has the magic gone?

By OLIVIA KACHMAN

If I were Prime Minister, I would pass a bill that would state that Christmas starts Dec. 1, the day of the civic tree lighting ceremony. Forget health care issues, foreign affairs, political scandals or the next election campaign - let's focus on a real issue for a moment: the dwindling spirit of Christmas.

Commercialism has ruined Christmas. It appears the season has been sold to us to be all about who has the flashiest festive decor and the biggest Christmas tree, who sends a ridiculous number of cards and who receives the most expensive electronic gadget. Everything is done to excess, despite the fact that we know that the true spirit of Christmas has nothing to do with the things we have.

We are convinced every year by the marketing geniuses that if we want the elaborate Christmas that the Jones' put on every year, we have to start our seasonal shopping in September. Costco had not even put away its' summer coleslaw and potato salad this year before the aisles were inundated with Christmas goods. Of course, like a typical media scrum, all other businesses have followed suit and started pushing

their Christmas stock seasons in advance. And the dominos fall. No one else would want to be left behind in candy cane sales, would they?

As Prime Minister I would eliminate stores forcing Christmas upon us before Dec. 1 with excessive fines. I would outlaw yuppie coffee stores selling eggnog and gingerbread lattes a month in advance. A group of enforcers would be hired to ticket all those keeners who light up their Christmas lights before December. (Honestly, folks, lights don't sparkle as brightly when then have been on since Halloween). I would ensure that any money collected from these perpetrators would go directly into funding Christmas meals for the homeless and gifts for children that go without.

Just imagine if there was one day in December when everyone could ceremoniously flick a switch and voila, it was the festive season! There would be a buzz of anticipation in the air and then an explosion of light and colour that would overwhelm our senses and fill our hearts with joy. The magic of Christmas would be restored in this fine land.

And people would thank me for being a pre-Christmas scrooge.

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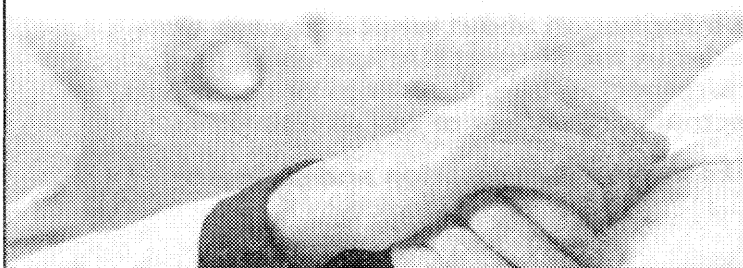
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GRAPEVINES

(Care to give someone the business? Got a crush on a hot guy or girl? Ticked off at something and want to get it off your chest? Send your rants here to: nuggetgrapevines@hotmail.com)

Response to that poker article, that's the good old ELT guys (Ryan, Jon, Tim, Bernard, Tony who's not ELT and me) in Fresh playing poker. Anyone is welcomed to join in with us? Look a grapevine without swears, creepiness or racism for once!
- Chuck

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To the big dumb idiot who was choking his chicken whilst watching "Orientals Shitting" (W.T.F.?) porn, there is a time and place for everything, keep your shit at home. No one wants to walk in and see it. I hope you get your ass kicked out of NAIT.

P.S. Stop smoking that green stuff and read a flipping book. Duh!

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To aspiring professionals at NAIT, you are hereby summoned to attend the first Annual Digital Media Pub Crawl. An exhilarating and entertaining night is guaranteed to all. Contact us for more info at mediacrawl@gmail.com
P.S. Bring a towel.

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I wish I had my camera that day because the sight of you, all dressed in red, sitting in that grey tree by the parkade was, well...nothing short of beautiful.
- We could be sitting in a tree k-i-s-s-i...yeah I know.
P.S. I hope you didn't fall out.

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To Mu-La-Flaga, dude you need to get your shit straight cuz writing poems ain't going to buy it. You got some serious issues to be dealt with cuz you suck. I bet ya anything that you seen this blonde girl from behind, cuz if you look in the front, it's actually a man
- Al Coholic

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To the person who has a problem with people having forgotten to turn their cell phone rings off in the tower. Some of us have more reasons to use the cell phones, other than to impress the opposite sex standing around us. Some of us already own and or manage a business and or other important things that need to be taken care of. As for as the vibrating goes, some of us have phones that are so up to date and are so small that you can't even feel them in your pocket, forget hearing it vibrate, and we are not dirty like you, we use things for what they are meant for, just coz something can vibrate, we don't go sticking it up and in places it doesn't belong.

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Ha! Ha! Edmonton wins their second Grey Cup in three years! Fuck you Montreal, you guys shit the bed. I hope Cahoon jumps off

something high for not converting on his first downs. Bring it on next year bitches. I hope every Montreal fan reassesses themselves and realizes that they are bed shitters as well.
- Eddt Eksk Fan bitches!

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To the blond hair girl at the business tower. We do know each other, but not that well. I just want to say a poem for you:

I wanna go to a place where I can say.
That I'm all right and I'm staying there with you. / I wanna know if there could be anyway. / That there's no fight and I'm safe and sound with you. / And everytime I look, I thought you were there, / But it was just my imagination. / I don't see it anymore 'cause I see through you now. / What stopping me? I get stuck again. / Is it really ok? It's never ok for me. / What got into me? I get lost again. / Is it really ok? It's never going to be.
- Mu-La-Flaga

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Problem # 5: Reads & Needs
Despite the over pricing on all items, I came to Reads & Needs earlier this year to sell back a math textbook that I was never going to use again. Then the staff told me that they can't accept a seventh edition math textbook because they've got the eighth edition. What's the deal? The only thing different between seventh and eighth edition is the numbers. What a smart cheap ass way on collecting student's cheques.
Problem # 5.5
In response to last week's Grapevine written by "Owner of a wheelie bag." Well if you have such a problem carrying a shit load of books/textbooks for eight hours a day...use the fucking lockers, which I did mention in Problem #1...then again, you could be lazy too walk to your locker.

Next Week Problem #6: Grant MacEwan fans coming to NAIT.
- Nugget Boy

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I just wanted to comment on the whole B.C sucks, Alberta sucks feud going on that I keep reading about in the Grapevine. I'm originally from B.C, but moved to Alberta because of a job opportunity and to start my apprenticeship; I was only in Alberta for three years and then moved back to B.C when I got the chance. I'm still going to NAIT, even though I live in B.C, because I think NAIT has better training programs, a better apprenticeship counselors and oh yah, the women are hotter at NAIT. But the fact of the matter is, that I do not call myself a British Columbian, nor do I call myself an Albertan, I'm simply a Canadian and that's all that matters to me. I mean it could be worse, at least I'm not from Quebec.
- Signed Proud F#\$!N' Canadian.

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To the ladies who were interested in my L'il Buddy. I am willing to listen to offers. He is trained, loyal, obedient, well mannered and very docile by nature. A prime whuppin' boy like this deserves to go to the home that will best utilize his many diverse talents. If you feel you are the one to take the reins and herd this sheep to your pen, just tell me your qualifications and I will gladly sign over my L'il Buddy to a good home. Fresh fish like this doesn't come along everyday!
- As always, Big Buddy

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To the cute Asian guy with the Versace hat: Why are you always sleeping in the basement computer room?! It was cute at first, but when the room is packed and there are people that have to do homework and you're just sleeping at a computer and taking up space...not so cute. I have a bed that you are welcome to sleep in anytime.
- Business Chick

...
You know what really grinds my gears? I can't have a lunch beer, or three or four, or the occasional breakfast beer at the Nest. Sure the odd tradesmen might tie one on at lunch and go back to class to work with machinery, but why punish the business man when it is customary to have a few sauces during work. And if the Nest is run by the students association and it clearly says on the NAITSA web page that it is your student restaurant and bar, then why can't this student get a beer? But until that day comes, I will continue to have to make frequent trips to my car in the parking lot. And that people is what really grinds my gears.
- Mr PiBB

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I am a married BFM (big fluffy man). I am not looking to cheat on my wife, only for some fun that she doesn't want to participate in. I have a long slender tongue that is perfect for exploring the chocolate highway. If you have ever experienced this, you know what it's like. If not, you're missing out. If you are interested, please reply here, or email me at naitgov@hotmail.com, or drop off a photo of your highway in my locker (L213). I am not gay; I'm only looking for some good clean fun. Maybe with you.

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You know what really grinds my gears...when you see a really hot girl walking or just standing there and she pulls out a smoke. Like really that is so disgusting and such a turn off like it's not hot or cool. So yeah, I know this ain't gonna do much, but still I had to say it.
- Partyposse

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Ok, now B.C. guys think Albertans are all hicks...and Albertans think that Alberta is prime real estate in Canada...well we're not hicks and Vancouver is possibly the gay capital of Canada, but I'm an Albertan and I still

don't believe Alberta is prime land...filthy environment compared to other provinces and full of people with too much "temporary" oilfield money who think that their kings or something...I don't wanna be known as the province that is the son of the USA...soon we'll be called yanks.

...
Ok, now I admit I tried the whole stalking a girl through the Grapevines thing...then before I even gave that a chance to take effect, my balls grew in and I just went and talked to the girl, she couldn't have been any nicer to me for just having the courage to walk up to her when she was with all her friends and introduce myself...so I suggest that the rest of you shy guys should give this one a try.
So here's a random rant.

Body Mods - I recently got my tongue pierced and one of the biggest things I have heard is, "Oh, now you're like everyone else." Umm, excuse me? I want to smack all the people who have said that to me. I didn't get my tongue pierced to be like anybody else. It's something I've always wanted and I finally had the opportunity to do it. I believe in people doing what they like to please themselves, not others. To all those who know me, or have seen me, I'm very different. I tend to run around wearing jeans that are too big for me, AC/DC or a The Used hoodie, have long black hair, lip piercing and always do my makeup really weird...I don't do this to get attention or to please anyone. I do it because that's how I feel comfortable. If you don't like, fuck off. If you don't like me, fuck off. I frankly don't give a damn what you think. So to all those who think that body mods are only done for the attention, screw you. Think about it. It's not about attention, it's about doing what you want.
- Wachachi

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To a hot guy I think named Marshall? In civil ...I think we would be awesome together and we would hit it off. Maybe we should roll together in a hot car sometime. Hit me back, or maybe I will get you first...another hot guy in the Annex.

...
To the blonde guy in my P.M. class: I glance your way every once in a while to see if you're looking, but it seems you're only interested in talking to your friends. I love seeing you in the halls and your laugh is amazing. I know you've seen me looking your way, how about asking me out already?
- E

...
To the fucking lush that was playing his guitar on the third of floor of the HP centre on the morning of Nov.21, I don't know if you realized it, but this is an educational institute, not a grassy knoll. Next time I see you playing your guitar in the school, especially when you can see that people are trying to study, you might be wearing that guitar.
- Dudley

Interested,
Thanks for your reply, we have been busy. Our current client has been let off the hook, but we are ready to take you on. Confess to us your darkest desires, reply here.
- SR Jonhson

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To the girl in the blue sitting at the round table outside the Common Market on Monday, Nov 21. I detected your pheromones from across the room and when I looked over I saw the sexiest, most scrumptious love goddess I ever did see. I know that we will be together. E-mail me my sexy love pet. You know you want it.
- Mr. MJ Sniffs

Mr.MJSNIFFS@hotmail.com
P.S. I need to know how you smell so good. I will sniff you again I promise.

...
To the lady in the Annex, yah you, you know who you are - K.D. Lang. That's right, we figured it out, now it's time to put aside your aliases, it's o.k. if you're an animal loving washed up country star, we'll still embrace you for who you are.
- K.D. fanatic

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Nest bar brings questions

By LISI MONRO

Questions regarding The Nest's operations were raised last Tuesday at NAITSA's annual general meeting.

With the questions came concerns with the future of The Nest's continuing operations after a budget shortfall of \$70,000 during the 2004-2005 financial year.

During the meeting, Vice President of Finance and Administration Elaine Devine explained several causes for the shortfall.

"The contract for the manager at that time had expired and we went through a period of time

where we had no properly trained management," said Devine. "We also lost a month's worth of business due to the delays in renovations during August and September. This is an important time for us in establishing return customers."

NAITSA did anticipate the budget shortfall and adjusted expenses to \$20,000 less than originally budgeted, to compensate for the setbacks.

Devine also notes other factors for the shortfall being a slight loss of business to The Nest's main competitors - Boston Pizza and Blind Duck, after NAIT went

smoke free.

Also to be considered is that The Nest operates under a break-even basis, not one on which it expects to make a profit.

Regardless of the shortfall last year, NAITSA is confident that The Nest's operations will run smoothly in the years to come and that it will continue to be an important establishment on NAIT's campus.

Get involved and have a say in where your money goes. NAITSA's annual general meetings are open to the public and so are its financial records. They can be obtained at the NAITSA office.

I see no evil in this game



By CHARLES NOBLE

Resident Evil 4 PE Review

Sound: The sound is wow! It's amazing, unbelievably real and intense for this game. I can't stress enough how well the team at Capcom did with the ambient noise, gunfire and creature sounds. You actually feel like the wood planks are creaking beneath your feet as you walk by hearing the possessed people of the town hollering chants and random foreign language sayings.

Graphics: The graphics are not as good on the PS2 as the GC version, but these shortcomings are easy to overlook since the game still looks flawless. So what if there aren't many different models for the villagers - the ones they have are like actors in a movie. The cut scenes flow well with the story and are used mainly in game graphics. This is a very dark game so don't expect bright sunshine backlit scenery.

Gameplay: This game has no flaws in this category either. Outstanding controls that are easy to learn and even though the camera has its problems, you learn to live with them.

You learn quickly that conservation of ammo and health items is a must like many of the previous Resident Evil titles, but unlike before, you also have a side character (the president's daughter) following you around and you are responsible for her. This extra dynamic creates new situations and the need for puzzle solving not previously possible in the series. Don't worry though, aside from the new puzzles and item-buying system, there is still plenty of gun-slinging action.

Lasting Appeal: Decent length and plenty of replay ability make this a game that is sure to stand the test of time. The story will have you returning again and again to play and be drawn into the game. No multiplayer, this is horror action genre that can be enjoyed by many, but only played by one at a time. Play this game in the dark and be ready to scream. It's full of twists in plot and scary scenes sure to have you dropping your controller. Oh and for anyone who really likes their games, pick up the Premium Edition; it comes with a limited edition foil card and a making-of-the-game DVD all packaged in a snazzy metal case. It's a must buy for any resident evil fan.

This is a must buy for any PS2 owner who doesn't own the GC version of the game. The PS2 version offers more weapons and other optional story quests the GC version doesn't have. So if you are just picking it up, go for the PS2 version.

Overall Ranking: A

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