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## OOKFEST ROCKED!

Thousands brave chilly temperatures for hot concert. Stories, photos inside.



Photo: Ira Anderson

It might have felt a whole lot like winter but the surf was up at Ookfest concert school-year kickoff.



# Students lukewarm to Brad's Pitt stop

## MOUTHING OFF



By SACHA KOLOTYLUK

How excited are Edmontonians to see Hollywood hunk Brad Pitt? We went around NAIT's Edmonton campus to ask students how Pitt's stay, in the City of Champions, would affect their lives.

The main question we asked was: With Brad Pitt in Edmonton shooting his new movie how far will you go to see him – if you're interested in seeing him at all?



Craig Gebhardt, 28

"I can safely say that I will do absolutely nothing to try to run into Brad Pitt because I find him completely unimportant, and have far better things to do with my time."



David Mallett, 29

"I will definitely not go out of my way to see Brad Pitt...I will, however, to see Sam Shepard. He is a fantastic actor, screenwriter, and playwright. I would much rather see him than Pitt."



Sara Mundorf, 21

"I'll totally try to see him! It won't be easy, because I'm sure that there will be lots of people doing the same thing. I wouldn't go as far as to invade his privacy, but I would like to see him shoot the movie."



Britney Carson, 20

"Ummm ... I'm going with no on this one. I have way better things to do with my time than to hang around some snooty hotel in the hopes that I might see the back of Brad Pitt's head."



Ryan Guest, 18

"Yeah, I'll get right on that one. Brad Pitt is a loser, pretty boy who is too over-rated. I would rather have acid thrown in my face than go out of my way to see him."

# Deputy PM defends terror fight strategy

By Tara Copeland

In the wake of international terrorism, the government has stepped up its efforts to keep Canadians safe – but critics say these efforts come at the expense of civil rights.

At a recent Canadian Association of Journalists' event in Edmonton, Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan had an opportunity to address these concerns.

According to McLellan, civil rights and the safety of Canadians are both concerns of the Canadian government. "It's a case of getting the balance right."

"We are doing a better job of protecting Canadians," said McLellan. "You have to catch terrorists before they get on the planes and the subways. If it's after the fact, you will have failed."

But at what cost? Beth Berton-Hunter, media officer with Amnesty International Canada, says that the safety of Canadians

should not come at the expense of civil rights.

"There's a lot more the government can do," said Berton-Hunter. "The best way to protect us is to value our human rights."

"The government's response to the Arar case is distressing," said Berton-Hunter.

Maher Arar was allegedly questioned by Canadian officials and later sent off to Syria, where it is believed he was tortured.

The Arar case led to a public inquiry and a report is expected later this year.

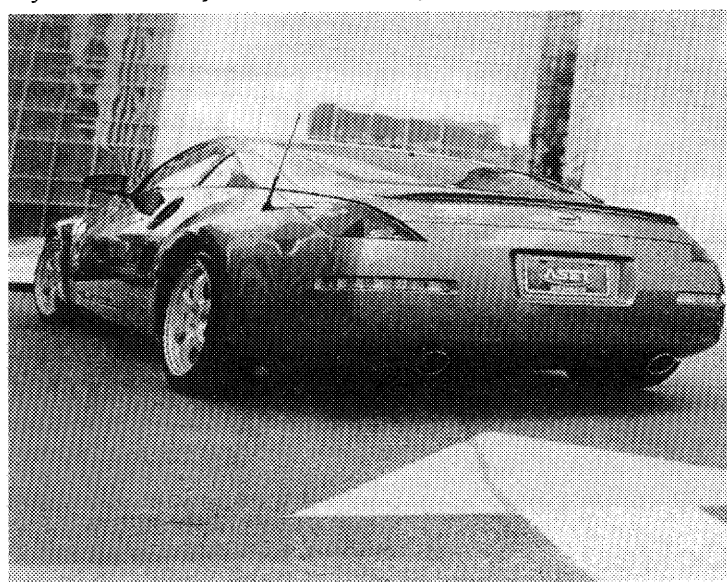
Another concern is the changes that have been made to the Anti-Terrorism Act. Critics say that the transparency of legal proceedings in Canada is in question.

McLellan said these concerns are unfounded. "There are no secret trials in this country," said McLellan. "It's a long-standing myth."



Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan, appearing at a journalism talk in Edmonton, defended her government's record on civil rights.

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# NEWS & FEATURES

## Students suffer from gas pains

By TREVOR ELIOTT

This is a busy world. Everyone seems to be in a hurry to get somewhere.

Some students live out of town. Others have to travel to after-school jobs. Then there are those who drive because it's faster and more convenient.

Regardless of the reason students drive, there is one common thread among those who do — it's costing everyone more to use a vehicle.

Over the past few years, the price of gasoline in Edmonton has risen from 66 cents in November 2003 to \$1.13 today.

NAIT Parking Services has also steadily increased the cost of parking at NAIT. Over the past 20 years that security coordinator Peggy Isley has been at NAIT, Isley has seen the cost of parking rise from \$19 per month for powered stalls to \$30 this year.

The steady boost in the cost of driving to school has had some mixed reactions.

The jump in gas prices is enough to convince Chance Murray, from Sherwood Park, to start taking the bus. "A bus pass

costs me \$50, and so does a tank of gas," says Murray. "A tank of gas only lasts for about three trips."

Taking the bus will add two hours to the total travel time every day.

So how does Murray feel about the added travel time? "Pissed off!" he says.

Neither Chad Tithecott nor Tim Tchir, students from the Fort Saskatchewan area, are impressed with the cost increase.

But they must bite the bullet and continue to drive because they have no alternative method to get to school. Tchir purchased a parking pass. However, Tithecott has decided to offset the cost of gas by parking on the street.

Parking on the street is limited to two hours at a time but many students outsmart the system by moving their vehicle to a new location every two hours.

Kyle Huckuluk, a student from Edmonton, drives to school because it's more convenient than the transit system. Huckuluk feels NAIT's parking is also too expensive. So where does he park? "I'm like way down there, almost to 97 Street. They're not

going to tow me from there!"

Isley noted that even though the cost of driving is constantly rising, NAIT Parking Services has not had any decrease in the number of students who apply for parking passes. "We have been full every year that I've been here," says Isley. "We have lost 300 parking stalls with the new building construction; however, they were all daily parking spaces." The municipal airport has also agreed to allow NAIT to utilize as many stalls as it needs.

So, with the rise in the cost of driving, it appears that only a handful of students are deciding to trade their car keys for a bus pass.

The ETS has already discussed plans to expand the LRT system north of downtown; however, for now, students will just have to continue to sacrifice their 'beer money' for the convenience of driving.

## Michael Jackson exposed here!

Wanna get the behind-the-scenes scoop on what it's like to do work for CNN, ABC or other big-time broadcasters?

Emmy-Award-winning broadcast journalist Scott Rensberger will be telling about that and then some at a presentation Saturday Sept. 17 here in Edmonton presented by the Canadian Association of Journalists (CAJ).

Rensberger has stories to tell in spades about his work as a TV journalist.

His most recent big-time assignment was covering the circus that was known as the Michael Jackson trial.

Rensberger will have a few tasty tales about that.

The Washington, D.C.-based TV photo-journalist has been recognized as the best television news photographer in North America by the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA).

Rensberger has reported and photographed stories throughout the world.

Other awards he's earned include a national Investigative Reporting and Editors scroll (IRE) the most prestigious award in the United States for investigative reporting.

His seminar begins at 9 a.m. and runs to noon at Grant MacEwan College, City Centre Campus, 2nd floor Room 7-284, 10700 - 104 Ave, Edmonton.

After a lunch break Rensberger will resume with a session dedicated to video journalists. He'll be critiquing any tapes offered to him that day.

The whole seminar is open to the public.

Tickets are \$20 for students and members of the CAJ and \$30 for the general public.

For tickets or more information, contact CAJ chapter president Kerry Diotte at 468-0100 or 468-0284.

## Editor Wanted

The Nugget, a weekly newspaper published by the NAIT Students Association is seeking a dynamic student editor.

The ideal candidate will have a flair for writing and editing stories that matter to students.

He or she will provide articles and help lead a team of contributors who will churn out high-quality news, sports, arts and opinion columns.

Candidates should be interested in digging up interesting stories that occur both on and off campus.

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**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! Submit your letters with your real name and contact phone number to: [nuggetsubmissions@hotmail.com](mailto:nuggetsubmissions@hotmail.com) Don't sweat it. We won't publish your phone number, but we do need to list your real name. It's all good. Getting something off your chest is downright therapeutic. Trust us on that. Write us.

## NAIT students deserve a break from feds today

OK, our federal Finance Minister Ralph Goodale was musing this week about providing home heating rebates to Canadians.

That's cool, but what are the feds dishing out to students hard-hit by sky-high energy prices, soaring tuition fees and hefty rent payments?

Last I checked we're Canadians too.

### Energy rebates

You know the Alberta government is going to step up to the plate with a host of energy rebate goodies but, again, what's in it for students?

The Government of Canada wisely signed on to the Kyoto Accord to cut deadly, earth-destroying greenhouses gases.

But aside from that, where's the plan to save the planet?

A bunch of commercials from Rick Mercer just doesn't cut it.

We need cash in our jeans baby!

### Lose the SUVs

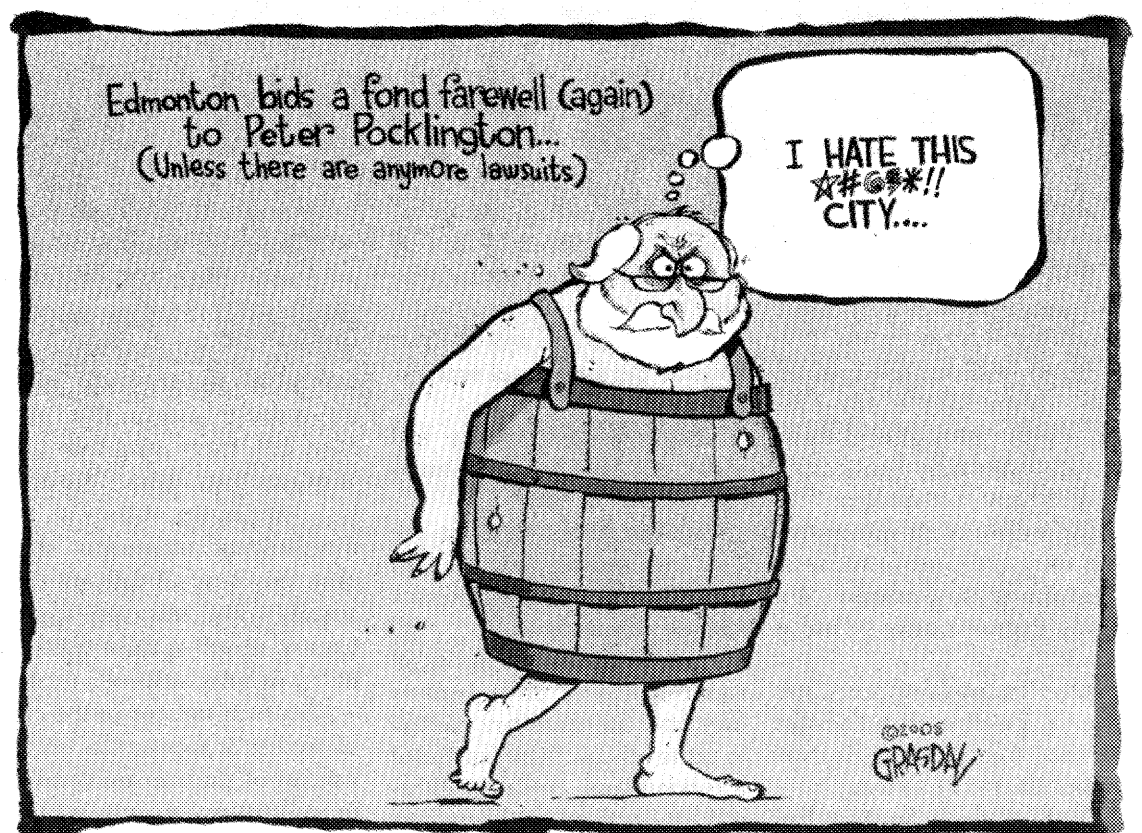
With obscenely high gasoline prices most students can't afford to drive anymore so, why doesn't the government come up with some truly innovative programs to encourage people to get out from behind their large sonoavabitch road-hogging SUVs?

Why don't federal politicians, for instance, offer deep discounts on transit passes for students attending a major secondary institution?

That would show they're serious about this issue. Right now it's all talk and little action.

Edmonton's Mayor Stephen Mandel was talking recently about including NAIT as a future place for an LRT extension. So, let's get it on.

Bring the LRT to NAIT, provide some temporary relief for bus passes and LRT passes and let's begin to save this planet.



## Contributors needed

We're looking for people who have a flair for writing to pen articles for The Nugget.

Do you have an interest in student politics? Let us know and send us a letter with your contact information and a brief resume.

Is sports your bag? We might want you on our team as a contributor.

Do you have a talent for reviewing concerts? Send us a note.

How about cartoons?

Can you make a statement with an editorial cartoon like the one we're running this week from star cartoonist James Grasdal? Show us your stuff.

Perhaps you've always wanted to produce a panel cartoon for a newspaper. Send us your samples.

Do you have an idea for a regular column?

Maybe you've got a talent for giving advice on everything from fashion to relationships to sex? Let us know. This could be your

start toward fame and fortune.

Speaking of fortune ... We can't pay a king's ransom but we will pay you for your submissions if you become a regular contributor.

Send us your resume and any sample material.

E-mail VP of Student Affairs, John Hoffman at NAITSA at:

[jonh@nait.ca](mailto:jonh@nait.ca)

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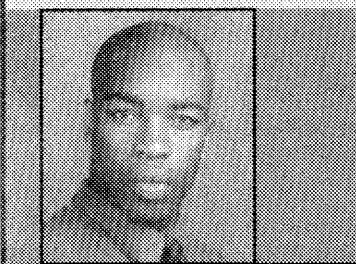
3 free tans from Power Tan and Nutrition  
\$10 discount on a Pub crawl from Bustloose

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# STUDENT POLITICS

## A September to Remember!



By **DWAYNE WILLIAMS**  
NAITSA President

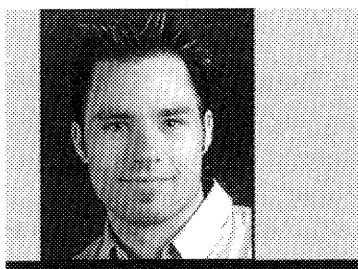
What an amazing start to the 2005-2006 school year! OOKFEST turned out to be a wild party as expected! This

year we actually sold out of OOKFEST tickets! A record 6,000 tickets were purchased easily becoming the biggest and best OOKFEST ever!

A big thank you to all the volunteers and their friends who came out prior to OOKFEST to help us setup the field, and to those who came out the next day to help with the clean-up! You all rock!

September '05 is sure to be the best in the history for NAIT students! See you all soon!

## Join the club(s)



By **JON HOFFMAN**  
V.P. Student Affairs

Crazy times. That is the way to describe this past weekend at Oookfest. I was so impressed with how it all came together under the awesome leadership of Mike Anderson. If you had a good time

send an email to [mikea@nait.ca](mailto:mikea@nait.ca). It was great to see students have so much fun while being quite safe, for that a special thanks goes out to all the security.

Are you looking for a way to meet new people at school? Spend time enjoying your hobbies or interests with others on campus. NAITSA would like to have more clubs on campus, but we need you to help by starting them up.

The clubs could be focused on any kind of interest that you may have, such as remote controlled cars, knitting, social justice, snowboarding, rugby or philosophy

and everything in between. So far we have a Christian group that meets Wednesdays at noon, an International Students Club and an Aboriginal Student Group that has some great events planned starting Tuesday, September 20th.

Do you want to help make the decisions around NAIT? If so, get involved in the new senate student government or be a voice for students concerns within the school's Acadec Council.

For more information on clubs or the senate, please come by the NAITSA office and Rita Cain will point you in the right direction.

## Shinerama is your chance to shine

Want to make tons of friends at NAIT? Here's how you can!

Since 1964, NAIT Students' Association has raised over \$400,000 for SHINERAMA!

### What is Shinerama?

Shinerama is Canada's largest post-secondary fundraiser involving students at over 60 university and college campuses across Canada. Over 28,000 students join forces every year to raise money to fight Cystic Fibrosis (CF) through the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF).

### What is Cystic Fibrosis?

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is the most common, fatal genetic disease affecting young Canadians. CF affects mainly the lungs and the digestive system. It is estimated that one in every 2,500 children born in Canada has CF.

### Why join the fight?

This year, Canadian students plan to raise over \$1 million for CF research. Since Shinerama started in 1964, a total of almost \$16 million has been raised by students like you. This year NAITSA NEEDS YOU to help raise over \$20,000!

### Dose the money help?

When Shinerama began in 1964, a child born with CF rarely lived past five years old. Today, 47 percent of all Canadians with CF are over 18 years old. As of 2002, the median age of survival of a person with CF in Canada was 37 years old. This shows that for each year students have raised money for Shinerama, the

survival of a person with CF has increased by almost one year.

### How to join the fight

Shinerama Day at NAIT is Sept 24, 2005 come out, raise money and meet tons of new friends. You can sign up to volunteer on Shinerama Day at registration or you can stop by the NAITSA office.

### What do you get for volunteering?

You get a free breakfast on Shinerama Day, a free t-shirt, great prizes, a night out after Shinerama Day, and you will get to meet tons of other NAIT students. You also get self satisfaction of knowing that by volunteering for one day you have helped to increase the life expectancy of people with CF.

Volunteering always looks great on your resume. After knowing all that you really can make a difference by volunteering one day, how can you not volunteer?

### Who can volunteer?

Anyone. You do not have to be a NAIT student to volunteer for Shinerama, so bring all your friends. The more people the more fun and more money that will be raised for CF.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call or email Elaine Devine NAITSA VP Finance and Administration and Shinerama Campaign Director @ 471-7609 or [edevine@nait.ca](mailto:edevine@nait.ca) or drop by the NAITSA Office. THANK YOU!

Elaine Devine  
Shinerama Campaign Director 2005

## Help out the cause



By **CARRIE CREASER**  
V.P. Campus Life

Hey there everyone! Carrie writing you to wish all of you well after the first couple of weeks of school. How many of you went to OOKFEST? The show was amazing! I hope all that

went had an amazing experience. Let me know what you thought of the show. I would love to hear feedback from students that went. What's next up our sleeves? Shinerama is coming September 24! That will also prove to be a day to never forget. I hope to see all of you out there helping a great cause and partying just as hard!

Technology Training occurs at the first TCC meeting on October 4 in Room X-107! Expecting all class reps to come out and learn all there is to know about holding events. Start thinking about creative events you can

hold after this training is completed.

Have a great week and I'll catch up with you next week!

Don't forget... Movie Night at the Nest every Monday at 4:30pm!

Here are the dates and movies for September and October:

Sept. 19: Star Wars  
Sept. 26: Mr. & Mrs. Smith  
Oct. 3: Batman Begins  
Oct. 17: Fantastic 4  
Oct. 24: Charlie and The Chocolate Factory  
Oct. 31: The Island

## Our Shine Day party will be very rewarding



By **ELAINE DEVINE**  
V.P. Finance & Administration

This has been a crazy couple of weeks. With OOKFEST now over I will be spending a lot of my time planning Shine Day. Remember Shine Day is on September 24. I expect to see all of you in The Nest at 9 a.m. for your free breakfast and t-shirt. Following a day of car washes and shoe shining, we will all meet back at NAIT, main campus to drop off all the money you collect. Then

the fun begins. After going home to change, we will meet back at NAIT where we will ride away in Limos to Cowboys and party the whole night. You don't have to be a NAIT student to volunteer, so bring all your friends.

### Shinerama Bracelets

We are also selling orange bracelets for \$2 at the NAITSA office. Proceeds will go toward Shinerama. Stop by and buy your bracelet today.

### V.I.P Card

Did you buy a V.I.P card yet? If not, you are missing out check out the ad in this paper. The card is only \$15. All proceeds go to our Shinerama campaign. If you use the card once with a friend, it has almost paid for itself and it is valid until the end of May 2006.

What can you get at the NAITSA Office?

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Cheap Eskimo tickets - only \$9! Cheap movie tickets for \$9, valid at Cineplex Odeon theatres. Cheap faxing.

We offer some many different services you should stop by E-131 and check out our office or visit us online [www.naitsa.ca](http://www.naitsa.ca).

You will find things like a housing registry, a used book registry, and much more so check it out.

If you have any questions feel free to call or e-mail me at anytime:

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Hot time at cool Ookfest

By Tara Copeland

One very large group of kids had their minds blown by one of the biggest welcome-back bashes in North America.

NAITSA kicked off the school year with their annual concert, Ookfest, and by all accounts, this year's festival was one of the best to date.

The concert took place this past Saturday. Over 5,600 people came out to see 13 bands play. The concert lasted nearly 11 hours.

Even the cold and the rain didn't keep the fans away. But you did hear people complain about the frigid temperatures.

During Chysuga's performance, the lead singer Corey Mullin asked the crowd, "Are you having fun?" A few members of the audience were very vocal about their state.

The cold weather was brutal, but those who braved the freezing temperatures were rewarded with some hot music.

A few bands need to be mentioned and Drive By Punch is one of them.

Hardcore punk lovers were telling people that this band was a must-see.

After their performance, it was clear why there was so much hype around them — they just rocked. Their performance was like old-school punk on nitro.

Then there was Vanilla Ice. There was a lot of excitement surrounding Vanilla Ice before he even took the stage.

The Ice was fashionably late, but the crowd didn't seem to care. He made up for it with a hard cover of 'Ice Ice Baby.' Then, during Vanilla Ice's performance, some girls took the stage and started dancing. The next thing you know, one of the girls had her bra off.

The second to last band to play for the evening and the last band worth mentioning was Default. Default was one of the few bands that sounded better live.

The crowd loved them... maybe a little too much. For a few of the softer songs, you could actually hear members of the audience singing along.

Given the amount of beer that was consumed by many members of the audience that evening, this wasn't necessarily a good thing.

Towards the end of the show, concertgoer Kristin Campbell tugged at my arm and told me to look up. "Is that snow?"

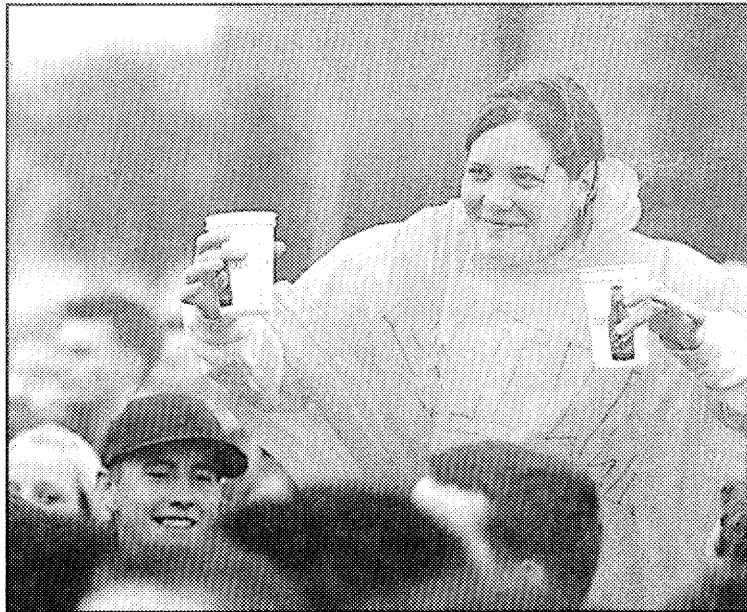
It was very high up and it was dark, but it did appear to be snowflakes.

And then, there was the drunken hooliganism that goes with any concert.

Quite a few people had beer dumped on them.

Enraging? Sure, but then you think about the music and the people.

All in all, it was a great show and the perfect start to the school year at NAIT.



Student enjoys a cool one at Ookfest.

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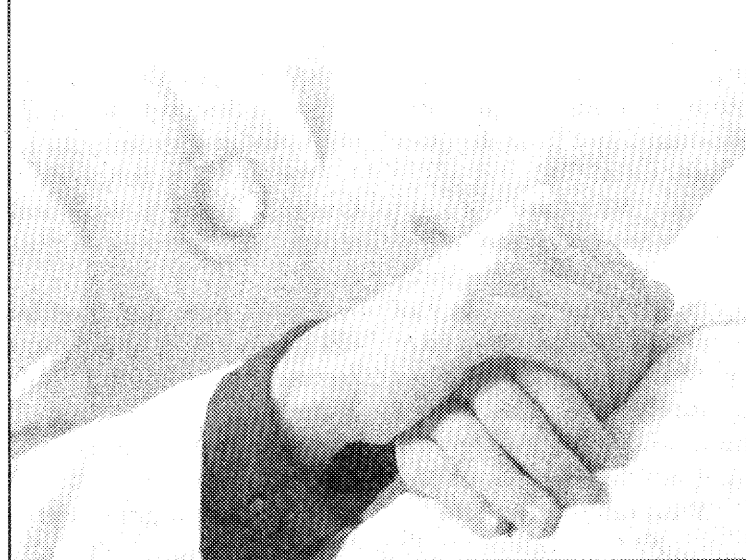
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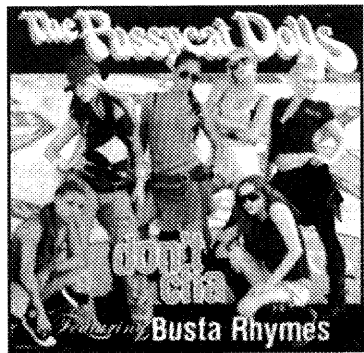
# Pussycats are Spice Girls reborn

By Trystan Meyers

## Pussycat Dolls 2005 (Self Titled)

There is already considerable hype surrounding this album because the first single continues to remain one of the top-requested and most-spun tracks in the country.

Contrary to popular belief the first single is not an original. It was originally recorded by Tori Amaze and was free from the Busta Rhymes lyrics.



The current Pussycat Dolls which consists of six members – some of whom were selected from the Pussy Cat Doll sentertainment night club in Las Vegas – is headed by lead singer Nicole Scherzinger.

Nicole, formerly of the 2001 pop reality group Eden's Crush, came from a strong musical and performing arts background. The front woman Nicole is a triple threat as she is already an established actress, singer and dancer even if it was on cheesy pop reality TV.

The 27-year-old Scherzinger had also recorded vocals with a rock group called Days of the New. The in-your-face, energetic and edgy style of Nichole is what the group is moulded around.

The rest of the five girls are just as raw. Carnit Bachar, Jessica Sutta, Kimberley Wyatt, Melody Thornton and Ashley Roberts all came from the performing arts background and Carnit was a former Olympian in rhythmic gymnastics in 1992.

Upon dissecting this debut album which hit record stores Tuesday, it was evident that it is a girl-power, club-driven hype machine. After the huge commercial success of the first single there are bar stars in every province singing

in loud intoxicated voices, "Don't Cha wish your girlfriend was hot like me."

With added vocals from rapper Busta Rhymes this track now has "Street Cred" apparently.

The rest of the album consists of cover songs including "Hot Stuff" originally done by Donna Summers "Tainted Love" originally performed by Soft Cell and other empowering diva tracks like "I Don't Need A Man."

Some of the other tracks take a Broadway and swing type of approach like the track "Right Now." As far as the club bangers that are enclosed in this album "Buttons," "Wait A Minute" with the help from rapper/producer Timbaland and my personal pick for the second club/radio single is called, "Beep" featuring Will I Am from the Black Eyed Peas.

Overall, take this album for face value. The girls are talented pieces of eye candy who have had moderate success on past performing arts careers. With the help of Busta Rhymes and Timbaland they will just maybe have enough buzz surrounding them to hang on for a second album.

Most females and club goers will enjoy this album but most people who have any sense for music talent and an eye for over-produced, over-promoted artists will probably realize that this is just the Spice Girls of 2005 plus two members.

## Goldfrapp 2005 (Supernature)

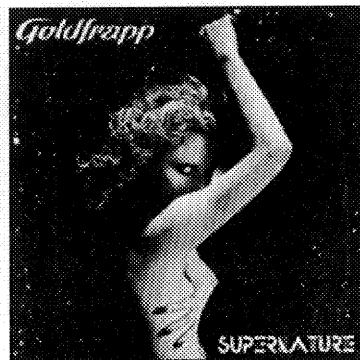
Based out of Bath, England Allison Goldfrapp and Will Gregory have been considerably quiet in the production department lately.

They have not released an album in over two years and the wait is now over. Supernature their fourth album was worth the wait.

Claiming not to be a studio band and known for her sexy, seductive and over-the-top performances, Goldfrapp's duo are avid believers in spectacles. Allison coming from a high class posh background always rebelled. She was forced to leave private school because of behaviour and poor marks and she found herself in the middle class of English society.

Struggling to fit in, she turned to drugs, alcohol and house music, falling in love with trip-hop. Allison struggled to find her sound, leaving many bands behind for bigger and better adventures.

With previous experience



with Orbital – one of the pioneers of electronic and house music – she soon found her niche.

Having an undeniably arousing voice, Goldfrapp was formed with Allison being the front face and sex icon of the duo.

Her motto of infinite possibility, creativity and open-mindedness Goldfrapp created their black and white sound which has often

been referred to as strident, psychedelic house.

Allison, now in her 30s and Gregory in his 40s, have become known as one of England's top "pop bands." Now you might be confused as to why I referred to them as a "pop" band.

As Canadians we so commercialized that many of us do not know authenticity when we see it.

Most people who have been to a real "party" will understand where I am coming from knowing that they can turn on BPM T.V. to hear Goldfrapp (the electronic equivalent to Much Music) which plays commercial house tracks.

After previewing this album which has been out in stores since Aug. 22 (and now with special edition DVD with the "Ooh La La" video) I was aroused by the smooth vocals of Allison. Ooh La La, the first single, has already been remixed by the likes of Benny Benassi a well known and respected dj/producer.

I can easily fathom hearing other tracks receiving the "Sfaction" remix such as, "Lovley 2 C

U" and "Ride On A White Horse." The album also branches out in to some trance styled music for a few tracks like, "Fly Me Away" and "Time Out from the World."

With the Tiefschwarz remix of Ooh La La having already been the No. 1 dance track in the UK for some time and "Lovely 2 C U" as the second single, I can already guess the number of dj's/producers/remixers are knocking at the door to get their hands on my choice for the 3rd single, "Satin Chic."

For the real lovers of electronic and house music I would place this album beside Kylie Minogue rather than Fischerspooner.

But for the mainstreamers who are willing to give house music a try (and I highly recommend that you do) I would consider this album, just outside the mainstream featuring a sexy show girl vocalist who knows how to party. Already having Goldfrapp's music in the BMW commercials in the UK, Goldfrapp still appeals to the clubbers and "party" goes alike.

## Be a Volunteer This School Year

A Huge Thank You to all those hard working volunteers that helped out with OOKFEST this year! Your support in making this event a success is appreciated by NAITSA!

### ON CAMPUS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**Shinerama** is seeking volunteers to help out on Sat. Sept 24, 2005 with our annual Shine Day. This event is a great way to meet people and support a worthwhile cause! Stop by the NAITSA Volunteer Centre in E-133 to sign up!

Volunteers are needed to help with the following positions for NAIT'S Homecoming weekend on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005. All these events take place on NAIT main campus.

- Gala Banquet & Dance – Set up 2pm to 4pm
- Gala Banquet & Dance – Registration 5 to 7 pm
- Gala Banquet & Dance – Bartenders 5 pm to 9pm
- President's Brunch – Set up 8:30 am to 10:30 am
- Event Clean up 10 am to 3 pm

If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Danielle Potvin at 471-8539 or danielp@nait.ca.

### OFF CAMPUS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The **Parkinson's Society of Alberta** is hosting its annual SuperWalk on Sat. September 24, 2005 at Rundle Park. Volunteers are needed at this event in the following positions: Environmental team and Route marshals. If you are interested in helping out with this event please contact Erin O'Ray at 482 8993 or [erinoray@parkinsons.alberta.ca](mailto:erinoray@parkinsons.alberta.ca).

**Capital Care Grandview** is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: Physical Therapy Volunteer, Bingo Volunteer, Happy Hour Volunteer, Finishing Touches Volunteer and Out-Trip Volunteer. All of these volunteer positions are a weekly commitment and require the volunteer to complete a security clearance check. For more details on these openings contact Leanne Wolgien at 496-7104.

The **Canadian Liver Foundation** is now recruiting Peer Educators for the upcoming year. Computer savvy students are needed to help design their web-site, also these students will be giving presentations to youth group's city wide. For more details about this exciting opportunity please contact Melissa Johnson at 444-1547

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If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities listed above please contact Shannon at [naitsavc@nait.ca](mailto:naitsavc@nait.ca) or 491-3966. Stop by the NAITSA Volunteer Centre in E-133 for all the details.



One thing is certain, they are real dolls!



# OOKFEST 2005

A picture is worth a thousand words from the annual party of the year



Photo: Tegan McMartin

Biff Naked belts out a tune for the gathered masses at NAIT's soccer field on Saturday.

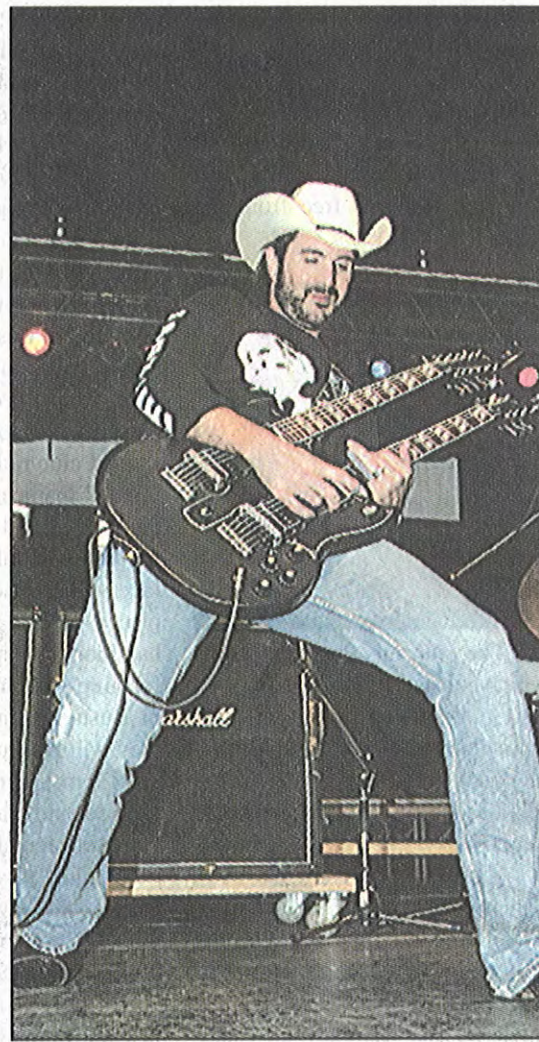


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Grady plays Texas rock.

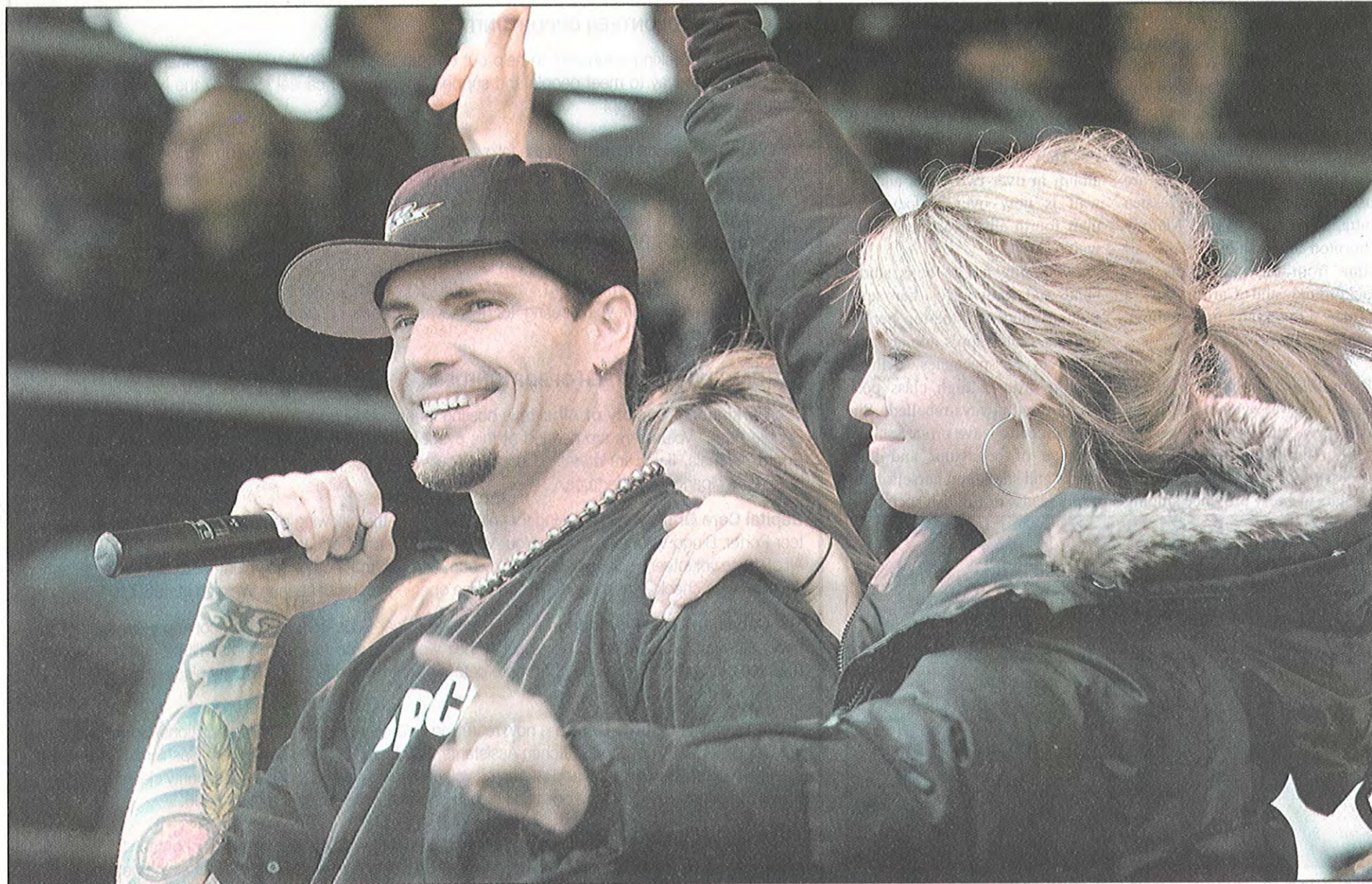


Photo: Tegan McMartin

Veteran rap star legend Vanilla Ice attracted a heap of welcome attention from hottie female admirers.





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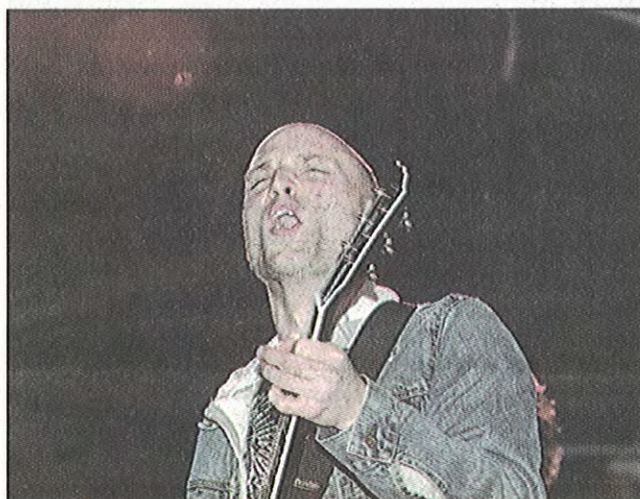


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## Rock around the clock

Clockwise from upper left: Tupelo Honey was sweet with the crowd; a girl is thirsty for drinks in the beer line-up; Vanilla Ice gets a rear view from an enthusiastic fan; Tupelo Honey plays to the beehive mosh pit; Default gave a hair-raising performance for the crowd.

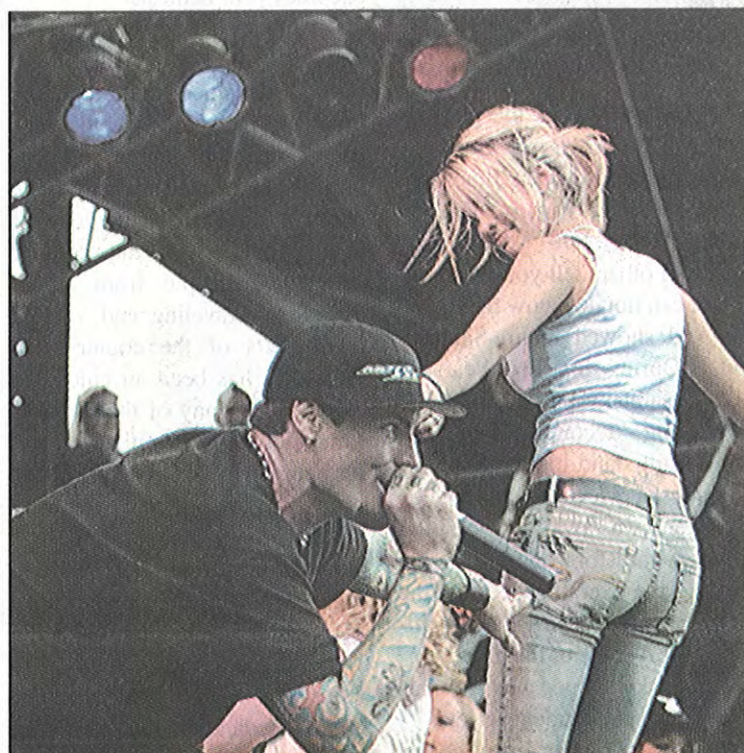


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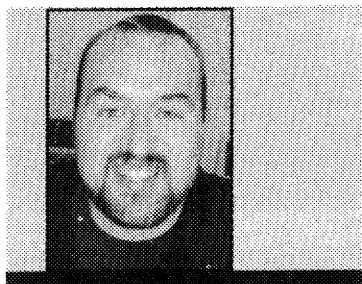


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# SPORTS

## A Champion For Life



By TREVOR ELLIOTT

"Always look at the glass as half full," says Barry Saretsky. "Don't give up when times are tough to reach your goals. Remember they are your goals. Don't let others tell you what you can or can not do, show them."

And showed them, Saretsky did. During his two years at NAIT, Saretsky broke 13 ACAC swimming records, some of which still stand today. Saretsky never lost a race during his college years, and was awarded the Silver Torch Award for contributing the most to the overall success of the team. Saretsky was also nominated for Athlete of the Year.

Saretsky learned a lot from his experience as a student athlete. "I feel competition has given me this competitive edge. Let's not forget that sports is like school. You need to work at it to excel. The more you put in the more you get out."

"I feel, to this day, that incorporating sports while attending NAIT gave me that break we all need when we work at something for an extended period of time. I feel it was not only a good mix,

but a good balance because swimming allowed for the mental rest and the studies allowed for the necessary break away from the physical side. Too much of anything is stressful and eventually becomes your nemesis."

Athletics has done much more than just win him medals, however. "Ever since I started getting involved in sports, whether it's been for participation or competition, it has opened up many new doors. I have met hundreds of new people across the country and many people from across the globe. Traveling and visiting other parts of the country and the world has been an enjoyable experience. Many of these places I may not have gone if it were not for being involved in sports."

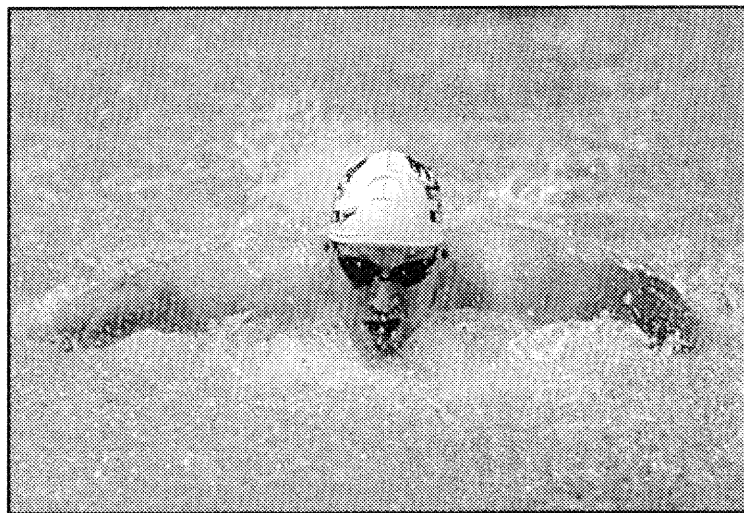
"Sports has taught me many lessons in life and how to deal with them. Things like working together as a team, how to cope with defeat, tribulations and the work ethic one must have." Athletics has also taught Saretsky about "dedication, perseverance, determination and most of all enjoying what you do."

All (these lessons) have translated and contributed to Saretsky's success in the work force for they are many of the qualities employers are looking for. Saretsky graduated with a Diploma in Chemical Engineering Technology and has worked in operations for the past ten years and has been with DOW Chemical for the past five.

The experience made Saretsky a stronger person as the life lessons learned were applicable to everything, even his family. "I feel sports has contributed to my success at home as a father and as a husband. When times are tough you don't throw in the towel, you work together because your family is your team."

Saretsky is a very loving husband and is the father to a three-year old boy and is expecting his second child in October. "I probably would never have even gone to the Olympic Trials if it wasn't for my wife, Lana, who told me if I didn't go, I may always regret it."

Saretsky hopes to re-qualify for the Olympic Trials in 2008. Today, Saretsky holds 40 club records, numerous provincial records, and seven Canadian records. Recently, his club relay team broke the world record in the 4x50M freestyle by a full second and swam a world best time in the



Barry Saretsky won nine Masters Games medals.

4x100 freestyle relay

Nine times during the World Masters Games in Edmonton, Saretsky earned a trip to the podium. Of his medals, 6 were Gold, while he also won 2 Silver and a Bronze. Saretsky competed in nine events against a field of 1300 swimmers.

"Who knows, maybe I'll go

to the 2008 Olympic trials at age 39. All it would take is someone to tell me that I can't do it!"

For now, Saretsky just wants to "have fun!" It will be time to retire only when competing becomes a chore... if it ever does. "Life is too short and nothing positive can come from not being happy in what you do!"

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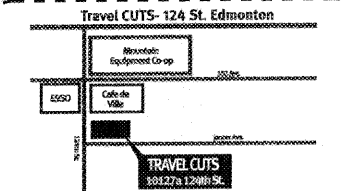


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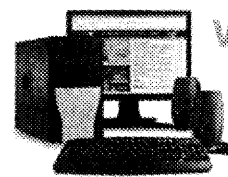
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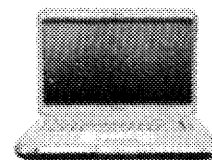
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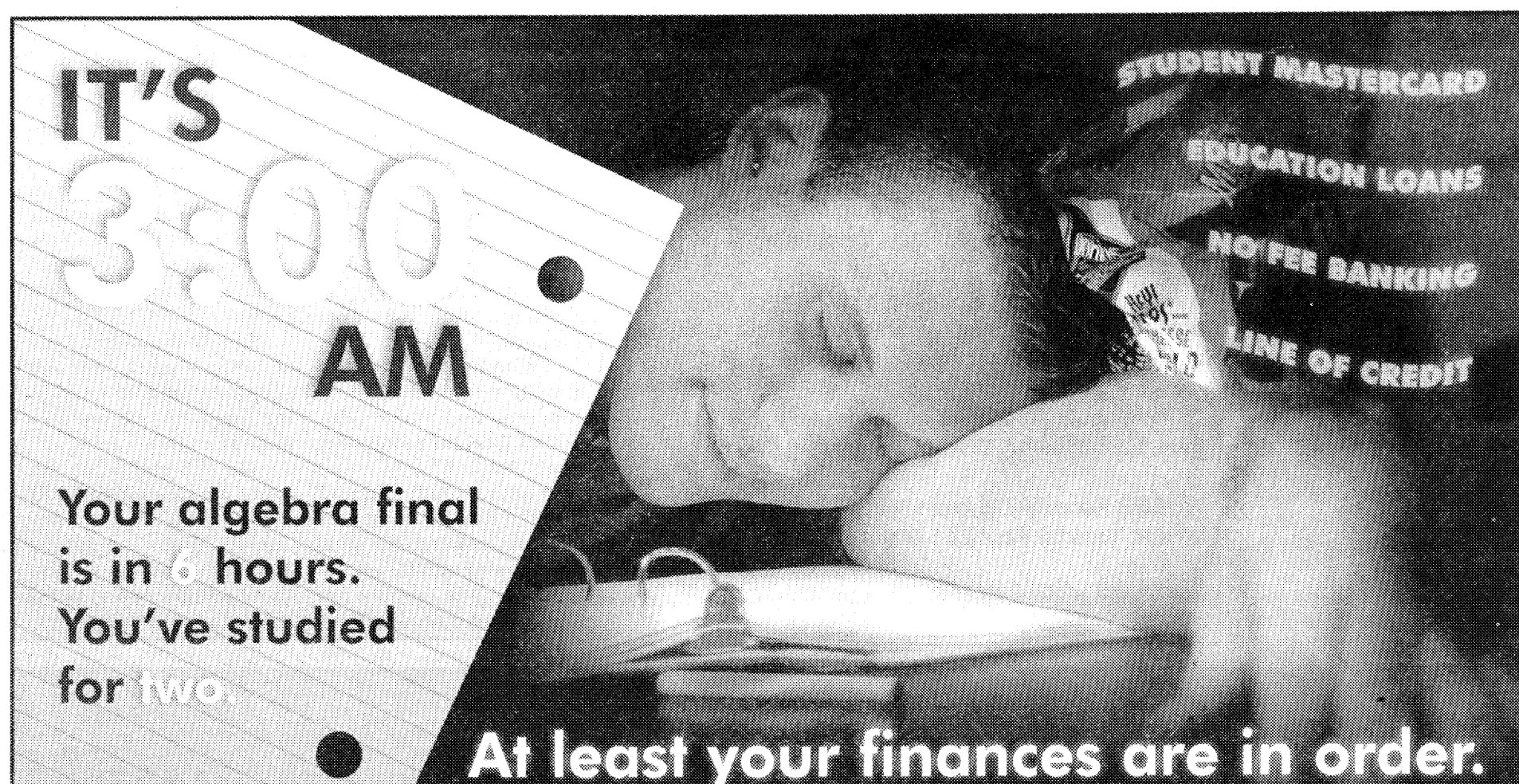
**Thanks for your cooperation and support**

NAIT recently updated its smoking policy to reflect the need for a clean and healthy environment and address the concerns of staff, students and the public.

In addition to Institute buildings and vehicles, effective July 1, 2005, a number of outdoor areas were also designated non-smoking, including entrances, bus shelters and courtyards.

New signage is currently going up and ashtrays are being moved to reflect the new policy. Whether you are a smoker or a non-smoker, we appreciate your cooperation, patience and support during this period of transition.

Questions or comments? E-mail [respectnaiture@nait.ca](mailto:respectnaiture@nait.ca) or call 491-3004. Again, thanks for your cooperation and support.



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# Lady Ooks striving for an improvement

By Trevor Elliott

"As the league becomes more competitive each season, this women's team is expected to give more, perform better and essentially work harder than they have in previous years for this short, grueling demanding season," say Lady Ooks' Soccer Coach Sue Melnyk. "With this effort the NAIT Women's Soccer team will have success on and off the field."

With only 4 returning players, the Lady Ooks will have to find their stride early. That may be a daunting task, however, as the team faces a grueling first half of the season with four of their first five games on the road.

"With 16 rookies it will be essential to play well together quickly," says Melnyk. "The fundamentals of strong defense and aggressive offense will be the emphasis this season."

Returning Goaltender Danya Paleniuk, Forward Mellisa Stafford, and Defenders Chelsey Brochu and Jaime Feddema are all welcomed returnees to the squad.

Paleniuk played in two games last season recording a shut-out and a loss with two goals against and a 1.14 goals against average.

Stafford was third in team scoring last season with two goals scored in her seven games. Brochu and Feddema both played in all of the Lady Ooks' seven games.

With such a young and inexperienced group of ladies, the pre-season tournament was welcomed back last weekend. The tournament, held by Red Deer College, gave the team the opportunity to get three games under their belt before the start of the season.

The team showed many positive aspects and came out of the tournament with a 3-1 victory

against King's College and a 1-1 tie against Red Deer. The Lady Ooks lost their final game of the tournament, to powerhouse Mount Royal, due to a couple of lucky breaks by the Cougars.

Sherri Gristwood was NAIT's top scorer coming away with two solid goals. Other goals were scored by Allie Marshall, and Nancy Korpany.

The competing teams were surprised by a strong Nait defence headed by goalie Danya Paleniuk, and sweeper Lindsay Smith. The entire defensive line of Ashley Kimmitt, Tanis Tetreau, Jamie Feddema, Chelsey Brochu, and Cayley Fisher should be difficult to beat this season.

The Lady Ooks would have loved to have had a pre-season tournament last season. With its absence, the team managed only a 2-1-4 record; however, the team's first four games were all losses. By the time the Lady Ooks finally pulled it together, their season was cut short by a

freak October snow storm that blanketed soccer field across the province.

"It is essential to work together as a team quickly, and concentrate on consistent, aggressive soccer," says Melnyk.

"The coaching staff took away many positives from last weekend. These players can be pushed to play even better. Working on team principles of defending and attacking in numbers will certainly push NAIT to the top of the league. This is a great group of athletes that want to work hard and be successful. They all have the skill and attitude to do just that. It's going to be a great season."

Both soccer squads opened their regular season against Grant MacEwan yesterday. The two teams host Keyano College on Saturday with the women starting at 2pm and the men at 4pm and also face Corcordia University College on Sunday as well.

## NAIT Swim Team

The NAIT Swim Team will be meeting next week in preparation for starting the season Sept 26th.

Practices run M,W,F mornings from 6:15 - 7:45am (early morning swims are running daily now).

If you have a swimming background and are interested in taking advantage of the on site facilities here at NAIT, then this college team is for you.

Come on out to the information session to find out more about The NAIT SWIM TEAM.

WHERE: Room S-113 (main floor in activities building)  
WHEN: Tuesday Sept 20 5:00pm

Jeff Riddle -Coach NAIT Swim team 471-7605

# Students giving up beer money

By Trevor Elliott

This is a busy world we live in. Everyone seems to be in a hurry to get somewhere.

Some students live out of town. Others have after-school jobs to get to. Then there are those that drive because it is faster and more convenient.

Regardless of the reason students drive to school, there is one common thread among those that do - it is costing everyone more to drive to school.

Over the past few years, the price of gas has risen from \$0.66 in November 2003 to \$1.13 today.

NAIT Parking Services has also steadily increased the cost of parking at NAIT. Over the past 20 years that Security Coordinator Peggy Isley has been at NAIT, Isley has seen the cost of parking rise from \$19 per month for powered stalls to \$30 this year.

The steady rise in cost of driving to school has had some mixed reactions.

The rise in gas prices is enough to convince Chance Murray, from Sherwood Park, to start taking the bus. "A bus pass costs me \$50, and so does a tank of gas," says Murray. "A tank of gas only lasts for about three trips."

Taking the bus will add two hours to the total travel time every day. So how does Murray feel about the added travel time? "Pissed off!"

Neither Chad Tithecott nor Tim Tchir, students from the Fort Saskatchewan area, are impressed with the cost increase; however, they must bite the bullet and continue to drive

because they have no alternative method to get to school. Tchir purchased a parking pass; however, Tithecott has decided to offset the cost of gas by parking on the street.

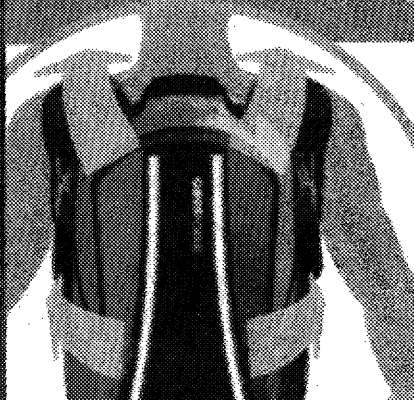
Parking on the street is limited to two hours at a time; however, many students outsmart the system by moving their vehicle to a new location every two hours.

Kyle Huckuluk, a student from Edmonton, drives to school because it is more convenient than the transit system. Huckuluk feels NAIT's parking is also too expensive. So where does he park? "I'm like way down there, almost to 97<sup>th</sup>. They're not going to tow me from there!"

Isley noted that even though the cost of driving is constantly rising, Parking Services has not had any decrease in the number of students who apply for parking passes. "We have been full every year that I've been here," said Isley. "We have lost 300 parking stalls with the new building construction; however, they were all daily parking spaces." The municipal airport has also agreed to allow NAIT to utilize as many stalls as it needs.

So, with the rise in the cost of driving, it appears that only a handful of students are deciding to trade their car keys for a bus pass.

The ETS has already discussed plans to expand the LRT system North of downtown; however, for now, students will just have to continue to sacrifice their 'beer money' for the convenience of driving.



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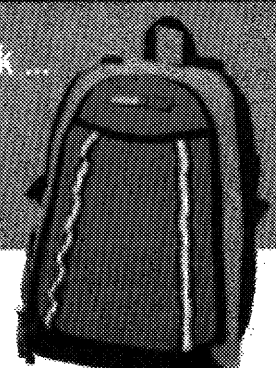
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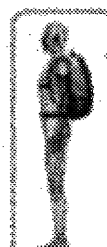
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# Hopes are high for soccer squad

By Mike Stefan  
Special to the Nugget

## Season prognosis

With only two returning players the NAIT Men's Soccer Team looked to be in a rebuilding year. However, an influx of quality major league level players has raised the expectations of the coaching staff. A successful pre-season exhibition tournament in Red Deer where the squad of 20 players registered two wins and a tie has reinforced the optimism.

With very little time before the season opener the challenge is for each player to become familiar with his role in the team framework in order to contribute effectively towards the initial goal of making the Provincial playoffs.

## Red Deer pre season exhibition tournament

In their opening game the NAIT Men's Soccer Team faced off against Red Deer College. In atrocious weather conditions the oaks proved too strong for

the tournament hosts and goals from Sinisa Matic, Mark Spiller, and Lambert Suglo gave them a comfortable 3-0 victory.

For their second game of the day NAIT went up against a physically strong Medicine Hat team. In a much stiffer test the oaks took an early lead after Sinisa Matic scored his second of the tournament. The Hat tied soon after from a disputed penalty. NAIT again went ahead when Jeremy Corpuz netted but the lead was short lived when the Rattlers also scored. Final score 2-2

In their final game a tired looking NAIT team played Mount Royal College. In what proved to be another competitive encounter the oaks took the lead when Sinisa Matic was upended in the penalty area and Jeremy Corpuz converted the spot kick. A dogged NAIT defence was finally broken when the Cougars tied it up after 75 minutes. However Shane Faria mesmerized the Cougar defence before rifling home the game winner. Final score NAIT 2 - MRC 1

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Joel Wickens

Playing every minute in three pre-season exhibition games, Joel's defensive skills and ability to jump onto offense, played a huge part in the team's successful pre-season exhibition tournament.

## Score Oilers Tickets

Wanna catch the Oilers game Sunday at Skyreach? The NAIT Students' Association has a pair of tickets to give away. To enter, fill in your name, ID and phone number and drop your entry off in the Nugget Submissions / Poll box outside the Nugget office. The draw will be made Friday, September 16th. If you've won, we'll call you.

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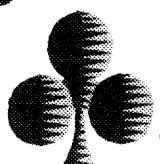
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## Calling all Clubs!



Do you have an idea for a club on campus? How about an Ultimate Frisbee Club, the Really Stinky Locker Club or a Coffee Club for instance? Well, we can help you get it started and we'll also help you keep it going. All clubs must be NAITSA sanctioned in order to be recognized as a club at NAIT. So call Rita right away at 471-8960 or email me at [ritac@nait.ca](mailto:ritac@nait.ca) and we'll discuss the tools you'll need for your club to run smoothly and successfully.

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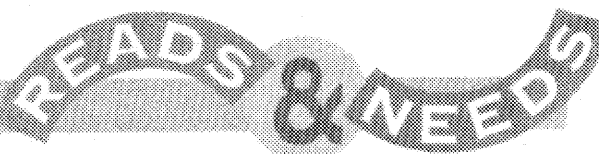
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# Introducing a brand new student government body known as **The Senate!**

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The Senate will consist of 18 elected student representatives from nine NAIT schools:

- School of Business
- School of Hospitality
- School of Building Science
- School of Academic Foundations and Bridging
- School of Applied Media & Information Technology
- School of Electronics Technology
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Manufacturing Technology
- School of Resources & Environment Management

Senators will be required to meet twice a month for meetings in which current issues and problems around NAIT will be discussed. Food and refreshments will be provided as well as a monetary compensation for time.

Interested?

Well, The Senate election is happening in late September so you better move fast! Swing on down to the NAITSA Office (E-131 by the Business Tower) and pick up a nomination form!

Nominations close September 23rd 2005, and the day of voting will be September 28th 2005!

If you have any questions, please contact NAITSA president, Dwayne Williams at: 471-7608 or e-mail: dwaynewi@nait.ca




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# GRAPEVINES

## Raw emotion spills over

To the royal bank teller at 142nd and 91 ave. You were my teller there once and when i went back you were gone. now i saw you here on the 4th floor at 6:45. I was going to say hi but you walked into a class. Come find me on the 8th floor at 5:30. i'm usually there everyday.  
-Curious K

The bands were pretty good, but most of the fans were assholes. Can't anyone stand in one spot for more than 5 minutes to watch a concert? There was someone pushing passed me every minute,

literally, and only a couple ever said "excuse me." So after a couple hours I just stopped moving and made them squeeze in between everyone. And to all the older guys there: get a haricut, a real job, stop smokin the reefer, and move out of your parents' basement. I never touched a joint while I was there but I went home stoned. Losers. Default and TOAD rocked!!  
-good times with assholes

To the tart in the blue skirt who smashed into me crowd surfing, if I see you walking around the business tower, I'm going to...  
-S

Hey!! If anyone lost a cell phone at OOKFEST I turned it in to NAITSA to give to NAIT Security! You can get it from there!  
- Ben

To the hot guy with the green eyes and spikey blonde hair...you are mmmmm Good!! I want to get a big ol' bowl of you when I'm sick!  
- Janine

ME DRINK BEER! BEER BEER BEER BEEEEEEEEER - DuffMan

Anyone else find the lines at OOKFEST to be incredibly long for drinks? Good thing I got crazy crunked early in the Night! hahah suck it ya bastards!

I'll give vanilla ice credit. He might be a try-hard has-been white rapper, but he still got a lot of hot NAIT girls up on stage! Haha!  
NAIT NAIT BABY!  
-Chocolate Ice

I crowd surfed for the first time! Too bad some f\*cker dropped me on my head, see you all next year!  
-James

FREE BEER!!! JK, listen up though. Yes as a smoker i know i have to stand 10 meters from the school so that the air can be cleaner but lets talk about the GROUND. If your gonna make us move a couple of feet from our original smoking designations the least one could do is move our ashtrays aswell. People arent gonna stop smoking since theres no more ashtrays and now the ground looks like one big ashtray.  
CMON GUYS!!! Ya

the airs sure clean but the ground is filthy. MOVE THE ASHTRAYS 10 METERS or the ground will just get worse cuz we arent gonna stop for no 10 meter rule.  
duMAURIER\_girl

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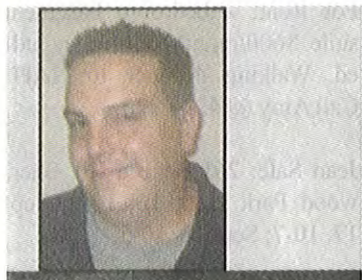
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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Smart flick is worth the bucks



By DAVID MALLET

There has been much discussion over the last few weeks about the billion dollar box office slump at theatres this summer.

While some have blamed the explosion of home theater for the steep decline in attendance, the are those that feel that audiences are unhappy with the content in films that are being released. Summer used to be the season of popcorn flicks and star-driven, special effects vehicles.

But with the paltry returns on films like *The Island*, *Stealth* and the *XXX* sequel, perhaps that era is coming to an end.

It is encouraging, then, to see a film as smart and as engrossing as *The Constant Gardener* have some success, both critically and commercially. Ringing up over \$14 million in ticket sales its first week, it is undoubtedly this summer's smartest hit.

### Powerful political thriller

Directed by Fernando Meirelles (who received a Best Director nod at last year's Oscars for his intense debut *City of God*), *TCG* is one of this year's best films.

Based on the novel by John Le Carre, the story is multi-faceted and would pose a challenge to any film maker. The advertising campaign for this film emphasizes the love story, presumably to attract fans of star Ralph Fiennes' *The English Patient*. Romance is the axis on which this story turns but ultimately it is a powerful political thriller and social commentary.

Fiennes plays Justin Quayle, a member of the British High Commission.

Rachel Weisz (*The Mummy*) is Tessa, a political activist who captures the heart of Fiennes' horticulturally obsessed character.

On a diplomatic trip to Africa, Tessa stumbles upon a deeply rooted conspiracy. Alarmed by the presence of this reality, Tessa sets out to expose it, using Justin's connections to do so. However, the scandal runs deep and so does the peril in which they find themselves.

Impassioned, Tessa is determined to uncover the truth. Reserved, Justin seeks to protect his lover from harm. What unfolds from this is a rich and compelling suspense story, written with class by Jeffrey Caine (*Goldeneye*).

Most political/social thrillers follow a tried and true formula. Sympathetic characters, shocking scandal, and a big finish featuring a powerful resolution. Meirelles manages to avoid the formula here, spreading out the emotional impact and using a fresh story structure to tell his tale.

He doesn't shortchange the romantic element, blending the strands like a veteran storyteller. And what a great-looking film. Meirelles' images are grainy and

raw, but he softens them with touches of lighting and the use of various lenses that give the film a unique look.

A blend of *The Year of Living Dangerously*, *Hotel Rwanda* and *The Girl in the Café*, this exquisite thriller is worth the full pop at the multiplex. Do yourself a favour – go see it.

(Rated R for language, some violent images and sexual content/nudity. 4 stars out of 5.)



Ralph Fiennes stars as Justin Quayle and Rachel Weisz plays Tessa Quayle in the political thriller, *The Constant Gardener*.

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