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CCAA Championship Thrills Fans

Trevor Elliott—SPORTS



Fans attending the 2005 CCAA National Championships, last weekend, were entertained by more than just the game action. Some of the other events include a break dancing display, slam dunk contests, and the mascots game. Tournament fans enjoyed all the action and loved every minute of the action! Here are a few photo memories from last weekend's tournament.

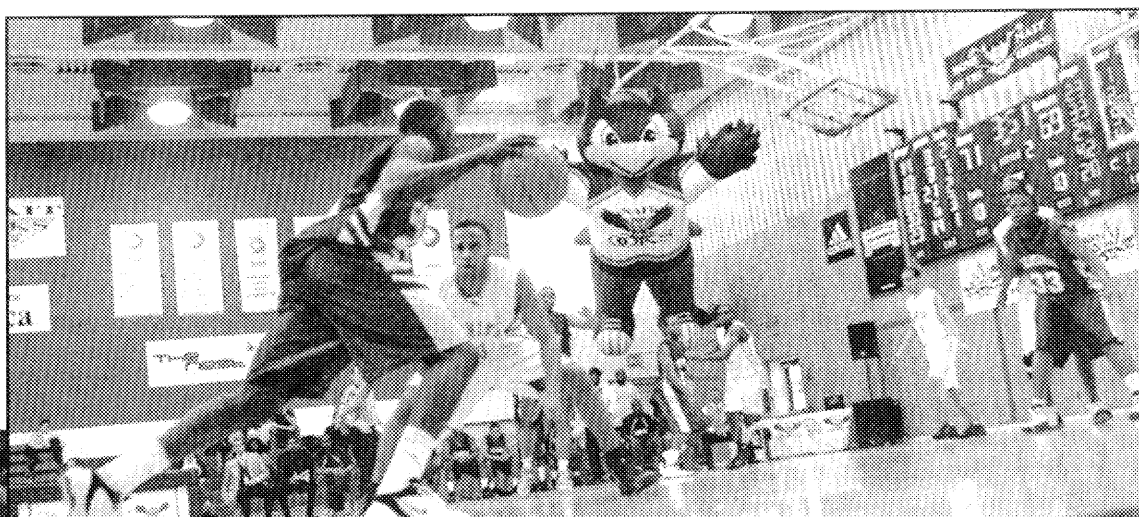


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Above:
Fast break.

Right:
Driving down the lane.

Left:
Who did you guys say you were cheering for again?



Comeau's DESTINATIONS *Taichung, Taiwan*

Curtis Comeau



tos for three months, however did end up befriending many English teachers while I was there. Here is some info on Taiwan and the city I was shooting out of - Taichung.

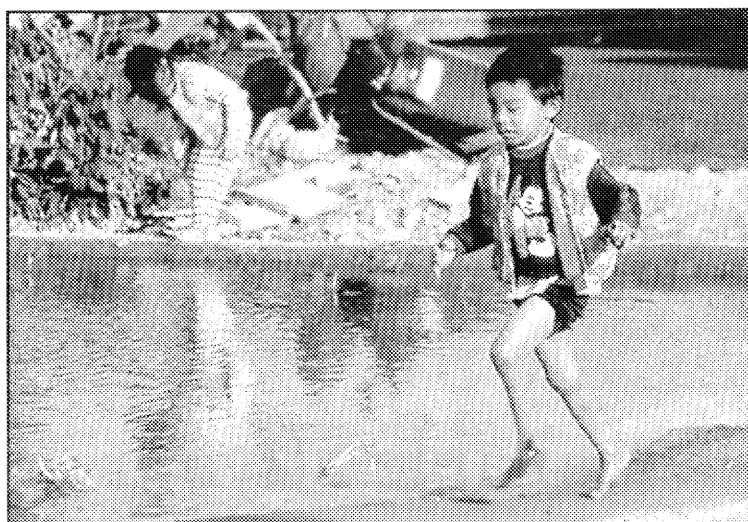
Location: The island of Taiwan is located just off the coast of China.

The city of Taichung is located in the middle of the island between nations capital Taipei and the industry-laden city Kao-hsiung. Nestled in the green mountains of Taiwan the city of Taichung is less

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Taiwan. Most of us have heard of Taiwan because we either know someone or know of someone who is teaching English there. I am sure many of you are considering "teaching English" in South-east Asia once you schooling is finished and Taiwan is most probably on the top of your list. Backpacking Europe in the 80's is what teaching English in South East Asia seems to be in the new millennium.

Personally I have never taught in Taiwan, as I was there taking pho-



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Taiwan

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densely populated than Taipei and sports more of an arts community than the capital city. In Taipei the city vibe is more reminiscent of the bustling city of Toronto, where as Taichung echoes the fine arts culture of Montreal

Getting Around: You will fly into Taipei and most probably take a greyhound like bus for a 3hr ride to Taiching. This ride will run you about \$30 CDN. Buses are extremely comfortable and are very safe to ride. Public transportation is on time, reliable and safe.

Accommodations: Both apartments and hotels are very easy to find. Hotels are rather expensive, but if you are planning on staying for a month or longer, apartments are plentiful and are extremely affordable. A furnished three bedroom apartment in Taichung will run you about 450CDN per month.

Food: I am usually pretty adventurous when it comes to food, but there is some crazy shit to eat in Taiwan. From chicken feet to little bugs to traditional Chinese food. Its all available from local vendors. Portion sizes are much smaller and a usual dish consists of a meat portion with its specific sauce, rice and either Tofu or a cabbage mixture. The drink is almost always a green tea. Quite often eating out from a local vendor is cheaper than cooking at home.

Customs and Culture: The Taiwanese are extremely warm people; they are welcoming to foreigners and will do their best to introduce themselves to you to practice their English even on a busy street. It's not uncommon to have children calling out "Hi Teacher" to you on the street. The only culture clash I noticed was that of "Not Losing Face". Not losing face is very common with Asian cultures. The idea behind



it, is that they do not want to make you feel bad by telling you "NO". Miss communications constantly occur as a result.

When it comes to politics Taiwan is literally divided 50/50. In a nutshell, half of the Taiwanese are under the belief that Taiwan is a

sovereign nation, wanting nothing to do with China and eventually wanting to declare their independence from them... The other half under the belief that Taiwan is an actual province of China. And thereby should governed by China's laws. It's very complicated and best to avoid politics when talking with a Taiwanese.

My Notebook: For those looking at heading over Taiwan to teach English, gone are the days of making tones of cash in a short period of time. This is due partially because of the strong Canadian dollar. But mainly it's just that there are so many Canadians heading over to "make money". The Taiwanese have wised up to many unqualified teachers, now to get a legal working visa English teachers need a Degree. No matter what websites tell you TESOL wont get you a working visa in Taiwan.

As of late many Canadian deportations have occurred in Taipei with Canadians teaching illegally in kindergartens. However I would strongly advise against this, because if there is one thing you don't want if you plan on traveling is a DEPORTATION stamp on your passport.

Many Canadians are currently

working illegally and are forced to do VISA runs to be allowed to stay legally but this turns out to be very expensive as you must leave the country for 48 hours every two months, there by defeating the purpose of Teaching to make money.

In my three-month stay I realized one thing. Nothing is actually MADE IN TAIWAN!!!! Oh its true that every thing is made by Taiwanese businesses but its fabricated on mainland China.

Happy Travels. C



Typical Taiwanese street.



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Look over the following tips and see if there are some pointers you can use to maximize marks on your upcoming exams.

Use your time effectively:

- Skim the entire exam first
- Know exactly how much time is allocated for the test; budget your time and check periodically to make sure that you are on track
- Answer the questions you know best first
- If you are unable to work out a question, go on to the next one and come back to it later if time permits
- Use any extra time to review your answers. When you review them more slowly you may eliminate careless errors or find that there is a better answer
- Don't be disturbed about other students finishing before you do. Take the time you need to put in your best effort

Stay calm during the test:

- Arrive early enough to be organized and ready instead of in a panic, but not so early that you have a lot of time to sit and worry. Try to go into the test alert and calm instead of tense and anxious
- Don't talk about the test with classmates immediately before-

hand. This usually raises anxiety levels

- Regard a lapse of memory as perfectly normal; do not let it throw you into a panic. If you block on answering one question, leave it for awhile and return to it later
- Activity reduces anxiety. If you go blank and can't think of anything to write, go on to another question or another part of the test
- Use relaxation techniques such as deep-breathing, visualization or tensing and releasing exercises before and/or during the exam
- Don't waste energy worrying, doubting yourself or wondering how others are doing. Pay attention to what you can do now

Make sure you are answering the question:

- Make certain that you fully understand the test directions before attempting to solve problems or answer questions
- Read each question carefully and completely before marking or writing your answer. Re-read the question if you are not totally clear on the meaning
- Try not to read more into the question than is there, or to expect trick questions
- Check to make sure you have

all the questions done before you hand in your exam.

- Ask your instructor for help in interpreting a test question that is unclear or ambiguous. He will probably want to clear up the misunderstanding for everybody if the question really is confusing or misleading.

For Problem/Formula questions:

- Write down hard-to-remember formulas, equations and rules before you actually begin working on the test problems
- Identify the type of problem to be solved
- Think about the process needed to solve the problem and outline your method
- Underline key facts and then plug them into the process
- Cross out facts once you have used them
- Do your calculations carefully
- Check to see that you have answered the question that was asked, and that you have used the correct units.
- Make sure to show all the steps in your work; you may get partial marks even if your answer is not correct.
- Take the time to write legibly and make your corrections, if any, as neat as possible. Most instructors react subjectively to

the appearance of papers to be graded, so let neatness work for you rather than against you

For Short Answer/Essay questions:

- Read the question twice to make sure you are clear on what the examiner is asking
- Underline key words to make sure you interpret the question correctly
- Outline your answer; consider all points
- Develop each point as it refers to the answer

For multiple choice questions:

- Anticipate answers before you look at the multiple choice selections
- Read over all of your options
- Eliminate highly implausible answers
- If you must guess, keep in mind the following tips for multiple choice exams
- Quite often lengthy or highly specific answers will be the correct choice
- Be aware of extreme words like "always", "never", "only", "must", "all", "none" and "completely". These are usually the wrong answers since there are many exceptions to rules
- Answers including the words "seldom", "generally", "most",

"tend to", "usually", and "probably" are often correct

- If two answers are similar, one of them is usually correct. As well, if two answers are opposite one of them is usually correct.

Should I change my multiple choice answers?

The popular belief that "your first hunch is your best hunch" is wrong. Research has shown that changes from wrong answers to right answers are at least equal, and probably improve your test scores. However don't change your answer unless you have a convincing reason to do so. And if you know that you have changed a lot of your initial answers to wrong answers in the past, stick with your original answer.

Remember to give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done.

You have likely put in long hours and pushed yourself to the limit. Physically and mentally you will need some time to unwind and recuperate. Plan something to look forward to when finals are over. And remember, counsellors at the **Student Counselling Centre** are available to help you with any academic, career or personal concerns that may be interfering with your success at NAIT. To book an appointment come to **Room 0117** or **phone 471-8874**. Open **Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Do you have student loans?

If yes, here's what you need to know and do about them.

Although you apply for financial assistance using one form, your federal and provincial loans are considered to be two separate loans and you are required to repay them to federal and provincial governments separately.

Federal government has contracted National Student Loan Service Centre to manage all Canada Students Loans issued after August 1, 2000. Alberta government has contracted EDULINX Corporation as the service provider to manage, process, and administer the Alberta loans issued after August 1, 2001.

You are expected to maintain yearly contact with each government separately to avoid having to repay your loans while in full time studies. Both federal and provincial government will pay interest on your student loans

while you attend full time studies. If you chose to make payments on your student loans while in school, they will be applied directly to the principle.

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As long as any break between your courses is **no longer than six months**, interest free status on your **Canada Student Loan** can be maintained year to year.

Generally, your Alberta student loan is disbursed to you in Jan-

uary as the second disbursement. Therefore, you must inform EDULINX, that you are still attending full time studies **within six months** from the end of previous term studies. If you fail to do so within 6 months of your last period of study end date (indicated on your last Certificate of Eligibility), you will be expected to start repaying your loans, even if you are still in school.

What if you are not obtaining a new loan?

If you are continuing your full-time studies but not planning to apply for student loans, submit a Confirmation of Enrolment (Schedule 2 and Form B) to all your loan providers (NSLSC, Edulinx, bank, credit union, or caisse populaire) to maintain interest free status on your previous student loans.

Your responsibilities while in school:

If you have a student loan, you have some basic responsibilities to meet while in school:

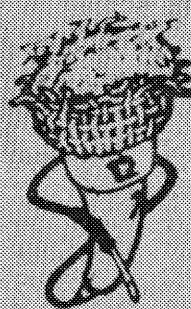
- Report changes in your address, name, marital status, financial status, or student status (withdrawal, transfer to part-time studies, or change of school) to the National Student Loans Service Centre, (NSLSC) Edulinx, Provincial and Territorial student assistance office. If you had federal student loans before August 1, 2000 and Alberta student loans before August 1, 2001 you must inform financial institutions that hold your previous Alberta loans, that you are attending full time studies. This will ensure that your loans are in good standing at all times.
- If you need Student Loan funding each year, you need to reapply each year.
- You should keep track of how much you borrow. Like other

types of loans, a student loan must be repaid over a period of time, with interest, so don't borrow more than you can afford to pay back. All of the terms and conditions of your loans are listed on the back of each Certificate of Eligibility that you sign with your loan provider(s). Each time you negotiate/cash a loan, your loan provider will give you a copy of the loan certificate. Keep your copy in a safe place.

- You must give your loan providers proof of enrolment for each study period in which you are enrolled, even if you are not applying for a new student loan. This will keep your loans in interest-free status while you are attending full-time studies.

After you finish your program of study, see your loan providers to set up your repayment schedule. You must repay your loan whether you graduate or not.

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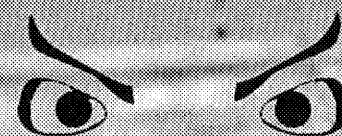
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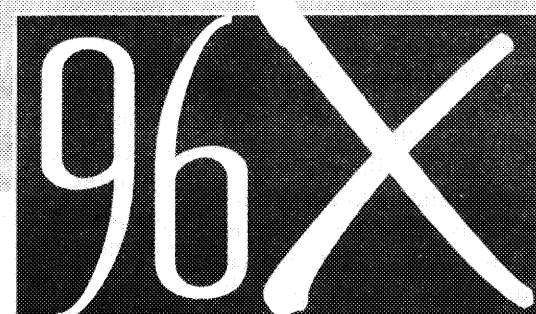
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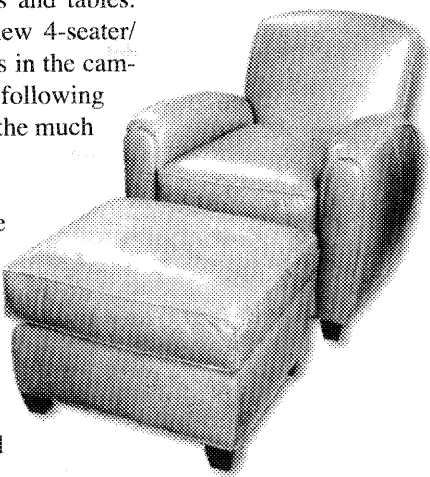


Another six will be dedicated to the H-Wing H204 student lounge to replace damaged units.

Five slotted for the ETA basement in the main stairwell area. Which will be a needed addition. And a whopping eight will be installed in ETA 2nd floor lounge area west of the elevators.

It's about time, but they are finally coming, NEW chairs and tables. We are getting 25 new 4-seater/table units for 4 areas in the campus. Here are the following areas which will see the much needed upgrades.

Six of the units are going into the G-Wing end lobby (just before the X-Wing). The current units in the G-Wing will be redistributed in the F and H wings.



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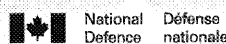
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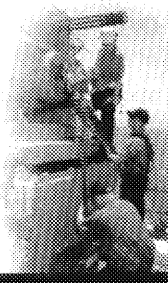
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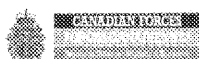
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He Said She Said!

When is a good time to lose your virginity?

David Veilleux



Noy Vongsaphong

She Said

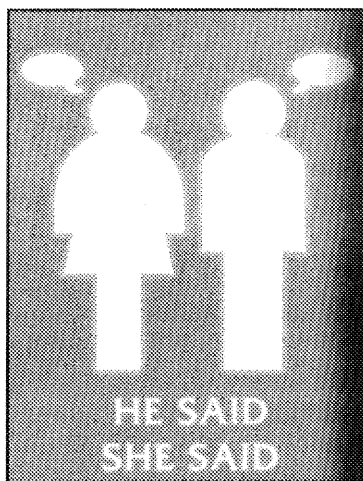
The answer is obvious. When you are ready. Cliché I know, but it's true. There are too many people who have lost it in a less than romantic manner. Most regret it later in life. When someone decides they are ready to lose their virginity they should make sure that they are completely ready. I don't just mean physically either. If that were the case we could all be seasoned porn stars by age 12. It isn't, so be there mentally. Don't just do it to have done it. Make it special.

By this point in our lives few of us are left in a virginal state. If you have lost it there isn't much you can do about it now. If you

haven't: your either a social outcast or are saving it for someone special. Assuming the second applies to you, good for you. Chances are good that you won't be losing it in the back seat of a Camaro.

Ladies, don't feel pressured by the opposite sex and try not to fall for their sexually frustrated lines. "I'll just put the head in." "It won't hurt. I promise I'll be gentle." Yeah Right! Since when does a male know what it is like for a female to lose her virginity? Last time I checked they don't have a hymen that gets ripped open in a fit of passion. Truth is, it does hurt. A LOT! Don't get me wrong. There are some guys out there that are gentle and can make the transition more comfortable. In the long run the pain is definitely worth it. Just don't go through it for someone who isn't.

The bottom line is to be careful and make sure your ready. For the guys: Take my advice. Begging and pleading gets you nowhere except locked in the bathroom with a Hustler magazine.



He Said

Surprise, surprise, but I have to agree with my esteemed feminine counterpart with this one. Make sure you are ready. I totally regret my first time. I was too young, too inebriated, and too just plain nervous to have enjoyed much of it. Hey, it was my first time, so I'd be lying if I didn't say I found it a little cool. I think the only sentence that came out of my mouth during the entire process was "I'm

going to cum." Well, duh! Thinking back I am pretty sure she already knew. It wasn't exactly a shining moment in my sexual life story. Thankfully, I recovered, but I have always wondered how I would be different if it had gone a little better. Did learning humility early help or hinder my sexual progression? By all accounts it probably helped, but I sure didn't think so at the time. The point of this little rant is that I would have been much better off if I had just waited for the right girl, rather than hopping half-cut into the sack with a randy Betty.

The fact of the matter is that guys are under a hell of a lot of social pressure to lose their virginity at an early age. It's not our fault we want to get in your pants ladies; it's Society's! Oh, and maybe raging hormones play a small part. God played a cruel joke by setting a boy's sexual prime in his teens. All this sexual energy and barely a clue on how to unleash it? Can you blame us for trying to get a little something-something to quiet that rag-

ing inferno in our loins, ladies?

The surprising thing that I have found is that there is a direct correlation between how long before a girlfriend gives it up and how long the relationship lasts. Every virginal girl that I have been with for more than a year has frustrated my advances for at least the first month of dating. Not only does it make the deflowering that much sweeter when you get it, you end up developing your relationship based on things like respect and trust, rather than lust and booty firmness.

Now it should also be said that deflowering should not be considered a sport gentleman, but rather treated as the gift that it is. When and if a girl decides to make you the first, do not be a fucking prick about it. Be gentle and open, and your good karma will be returned in spades. This is a special moment for all of us, and nobody wants it suck.

To walk or ride? That is the Question

CODY Paton-Perkin
FEATURES



There has been a long time clash of opinions here on the NAIT campus. The origin of the issue in question lies in the business tower. Should one use the elevator or the stairs in the tower?

Eight a.m. rolls around and the Business Students are ready to face a long day of classes. As you walk into the tower the lobby is jam packed full of people who are waiting to get on one of the four elevators.

Here upon lies the problem a good portion of these people are waiting for the elevator only to go up 2 to 4 floors. Of course this is understandable if you have a physical ailment of some kind. However many people feel very strongly about this apparent elevator abuse.

"If you are under the age of 30 and are normal, you should be taking the f***ing stairs" says an angry NAIT student who wished to remain anonymous.

While witnessing this semi organized chaos of lazy ass people causing a traffic jam in the elevator

...some able bodied people actually feel the need to defend their reasons for taking the elevator up one floor!!!!

area, another issue came to light - the infamous "roller bag" people.

Rollerbaggies are the most frequent elevator abusers. The excuse I have a roller bag so I have to take the elevator is bologna cause rollerbags have straps too.

What is most asinine, is that some able bodied people actually feel the need to defend their reasons for taking the elevator up one floor!!!!

As some research was done for this article, it was discovered that there are two types of elevator patrons.

The first is the "gambler". It's a feast or famine mentality here. These people stick pretty close to the doors of one specific elevator. If the elevator arrives the payoff is huge, however if it is not they are stuck in the lobby for quite while.

The second type is the "hawk". These ones lurk further away always looking too see which elevator is up next. The hawks plan is to get the jump on the line before the others waiting can get in.

I have chosen my side. Now its up to you to choose yours. This debate can be continued in the Grapevines via email submissions.

It can be quite funny to watch people who are gambling on the elevator. There are two types of elevator waiters. The first is the kind that likes to gamble on which elevator will be the next to open. The second is more like a hawk. Lurking in the middle and almost running to the elevator when the doors open.



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Ceili's is located at the Northwest corner of the downtown core. The 10338 - 109th Street location is the only Edmonton location, with two others in Calgary. The pub offers a down-to-earth atmosphere with a traditional flavor.

Ceili's serves a great selection of ethnic food including Flannerfy's Steak & Potato soup, Fishermans Chowder, Irish Lamb Stew, an Kilkenny Chicken. The pub also serves a wide selection of western fare.

Ceili's offers a terrific start to the week for students, with 25-cent wings and \$9.99 jugs of Kokanee.

My visit to Ceili's for St. Patrick's was very enjoyable; however, the food was sub-par and, despite being the busiest day of the year for the pub, the service was extremely slow. The kitchen burnt the battered fish and was very skimpy on their fries. The Irish Lamb Stew was very meaty and extremely delicious; however, the dish was served with a garden salad that consisted mainly of wilted lettuce. Ceili's Irish Cheesecake was deliciously rich and very smooth; however, the server took over 20 minutes to serve the dessert.

The biggest disappointment of the pub was the absence of any

drink specials during the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Irishmen were forced to pay through their teeth for their beers at \$5.25 for a Domestic pint. Don't show up to the pub without cash or a major credit card either, as Ceili's will rob you with their cash machine.

Entertainment is a key ingredient of the Ceili's experience. The extremely entertaining Billy Wiseman was on hand for the St. Patrick's Day experience. His solo act included many Irish traditional hits as well as some contemporary selections. Ceili's offers live music every Friday and Saturday night.

Ceili's is as great place to experience the Irish flavor. Be sure to visit the pub for a good time and great atmosphere.



Ceili's patrons celebrating St. Patrick's day.

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2. The final marks for programs with an end date of April 29th, or earlier, will be posted on the NAIT Student Portal in mid-May. Programs with a later end date will be posted as soon as they are available.
3. If you will be returning for the Fall/Winter terms 2005/2006, please check NAIT's website at www.nait.ca for information regarding tuition fee information and payment deadlines.
4. Registration dates for most returning students in the Fall 2005 will be **August 23rd, 24th, and 25th**.

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September 2005

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COOL THINGS

McDonald's

Curtis Comeau



McDonalds has taken quite a hit as of the release of the award winning documentary "Super Size Me". It hit them so hard they changed their marketing plan and menu options to include more "healthier" choices... What they really needed to do was re-market the Classic Mc-Donaldland characters from the 70's and 80's.

Forget the "im lovin it" street style ads bring back the colorful mascots that brought so much love into our lives when we were children. In case any of you have forgotten here is a breakdown on some of McDonaldland's cool characters, here is some cool background info McDonalds never told you.

If there is anything you want featured in Cool Things email me at comeau@gmail.com.

Ronald McDonald

If there was celebrity status in McDonaldland Ronald had it. Chicks, fame, cash everything. He would make appearances in hospitals by day and rip it up by night. By the mid 80's Ronald had a rock star like status. Sadly at some point all stars fade out...

Hamburglar

The saying that crime doesn't pay is totally misleading in Hamburglars case. Like his name suggests Hamburglar was a petty criminal who made his career by stealing McDonalds hamburgers from the Fry Guys, Birdie and Ronald. It must have been tough being the only badass in a place like McDonaldland.

Big Mac

This guy was the Law of McDon-

aldland. The cop, the S.O., the fuzz. Whatever you wanted to call him Big Mac was always shaking down The Hamburglar. The funny thing was in the next commercial The Hamburglar was always out ripping off Ronald again... Do we smell a dirty cop?

Birdie

Birdie was a groupie, nothing more nothing less. She was always lurking around Ronald for hand-outs and trying to get into Ronald's lifestyle. Ronald being the nice clown that he is and the fact that Birdie was the only chick in McDonaldland didn't have much of a choice.

Fry Guys

These little dudes were the crack heads of McDonaldland, always running around with their skinny little legs, shaking profusely looking for free fries.

Mayor McCheese

Mayor McCheese had the easiest ride of all time. He had no one to run against because he only politician McDonaldland.. Rumor had it onetime Grimace though about entering into the race for Mayor and McCheese had Big Mac pay him a little visit... Grimace never ran for office again.

Grimace

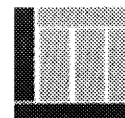
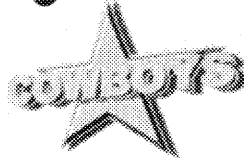
The huge purple pear shaped blob of whatever must have hated living in McDonaldland. No one really wanted to hangout with him because of his big ass and purple complexion. He was a constant victim of abuse from Ronald and his groupie Birdie.



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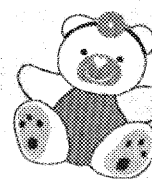
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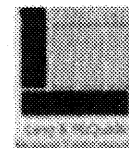
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This funky style restaurant/lounge has been providing Nait's students with food and drink for God knows how long, but only recently has come under new management. The new general manager of the

food, while keeping the prices affordable to students." And that he has done. Their steak sandwich, OOK Burger and Philly Wraps now feature AAA Alberta beef. "If its not something I would enjoy I'm going to search for a better product." NAITSA did good when choosing Nic, as he is one who knows about food quality, being a former Sawmill manager.

The menu is complete with a wide range of classic pub style food including Salads, Soups,

heart stopping Poutine (fries covered in cheese and gravy). A daily dessert menu is also available, as your server for details. By far the



best value for your money is the Mega OOK Burger; you have to see it to believe it.

"Another change is we now offer both Molson and Labatt beers" says Nic. Which is nice considering often students are on both sides of the fence when it comes to their beer choices.

Well, I am not much of a beer drinker, however I am glad to announce that The Nest features its own MARTINI MENU!!! With double martinis being priced at a staggering low price of \$5.50!!!



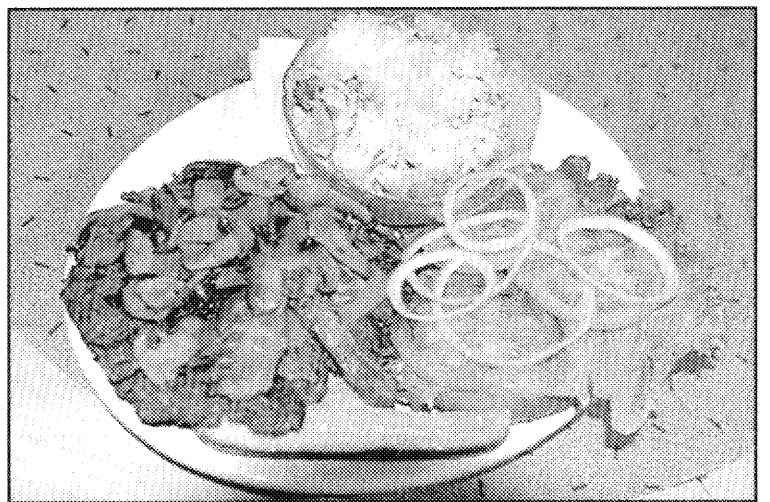
Nugget editors enjoy excellent meals at affordable prices.

The three must tries include; the Purple Haze, Red Headed Floozie and the Chocolate Orgasm.

The Nest is also a place students can frequent in the later hours of

you can eat pasta" says Nic.

If getting up on stage and making an ass out of yourself while signing some Madonna song from the 80's is your thing then The Nest



The Mega Ook burger.

the evening. Nights to consider checking out are Monday Movie nights, in which the Nest plays a selected film, which is usually still in the cheap theaters. "On Mondays, students can come in, relax and check out a film while enjoying some free popcorn, its also all

has you covered. Wednesday s are Karaoke nights. Nic informs me that it gets quite busy during Wednesday evenings. For more information on entertainment in the nest check out Nait's website www.nait.ca.



Tanya pours an inviting beverage.

Nest, Nic Wells has brought it long quite nicely since being brought onboard earlier this year. "One thing I wanted to do this year is really improve the quality of the

Burgers, Entrees and Vegetarian options. My recommendations include the Chicken Teriyaki burger and the Steak Sandwich. For a special treat try their

Trevor Elliott—SPORTS



The 2005 CCAA Men's National Basketball Championships lived up to its promise of providing edge-of-the-seat entertainment and thrilling finishes. Tournament spectators, and promoters, could not have asked for a better Championship Finale than the electrifying finish between the top-ranked UCC Sun Demons and the Grant MacEwan Griffins.

Fans flocked to the Championship Final and lined up for more than an hour to get the best seat in the house. The Sun Demons and Griffins provided an intense, emotional finale that will be remembered by

the over-capacity crowd for years to come.

CCAA All-Canadians Sean Garvey and Robbie Valpreda were shining stars in this offensive contest that never exceeded a 7-point differential. The two sides were very evenly matched; however, experience proved to be the key factor in UCC's 83-76 Championship victory.

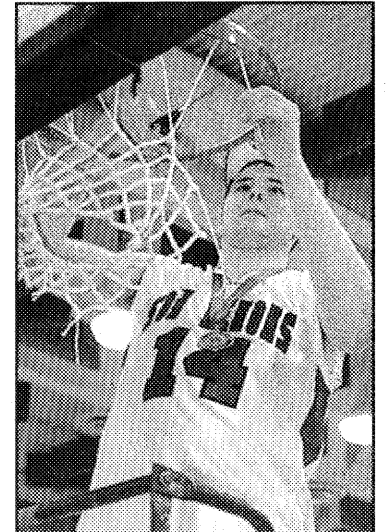
CCAA Coach of the Year, Nevin Gledie, finally produced the result that had evaded the Sun Demons for the past 9 years. UCC had competed in the National Championship for 7 of the past 9 season; however, this year was special as Gledie combined the perfect mix of experience and youth in his Champion Sun Demon team. Congratulations to UCC for their outstanding performance in this year's tournament and good luck in the CIS!



Tournament winners.

The Cinderella Malaspina Mariners also were memorable contributions to the tournament as the BCCAA team combined speed and agility to burn past their opponents. Like the Mariners' previous three games, Malaspina too an early lead; however the Hawks exploited the situation when Hubbs sat the final eight minutes of the first half after getting into early foul trouble. The lead changed hands several times and coaches were forced to think on their feet as their starters were plagued by foul troubles. CCAA All-Canadian Hubbs proved to be the difference as the Mariners took the Bronze with a 69-61 victory over the Hawks.

Other Championship Saturday games included a rematch of the OCAA Championship final as the #2 Humber Hawks defeated the #5 Centennial Colts 83-63 in the first Bronze semi-final. #7 Malaspina defeated #4 Vanier 92-83 in the second Bronze semi-final. #8 NAIT Ooks defeated #6 King's Blue Devils 85-70 in the 7th Place game.



Championship Saturday was the culmination of a year of hard work and planning by all teams as well as the Championship committee. Numerous staff, volunteers, and sponsors worked countless hours to put on such a successful tournament and should be recognized for the tremendous effort that was displayed by all.

See **Tournament Results** next page

UCC Sun Demons Shine In Championship Final

YOUR NAITSA Executive "off the podium"

CODY Paton-Perkin
FEATURES



PART 1 OF 2

As most of you have all heard by now NAITSA held the yearly elections about two weeks ago. The elections were to decide who will represent the student body for the upcoming year.

Two interviews were held with the new executive for a chance for you all to get to know them better off the podium. The first interview is with former Nugget editor Dwayne Williams. Dwayne will be the returning NAITSA President for the upcoming year.

My other interview is with Carrie Creaser who has been elected as VP of Campus life. In short Carrie's main duty is to plan NAITSA parties. How sweet is that? Amongst all the planning she also has to make sure that life on campus is better than ever. Here is how the interviews went.

Cody and Dwayne (NAITSA PRESEDENT) Telephone Interview

CPP: So a rumor has it the night you won the election night u were drinking booze from random girls breasts?

Dwayne Laughs.....umm yes...



Photo credit: Curtis Comeau

Dwayne Williams

CPP: Do you want to explain that to our readers?

Dwayne Umm....I don't know? It is something that The Union does; it was my first time at The Union I guess so they were inducting me.

CPP: You weren't really running against anyone, so did you think

that you won (The Election) before they announced it?

Dwayne: No, it was kind of up in the air, there was a chance that people would vote no for the fun of it. My chances were good there but there was just no guarantee.

CPP: What are your plans for the communications you talked about during your campaign speeches?

Dwayne: I want to focus on The Nugget and the NAITSA website. The NAITSA website for sure. The new student government structure is going to help a lot in that regards.

CPP: Ok yeah, anyways politics and promises are boring. What is your favorite drink?

Dwayne: I'd have to say Corona with a lime.

CPP: Classy... But you don't drink do you?

Dwayne: I'll have a drink for a celebration. I'll have a drink with a buddy on his birthday. But I'm not a boozier.

CPP: Listen I know you're the NAITSA president and all, but the Nugget doesn't really pay me enough to ask a whole whack of questions, so is there anything else you would like to say to the students.

Dwayne: This year is going to be the wildest and most effective year in NAITSA history!!

CPP: Thanks for the time I know you're a busy guy.

Dwayne: Anytime, I wish it could have been a longer interview.

CPP: Well, get the a bigger budget approved for the Nugget writers.

Dwayne: (Laughs)

Cody and Carrie (VP Campus Life) Telephone Interview

CPP: Hi Carrie, my cell phone is about to die, so this is going to have to be short.

Carrie: Ok.

CPP: What are your real plans now that you're elected?

Carrie: My main goal is to make sure that everybody comes out to our events we host and to have a variety of events to suit all students needs.

CPP: Many people don't know this but I was running against you in the NAITSA elections... I lost to you by only 60 votes. Not that I have any hard feelings but did you know that? Why Curtis asked me to do this interview I will never know..

Carrie: I didn't know that.

CPP: Anyways back to the questions that matter. What is your favorite drink?

Carrie: I drink everything. I would



Photo credit: Curtis Comeau

Carrie Creaser

say orange Bacardi Breezer.

CPP: What's your favorite Movie?

Carrie: The notebook. I just watched it. I don't want to say the Notebook. Cause I don't want to look like a looser but I like it.

CPP: Oh my god! I lost to someone whose favorite movie is the Notebook?!!?!?! Ok, what is your favorite music and or band?

Carrie: Collective Soul, I would say Alternative music, but I listen to everything.

CPP: Ok my phone is beeping and is going to die... Anything you want to say to the students?

Carrie: Thanks to those of you who did vote. (even for Cody) I promise we'll have a great time next year! Make sure you let us know via submissions, the Nugget, emails or letters what you want to see next year.

For more info on NAITSA and the winner check out the website at www.nait.ca. Next weeks issue (if the Nugget budget holds out) will feature the second half of the NAITSA exec. With Jon Hoffman your new VP Student affairs and Elaine Devine the returning VP finance and administration.

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Demons

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Shane Dennie -
Humber Hawks
Jason Hubbs -
Malaspina Mariners

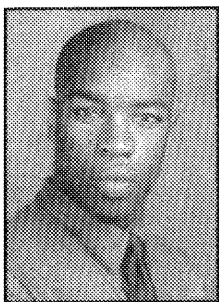
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2nd Team Tournament All-Stars
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Centennial Colts
Jason Walcott -
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Richard Boyland -
Malaspina Mariners
Jon Turner -
UCC Sun Demons

**Doug McCallum Fair Play
Award**
Malaspina Mariners

What's New with NAITSA

Dwayne Williams



NAITSA President

The school hallway over here at the NAITSA office was busy last week with the buzz of basketball players and Booster Juice! All the ingredients needed to keep the students entertained at a cheap rate for a while! A great time was had by those who were able to take in our athletes go to battle for NAIT pride!

Inside the NAITSA office we've been busy getting things finished off before the school term finishes, along with starting the gears rolling for the big changes we plan to implement for 2005! Like I mentioned in my election platform, communication will be a key target for next year.

Currently the NAITSA budget for 2005/2006 is reviewed and proposed for General Council's final approval at the March 29th meeting in X-107 at 5:00 PM. So if you'd like to see the suggested breakdown of next year's budget come out and voice your thoughts!

Don't forget to stay tune to www.NAITSA.ca for all the latest events and contests! Or if you have a comment or message you want all the other students to see, check out the "Services" section on NAITSA.ca to submit a Grapevine. See you around!

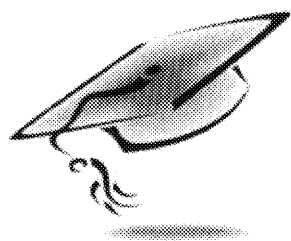
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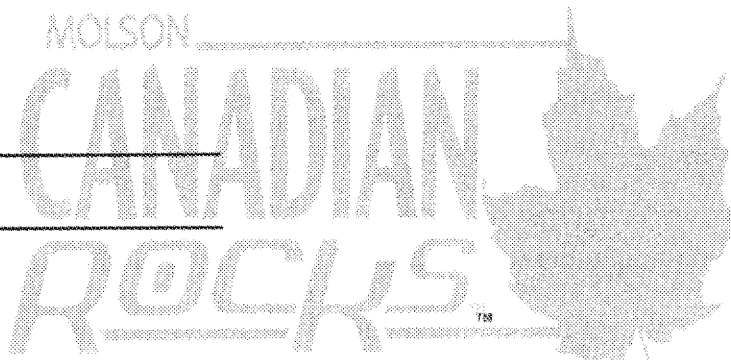
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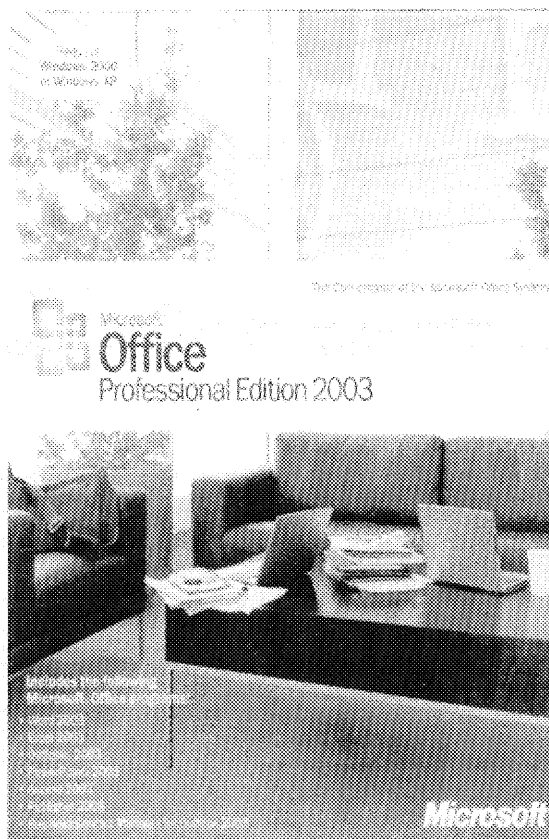
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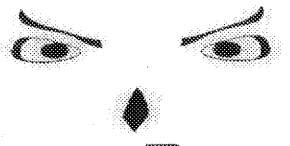
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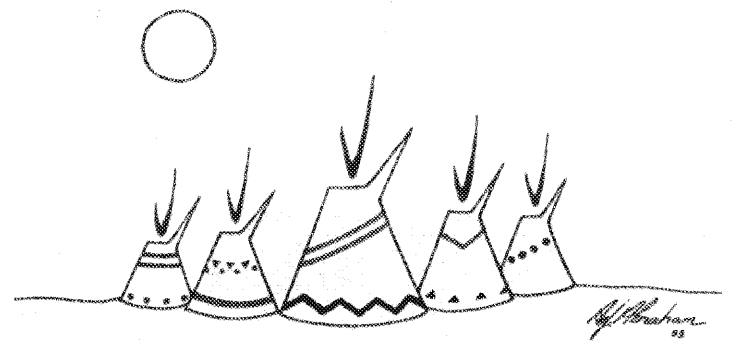
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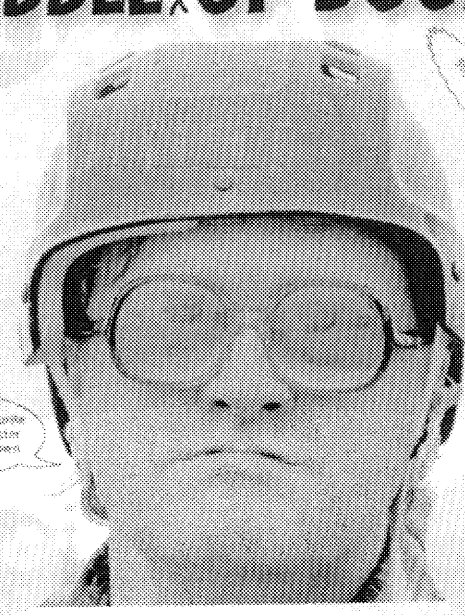
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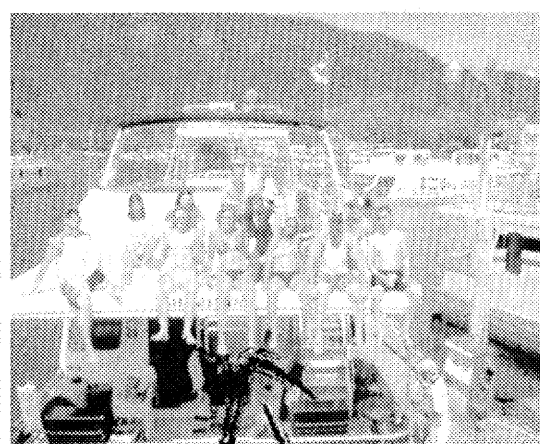
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I could not help but notice the cute guy from the business tower who just started in January. I love your laptop and your pajama pants. Ohh how I would love to get into them. I saw you driving your big truck and it made my pants feel tight. ohh wee. We should meet sometime. You can find me in the mechanical eng. building. The Body

Take a moment for: Karla Dawn Critchley 1984-2005, so young and always in your hearts. "Sorry for the loss" - editor and Nugget Staff.

To the girl in the short black skirt that was in the Annex last Thursday, please feel free to "shake yo thang" in our area any time!! Woooo!!!

Business Admin Students OWN ALL OF YOU!!! HAHA! Suck it Engineering Annex.

"OOOOOhhhhhhh them's fightin' words business boy! The Annex crowd wont stand for that" - Editor.

Cowboy Allan, I love you ;) Good luck at your next Idol contest! Can I have an autograph?

Thanks everyone, for your support with the "Stocked Mini Bar Fridge"! The winner of the fridge is Corrine Cote. Look for us next year! Best of luck on the end of the semester--BioSci

Amanda, wish you were my sweetheart!

This is to the pink thong girl, if you don't want people looking at your thong don't advertise it, im sure you got more people oogling you now since you posted it in the nugget.

And to all the ladies who are wondering where all the nice guys are at Nait, let me tell you this, THEY ARE SHY, trust me they are out there because im one of them, if you want here is my email and you can talk to me if you want ladies, drunkenzombiemonkey@hotmail.com

And to all the guys in the cafeteria, clean up your mess and stop looking at my friends like they are pieces of meat, so there are girls eating in the cafeteria big deal. If you want be slack jawed yokels who stare at girls go to the strip clubs, pay the cover fee and do it there, those girls want you to stare at them. thank you for reading my rant, the strange baker

Anyone else see the Grant Mac losers all dressed up at Nationals? I say we ban Grant Mac front ever stepping on NAIT campus!!

To the guy with the cowboy hat that got on the #8 bus route last Friday around 12 PM, deodorant is your FRIEND!! Don't fight the cleanliness... Save a Nose, Avoid that Cowboy!

BEER! BEER! BEER!... Beer? BEEEEERRRRRR!!!!!!

Was it me, or did the Nugget actually have pictures this week? There might be chance of it actually being good again!! Weird.

"Pictures yes, better no..." - Editor

What's the lineup for OOKFEST? Anyone know yet?! SOMEONE TELL ME! :(

To "T" that drove me home from BAS Beer Gardens, my "little visitor" hasn't arrived... please call me!! -S

Mmmmm...I wouldnt mind having some of those sexy Dental Assistants working on me sometime...RaWwRrrr

Hey people! If you want to submit your own GRAPEVINE, go to www.NAITSa.ca and click on "Services." NAITSa Prez.

For the losers who keep dropping issues of the Nugget in our submissions box, we don't mind, just write something on them, hate mail or death threats... anything - Editor

With school almost over, I would like to say one thing...BOOYAKAHSA!

To all the hot ladies of Nait. This single young man is on the loose and prowling for some action. I'm a little under 6 feet tall, tight short curly brown hair, dark brown eyes, and my friends say I look like a cross between Justin Timberlake, and Screech from saved by the bell. I enjoy Extreme Mountain biking, tea houses, and cleaning computers. I'm looking for the hottest woman that will have me. I have vast experience at taking abuse, patience is my virtue, and I GUARANTEE that I am sexually clean as it has been a considerable amount of time since my last "encounter", shall

we say. I am at Naitsa's office all the time so if you are interested in a little guy with big pain tolerance, come check me out there. Signed, Desperately Seeking Love (DSL)

You must respect the donair you clown, and maybe you'll get some respect ... remember, i own you .. brotherly love my brother, and remember .. Respect, and Mona's Pizza

For being a technical school I'm quite disappointed myself.....half the computers in the HP Centre are out of order all the time, the other half are used for games.....why is it that people can play f\$*king games on these computers and listen to music, but i cannot even access my USB drive to do my homework.....the computers won't let me....i think games should be blocked and people should be able to do their work on these computers.

So is any one pumped about the new Molson beer coming out?

I don't know if it's just me, but I am sick of seeing old hairy naked men walk around the change room beside the pool.....it's gross!!!!.....Would it hurt just to cover up yourself with a towel....Pleas NO MORE!! from Anonymous change room loser

Jenny won't be writing any articles this week as she has fallen ill; her doctors' note said she had "Siclephneumomedia". Im not too sure about thiss. If anyone can tell me what the hell this sickness is I will give him or her a free Molson Canadian shirt. Email your thoughts to nuggetsubmissions@hotmail.com. Include your contact info- Editor

In Memory of... Keith Bravo We are sad to announce the passing of our dear friend and brother, Keith Bravo. All who loved him will miss him. His love for this paper was grand. His dying wish was to be known as the Grape-Vine Grappler. Here's to you old buddy, may the force be with you Grappler, you'll always be my captain.

To the guy inquiring about the F Wing. I know there is no nursing program, but in my mind, the girls in the bottom level of the f wing are all nurses because I am sick and am in dire need of a sponge bath.

-Johnny Bravo P.S. Where abouts in the business tower is this girl with the pink thong? She can be my personal nurse cuz I need some homecare.

I just want to let everyone know that as a power engineer I'm ABSAlutuly steamed from all the pressure that people have been putting on each other as of

late. If you damn complainers in the grapevines think you got it bad try power engineering tech. In the second year everyone's ready to go off like an undersized safety valve. So I propose that all the whinny complainers about Internet poker players, websites not working and idiots in their class go straight to the big boiler in the ground. -The Big D from Power T-

In response to the "Pink thong Chick" if you don't want people looking at your ass, maybe you shouldn't be wearing skanky outfits.

Signed one of the many Pink thong watchers

To THOSE WHO PARK IN THE PARKADE: Is anyone else completely disgusted at the total disregard to cleanliness? the elevator, the stairs, ANY parking level... they ALL have mounds of trash. And i have discovered WHY is smells like someone pissed in every corner: THEY DID. Took a dump too. Grow up you losers. Pick up your trash, your mama ain't gonna do it for you.

TO THE HOT CHICK WHO TALKED TO THE REALLY SHORT 19 YR. OLD GUY IN THE COMPUTER COMMONS ON MONDAY JUST BEFORE 1 PM: Damn, Baby! Where u been all my life? Wanna hook up sumtime? add me to msn, rs224@msn.com Peace!:)

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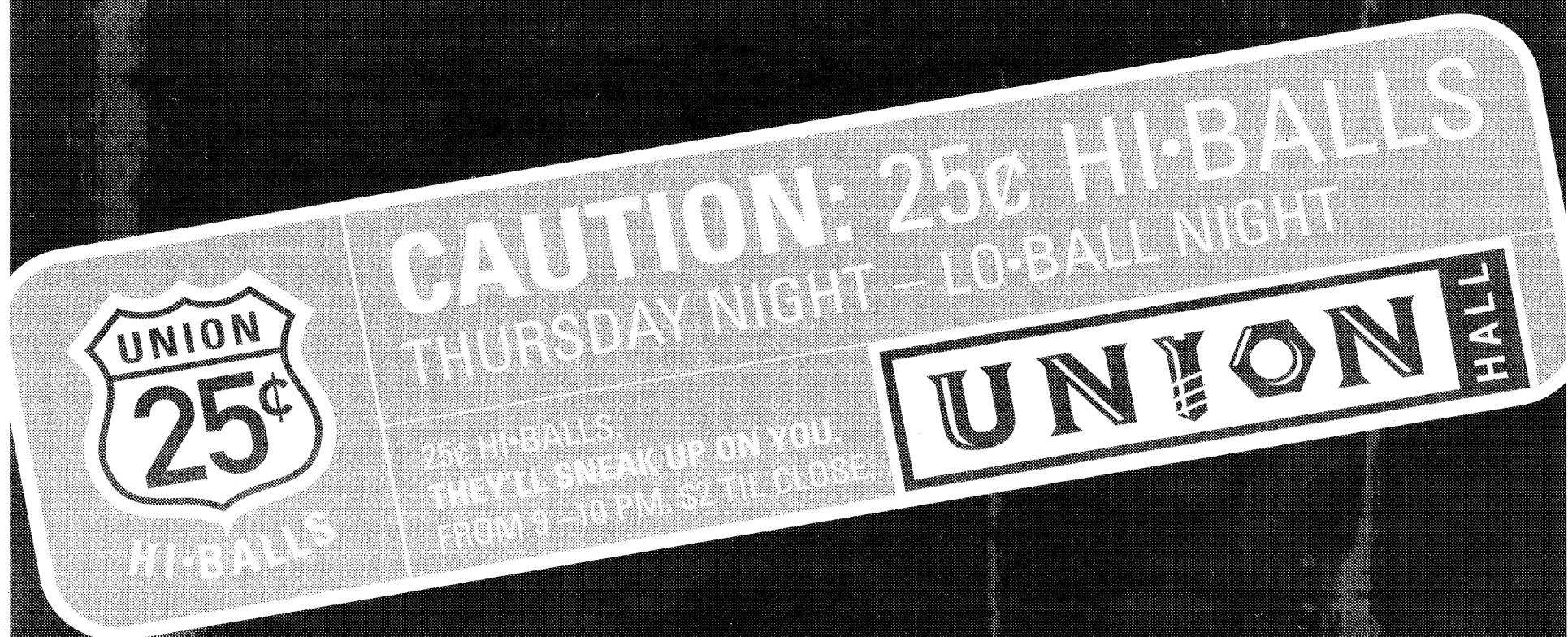
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