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NEWS & FEATURES

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

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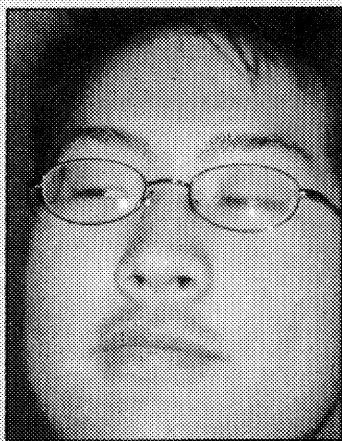


By TARA COPELAND

At the risk of being unoriginal we asked students what their new years resolutions are, or were?



Tamara Uhrich
My New Year's resolution is to consider stopping smoking.



Cohen Park
My New Year's resolution is to study harder and find time to do more stuff.



Ben Garcia
I don't have a resolution because I'm perfect.



Nicole Servold
I think my New Year's resolution is to marry rich while I'm in Vegas on my practicum.

EDMONTON CENTRE
candidate forum Jan. 17th

Anne McLellan
Liberal Party of Canada

Laurie Hawt
Conservative Party of Canada

Donna Martin
New Democratic Party

David J. Parker
Green Party of Canada

Peggy Morton
Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada

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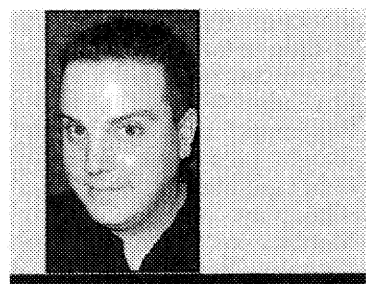
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Year in review...2006 preview



By DAVID MALLET

Well, that's that people. 2005 is in the books. Looking back on it, it seems to be another year of losing a bit more of our humanity. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives to the fury of Mother Nature, while the western world continued its steep decline into a moral quagmire. I have little hope we will turn around. How did pop culture do reflecting the world back to us through the prism of the mass media? Here's my verdict.

This year, popular music produced a few surprises. Overall though, the same garbage reigned supreme. Mariah Carey inexplicably rose to the top once again, with 2005's bestselling album and a performance in Times Square on New Year's Eve. Carey has never been more banal and unoriginal, and is it just me or is the sight of Mariah Carey spilling out of her clothes a truly horrible sight? Ah well, at least 50 Cent got a little brush off from the public. His film *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* tanked at the box office, making only a little over 30 million. On the other hand though, his tribute to guns and girls *The Massacre* managed to rank second behind Carey.

Alas, it was the garishly cute Kelly Clarkson who was the real success story of 2005. The young singer broke out last year with her undeniably catchy single "Since You Been Gone." Staying in the Top 20 for almost the entire year, her album *Breakaway* has managed to sell four million copies and her latest single "Because of You" is a bonafide smash as well. Say what you want but she just has a voice that is nice to listen to. Once

again, however, one would have to go slightly out of the mainstream to find anything truly worthwhile.

And in 2005, it wouldn't have hurt to look in your own backyard. Canada kicked some serious butt in the indie/alternative scene and we look to have another great year this year. The whole gang at Arts and Crafts Records has had a banner year. Feist (from Calgary, and playing this summer's folk fest) had international success, winning a Juno here and selling a fair amount of copies south of the border courtesy of a distribution deal with Interscope. Touring mate Jason Collett released his *Idols of Fire*, a fantastic roots/rock disc. And flagship artists Broken Social Scene and Stars came out firing with all cylinders with BSS' self-titled third disc and Stars' followup to *Heart*, the critically acclaimed *Set Yourself on Fire*. Stars crisscrossed the U.S. with former indie darlings Death Cab for Cutie over the summer. Meanwhile labelmates The Most Serene Republic exploded with their debut while indie stalwarts The American Analog Set released their last album through A & C.

And of course, one cannot talk about music in Canada this year without mentioning The Arcade Fire. An out of nowhere hit across the world, this eclectic band of merry music makers enchanted audiences all over the land. Appearing everywhere from TV to festivals the world over, the band released the quintessential disc in 2004 and drove it home in '05, touring extensively and garnering two hit singles in "Power Out" and "Rebellion:Lies". Selling well over 300,000 copies of the perfect album *Funeral*, the band was a force live and proved it to Albertans with electrifying performances in Edmonton and Calgary. They are taking a break but will be heading into the studio to record their follow up this year.

But, my kudos have to go out to New York by

way of Ohio's The National. Slowly brewing up a fan base over their first three releases, the band was picked up by legendary alternative label Beggars Banquet. A slightly bigger promotional push later and the band is...well, honestly, the disc has done poorly. But it would be criminal of me not to tell you about how good this album is. *Alligator* is quite simply the best album of this decade, hands down. Every single track is cooked to perfection. From the album opener "Secret Meeting" to the thundering closer "Mr. November", the band seamlessly blends heartland rock, the melancholy of 80's New Wave and the ethereal sounds of early 90's R.E.M. into a pop album that defies current musical trends. A quietly bold album of slow burning classics, this is a record that presents flawless songs in an emotionally engaging setting, adorned with the finest touches.

Other bands produced fine albums in 2005. Bloc Party's *Silent Alarm* is one of the best post-punk records yet. British Sea Power released *Open Season*, a gorgeous disc full of songs that flesh out what is best about Britpop. And stalwarts New Order released another fine pop album in *Waiting For The Siren's Call*. The band has been together for over 26 years now and they're still able to write songs worthy of the finest in their rich history. As well, this year will see the

filming of *Control*, the biopic of Ian Curtis (lead singer of Joy Division, the band's original incarnation) who died tragically by his own hand. New Order are planning to reform as Joy Division for the film's soundtrack and will apparently contribute new songs to the disc. Also, the band have another album in the can for release this year. Other 80's alternative gods release new albums in '06 as well with Morrissey, The Cure and The Church dropping vinyl over the course of the coming months.

It was box office poison this year as many films failed to light up registers in many a

multiplex.

Truly, DVD is killing the theaters. A movie is 14 clams, popcorn that could kill an infant is 6 beans and a coke costs more than a double flippy-dippy caramel float latte bimmelhommel at Starsucks. One of the year's best, Ron Howard's *Cinderella Man*, all but flopped and is now being overshadowed by *Brokeback Mountain* which I will have a review for next issue. To be perfectly honest, I didn't get to see as much as I would have liked to this last year, reason being the cost...no free-bee's here. But pay attention during this year's awards season as the wheat is separated from the chaff. But I will say this. If you need a good laugh, rent *The 40 Year Old Virgin*, a raunchy comedy with heart. Avoid one of the year's worst films *Wedding Crashers*. Once again it proved that people love to wallow in offensive crap from time to time, as America embraced a two hour romp about two men who sleep around and women who love them. Gag me with the film stock from *Crash*, the year's other joke of a success. See Constant Gardener, *A History of Violence*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* or *March of the Penguins* if you need to give your soul a stir.

Well, two big deals this year are coming up. Vote for your next prime minister on the 23rd and don't just vote for whoever. Think this through and remember: what party does the most for the largest amount of the population? Having a closer look at policy will certainly answer that question for you. More pressing than that, however, is the advent of the new Superman movie. In theaters June 30th, it looks spectacular and could usher a new era of the Man of Steel. Here's hoping! Have a great year and do yourself a favour by not consuming crap.



Kelly Clarkson sports a good year

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The Best In Music of 2005

- by Kevin Gibson

1. The National, *Alligator* - Pathos drenched songs of hopeful desperation leaking from sad cafés and seedy strip joints.

This New York four piece find the magic with their third full length. Part drunk. Part hangover. Entirely perfect.

2. My Morning Jacket, *Z* - Southern jam rockers expand their sound while tightening up the songs with hypnotically charged results.

3. Bloc Party, *Silent*

Alarm - Tight, energetic and tuneful. Forget the lazy Franz Ferdinand comparisons. These guys are the real deal.

"This Modern Love" gets my vote for single of the year.

4. Antony and the Johnsons, *I Am A Bird Now* - A voice begging to be heard with a vibrato to make your balls drop singing

torch songs of transcendence over lilting, often haunting, arrangements. Worthy of effusive praise in run-on sentences.

5. M83, *Before the Dawn*

Heals Us - To paraphrase the sticker on the packaging, this is anthemic electronic music delivered with rock 'n' roll verve. Warm beds of synth straddle speed fueled riffage with exhilarating results.

6. Wilco, *Kicking Television*, live in Chicago - The definitive live document of a band at the height of their powers. I can't wait to hear what they've got in store for us next.

7. Broken Social Scene, *Self titled* - Controlled chaos. More manic melodies from the Toronto collective that makes cacophony catchy.

8. New Order, *Waiting For The Siren's Call* - Far from their innovative heyday, these elder statesmen can still teach the kids a thing or two

about pristine pop as best exemplified by the title track.

9. Neil Young, *Prairie Wind* - No, it's not Harvest or even Harvest Moon, but this wistful collection ranks as Neil's most cohesive in over a decade.

10. Youth Group, *Skeleton Jar* - released abroad last year, these Aussies still warrant inclusion here. Pretty plaintive emo type tunes thankfully low on angst.

Bubbling Under (in no order)

- Low, *The Great Destroyer*; British Sea Power, *Open Season*; Crooked Fingers, *Dignity and Shame*; Spoon, *Gimme Fiction*; Clap Your Hands Say Yeah - ST; Wolf Parade, *Apologies to the*

Queen Mary; Iron & Wine w/ Calexico - *In the Reigns*; Neil Diamond, *12 Songs*; Bruce Springsteen, *Devils and Dust*; Crooked Fingers, *Dignity and Shame*.

Most Overhyped for '05:

Metric - *Let it Down* - Full marks for style, now try writing some songs. - Architecture in Helsinki - *In Case We Die* - Like a Pokémon humping my leg. - Bright Eyes - *Both of 'em* - Don't get me started. - Coldplay - *X & Y* - Chris Martin aims to beat Bono at his game. Well, it took U2 several albums to run out of ideas. It only took Coldplay three.

Mission accomplished!

R & B's MVP

By Trystan Meyers

Mary J. Blige: *The Breakthrough*

The Queen of R and B Mary J. Blige is back with her seventh album.

Contrary to the hype, this is not a greatest hits album, but instead a complete soundtrack of soulful, power ballads representing Mary's 14 year triumphant career.

She wrote the majority of the songs on this 16 track album, which clearly portray her up and down struggles as well as her identity as a mature, strong black woman.

The first single of the album

that hit stores Dec. 20 is called *Be Without You*. This love ballad speaks to all couples who are waiting all day for that special someone to come home because they can't stand spending any time apart.



This easy listening album is

perfect for the bedroom and is jam packed with hits like, *Can't Get Enough*, *Can't Hide from Luv* and *Baggage*, which show that she has left the

past behind her and has broken

through into a new light. The Breakthrough represents the fact that Mary has made her mark in the game and has not fallen through the cracks of time, proving that she is a true member of the musical elite.

Other recognizable elements of this album are: *The Game's* *Hate It Or Love It* beat redone, Dr. Dre & Will I Am's production as well as guest artists such as Jay Z, Nina Simone and even a cover of U2's hit, *One*.

Listeners who look past the cover's track listing may be rewarded something extra special. Hate it or love it, the 411 on Mary is that she is on fire!

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Game with steep learning curve



By CHARLES NOBLE

God of War a winner

Sound: Orchestral sound track with great sound effects to boost the experience of being in ancient mythology. The fighting clashes and magic sounds are phenomenal, which really brings you into the game. Ominous battles taking place in the background can also be heard.

Graphics: Progressive scan enabled, this game still looks outstanding compare to new computer game releases. It has unbelievable frame rate and never seems to get choppy. Next to no load times is rare to find on the PS2 and God of War delivers

this as well as cut scenes that will blow your mind. If only all developers took the time to refine the graphics output of the PS2 in their games.

Game Play: Along side the amazing graphics is the easy to

pick up controls that take seconds to learn. Combo's and gory finishing moves

much like those out of Mortal Kombat can be found in this action packed game. It's not all hack and slash though - similar to Devil May Cry and Prince of Persia games, this is an action adventure with an amazing story line that draws you in. The game auto adjusts to your skill level so if you're not that good, it will lower the difficulty making the game more fun for that par-



ticular player. Plenty of scattered save areas and lots of variety in battles/enemies makes this a hard game to stop playing.

Lasting Appeal: This is not a multiplayer game; there is no co-op or any other two player

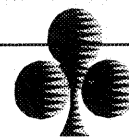
features. This doesn't take away from the game since it is perfection as a single player game. You will want to play this through multiple times since the game play and graphics just draw you in and keep you entertained with

the simple yet interesting story. Multiple moves to learn and different spells add even more to this jam-packed game that was voted game of the year in 2005.

In the end, if you love action adventure games, this one is a must buy and a PS2 exclusive!

Overall Ranking: A+

Calling all Clubs!



Do you have an idea for a club on campus?

How about a "Let's get together and collectively assemble all these annoying jigsaw puzzles we got for Christmas" Club, or a "Please, someone help me navigate my new cell phone (all 3,000 functions)" Club or something a little less ulcer-inducing like, oh, say, a Bird Watching Club? Whatever your idea for a club, 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 and we'll discuss the tools you'll need for your club to run smoothly and successfully.

OPINION

Count your blessings

They say the most suicides happen around the holidays. I never used to get this, but I'm starting to.

I celebrated the New Year in my hometown in British Columbia. My friends vetoed my New Year's Eve plans this year and told me we'd celebrate with a bit of class this time, so I found myself sitting in a swank lounge.

I arrived early for a warm up drink. I sat by myself and watched people for a bit. I felt a little uncomfortable as I realized that I was one of the youngest people there.

I decided to take the edge off by ordering another martini as I waited for my friends. Then, a family came in – two wealthy looking parents, their daughter and her fiancé. I remember this stood out because I rarely see people in North America celebrate the new year with their parents.

The girl was absolutely stunning – platinum blond hair and a white cream princess jacket. I was all too familiar with the jacket. I wanted to buy it a few months earlier.

I noticed myself getting jealous for a moment. Then, I remembered I used to have my hair that colour that exact shade, but I recently changed it

back because it didn't suit me. I remembered why I never bought that jacket too. I couldn't afford it.

I realized how ridiculous I was and I shooed the green eyed monster away as I sipped my martini.

Well, my friends showed up. We just drank and had a great time.

I turned around later to see the cutest thing – the wealthy older couple were holding each other and dancing on the dance floor.

I made my way to the bar. I ordered a cosmopolitan. The wealthy daughter in the princess jacket came up and joined me. She asked me what I was drinking and when I told her, she said it was her favourite drink.

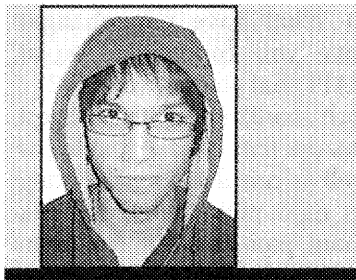
Her parents were dancing; her fiancé had abandoned her to chat up some other woman. The girl was that stunning, yet she looked lonely. It made me think about all the time I've wasted wanting things to make myself happy instead of just making myself happy.

I'm poor. I have no idea where I'll be two years from now, but I can honestly say I'm happy. I think this experience was the best gift I've received this holiday.

Where to use your beer goggles...



New year's resolutions are tough



By CHARLES NOBLE

Like every year, most of us will make new year's resolutions full of ambition. The most common of these resolutions happens to be losing weight and getting fit, followed by quitting an addiction and trying harder in school.

New years mean a fresh start for most and that could be great if only the positive thoughts coming to mind actually stick around. The goals we set now will be gone or forgotten by the second week if you don't actually have some sort of plan of action.

If you plan to work out or lose weight, although I don't think losing weight should be a goal unless your health is in danger, try to have a schedule that you can stick to. Don't try to do too much too fast, it will end up leaving you breathless, literally and not wanting to continue towards your new goals.

Try to approach your goal progressively, maybe by running five minutes the first few weeks, then increasing the amount of time

by one minute each week. Also, if you have a certain reason for working out such as being able to run a mile in under 10 minutes, then have that goal for the end of the month and each time you get closer to reaching it, reward yourself with a movie or something that won't impede you from reaching your goal such as a large bucket of chicken.

Quitting an addiction is probably the resolution you are the least likely to succeed, but don't give up hope just yet.

The worst thing people can do is quit cold turkey, especially when it comes to cigarettes or alcohol. Once you quit it won't take long for the cravings to drive you crazy if you don't have some other outlet for your mind. If quitting any addiction try to find some safe way to compensate for the time you use to use while smoking or drinking. Any time you feel like having a smoke or a drink, just chew some gum or have an apple. Never let the substitute for your addiction have a negative impact on your health, such as having an Advil or Tylenol in place of your usual smoke or drink.

Finally most of us in school aspire to do better in the new year. This doesn't have to mean acing everything in this semester, but do try your best to improve on your previous grades.

When people try to ace everything and don't have the habits to

accomplish such a steep goal, they tend to have a high spurt of success, but loose energy and interest quickly. Just set time aside to do your readings, such as on the bus home or before you go to bed. Try to make a schedule with exams and quizzes clearly listed along with goals for the year.

Overall, for any new year's resolutions you make, try to stick to mini-goals that get you closer to your overall goal for the year. Don't try to just look down the 10 mile stretch and think about just that finish line, cause then you will fail. Your mind can only take so much at a time. Focus on the first little bit, then the next and eventually you will reach the finish.

One of your best tools in attaining your goals for the year can be a calendar. Use it to write down any time you have set aside for whatever you want to accomplish and any mini-goals and rewards you plan on having.

Best of luck to all in the new year and hopefully some of these tips will help this year be full of success for you.

If anyone took offence to any of my comments, I don't mind reading your opinions, email me at killeratwork@hotmail.com.

TUITION TAX RECEIPTS 2005

STUDENTS: The T2202A Tuition Tax Receipts for the 2005 calendar year will be made available on the Student Portal at www.nait.ca/MyNait in February 2006.

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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.

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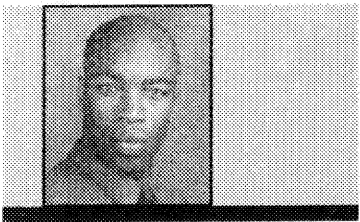
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STUDENT POLITICS

NAITSA prez does national TV



DWAYNE WILLIAMS
NAITSA President

1.) With the new semester comes new students. Can you briefly explain who you are and your role as a student executive?

Well I'm Dwayne Williams and I am the president of the students' association. My role is generally to ensure the direction and objectives the team sets out for the year are continuously progressing and that the organization is constantly working towards a more positive and memorable experience for the students of NAIT!

2.) What have you changes have you contributed to at NAIT that you're proud of?

The implementation of the new student government structure, along with redevelopments regarding communication with the students have made me feel proud to know the institution will be even better for future students each and every year.

3.) What changes can students expect for 2006?

They can expect a slight change in the services and communication to the students via the NAITSA website and hopefully computers throughout the whole institution. Also, there will be an election coming up in March to elect new NAITSA executives, so they should watch for nominations opening in February.

4.) What the heck is an Ook?

Just the most dominant type of college athlete known across all the post-secondary schools! And rumor has it a man-eating bird from the North. OoooOooOoO!



JON HOFFMAN
V.P. Student Affairs

1.) With the new semester comes new students. Can you briefly explain who you are and your role as a student executive?

I am Jon Hoffman, V.P. student affairs. Most of my role relates to dealing with academic areas such as academic council, dealing with the school regarding their strategic planning and helping resolve student issues. I am the publisher of the Nugget newspaper, but basically I'm mostly hands off because the great staff with the paper run the show.

2.) What have you changes have you contributed to at NAIT that you're proud of?

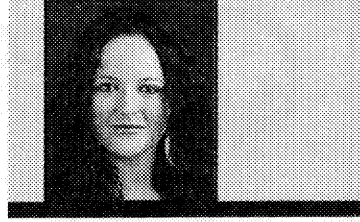
We are pleased with how the new senate has responded. They have been eager to represent their individual schools and contribute to student life. I am happy with some new initiatives that have taken place towards creating a safer campus.

3.) What changes can students expect for 2006?

We are proposing some changes to the executive positions so that students can be better represented. I am excited about more students getting interested and starting new clubs on campus. I believe that clubs are a key place for students to get involved and feel welcome within NAIT.

4.) What the heck is an Ook?

I think it is a big, old owl.



ELAINE DEVINE
V.P. Finance & Administration

1.) With the new semester comes new students. Can you briefly explain who you are and your role as a student executive?

My role is the money person, I deal with all money and budget matters at NAITSA and club set up.

What can you get at the NAITSA Office?

- Cheep money for Co-op taxis - you spend \$3.00 and get a \$5.00 voucher for Co-op Taxis.
- Cheep movie tickets - \$7.50 for a Cineplex Odeon/ Famous Players Movie ticket.
- Cheep faxing.

We offer some many different services. You should stop by E-131 and check out our office or visit us on-line www.naitsa.ca. On-line, you will find things like a housing registry, a used book registry and much more, so check it out.

2.) What have you changes have you contributed to at NAIT that you're proud of?

Tech banking is the largest change that I have made, as well as one that I am working on right now that I will talk about more once it has been proposed to the Senate.

3.) What changes can students expect for 2006?

Lots of changes, especially on NAITSA's Executive council. Keep your eyes on the paper for more details.

4.) What the heck is an Ook?

I think it is a huge blue owl. I am not 100 per cent sure. I never heard of it before I came to NAIT.



By **TARA COPELAND**

This past Friday, a many lucky people had the opportunity to wake up to NAITSA's President Dwayne Williams.

Williams was a guest on the popular Canadian morning national TV show Canada AM.

The show touched on the upcoming Canadian election.

"I felt it was a great opportunity to not only meet the candidates running for the election in the Mill-Woods/Beaumont riding, but also to voice concerns regarding access and affordability concerns of students," said Williams.

"There were roughly eight

other guests on the show," said Williams. "Everyone had several different opinions, as we all had different backgrounds and experiences.

"Overall, most people just want the best for Canada," said Williams.

Williams said that his television appearance gave him the opportunity to get exposed to different perspectives in terms of the challenges that students face.

"It gave me a chance to get their opinions on what students are facing as well.

"It was definitely interesting being on the set of an actual television news program and watching what happens when the cameras are off," said Williams.

All in all, Williams said the experience was worthwhile.

"It was an incredible opportunity to talk with candidates and get a more person-to-person opinion of them."

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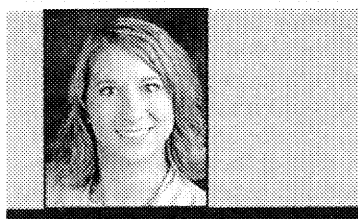
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CARRIE CREASER
V.P. Campus Life

1.) With the new semester comes new students. Can you briefly explain who you are and your role as a student executive?

I am V.P. Campus Life! I plan and execute all events

on NAIT campus, I help students plan their own events and bring excitement to our school.

We have plenty of events happening this semester at The Nest (our restaurant and bar) so check out www.naitsa.ca for event dates or just come on down to the office and find out!

2.) What have you changes have you contributed to at NAIT that you're proud of?

This year I planned a New Year's ski trip that was a huge

success when 125 NAIT students went down to Fernie, B.C. and had the time of their lives! In December, I held a massive food drive raising cash and boxes of donated food.

3.) What changes can students expect for 2006?

Not too many big changes in my department for 2006. I have events and grad to plan for this year so I am keeping busy.

4.) What the heck is an Ook?

The Ook is an owl.

Why vote for these people?

Has this election excited you yet? Are you even paying attention? It doesn't strike us as the most exciting campaign. So, to help ramp it up a bit, we at The Nugget decided to put the politicians on the spot. We asked each candidate in Edmonton Centre riding to give us five good reasons why a NAIT student should vote for their party. Here are their responses:



Anne McLellan on the Liberal Commitment to NAIT Students

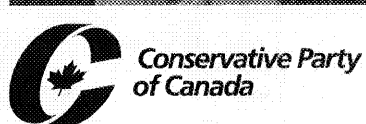
- The Liberal government recognizes that NAIT's emphasis on applied education helps workers find employment and ensures our economy maximizes its continued growth. The Liberal government has supported NAIT's fuel cell project and meteorology lab.

- We will provide \$15 million to NAIT's Centre for Apprenticeship Technologies.

- The Liberal government has supported students: making loans more flexible, creating Canada Study and Access Grants and enhancing the education tax credit.

- The Liberal party is committing in this election to cover 50% of tuition fees in the first and final years of students' programs. We want to lower interest rates on student loans in cooperation with the provinces, establish quality child-care programs for parents in school and increase participation in apprenticeships by making employment insurance more accessible.

- Our government restored order to the nation's finances with a record eight straight balanced budgets. Low interest rates and over \$100 billion in tax cuts are supporting the lowest unemployment in three decades and the best job creation in the G7. We are supporting jobs for the future: in the Oil Sands, the Mackenzie Gas Project and clean coal, wind power and CO2 technologies for a cleaner energy sector.



Conservative candidate Laurie Hawn....

Stand Up for the Trades

A Tools Tax Deduction for up to \$500 spent on tools;
A \$1000 Apprenticeship Incentive Grant for two years for apprentices in approved programs; and
An Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit of 10 per cent of an apprenticeship's wages for two years to a maximum of \$2000.

Stand Up for Education

Providing students or their parents with a tax credit of up to \$500 to help cover the costs of textbooks;
Exempting the first \$10,000 of student scholarship or bursary income from taxation.

Stand Up for Childcare

We will give all families a new \$1200 per year Choice in Child Care Allowance for each child under six, starting in 2006. In addition, we will help employers and communities create child care spaces in the workplace or through cooperative or community associations by establishing a Community Childcare Investment Program worth \$250 million a year.

Stand Up for Honest and Accountable Government

The Conservative Party of Canada will pass the Federal Accountability Act to end the culture of corruption and entitlement that currently exists within the federal government.

Stand Up for Canada

You deserve a government that puts your interests first – a government that brings your voice to Ottawa. Together, we can build a brighter future for all Canadians – vote Conservative, and vote Conservative.



New Democrat candidate Donna Martyn....

Do you as a student want to be required to interrupt your education to fight – and maybe die – in a war overseas? Or pay 15 times as much as your parents to get post-secondary education/training to get a job? Or have control of your lumber/oil/gas/water/power sold to other countries? Or allow your news media to be run by foreigners?

Then you'd better vote. And you'd better be careful who you vote for.

Donna Martyn is your choice. As a committed Canadian nationalist, a life-long fighter for human rights, a person with a disability, and a teacher who knows people will succeed if given the tools for success, I chose the NDP as a populist party that gets things done for people.

- Peace, education, health care (including pharmacare and home care), clean land, clean air, clean water – these are basic tools for success – wise investments. They should be publicly controlled and administered.

- Ethical management of tax revenue and no tax cuts or give-aways until the half-trillion dollar debt is eliminated

- Good government including more democracy through proportional representation

I am no-nonsense, fearless, of unquestionable integrity, a people person.



Marxist-Leninist candidate Peggy Morton....

1. MLPC calls on everyone to be very active in averting the danger of fascism and war, and works for an anti-war government.

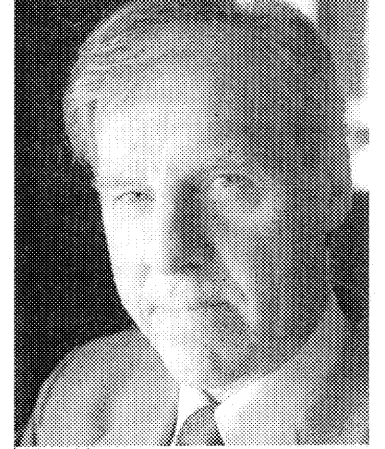
2. The party-dominated political system is in deep crisis. It is organized to keep the people out of power and has created wide scale cynicism about politics and politicians. MLPC works for the renewal of Canadian democracy so that the people become the decision-makers.

3. All the decisions about the direction of the economy, how the energy resources will be used, how to protect the natural environment and Canada's sovereignty are declared to be outside the realm of public discourse, much less decision-making. Monopoly right trumps public right. MLPC stands for the development of a socially responsible economy based on meeting the needs of the workers and their communities, not the narrow interests of a few. Annexation No! Sovereignty Yes!

4. The MLPC program is to Stop Paying the Rich - Increase Funding for

Social Programs. In a modern society, the rights which people have by virtue of being human must be provided with a guarantee. Education is a Right!

5. MLPC invites everyone to join in the discussion about how to provide the problems we face with a solution. Contact Edmonton candidates at alberta@cpcml.ca or call (780) 484-2961.



Green Party candidate David J. Parker....

Transportation

Students have always had to be very careful with limited resources and travel is a major expense. I would increase the urban share of federal tax revenue to be specifically targeted to urban transit systems. This would save students cash, help reduce greenhouse gasses and improve air quality.

Tuition fees

Education benefits all members of society and I fully endorse the sentiment "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance". I fully support free education beyond high school. We one of the richest countries in the world, we can afford it.

Health

We as a society have been throwing ever more cash at our health care system while people have been becoming less healthy. The Greens want to focus on prevention while maintaining a fully funded, universal and not for profit health care system.

Housing

Many students have to live in poor quality, energy wasting but expensive housing while studying at NAIT. I would encourage a high quality, energy efficient student residence within walking distance of the campus.

Electoral Reform.

Canadians do not get the government they vote for. If you do not vote for the winning candidate in your riding your vote has little value. Canada needs to join the world and introduce a Proportional Representation system such that a party that gets 20% of votes gets 20% of seats.

Visual student poetry

**By Olivia Kachman
For The Nugget**

In a world in which we are constantly bombarded with images, the question must be asked: what makes a captivating still photograph?

You know the image I am talking about - the one that upon first glance you are forced to stop, look again, pause and contemplate. Whether it is the play of light and colour, the composition or unique perspective, the raw emotion, or the storytelling involved in the image, there is a quality about it that draws you in and holds your attention.

Cartier Bresson defined the art of a still photograph as the photographer's ability to capture the decisive moment; that split second between realization of the moment unravelling before you and the actualization that upon pressing the shutter, you have

immortalized that moment for all time. This defines photography as an art and certainly not everyone possessing a camera is a visual artist.

The understanding of the art of photography is what separates the professional photographers from the amateur point-and-shoot varieties that believe that simply owning a camera makes them a photographer. In fact, the camera is merely a tool and no matter what arguments people may have about the superior features of their camera, the fact is that there is an infinite amount of skill and intuition involved in crafting a photograph. It is a fact that mediocre pictures are taken by cameras with multitudes of megapixels.

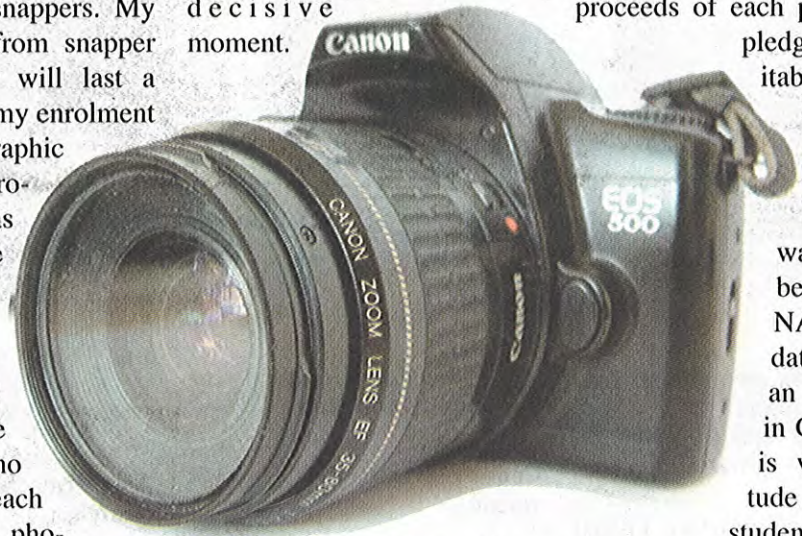
The majority of camera owners do not design photographs with forethought and careful attention to lighting and composition - they snap

photographs. Realistically, the category the majority of camera owners fall under is snapper versus photographer. Of course, the evolution of a photographer means that we all start as mere snappers. My own evolution from snapper to photographer will last a lifetime beyond my enrolment in the Photographic Technology Program at NAIT, as experience is the best teacher of all.

There is intuition involved in taking an emotive photograph that no instructor can teach you - a magical photograph is shot from one's heart rather than through one's eyes.

For anyone who meandered through the phenomenal display of art photography produced by NAIT first and

second year photography students at the annual Print Sale at the beginning of December, you may have recognized the quality of photography that does indeed capture the decisive moment.



From fiery landscapes to tranquil moonscapes, self-portraits to the soulful eyes of a child, expressive stray cats and explosive fireworks, NAIT students and staff voted for their favourites

of the Photographic Technology Print Sale.

A record-breaking 86 prints were sold, which eclipsed the previous record of 70 set in 2000. With 50 per cent of the proceeds of each print being

pledged to charitable causes,

\$1032 was raised from the Print Sale

was split between the NAIT Foundation and an orphanage in Guyana. It is with gratitude that the students from

the Photographic Technology Program thank everyone who attended and purchased prints from the Print Sale.

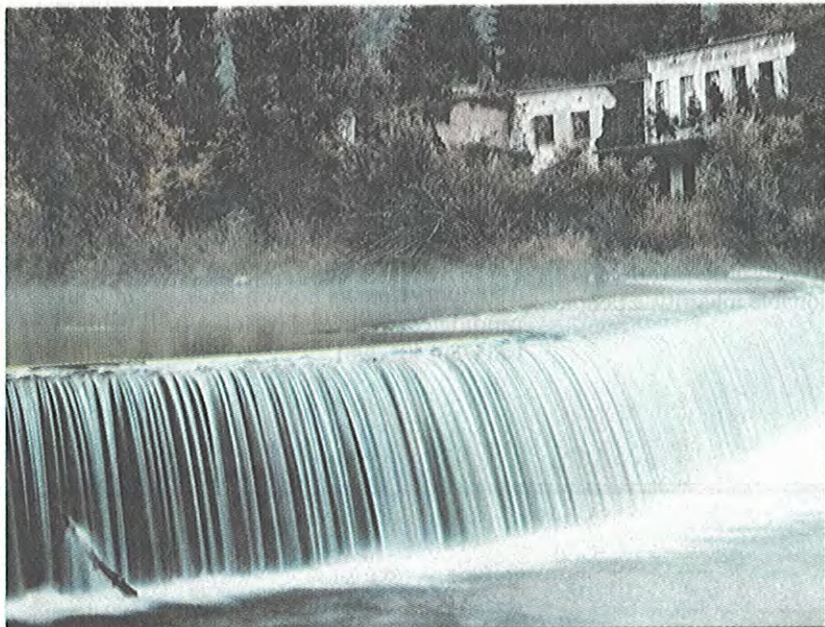
It is without question that you witnessed visual poetry rather than mere photographs.

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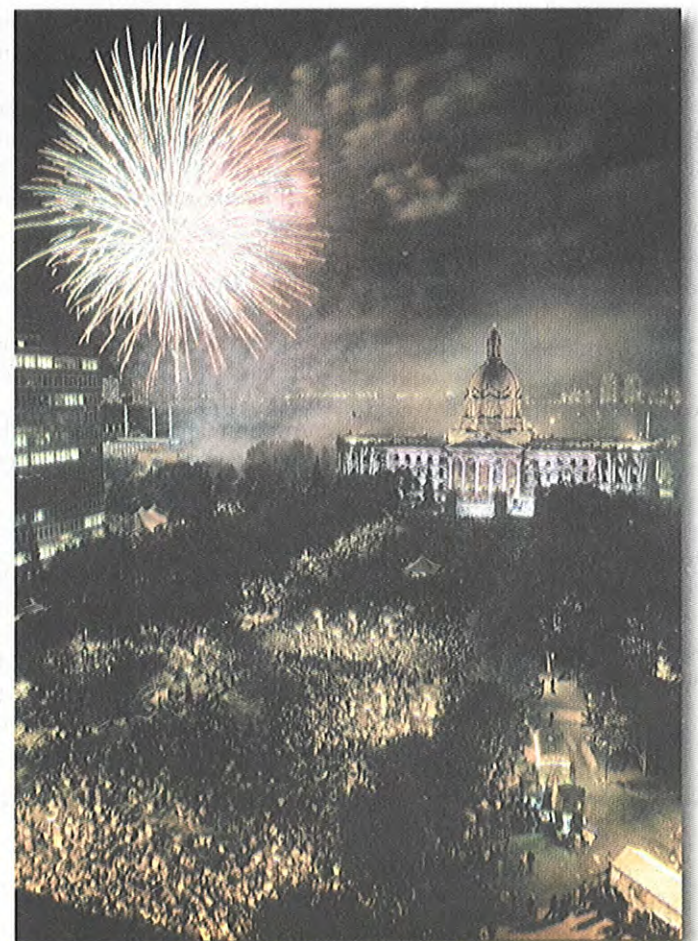
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Stuck - Greg Stechishin

THE TOP PHOTOS VOTED BY NAIT STUDENTS

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Centennial Celebration - Olivia Kachman



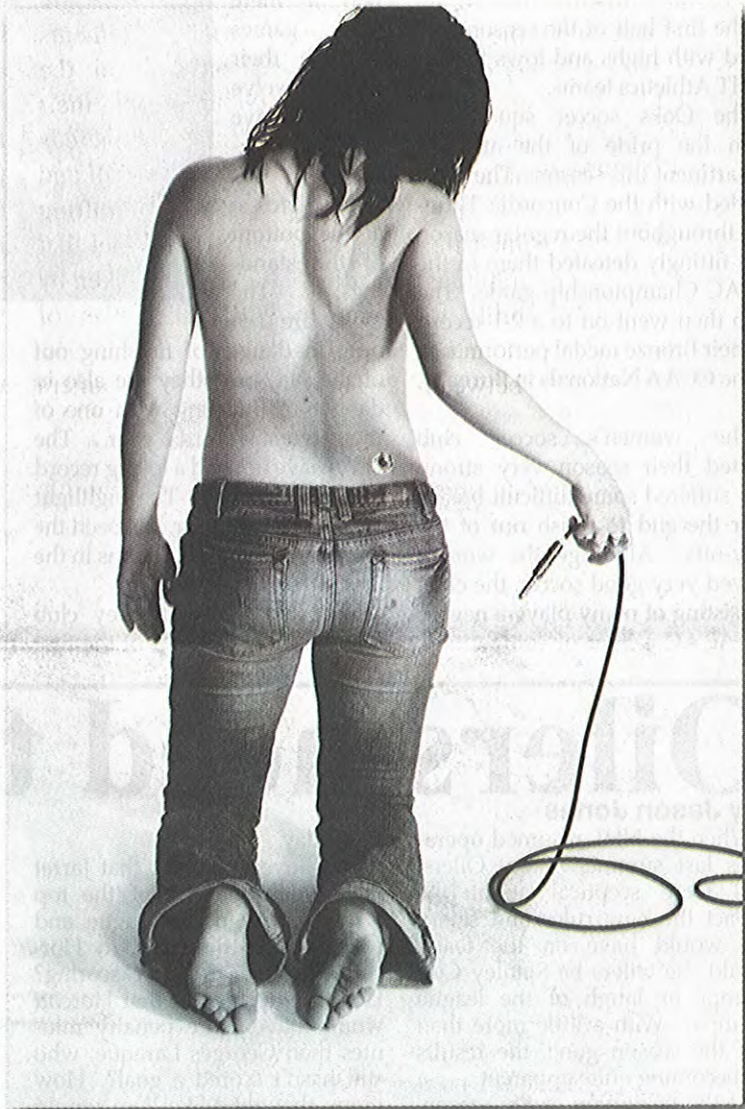
Sourpuss – Greg Stechishin (8th)



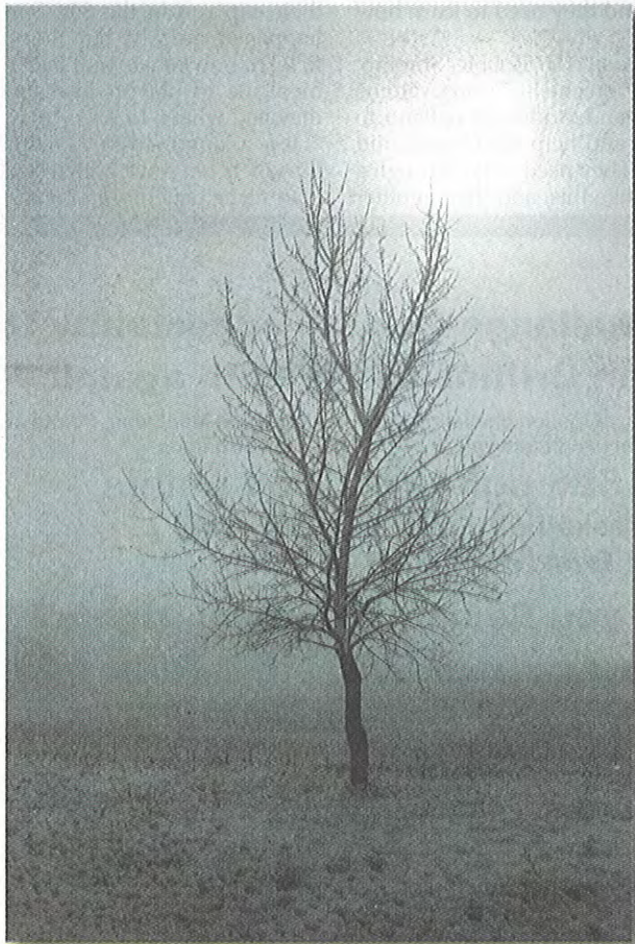
Innocence – Jessi Little (5th)



Switzerland – Jenna Lamb (9th)



Acoustic – Ashley Armstrong (6th)



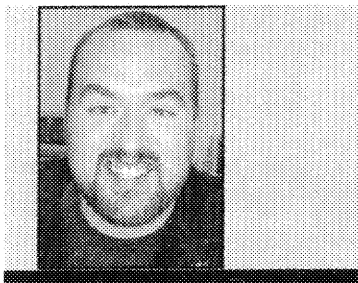
Moonlight Paradise – Caitlin Heffernan (7th)



Koi – Amanda Blakney (4th)

SPORTS

Highs and lows for NAIT Athletics



By **TREVOR ELLIOTT**
Sports Editor

The first half of the season was filled with highs and lows for the NAIT Athletics teams.

The Oaks soccer squad has been the pride of the athletics department this season. The team battled with the Concordia Thunder throughout the regular season and fittingly defeated them in the ACAC Championship game. The club then went on to a 2-1 record in their Bronze medal performance at the CCAA Nationals in Burnaby, BC.

The women's soccer club started their season very strong and suffered some difficult breaks near the end to finish out of the play-offs. Although the women played very good soccer, the club, consisting of many players new to the ACAC caliber of competition,

simply were not able to keep up to the learning curve of the other more experienced schools.

Possibly the biggest disappointment of the first half, was the men's hockey team. Rocked by personal conflicts, bad breaks and injuries, the team has managed to win a mere four games through their first twelve and have found themselves tied with Briercrest at the bottom of the standings. The Oaks are not only in danger of finishing out of the play-offs, they are also in danger of finishing with one of their worst records ever. The Oaks have not had a losing record in over a decade. The highlight for the club, thus far, has been the 3-2 victory over the Griffins in the 109th Street Challenge.

The Lady Oaks hockey club was another highlight of the first

half as the finds itself tied with Red Deer for third in the ACAC. The team has lost only four regular season games thus far - three of which were against the defending champion Mount Royal Cougars.



The Lady Oaks find themselves in terrific position to improve on last season's 12-8 record and a second consecutive play-off berth.

The men's volleyball team utilized its wealth of experience and captured its first berth in the Provincial pool since the 2001/02 season. Head coach Craig Wourms has done a phenomenal job preparing this veteran squad for the highly competitive Provincial pool. All

eyes will be on the NAIT Gym on Feb. 18 when the Oaks host the Red Deer College Kings for their ultimate test. The Kings, under the tutelage of National team head coach Keith Hansen, have dominated the sport since the 1994/95 season and have won the last six ACAC championships and CCAA National Championships.

Despite outstanding coaching from Trevor Turner and the phenomenal performances by their returning players, the women's volleyball team narrowly missed a berth in the Provincial pool for the second straight season. Expect the team to clean house in the North/South pool and advance to the ACAC Championship tournament to be held at MacEwan.

Coach Chuma Nwobosi has done an excellent job with his men's basketball team this season. Nwobosi has led the new look team to a respectable third place standing at the break. The squad

will look for a strong finish to their season as they attempt to make a fifth straight appearance at the CCAA Nationals.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the season, thus far, has been the performance of the women's basketball team. After the Athletics department lost Douglas Leong, one of the best coaches the program has ever had, Curtis Nelson was named as his replacement. Despite a winning percentage of over 0.700 and over 375 career coaching wins, Nelson has thus far been ineffective as a coach of the team. The team finally got its first two wins of the season in back-to-back home victories (against Lakeland and Augustana) to end the season. With only 11 games left, Nelson has disappointed. Is it time for Athletics Director Gregg Mero-poulis to return to his post as head coach of the Lady Oaks' basketball program?

A new year brings hope for many of NAIT teams as they challenge for play-off spots. For others, the second half of the season will be an opportunity for teams, and coaches, to avert disaster.

Oilers need time to grow

By **Jason Jones**

When the NHL resumed operations last summer, many Oilers' fans were sceptical about the impact the new rules and salary cap would have on the team. Would the Oilers be Stanley Cup champs or laugh of the league chumps? With a little more than half the season gone, the results are becoming quite apparent.

At the beginning of the season, the Nugget asked readers what their expectations were for the Oilers. Most readers were optimistic, saying that this season would be different under the new economics and rules.

"The Oilers can make it to the Western Conference Finals," said Radio and Television student Derek Meyers. "Peca and Pronger will get them over the hump."

"It's about time the Oilers win the cup - it's the Oilers turn," said Betty Peterson, a season ticket holder since 1979.

"They'll win the division for sure because of Pronger," said season ticket holder Ryan Magosse. "The Oilers will definitely pick it up a notch."

Now, just past the midway point of the season, the Oilers are battling for first place in their division with Calgary and Vancouver, and are anywhere from third to seventh in the playoff race on any

given day.

Did anyone predict that Jarret Stoll would be one of the top face-off men in the league and would be battling Shawn Horcoff for tops in team scoring? How many thought that Horcoff would have more penalty minutes than Georges Laraque, who still hasn't scored a goal? How many thought Mike Peca would be trailing three defensemen in points (Pronger, Bergeron, and Staios)? Experts never expected that Mike Morrison would have the best GAA and save percentage on the team.



Predictions like "Peca is a first-line center," "the Oilers will contend for the Cup," and "Laraque is a valuable part of the team," have faded away into our

dreams once again.

The Oilers are playing hard and competing with top teams. Who doesn't want to watch another 6-5 nail-biter against Vancouver or Calgary? But the truth is, in the toughest division in the league the Oilers are still finding it difficult to compete against Calgary's goaltending and Vancouver's offensive superstars.

In the end, the Oilers will find

themselves fighting for a playoff spot once again, as they have been for the last 12 years. It was incredible to dream the impossible dream at the start of the season. But reality is about to hit the Oilers hard. The Oilers are not the top team in the NHL.

Don't get me wrong, the new NHL is everything that they promised us. The game has more action, more excitement, more parity and is now a game where anyone can win entering the third period - no

matter what the score is.

The Oilers certainly improved themselves in the off-season by adding Peca and Pronger. But the franchise can not turn around in one year. They are in a building phase and they need to learn how to win.

Just wait for Robbie Shremp, Matt Greene, Marc-Antoine Pouliot and Andrew Cogliano to emerge and help the Oilers build slowly. They need to go through a season like this, and then another

one where they are competitive in the playoffs and then another one where they learn how to win in the playoffs.

Think back, or go back to the records of how the Oilers got on their cup run in the 80s. Sure, it happened quickly, but they had to learn how to win and take their medicine in playoff losses before they had what it took.

It is a long road to the cup and the Oilers have just gotten started. Let's all be patient - and realistic.

The 109th Street Challenge Cup, an opportunity to kick the MacEwan Griffins to the curb again!!

The 109th street challenge cup is a participation challenge between NAIT and MacEwan. Points are awarded for fan support and team wins involving a series of games

NAIT Leads 1586 points to 1054 points

Next Game - Basketball Friday, January 13th

@ NAIT Gym (W) 6:30 (M) 8:15

So what's in it for you Besides Bragging rights?

These Great Prizes!

- Oiler Tickets
- Marmot Ski Packages
- Gift Certificates & FREE Food
- Shoot to Win for CASH

Win a Grand Prize trip for two to Jasper!

Beer Garden in the NAITRIUM open @



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ACAC Standings

As of Jan. 7

MEN'S HOCKEY

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Tie	OTL	Points	GF	GA	Home	Away
SAIT	14	9	4	1	0	19	66	43	5 2 1	4 2 0
MacEwan	13	7	3	3	0	17	54	37	3 1 1	4 2 2
Mount Royal	14	7	6	0	1	15	52	59	3 3 0	4 4 0
Concordia	13	6	5	0	2	14	49	46	4 3 0	2 4 0
Augustana	14	6	6	2	0	14	53	48	2 3 1	4 3 1
Briercrest	14	4	9	1	0	9	41	63	2 7 1	2 2 0
NAIT	12	4	7	1	0	9	35	49	3 2 0	1 5 1

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Tie	OTL	Points	GF	GA	Home	Away
Mount Royal	12	10	1	0	1	21	42	25	5 1 0	5 1 0
SAIT	12	8	3	1	0	17	56	29	5 0 1	3 3 0
NAIT	12	7	4	1	0	15	35	32	3 3 0	4 1 1
Red Deer	12	7	4	0	1	15	35	22	4 2 0	3 3 0
MacEwan	12	3	9	0	0	6	22	40	2 4 0	1 5 0
U of C	12	0	12	0	0	0	13	55	0 6 0	0 6 0

MEN'S BASKETBALL

North Division										
Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Points	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak	
Concordia	14	12	2	24	1148	993	6 2	6 0	W2	
MacEwan	14	11	3	22	1071	1013	5 2	6 1	W3	
NAIT	13	8	5	16	1021	997	3 3	5 2	W2	
Lakeland	12	7	5	14	957	881	4 3	3 2	L1	
Grande Prairie	14	5	9	10	1050	1069	3 3	2 6	L2	
TKUC	14	3	11	6	990	1105	1 5	2 6	L2	
Augustana	13	1	12	2	866	1045	0 7	1 5	L9	

South Division										
Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Points	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak	
Mount Royal	10	9	1	18	848	654	6 0	3 1	W6	
SAIT	10	8	2	16	789	646	3 1	5 1	L1	
Red Deer	10	7	3	14	768	666	3 1	4 2	L2	
Lethbridge	10	4	6	8	733	747	3 2	1 4	W2	
Medicine Hat	10	1	9	2	664	789	0 5	1 4	L4	
Briercrest	10	1	9	2	518	824	1 5	0 4	L5	

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

North Division										
Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Points	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak	
Concordia	14	12	2	24	943	776	8 0	4 2	W4	
MacEwan	14	11	3	22	1028	838	5 2	6 1	W5	
Augustana	13	7	6	14	836	840	4 3	3 3	L2	
The King's										
Univ College	14	7	7	14	871	877	4 2	3 5	L3	
Lakeland	12	4	8	8	803	878	3 4	1 4	W1	
Grande Prairie	14	4	10	8	905	1036	3 3	1 7	L4	
NAIT	13	2	11	4	795	935	2 4	0 7	W2	

South Division

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Points	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak
Lethbridge	10	9	1	18	718	532	4 1	5 0	W3
Mount Royal	10	9	1	18	747	467	5 1	4 0	W3
Medicine Hat	10	5	5	10	547	561	2 3	3 2	L2
SAIT	10	4	6	8	537	586	1 3	3 3	L1
Red Deer	10	3	7	6	492	564	0 4	3 3	L3
Briercrest	10	0	10	0	411	742	0 6	0 4	L10

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

North Division										
Team	MP	MW	ML	Points	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak	
Grande Prairie	12	10	2	20	32	8	5 1	5 1	W1	
NAIT	12	9	3	18	31	16	5 1	4 2	L1	
MacEwan	12	7	5	14	21	18	4 2	3 3	W1	
TKUC	12	7	5	14	24	17	4 2	3 3	W1	
Lakeland	12	5	7	10	18	22	3 3	2 4	W2	
Keyano	12	4	8	8	14	26	2 4	2 4	W2	
Portage	12	0	12	0	2	36	0 6	0 6	L12	

South Division										
Team	MP	MW	ML	Points	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak	
Red Deer	10	10	0	20	30	1	6 0	4 0	W10	
Mount Royal	10	8	2	16	25	8	3 1	5 1	W4	
Briercrest	10	5	5	10	18	19	2 2	3 3	W2	
SAIT	10	5	5	10	16	18	3 3	2 2	L2	
Lethbridge	10	2	8	4	7	27	1 4	1 4	L8	
Medicine Hat	10	0	10	0	7	30	0 5	0 5	L10	

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

North Division										
Team	MP	MW	ML	Points	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak	
MacEwan	12	11	1	22	34	7	6 0	5 1	W9	
Grande Prairie	12	11	1	22	34	8	5 1	6 0	W10	
The King's										
Univ. College	12	7	5	14	26	16	5 1	2 4	L4	
NAIT	12	7	5	14	22	20	3 3	4 2	L4	
Portage	12	4	8	8	16	27	1 5	3 3	W4	
Lakeland	12	2	10	4	8	32	2 4	0 6	L10	
Keyano	12	0	12	0	6	36	0 6	0 6	L12	

South Division										
Team	MP	MW	ML	Points	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak	
Mount Royal	10	10	0	20	30	3	4 0	6 0	W10	
Red Deer	10	8	2	16	26	9	5 1	3 1	W4	
SAIT	10	6	4	12	18	20	4 2	2 2	L2	
Lethbridge	10	3	7	6	16	22	1 4	2 3	W2	
Medicine Hat	10	2	8	4	13	26	2 3	0 5	L4	
Briercrest	10	1	9	2	5	28	0 4	1 5	L5	

Look Tracks

Men's Hockey
Coming Up: Took on the MacEwan Griffins Jan. 11 at Bill Hunter Arena. Host the Griffins Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

Women's Hockey
Coming Up: Travel to Red Deer Jan. 12. Host Red Deer Jan. 15 at 2 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Coming Up: Host MacEwan on Jan. 13 at 8:30 p.m. Take on the Griffins at MacEwan on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Coming Up: Host MacEwan on Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Take on the Griffins at MacEwan on Jan. 14 at 5 p.m.

Men's Volleyball
Last Week: Defeated Briercrest 3-0 and 3-2 at home on Jan. 6 and 7. Coming Up: Travel to Mount Royal Jan. 13. Host Mount Royal Jan. 14 at 7 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
Last Week: Defeated Briercrest 3-1 and 3-0 at home on Jan. 6 and 7. Coming Up: Visit Medicine Hat Jan. 13 and 14.

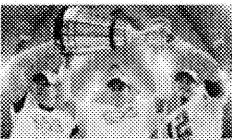
Top Five Sports Stories of 2005

2005 was filled with sports stories that were discussed and debated in North America and around the world. As a start to the year, it is only fitting that the Nugget revisits the top five stories from last year.

1) Edmonton Eskimos win Grey Cup

The Edmonton Eskimos overcame all adversity and criticism as they went on to defeat the Montreal Alouettes in double overtime for their second Grey Cup Championship in three years and 13th overall.

This was only the second Grey Cup decided in overtime (Winnipeg defeated Hamilton 21-14 in Toronto in 1961). This also marked the first time that the Eskimos won the CFL Championship without



having hosted a play-off game.

Other 2005 champions included Superbowl Champion New England Patriots (24-21 over Philadelphia Eagles), NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs (4-3 over Detroit Pistons) and World Series Champion Chicago White Sox (swept Houston Astros 4-0).

2) NHL Resumes Play

After the cancellation of the entire 2004/05 NHL season, a collective bargaining agreement was reached July 21. This new agreement included a salary cap, lowered salaries, rule changes and schedule changes.

The NHL also implemented an all-encompassing draft lottery for the 2005 entry



draft. The Pittsburgh Penguins won the lottery and drafted the highly touted Sidney Crosby.

The Edmonton Oilers welcomed these changes with open arms and quickly traded for defenseman Chris Pronger and picked up Mike Peca off unrestricted free-agency.

3) Drug Scandals

After a full blown investigation by the US Congress, Major League Baseball implemented an unprecedented steroids policy that included steroids, steroid precursors, designer steroids, masking agents and diuretics.

Baltimore Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, who had defiantly denied using steroids during a congressional hear-



ing on performance-enhancing drugs in March, was suspended Aug. 1 for 10 days for violating baseball's anti-drug policy.

World Wrestling Entertainment also implemented a new drug policy after superstar wrestler died Nov. 13 from a heart condition suspected to be drug-related.

4) Additions to the Edmonton Sports Scene

Edmonton celebrated the phenomenal success of the inaugural West Edmonton Mall Grand Prix on July 15 to 17 at the City Centre Airport. The event was so successful that Grand Prix officials announced the race would continue until at least 2010. The event will be held again July 21-



23, 2006.

The National Lacrosse League was also pleased to announce that it had awarded an expansion franchise to the Edmonton Rush. The Rush played its franchise opening game Jan. 6 against the San Jose Stealth.

5) Lance Armstrong wins seventh tour

Lance Armstrong handily won his self-proclaimed final Tour de France as he cruised into Paris on July 24. Lance shattered the record books with the unprecedented seventh consecutive victory.



What a Rush!

By Jason Jones

Imagine an intense, hard-hitting, high-scoring, in-your-face sport with attitude. Now throw in a monster truck, a bike built by Orange County Choppers, a house DJ, a nimble mascot named Slush and sizzling-hot cheerleaders and you've got the inaugural game of the newest National Lacrosse League team – the Edmonton Rush.

Fans were awed for two and a half hours with edge-of-your-seat excitement at Rexall Place on Jan. 6. Even losing in overtime couldn't dampen the spirits of the 11,385 history witnessing fans, who gave the Rush a standing ovation after the game.

After all of the build-up to this momentous occasion, the Rush came out firing, going up 3-0 after the first quarter. Edmonton's own Jamey Bowen, a high school teacher and bar owner (Thirsty Turtle, Suede and Mangiamos), scored the Rush's historical first goal and was named player of the game after finishing with two goals and an assist.

Edmonton dominated through most of the second

quarter and lead 5-2 until the San Jose Stealth scored four unanswered goals to go up 6-5 in the third. The teams battled back and fourth until San Jose scored to make it 9-8 with only 1:07 to go in the game.

DJ Rush pumped up the game as he belted out up-tempo music riffs throughout the play and NAIT alumnus Yukon Jack directed his infamous sarcasm toward the Stealth when they got hit or wouldn't fight.

The crowd rallied and then Brad Dairon potted the game tying goal with 17 seconds left to send the game to sudden-death overtime. When the Stealth scored 2:59 into the extra quarter the crowd was initially deflated, but then stood in applause of the outstanding entertainment they had been treated to all night. The Rush then welcomed the fans down to the field for an autograph session and meet-and-greet.

Even though they lost, the players and fans were all upbeat, with a sense that this kind of action is a can't miss hit in Edmonton.

Even though this was actually a defensive battle for lacrosse, most fans would agree that the Rush delivered on their promises and are hungry for more.

"I'm so excited to be here," said rookie Tyler Heavenor. "The fans were unbelievable. It was great to be a part of that." The forward started his career with a goal and three assists.

Team President Duane Vienneau said that the night went "very, very, very good. It was a great first game. The City of Edmonton is embracing us and I'm very happy about that."

With all the intensity and attitude of professional lacrosse, it's no wonder that there is a real home field advantage. At one point, when the shot clock was winding down for the Rush, the announcer said, "Three seconds left on the shot clock" to warn the home team. Couple that with the different music and commentary offered, depending on who has the ball and you know that the players feel the home advantage. Heavenor added, "The announcing and music, it's all a little biased, but whatever edge you can get in your own barn, it just fun, man. Just fun."

The Rush head to Calgary to face the Roughnecks on Jan. 13. The game can be seen on Sportsnet. The next Rush home game will be a rematch with the Roughneck on Jan 21 at 7:30 p.m.

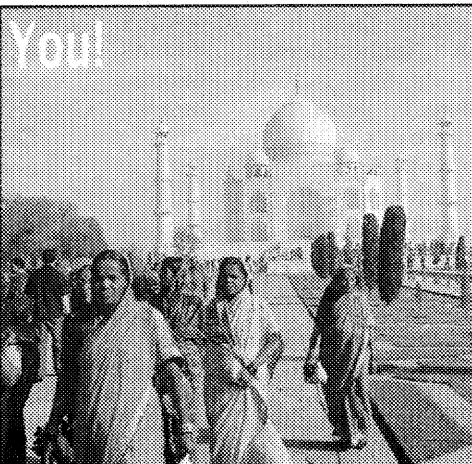


Trent Smalley & Pat Campbell fight off the Stealth attack

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Astral Reflections



By TIM STEPHENS

Aries March 21-April 19

Romance will be slow this year ahead, but your career should thrive. It's time to take an exciting step forward in practical, ambitious, prestige career areas. You can take a baby step towards this by working hard Wednesday and Thursday – and carefully Tuesday. Romance can happen (Sunday/Monday and Thursday night to Saturday this week) but it's slow, or it occurs with a significantly older or younger person, or with your boss. This could lead to a wedding, if you're single. Steer clear of psychics and "dreamy friends" before Wednesday.

Taurus April 20-May 20

Your home life will be conservative, slow and a bit restrictive this year ahead, but it will bring you pleasure. It becomes a good place to study, to connect with international sources (example: via the internet) to design advertising/media projects, to mastermind a legal or negotiation campaign, or

to find the advantage over a competitor. You might see one of more of these "advantages" Sunday/Monday (Monday's better). Romance, a creative surge or a lucky gamble calls you Tuesday to Thursday. Don't gamble with your career before Wednesday – reject worry, collusion!

Gemini May 21-June 20

Paperwork, travel, details, your car, phone, computer, writing, communicating, siblings and casual friends – these demand closer attention this year. Succeeding with these areas will help you control and organize your hugely expanding work duties. But insisting on them too severely (example: demanding that every report be rewritten four times) will "shut down" work success. Find a balance. Investments, research, tax plans, health diagnoses, debts, mutual money (example: marriage finances) and investigations all benefit from communication, paperwork and filing systems. You might have a sexy affair with a casual friend.

Cancer June 21-July 22

Money shortages could severely restrict your creative, romantic, pleasure-oriented and speculative pursuits in the year ahead. On the other hand, in 2006 and 2007 you can finally settle down and get serious about money, start making it, negotiate favorable

contracts, partnerships or associations, pursue long-standing money opportunities and settle on a family budget. You probably won't do all these, so pick and choose. A former partner or sweetheart might re-enter your life this month. Take off rose-colored glasses before Wednesday: an investment or sexy "friend" – isn't! Avoid gossip, too.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

A former job, boss or employee just has, or soon might, return. This could help your career. But, now through February, be wary of hot-tempered bosses and parents, if you're young – be diplomatic, tone down any aggressiveness. If you're in a lawsuit, judgment comes now or in February. Law, media, advertising, higher learning, philosophy, religion and foreign-born people or international concerns can aid your career/business through next month. But all these (boss, law, foreign country, etc.) could produce unneeded anxiety – or unrealistic goals – through Wednesday. Seize "basic" success Monday!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Lie low Sunday/Monday. All month, be aware of "romantic openings," especially Tuesday to Thursday this week. An old flame might return anytime this month – or, even more likely, you might seek – and find – him or her. Nostalgia exists for all former pleasures and balmy places. If you're a parent, you dream of your kids, with more happiness than not! Communicate love – don't let affectionate opportunities pass by! But Sunday through Wednesday dawn, don't confuse sex with love – and don't mix lust with co-workers. Chase money, make purchases Friday/Saturday.

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Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Pleasure and affection invade your home this January/February. Outside social activities are more sedate all 2006 and part of 2007 – almost as if you were carrying your home outside with you. You don't want wild parties now: you want depth, certitude and comfort. You'll befriend or attract much older or younger people. If you're seriously involved with someone, you might set up house now (06/07). Married or single, you look fondly on real estate – the present month is one of the best times (before 2008) to find and buy.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Thursday onward, you'll enter a month-long domestic, real estate, family, gardening, contemplative, "back to basics" period. Before, Thursday, neither fret about this area, nor be fooled into acting on a "won't wait" opportunity in real estate, furniture, garden supplies, etc. It's no opportunity. In general, wait until Feb. 3 onward to set your security goals for the year ahead. A friend could reappear anytime this January, or you could enter deep, affectionate conversations (with mate, if you're married). Good! Career/money favored Monday. Romance, social flirtations make you happy Wednesday!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

An old money source might return or already has in January. Money, income, purchases, are favored all January/February. A contract or verbal agreement could be involved in a semi-major money or career prospect – yes, chase it! All 2006, money could be essentially intertwined with the law, foreign people or countries, scholarship, publishing or the media. You might find intellectual activities too taxing, could find school goes more slowly, etc. – or

you might actively pursue "old subjects" – history, anthropology, the classics, etc. – in these, you'll excel! Chase any of these Monday.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your energy and charisma continue high – especially your "love charisma!" You are going to delve into many deeper, darker things this year (and 2007) – mysteries, secrets, occultism, psychic things, finances and debt, investments, research and investigation, health diagnosis. Don't let this "deep side" quash your dreams, goals, optimism and popularity, though – find a balance. But don't mix money and friends. That will be particularly important this Sunday to Wednesday and in February. Before Wednesday, try to avoid either worry or inflated expectations in romance, money and creative endeavors. Love, Wednesday!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your weariness will end by late week, to be replaced by a growing energy, effectiveness and charisma! Resolve to get big things done from Thursday through February, as March will bring a general slowdown, especially in money affairs. Start important projects, ask favors, impress others, etc. Before Thursday, remain cautious and lie low. Someone rejects you Sunday: note this for later. You can succeed in relationships Monday. Sunday to Wednesday, don't let your worries trigger temper at home. You'll learn secrets or make one, in love zones Wednesday. Wisdom comes Friday/Saturday.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Work duties will feel long and hard this year and 2007. Don't abandon them, as 2007 is going to offer you a major career bonanza, change, new career, or promotion – perhaps the biggest one of your life. Don't give up now! But work smart – back off Sunday, when duties and co-operators snarl, rebel and confuse. Then tackle things Monday, when deep currents support your efforts. Be wary of temper, exaggerated worries, and inflated expectations – and of unsavory people, temptations or situations – Sunday through Wednesday dawn. Later Wednesday, flirtations, glances excite!



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...
The winner of the Avionics 50/50 Raffle was...Deb Larson.

There were 295 tickets sold, with the winner receiving \$147.50
-Nait Avionics Club

...
To all the idiots who keep bashing poetry entries:

I think you lick ball sack. This is a student newspaper. Some students want poetry!

Here's a poem for you too:
I wish you luck
'Cuz you really suck
Go bang a moose.
- Wicked Poet J.M.

...
To the hottie in the business building (laptop version) Darren you have an amazing ass...and those glasses...you look so great!
-Yours truly, your secret admirer

...
I found out something yesterday: our reading week break is on the 16th to the 20th while almost all the other post secondary schools in Edmonton get the 18th to the 26th off. So why is that? Why do we get screwed over with a five day holiday and everyone else gets a nine day holiday? I'd like to change that if possible and for anyone who agrees with me come to the Fresh Express and write your name on a petition posted outside of the kitchen area where you order your food.

...
To the good looking guy in the Annex, Want to come to the fun side of the island?

To express my love, I will do it in the best way possible. A Haiku:
Your kidneys smell like
The burning in my black lungs
I need C. P. R.

...
Ahh! Steve is angry, fucking angry! Angry at the fact that a technology school where welders, aircraft skin repairmen electricians and other tradesmen come for their training have a student message board in their official newspaper

that is overrun with the stupid shit that compromises it every week. Geeks writing poems to girls, girls yelling at other girls for the way they dress, once there actually was a guy asking out another guy with plenty of details. God damn it! If you are a sick, twisted, waste of air pile of monkey nuts then keep your sick shit out of the paper. If you disagree, come down to the Patricia Campus, Let your voice be heard! You will get you ass handed to you upside down.

-Pissed-off redhead

...
Problem # 6: Grant MacEwan fans coming to NAIT Holy shit do they have the most annoying peeps ever. A couple ladies kept chanting "Give me an G-R-I-F-F-I-N, go Griffin!" - What the duce, cheerleaders? Another fan chanted, "Ooks suck...you're a waste of space," at the 109th hockey challenge. The next time I see that Griffin fan, I'm gonna grab a hockey stick and shove it where the sun doesn't shine. And the list just goes on and on. Also when they brought ugly ass looking mascot that looks like a half eagle/half lion mascot...then I realized, what a fucked up looking mascot...weird.

Next time Problem # 7: Nait words/slogan
-Nugget Boy

...
You know what really grinds my gears...all the murders that are happening in Edmonton. I mean are we becoming more and more like the States and just not caring what happens to people? But if that is the case, then maybe we should adopt their crime laws and have the death penalty. And, I mean really strict, like no crime should be tolerated.

-Party Posse

...
"Fighting is my only concern. Peace is no more than an outcome after the fighting has ended."
-Mu-La-Flaga

...
Dear Mr PiBB,
If you can't go till 3:00 pm without a beer, then I think you need NAIT more than you realize! The fact that you need to run frequently to your car for 'fresh air' then I think you have some serious issues!

We are here at NAIT for an education, not a booze fest!

Sounds like you need to get an education! Get a life!

...
You know what really grinds my gears? The Party Posse and his theft of my line in which I stole from Peter Griffin. I'm sick of you. And Mu-La-Flaga, enough with the fucking poems. And that people is what really grinds my gears.
-Mr PiBB

...
I lost my soother at last Thursdays rave in Club E120. If found, please bring it to the Rave this Thursday, when special guest DJ CS GASBOMB will be spinning his number one hit, "Duality of Light." Club E120 Rocks!
-HOOCH

...
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-DJ Diesel

...
To the Instructor who teaches Patisseries in the north kitchens;

I'd like you to make me your hand rolled chocolates. I'm the stiff beaten egg whites in your lemon meringue, the apple in your croustade, the walnuts in your nougat, your steam puffs my pastry...show me the book fold! I want to spread Bavarian cream all over your filberts, my love for you has cold fermented since third semester.

Signed,
Over-filled Cream Puff
P.S. You can brûlÉ my banana anytime.

...
Everyone who has cried over being powerless feels that way, I think.

But, from the moment you take that power into your hand, you'll become the person who will make others cry. Don't you ever forget that.

-Mu-La-Flaga

...
I find it amusing that men think women will respond positively when the words sexy love pett are directed to them. And the fact that they'll even use such a masculine name as iMr. MJ Sniffs. i MJ, here's a tip: get a Kleenex for those sniffs and give your head a shake! Oh, and to the Nugget Boy with all your problems, you're on the right track for a smacked bottom! Quit whining!
- Kelly girl

...
To the ladies of Medical Transcription:
Thanks to all who baked or sold at the bake sale! You ladies are awesome! And a thank you to those who bought our goodies!
-GL

...
Dear idiot saying cell phones are ok in class if you manage or own a small business, You're a dumb ass. I hate you and I don't even know you. Are you a goat?
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...
To Mr PiBB:

I know that having an occasional beer is good for the body sometimes, but dude! If you are in such dire need to have "a few sauces during work" everyday...you might want to re-think your career choice.

- Fuck Business
P.S. Try AA

...
To the "Bunninator,"

I can tell two things from your personal in the Grapevines last week:

1) You're desperate.
2) You're ugly and your mother dresses you funny.

So do us all a favour and don't use your name when giving a personal in the Grapevines, it makes life difficult for those of us who aren't as pathetic as you.
-Another Jordan

...
To all the people that keep sending in poems to the Nugget,

Go join a reading club or something if you want to express your self like that. Thank you for your time

- Keeping it real

Classifieds

For anybody who is interested: The NAIT Christian Association is still meeting for Bible Study and Prayer every Wednesday from 12:15 - 1:10 PM in Room E-129 (Just to the right of the NAIT Students' Association office). Feel free to come in and join us.

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THE BACK PAGE

A big hairy deal



Ask Maria

Dear Maria,

I have been dating a girl for six weeks. I think I'm falling in love. I wanted to do the respectful thing and not get fully intimate for a while.

Here is my problem. We were starting to get intimate last week and when she removed her panties, she was hairier than a man!

I have never seen so much hair on a woman before. It was so bad that I lost my erection.

Everything about her is great, but I can't handle this! Should I tell her?

Signed
Harry

Dear Harry,

Hell ya! If you want to spend more time with this person and she is right for you in every other way, you must tell her.

So this is what you should say, "Susan, I'm really looking forward to being intimate with you but I have a problem. I hope you can help me with it. I have a difficult time keeping an erection when there is too much hair. Is there something we can do about it?"

I think that this is the gentlest way of saying it. Buying a gift certificate to a spa may offend her because you didn't discuss it with her. Be honest, gentle and upfront.

Dear Maria,

My boyfriend of two years went to work out of town one weekend when it was my birthday. Our friends decided to take me out.

I got really drunk and ended up sleeping with his best friend. When we woke up we realized what we had done and immediately regretted it. Should I tell him?

Signed,
Oops!

Dear Oops,

That's not an oops, that's a wholly shit did I ever fuck up! What are ya 15 years old?

OK enough ranting.

Yes you had better tell him and tell him before his friend does. His solution might be a logical consequence like ending the relationship.

It might be difficult for him to ever trust you again. What's done is done. Come clean and keep your legs crossed.

Dear Maria,

My best friend has been losing weight and developing acne.

I think she is using crystal meth. I'm very worried about her.

How do I help her? She has a lot of pride and I don't want to upset her.

Signed,
Guardian Angel.

Dear Guardian,

You are indeed a good friend for wanting to help her. Crystal meth can mess you up real fast. Signs of weight loss, acne, tired looking, weathered, are all signs of a crystal meth use. Find a time that you think that she is not

high.

Tell her that you have noticed a change in her. You are concerned. She is like family to you, and family helps each other out.

When she finally tells you that is using, tell her that there are clinics that can help her along with counselors.

FYI: EANA Hotline Number - (780) 421-4429 (Edmonton Area Narcotics Anonymous) Best of luck to you guardian angel!

Dear Maria,

We have a great instructor who has a bad BO problem.

All the instructors know this but we all respect this person so much that we don't have any idea what to say.

Can you advise?
Signed,
Roll on

Dear Roll,

Many people don't notice their own body odor. There are a couple of ways to deal with this.

If this is a man then maybe a male instructor can approach him and say, "Jim, some students have complained about your

body odor. I have the same problem. This is the brand I use. Here is one for you."

I think that he will get the message and go on.

Now if this is a woman, a woman should approach the instructor and gently let her know that some students have mentioned the body odor. Tell her your favorite line of products and that you also have the same problem.

This is the gentlest approach. Sometimes telling your superior about it and letting him or her tell the instructor is easier and more productive. It depends on how close you are to the instructor.

(Maria Manna is a NAIT alumni whose columns have appeared in publications throughout North America. If you have an issue you want to discuss email her at etiquette@shaw.ca She will answer all letters, published or not).

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