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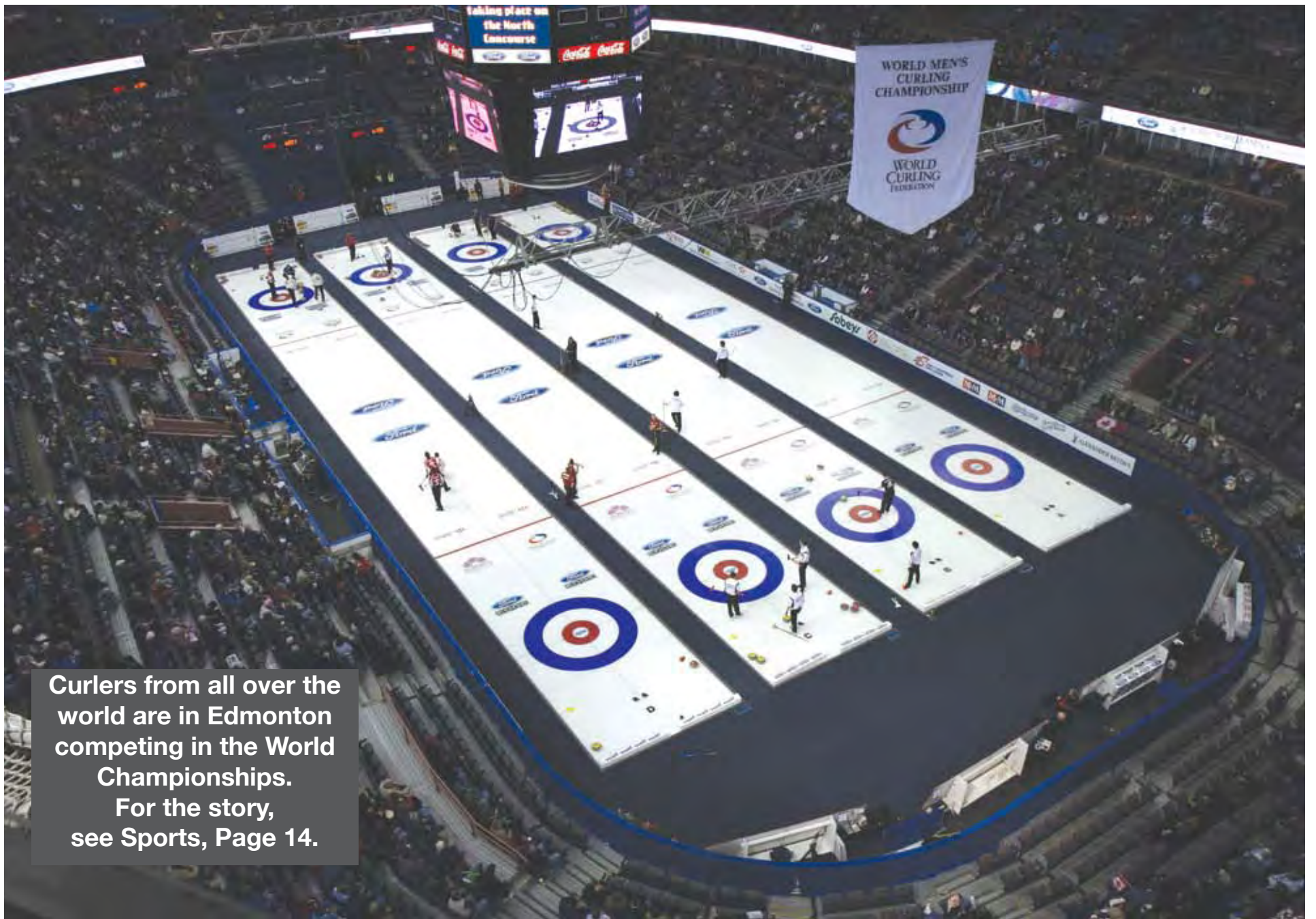
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LABOUR SHORTAGE

NAIT seeking dozens of instructors, **See Page 2**



Curlers from all over the world are in Edmonton competing in the World Championships.
For the story, see Sports, Page 14.

Photo by Peter Gawel

GOING TO SPRING CONVOCATION?
All of the information you need is on Page 13.

THE NEST

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NOTE – The Nest will be closed Friday, April 6 (Good Friday) and will be open Monday, April 9 from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. only. Regular hours will resume April 10.

NEWS & FEATURES

— NAIT short dozens of teachers —

Wanted: Instructors



ERIN MASTRE
Student Issues Editor

Human Resources at NAIT is busy. The office is trying to fill 17 slots for instructors who are available to start teaching in September to the 3,200 students registered in the electrical program.

Alberta's booming economy has created a well-known and well-publicized labour shortage for skilled workers.

Wayne Patterson, Human Resources manager, is all too familiar with the employment situation facing the school. "The electrical program has grown by 69% in the last four years and that includes 20% just this past year," says Patterson.

'Constantly recruiting'

"We have been advertising in the local papers, trade magazines, and the Careers at the NAIT website," he adds. "We are constantly recruiting. In the last three months, we have posted 116 positions campus-wide."

With the abundant work elsewhere comes a fattened paycheck and it makes the decision to trade in cold hands and feet for a warm classroom, but with less money, difficult.

However, working at NAIT does have its benefits, including nine weeks vacation time in the prime summer months, two weeks off at Christmas, and a week off during reading break.

There is also a competitive benefits package.

Patterson describes it as a "flexible and relaxed lifestyle."

Improvising

There has already been some improvising. There are now some night courses offered on campus, allowing existing staff to work extra shifts. Classes last for up to three hours from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

"It's expensive to do that. When any instructor works more than the prescribed hours, they operate on an overload system. This really isn't



Photo by Erin Mastre

Empty classrooms are possible if NAIT cannot continue to recruit instructors from industry during the current boom.

even our busy time. Usually it's from May to July."

If instructors are hired early enough, they attend a three-week training session over the summer called the Becoming a Master Instructor program.

In it, they learn strategies and techniques designed to give them the necessary classroom skills they

will need.

Patterson is not worried – yet.

"We are trying everything we can, from utilizing the career website to referrals.

"We are also changing our marketing strategy to reach out to more people.

"We will most likely fill them all," says Patterson.

NAITSA Employment Opportunity

Do you have a passion for customer service? If you do the NAIT Students' Association is now accepting applications for our full-time Front Desk, Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities for the position include receptionist duties, ticket sales, rental bookings, and opening and closing of the office. Successful candidates will have strong customer service and computer skills, cash handling experience, must be able to multi-task, have good organizational skills, and must be reliable.

Closing Date: Friday, April 20, 2007. Submit cover letter and resume to: Shannon Marshall, HR Manager NAIT Students' Association 11762-106 Street, Suite 4000, Room E-131 Edm AB T5G 3H4 Fax 780 491-3989 or email ShannonM@nait.ca

Youth Emergency Shelter Society run at NAIT



NAIT BAIST students present a **Youth Emergency Shelter (YESS)** run for young kids, teenagers, and children in crisis.

Our mission is to help the YESS organization by informing people about the YESS, and accepting donations to help support the young children, and teenagers in crisis.

We will be handing out information and accepting donations on April 9th, from 11 am to 1pm and April 10th, from 12pm -1pm in the South lobby at NAIT's main campus and the NAITSA office.

The current needs of the YESS are:

- Juice boxes and crystals, & cream soups (cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, etc)
- Boys deodorant, & feminine hygiene products
- Swimsuits (for both girls and boys) & boys' boxers

If you can help the YESS please make a donation on April 9th and 10th, it will be greatly appreciated by the Youth. For more information about the YESS please feel free to visit their website <http://www.yess.org>.

NAIT grad in paradise



STACEY DOUGLAS
Student Editor

Twelve Caribbean islands in 14 days sounds like a dream vacation, but for recent NAIT graduate Krista Turko it was just another day at work. OK, not really.

"When you're filming on some of the world's finest beaches, on islands that are blanketed with emerald green rainforests and surrounded by stunning turquoise water, work becomes quite a pleasure!" admits Turko.

The trip to St. Vincent's and the Grenadines was for a 15-minute promotional video that will detail the country's tourism possibilities as well as give a guide for foreign investments. Turko landed the \$200,000 contract with St. Vincent's after writing proposals to 20 different tourism boards last summer.

Time on a yacht

The business trip at times sounds more like a vacation for Turko and her six-person crew. "Spending three days on our own 46-foot yacht, with a captain and a chef, was probably one of the major highlights of the trip for me," she says.

But it wasn't all pleasure. "The travel time was more significant than we'd expected and we needed to film as much as possible while the sun was still out, so at times, it did become a little bit stressful." However the 46-foot yacht wasn't just about luxury because it helped the crew move between islands more efficiently.

Other challenges

Other challenges included trying to find talent for each location they were filming. "I had to recruit willing vacationers and direct them as to what they should be doing in each specific shot. Language barriers became a bit of an issue for me, as I was dealing with people from all different parts of the globe, so there were a lot of hand gestures and charades that went on."

While the shooting is done, the video won't be ready for about another two months. The film is being processed currently and then the script will be translated into French, German and Spanish. "We have to secure the right voices for narration, select the music, throw in some special effects and edit the

final cut. We're only about half-way complete at this point."

Turko hopes that this project will open up new doors for her. "I'm hoping that the finished project, which will undoubtedly be a great portfolio piece, will help secure more. I have a few different destinations in mind for the next one."

However she's focusing on St. Vincent's project at the moment.

"I have enough on my plate as it is finishing the St. Vincent project, so I won't get serious about pursuing another one for a few months," she said.



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Yachts, sandy beaches and beautiful weather are just some of the perks that recent NAIT grad Krista Turko, left and above, has been enjoying while filming a promotional video for St. Vincent's and the Grenadines.



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Your official NAITSA Volunteer Guide

GIV'ER Program Winners for this year are:

3rd place with 1637 points – EDDT

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1st place with 2691 points – MEC

Thank you to all those techs and students who participated this year!

The Mill Woods Family Resource Centre is now recruiting volunteers to help in the following roles:

Me and my Buddy Program assistant

Program Co-Facilitators

Summer Day Camps assistants

Childcare volunteers

For more information about these roles contact Amanda at 413-4521 ext. 108 or go to www.mwfrc.org

The MS Society of Canada is seeking volunteers to help out with its spring events! Come out and support the RONA MS Bike Tour on June 9 and 10th, MS Carnation Campaign and the Super Cities Walk in St. Albert and Edmonton. If you're interested in volunteering, please call Julie at 440-8756.

The 2007 Western Canada Summer Games hosted by Strathcona County from August 3 - 11 is now recruiting volunteers of all ages to assist with this event. Be a proud VOLUNTEER for sport, transportation, culture, accommodations, facilities, registration and results. You can register online at www.2007westerncanadasummertimegames.ca or call 702-2007 for all the details.



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THE DEADLINE IS
12:00 p.m. on the last school day of the week.

All submissions must be accompanied by your name & student ID number

The opinions expressed by contributors to the Nugget are not necessarily shared by NAIT officials, NAITSA or elected school representatives.

Letters welcome

We want your views

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

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.



Photo by Erin Mastre

Landscape Architecture students answer questions from members of the public at the Home and Garden Show.

Landscape students score big

By ERIN MASTRE

For the past 10 years, the annual Home and Garden Show is an opportunity for NAIT's Landscape Architecture Technology to showcase its program and the capabilities of its students. Second-year students designed and created a display and then built it with first-year students' help.

In January, students began working on their concepts. During strict competition before a panel of judges one design was selected, which best met the show's criteria. This year, the class of 24 worked in groups of three.

\$4,000 budget

With a budget of only \$4,000 and the majority needing to be spent on plant materials, products from suppliers were requested as a donation in return for advertising at the show. Many of the materials were then returned after take-down.

'Moroccan Oasis,' created by Jeff Fenske, Sandi Jahnke and Maria Matheson – after three months of preparation – was built over two long days at the Northlands Agri-Com. The display this year had a rooftop theme.

Besides looking pretty, green roofs are gaining popularity in the real world. They aid in reducing storm water runoff, offset heating and cooling costs for a building and are excellent for providing green space in the urban jungle.

The design incorporated a massive expanse of retaining walls, live plants, a large tent, cushions and other decorations, as well as mas-

sive amounts of mulch. Observers could not help feeling like they were standing in the heart of a garden, walking through the space, and not at a trade show.

"When we first started this it seemed like our designs were more park-related," said Garth Bell, program head of Landscape Architecture. "Over the years, it has really become more focused towards residential design and how to improve one's own backyard."

"This year I didn't know anything about the winning design," Bell added. "It was neat to walk in there and see how everything was coming together."

"This year we were finally able to break through and incorporate some lighting into the display."

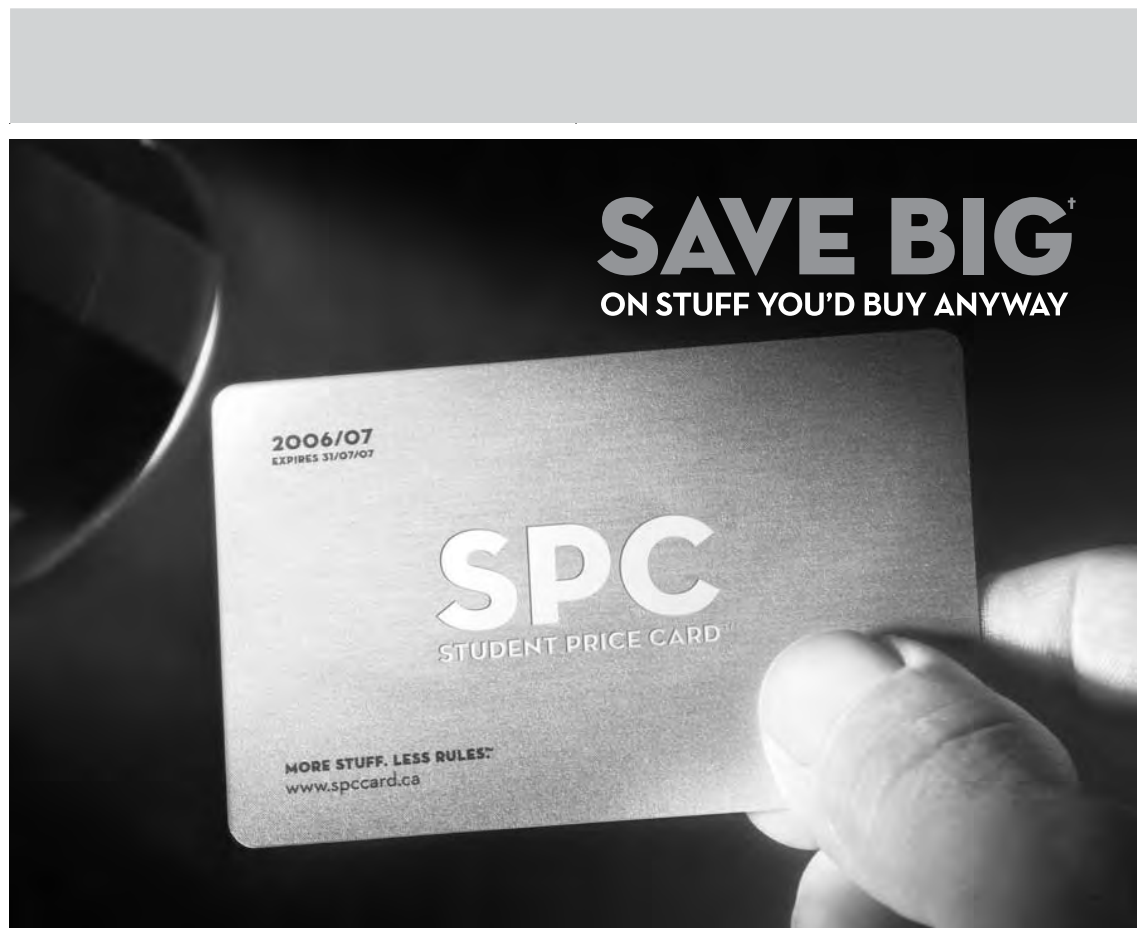
A lot of work

Jahnke and Matheson felt the stress of the demanding project. "It felt really good to win at first," Jahnke started. "Then you realize how much work is involved and how much time it's going to require," followed Matheson.

Together, the three students felt they had put in a total of 200 hours each, from design to completion. The NAIT display covered an 80-foot by 40-foot area and with black screens and landscape lighting. The scene was set at night.

"It was really something watching the design being constructed and seeing how similar it looked to the plan," explained Jahnke.

The NAIT display was featured two weeks ago at the Home and Garden Show and then at the Farm Show, which ended this past weekend.



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Parts for the picking

Stories by ERIN MASTRE

Attention NAIT engineering students and instructors! Are you interested in receiving valuable parts for use in the classroom and school projects? Well, have you heard the name Igus Inc. before?

The Rhode Island-based company is a large producer of plastic components such as continuous-flex cables and i-glide plastic bearings. With three offices in Canada, they are moving north, increasingly into the hands of college and university institutions.

The program is called YES, which stands for Young Engineers Support.

Through it, the company welcomes interest from both instructors and students for use in automated machinery, vehicles, projects and even robotics.

Recipients of the donated goods include universities and colleges, high schools, the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers), and Robotics BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology). The University of Alberta is on this list, as is

the University of British Columbia.

Courtney Toomey has been involved with the program since its inception in March 2005. She is also the lead contact. "We are interested in fostering engineering and seeing it grow," says Toomey. "We want people to see the merits of plastic components."

"By reaching out to students coming into the real world, we are essentially reaching a huge customer base. Our vice-president really wants to foster students to stay in the industry and watch it continue to grow," she adds.

Benefits of plastic components are that they are lightweight and more durable than some might assume. They are used in demanding applications from the agricultural industry to large commercial industries.

"All our bearings are self-lubricating and maintenance free. Some of the older engineers may not be pre-disposed to using a plastic part. By putting the product out there, in the hands of students, they can see for themselves that our products work."



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A sample of the plastics components available from Igus Inc.

If you are a student or an instructor and are interested in receiving free products, Toomey encourages you to check out the YES program on the Igus website at <http://www.igus.com/yesprogram.asp>.

If you know the products you

are interested in, there is a request form available. There is also technical help for design applications. There is a curriculum form available for instructors.

"We will also send a representative to the classroom to provide

an overview of the products and how they can be utilized if people aren't sure how they would use our components."

The YES program provides quality parts and since it's free, it's hard to go wrong.

Want to start a club at NAIT?

For those of you graduating this year I hope you have enjoyed your time here. For those of you sticking around for another year and feel like getting more involved next school year, try looking into campus clubs.

Carrie Creaser, VP Campus Life, has been working extra hard this past year to make clubs more accessible, easier to start and even more fun for you, the student.

"The major changes this year involve our plans for the future," says Creaser. "We have changed the way clubs will interact with NAITSA by forming a clubs centre

at the NAITSA office."

"We will now have a full-time staff member dedicated to clubs and helping them along the year in any way we can," she says. The added attention will make managing the 40 existing clubs easier.

The number of clubs has not changed much over the last year, but NAITSA is hoping that will change next year. Starting a new club is easier than ever before.

"A major challenge with clubs is student participation. Students here at NAIT are extremely busy with school and it is hard for them to par-

ticipate outside of the classroom."

Creaser says that many of the campus clubs are technology-driven. For special-interest clubs however, if anyone is interested they can head down to the NAITSA office to see what is available.

"If there is not a club that someone is interested in, they can start one themselves. And we encourage that! NAITSA will help finance and support any new club that wants to get up and running."

To start a club, ask for Carrie Creaser or Rita Cain at the NAITSA office. In September, a full-time

staff member will be available.

"With a little paperwork and financial assistance granted by NAITSA, the hard stuff is out of the way. We will take care of the rest!" Creaser said.

If anyone is interested in starting a club for next year, please contact Creaser or Cain at either carriec@nait.ca or ritac@nait.ca for any assistance. They will be more than happy to help.

Stop the spread of syphilis

Alberta is facing an outbreak of infectious syphilis.

Over 200 cases of infectious syphilis were identified throughout the province last year; a 40% increase from the previous year.

Anyone who is having unprotected sex, outside of an exclusive, single partner relationship, can contract syphilis. People of all ages face the risk.

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection that can cause serious health consequences. It can be detected with a simple blood test and is treated with antibiotics.

What you can do to prevent the spread of syphilis:

- Practice safer sex with the use of a condom.
- If you think you may have been exposed to syphilis, talk to a health professional about having a syphilis blood test.
- For more information, call the STI/HIV line at: 1 (800) 772 2437.



For more information, visit:
www.health.gov.ab.ca

We want to know ?

Have you landed a cool summer job at an international destination?

Are you volunteering your time over the summer to help those less fortunate in another country - like volunteering at an African orphanage or building homes in a country that has been ravaged by a natural disaster?

If you are doing something extraordinary this summer - NAIT would love to brag about you and your adventure via the media.

If you have a great story to tell about your upcoming summer plans, please contact NAIT Media Relations at raquelm@nait.ca or raynek@nait.ca

Alberta

OPINION

— Editorial —

Nugget staffers say a big thanks!

That's all we wrote!

You are reading the last issue of the Nugget for the 2006/2007 school year.

We hope you have enjoyed the previous 23 issues because we've enjoyed creating them for you.

From interesting students and staff to ACAC championships and previews of gigs around town, we have tried to inform and entertain you each week.

Hopefully we've connected you to your school a little bit more.

We need to thank everyone who submitted articles, photos, comics or sent us a Grapevine.

If you're returning in September and would like to continue contributing make sure to keep your eyes out for when the first meetings are taking place.

Most of the editors next year will not be returning, but if you have any suggestions on how to make the paper better we will pass the message along to next year's crew.

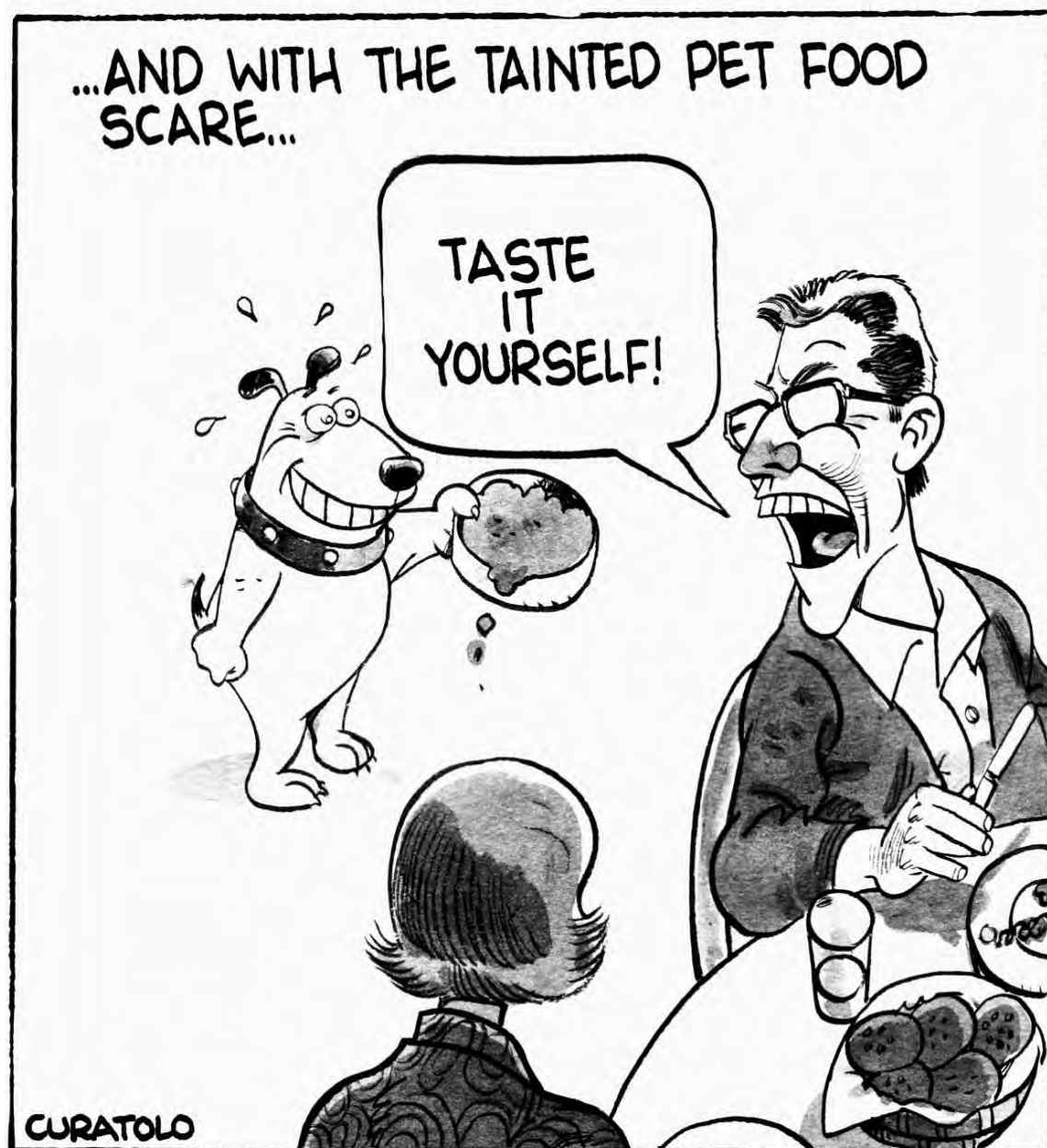
Send us an e-mail at studenteditor@nait.ca or stop by the office at the main campus if we're around.

We'll be looking for a whole crop of new writers, editors and photographers next year, so contact us that the above e-mail address with any of your writing samples, photos or sample cartoons.

Some of your favourite features will be back this fall, including Hot Single of the Week, Ask the Sex Doc, the astrology column, Mouthing Off and a few comics, including the ever-popular Horsedog.

The Nugget team wants to wish you good luck in the next few weeks left of class.

Hopefully you're able to finish your projects and finals with no problems.



— Letter to the editor —

Controversy dogs Hunter

Let me get this straight, Dog the Bounty Hunter is a role model? You cannot be serious. That white trash rube with the reality show? This is the family that belittles and mocks nearly everyone they arrest.

There is nothing dignified in how they operate and to think some people actually want to get behind a so-called law man who allegedly doesn't respect the laws of

other countries is absurd. You need to turn off the TV and read up on what a role model really is. There are ample examples, you just aren't getting fed them through your TV. So you're probably not likely to drag your ass down to a local gym to watch their fanny packing, huge-hair sideshow.

I guess who you admire says more about your character than

them. See, there will always be morons and pseudo-celebrities but I guess I have more hope people won't idolize them. All the while, the people who should get our support go unnoticed.

Daniel Huber

P.S. Really though, front page, does the Nugget really have nothing else to write about?



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— Raves and rants —

This is for the good times!



SHANT CHAKMAKIAN

Well, it's already the end of the year and here we are with the last issue of The Nugget.

It's been a great year here at NAIT and I hope each and every one of you got the best out of it. If you didn't and are returning, ensure you get the best out of it next year.

One thing I learned after I first came here is that it's a waste to only expect to grow one's knowledge in school.

Your social life, experiences and great times have to grow in proportion to your learning and that's why student life is important.

Apart from what we are born with, we are the sum of our experiences magnified by our own character.

We look to our instructors to help us become professionals in our respective fields. We need to remember to look to our student association to help us enrich our lives.

Fortunately, I have had that

experience, and believe that you should, too, because it is well worth it.

In retrospect, this year was most intense. Starting with an expanded Ookfest and an awesome Shinerama, we all kicked it off in great NAITSA style.

The events only got better, as did the people who attended them, and this community grew as a result.

From the birth of the Chinese Student Association and the Ookettes Dance Team to the continuation of many traditional technology clubs, there was plenty of action for all.

Next year will be even better. Not only do the events and homework loads grow but so will this community and the calibre of people within it.

I would like to thank each and every person within these walls for the great times. I look forward to coming back next year as we build more memories.

I look forward to seeing those who will be coming back next year. To those of you graduating, I wish you a fruitful path in your career filled with prosperity, longevity, and a life of glory and achievement.

I wish you all good luck in your final exams.

Have an amazing summer so you can recharge your batteries and 'git 'er dun' next year as we raise the bar on our time here at NAIT!

Student Parking September 2007

Are you going to be returning to NAIT next September and need a place to park your vehicle?

Don't miss this opportunity!

The Parking Office will start taking applications on April 2.

Applications are available at Parking Services, Room O112.

Any questions: phone 471-7539

EDITORS WANTED

NAIT's weekly student newspaper, The Nugget, is seeking a Student Editor and section editors for sports, entertainment and student issues for the 2007/2008 school year.

Working under the guidance of the Nugget's Editorial Adviser, Kerry Diotte, the editors will write stories and assign stories and photos to other student journalists. The student editor will work directly under the editorial adviser and will be responsible for producing a weekly sked as well as an editorial (opinion piece) each week.

The ideal candidates should be enthusiastic, have knowledge of the sections they are applying for and have solid writing and editing skills.

These are paid positions open to full-time and part-time NAIT students.

Apply now or over the summer with a brief cover letter, a resume and writing samples, if available.

You may apply via e-mail at kdiotte@shaw.ca, or by sending a resume to:

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KERRY DIOTTE
Editorial Adviser

This is the last Nugget newspaper of the year and we're on the hunt for some fresh talent.

That's right. We're looking for people who want to write for the Nugget next year and for students who can take good, interesting photos.

We're also looking for a student editor, student issues editor, sports editor and entertainment editor.

These are monthly paid positions. You won't get rich but a few hundred dollars a month is kind of nice, right?

If you want to be a regular contributor to the Nugget you don't have to be a great writer right now.

As editorial adviser for the Nugget, that's a big part of my job – teaching you about newspaper writing, journalism and photography.

What you need is enthusiasm, a curious mind and a desire to talk to interesting people.

Do you like music? We're looking for people to review just-released CDs. You'll get paid a little something for the reviews and get to keep the CDs to boot. How cool is that?

Maybe you're into live concerts. We need people to check those out – everything from major Rexall shows to gigs at small clubs. You'll get a press pass to get in and have 250 words to tell us why you loved or hated the show. Oh yeah, you get paid for the review too.

I got my start in the biz by writing for a student paper just like this one.

Maybe you've always wanted to talk to members of your favourite band. We can arrange your phone interviews for that too. We want stories about campus life at NAIT as well. It could be everything from feature stories about the latest high-tech course to a student's work in a foreign mission.

Maybe sports is more your thing.

We need writers and photographers to cover NAIT athletics, catch a Rush lacrosse game, check out the Esks, sound off on the Oilers. You name it. They don't call it the wide world of sports for nothing. You could find yourself wearing a

press pass and checking out a ton of events then spinning off a story or submitting some hot photos.

If you've got any desire to one day be in the media, this is the ideal place to start.

We'll help teach you to write and shoot like a pro and you'll soon have a huge file of published material with your byline or photo credit on it.

You'll be getting noticed by thousands of your fellow students since we serve all NAIT campuses, and, last we checked that's a potential audience of more than 60,000 readers.

My full-time job is writing an opinion column for the Edmonton Sun.

In my career in TV, radio, magazines and newspapers I've been lucky enough to have interviewed thousands of intriguing people – everyone from rock stars to prime ministers.

I've spent time on four continents and been sent around the world to cover a wealth of events.

It's been quite a ride and I wouldn't change this career for any other.

And here's the kicker.

I got my start in the biz by writing for a student paper just like this one.

I learned a hell of a lot doing that – and it gave me the published stories that helped me get my first full-time job in journalism.


If this intrigues you, I'd like to hear from you.


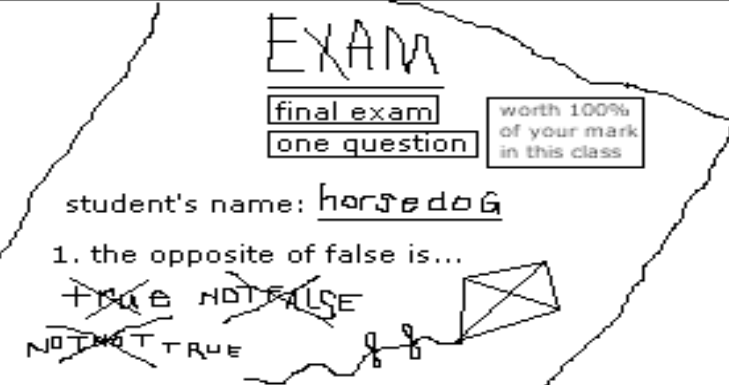
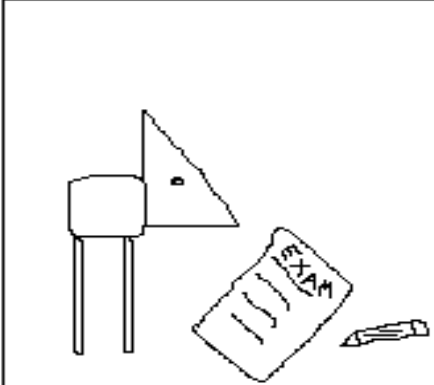
Send me a few samples of anything you've written along with a brief resume of any work history, skills, hobbies, education etc. and send it to: kdiotte@shaw.ca

If you'd like to chat about opportunities at the Nugget for next fall, feel free to call me anytime at 780-468-0284.

I'd love to hear from you.

NUGGET COMICS

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i can't believe a drawing of a kite was the right answer.

EXAM 100%

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ONE YEAR LATER

HAHAHA! JUST CLASSIC!

CANT WAIT TO MEET YOU

OH HI! DIDN'T SEE YOU COME IN THERE!

ACCEPT WHO YOU NEEDS ALL TO MAKE

I PLAY RAINBOWCAT IN THE RAINBOWCAT COMIC! I WAS JUST TAKING A LOOK THROUGH SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE YEAR

WE SHARED A GREAT LAUGH.

BUT THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TOPIC: CERVICAL CANCER. PLEASE, HAVE YOURSELF CHECKED BY A DOCTOR.

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BRENTERTAINMENT



Risky R&R

The best secret ingredient for sandwiches are Jalapenos hands down

If Jalapenos were King Kong, then King Kong aint got shit on my secret ingredient

What's your secret ingredient?

Unicorn Giggles

Fuck.....can I have a bit?

No

Bartek Jancelewicz

Astral Reflections



By TIM STEPHENS

APRIL 8 – 14, 2007

Aries March 21-April 19

Sunday shows you, subtly and deep down, what you really believe, and who you really love – or definitely don't. Monday brings terrific luck in legal, educational, far-travel, publishing, media and cultural zones, especially if you take an ambitious approach – but Monday/Tuesday also erect barriers in governmental, administration, spiritual, bureaucratic and "spa" areas – so aim your efforts carefully. (E.g., your travel tickets come, but your passport might not.) Happiness, popularity and hope bless you, Wednesday/Thursday! Rest, retreat Friday/Saturday. Secrets end, open communications begin, nice friends come, mid-week to late April!

Taurus April 20-May 20

Pamper your health and retreat from people's attention. You need to contemplate. You might be taking a big step this year, into financial, childbirth, mortgage, sexual, research, health or similar scary, happy things. These steps will benefit and mature you – still, you should be comfortable with what you're doing. Luck here makes a naive dream die. Use this "down time" for seeing, planning. In the few weeks ahead, secrets, mysteries and gossip come to you; and your money picture improves. Enemies, civil servants and advisers befriend you, through Mid-May.)

Gemini May 21-June 20

You're happy, popular and social! A flirtation could trigger happy consequences, especially if you meet someone Sunday or Wednesday through next week. (Monday/Tuesday's person could turn out to be "an adventure in lust" but a poor candidate for life mating.) This year, you're likely to: a) marry or make a major change in your biggest relationship, or; b) relocate; c) sign a life-changing or bank-account boosting contract, or; d) feel a big boost in public dealings (even fame). These get a lucky boost Monday/Tuesday, but a career aim fails.

Cancer June 21-July 22

Avoid lust, ethical shortcuts. Remain ambitious, contact higher-

ups and initiate projects. (But avoid new starts on the "implementation" side – e.g., automation, hiring employees, doing "hands-on" work – in these areas, you have already started enough to busy you for months.) From mid-week through April, you'll be talking more with VIPs, parents and bosses. Now to May 7, civil servants will favour you and your proposals. (So apply for government funding, permission, etc.) This nice trend might force you to choose between two "duties" or two loyalties around May 4 to 7.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Your wisdom and mellowness are showing. You face an excellent two weeks for far travel, legal affairs, cultural events, religion and higher learning (e.g., college) – and for love, creativity and speculation, especially Sunday/Monday. Take a risk to improve your life – love, for example, is a big risk! But avoid the "gamble" of investment, lust, etc., the same two days – and Friday/Saturday. Do what's pleasurable, avoid what's deep, dark, power oriented. Midweek through May 7, your popularity will rise, affectionate friends gather 'round! Exciting meetings occur Wednesday/Thursday. Be light, diplomatic, eager.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Everything deep, dark and mysterious, consequential and life changing stands before you now and next week. Make those changes, welcome consequence, dive in and grasp life's vibrant heart! Sunday's thoughtful – you see how things lie. Domestic, real estate, security and retirement themes are very lucky Sunday/Monday. But your path to luck might contain a relationship disagreement, breakoff or competition. Still, you'll feel invigorated, alive, romantic! A "showdown" could occur by Friday/Saturday. Listen, find common ground. Bosses, parents favour you through May 7 – propose, ask! You'll discover data, secrets soon.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Relationships, opportunities and opposition confront you this week and next. Be open, listen and seek common ground. Your conversational talents soar to their peak this year – use this (or cheerful e-mails, etc.) to solve disagreements, seek allies – to make love! But all 2007, also, make lists, get organized – you're doing a lot of running around with little result. Travel's lucky all year (especially Sunday) but restlessness could interfere with your job standing – watch this Monday/Tuesday and Friday/Saturday. Romance, beauty arrive Wednes-

day/Thursday. Some Librans will bond soon and marry later!

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Dive into work – keep a steady, unruffled pace. All's well, there's nothing untoward or urgent. Your efforts, this year, will pay off in solid money rewards. Money's lucky Sunday/Monday – shop, buy/sell, seek a pay raise, etc. – but, through Tuesday, avoid speculative investments, debts incurred for pleasure (e.g., a vacation loan) and don't mix money and love (especially with irresponsible youngsters – it's not fair to them). Wednesday reverses this advice, through early May – investments, finances grow lucrative and lucky! (The same period favours lust, intimacy, healing and pregnancy.) "Work news" soon!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Romance, speculation, pleasure, love, charming children, beauty, sports – life is good! Soak up all the pleasure you can – this is rejuvenating, a long cool drink after the desert of alienation you've felt for the last decade – and it signals a broadening, lightening life to come, from 2008 onward for many decades, no matter what your sta-

tion in life! (Lightening = less weight on your shoulders.) Midweek to May 7, relationships grow affectionate, others treat you with a willing receptivity. Also midweek, two weeks of romantic talk/travel start. A Gemini's involved!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Plug along on domestic, real estate, security, gardening/agri and retirement fronts. Despite Sunday's weariness, Sunday/Monday offer great luck in all these areas (e.g., real estate). Your energy and clout rise Monday/Tuesday. Still, Sunday to Tuesday runs into a communications or travel glitch – or you could be subject to gossip, or be unable to obtain the data you need. Listen, don't depend on data: march ahead on your instincts Monday daytime. Your money luck is mostly good Wednesday/Thursday. Midweek through May 7 boosts your "job happiness" – and health.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Money starts flowing, to mid-May – but be careful, bank it, don't spend. Midweek triggers a romantic streak, through May 7 – you might notice someone studying you Wednesday/Thursday, or perhaps you'll see you're bolder,

more forward, and this captures someone's eye. The restlessness, travel itch and communications flurries continue – and intensify – through April. Make lists, especially of errands – try not to scatter your efforts. A wish, particularly a social one, could come true Sunday/Monday. But you'll be tired Monday/Tuesday, so take life easy. A "Gemini" romantic wish might be squelched.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Continue to chase money, buy/sell, seek a pay raise or lucrative clients, etc. You'll soon be making and receiving money messages, be rushing out on money errands, etc. – the paced quickens! Your determination, courage and sexual magnetism grow now to mid-May. Your home becomes a sweet, affectionate place, to May 7. This whole year transforms your career, your position in the world – almost certainly for the better. One of the many streaks of career/status luck comes Sunday/Monday. Be ambitious, determined Sunday; friendly Monday. But reject a partnership proposal.

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ARTS & CULTURE

— Local hip-hop producer —

Nathan's got a new disk



BRENT CONSTANTIN
Entertainment Editor

With credits on over 25 albums already, local hip-hop producer, and NAIT student Nathan Down (AKA DJ Nato) releases a new disk this summer.

Intelligent Design, aimed to be distributed in June independently, is a joint venture from Nato and long-time collaborator Touch. I chatted with Nato about his past success, this new album, and the hip-hop scene in Edmonton.

With a music teacher for a mom, Nato started off in the industry at a young age before finding rap music as a result of his brother.

"When I was younger I copied whatever my brother did," Down says, "so when he got into hip-hop I stole all of his tapes and listened to them. Then he got a turntable and drum machine, so I would practise on

those all the time, and (before long) I was pretty good at it."

Nato's been DJ-ing for more than 10 years now, but it wasn't until 2001 when he met up with Alberta rapper Shortop that he seriously got into production. "Shortop was from my hometown of Devon," he says. "At the time he was out in Vancouver making a name for himself in the industry, and I had the opportunity to work with him."

Now a familiar face on the Edmonton scene, Nathan says that the fact that he's as well known as he is speaks leagues about the intimacy of the hip-hop culture of the capital. "I'd say that as far as producers go here in Alberta you can't get much more renowned than I am and I'm not doing any kind of shit at all, really."

"Local artists really have a steep hill to climb in their hometowns. You can look at guys like (Polaris award nominee) Cadence Weapon. He can fill a music conference in Texas, but sometimes finds little support here in Edmonton."

"When you're local talent, most people in your area don't really feel like they have to support you and they treat you like you're just some guy that they know. The Internet is definitely a great way to get your stuff out to a wider audience."

But Down says that the Internet isn't all great, "At this point the net is so oversaturated with people that it almost works against you. Now

everyone can just download some beat-making software and put their stuff up.

"It's getting so it's tough for people to differentiate between an actual artist and some idiot on a site like Myspace, so they just lump them all together as crap."

But, of course, what you can do to navigate through the online sea of mediocrity is buy the Touch And Nato album when it comes out this June! With Intelligent Design already being called one of the most anticipated hip-hop albums from the Prairies ever, Down realizes that he has some expectations to live up to, but isn't afraid of the pressure.

"All we've ever done is work on a disc that represents who we are," Down says. "I'm not a gangster."

I'm a 135-pound white man from Devon."

Down likes to think that Intelligent Design will be a benchmark for albums coming out of the city in the future. "Touch has been around for a long time," Down says in regards to his collaborator.

"Together, we've worked with pretty much everyone in the Alberta hip-hop scene. So when people start saying that this is one of the biggest Alberta hip-hop releases in the last 10 years it feels kind of surreal."

"But," Down adds, reflecting on the reality of Alberta hip-hop, "I'm still waiting for my government grant to come through. So cross your fingers!"

Find Nato on myspace at www.myspace.com/djnato



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Nathan Down



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Bands for a cause

By JULIE PHILLIPS

On Wednesday, April 11, four local bands will rock the Nest for what organizers are calling "the biggest party since Ookfest." This charity event was developed by a group of NAIT Radio students as a promotion for NR92, NAIT's campus radio station. All of the proceeds from the raffle at Ookstock will support the Edmonton Downtown YMCA, but the concert itself is free.

Kier White, one of the organizers, describes NR92 as "the station for the students run by the students, supporting student rock, local rock, new artists ..."

White hopes the event will "put some spotlights on some local artists, get NR92's name out there and help a good cause."

With just a few weeks left in the semester, White believes Wednesday is perfect timing for Ookstock. "It's basically the last week where you can really justify partying,"

says White, "... because after that, you've got to start buckling down, you've got to study for your exams. So really it's one last kick at the party can at NAIT."

Dragon FX gift certificates, a raffle, Ookstock T-shirts, live music, drink specials, no cover and it's all on campus. White hopes all NAIT students will unite in the name of rock, and come out to support this great cause.

Don't miss Ookstock! For more information, check out www.myspace.com/ookstock or go to www.nr92.com and click on contests.

"I think it's going to be a pretty kick-ass time. I mean it's local artists. Everyone likes good music ... stuff they haven't heard before because it's not boring yet ... It's going to be a killer night."

Ookstock Rock for the Homeless at the NEST, will feature local bands Mockteerah, Strictnine, Minority Music and All Else Fails. First band starts around 7:30 p.m.



— Performance previews —

Some happenin' summer shows



ROCK'N RODGERS

Hello, NAIT. I'm third-semester radio student Mark Rodgers. I love going to live shows and if there was a choice between eating and a ticket then I'd go hungry.

As you depart from school, you may think about a lot of things, like where am I going to work? I'm mostly thinking, will I get time off? No matter what I do, I plan everything around what festival I want to go to.

For the festival lovers there are plenty of choices, but if you're new to the festival scene, then keep reading and I'll sketch out a few of the highlights.

What: North Country Fair
When: Friday, June 22 – Sunday, June 24
Where: Driftpile, Alberta
How Much: Advance: Adult

\$80, Youth \$50; At the gate: Adult \$100, Youth \$50

Why or Why Not: Many call it Hippie Fest, but I call it the most important four days of the year. This could be the best festival for the underground music lover, but it is also a good time if you don't even make one of the stages. This summer it will be the 29th edition of the North Country Fair.

It's the best party for the best price. Pay for your weekend pass and stay as long as you want. It's during the longest days of the year, so the sun is up until about one in the morning. Perhaps the best part is that some of the gigs don't start until after that. Overall, it's the best festival in Alberta because it's not too big but still has legitimate performers.

What: Big Valley Jamboree
When: Thursday, Aug. 2 – Sunday, Aug. 5
Where: Camrose Exhibition Center
How Much: Thursday Kick-Off - \$25 must be 18, three-day pass \$165, single-day pass \$75

Why or Why Not? Party people

in the house! That phrase is as '90s as Garth Brooks, but unlike Garth Brooks, the '90s didn't turn into Chris Gains. Country is alive and well today and the Big Valley Jamboree is one of the most solid festivals of the summer. With only a few artists confirmed, including Carrie Underwood and Dierks Bentley, this gig is a huge party for country fans. If you have the time, the money, and don't mind large crowds, this show is for you.

What: Edmonton Folk Music Festival
When: Thursday, Aug. 9 until Sunday, Aug. 12
Where: Gallagher Park, Edmonton
How Much: Four-day adult pass \$140, Four-day youth pass \$60; per night \$45

Why or Why Not? Growing up in Edmonton means an annual tradition is to take in the Folk Fest. This festival is good for those who like the music, and for those who like to drink while listening to music. A little tamer because it's in the city, the Folk Fest is always a good place for families to go and expand their musical inter-



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Dierks Bentley has confirmed he'll appear at the Big Valley Jamboree in August.

ests. From Blackie and the Rodeo Kings to Marty Stuart, most music tastes should be taken care of. Being able to pick the night you

want to go and only having to travel to the river valley makes the Folk Music Festival good for the first timer.

CSI: How did they do that?



Jon Wellner
Researcher extraordinaire

By STACEY DOUGLAS

More than 150 people packed NAIT's Shaw Theatre this past Saturday while Jon Wellner and David Berman divulged interesting tidbits about the show CSI.

The two are both researchers and actors on the show and play an important part in the creation of an episode, which can take two to three months from the first idea to the show airing.

As researchers on the original CSI, which is set in Las Vegas, they find answers to the writer's questions. In one example they needed to figure out how large the pile of ice a zamboni drops, which happens to be about five feet by five feet by three-feet deep. However, reality wasn't sexy enough for the show, so they increased the pile to nine feet by nine feet by five-feet deep.

Then Wellner and Berman needed to figure out how long a pile of ice like that would take to melt in Las Vegas with different variables. By contacting a physicist and chemist, the show could then write it into the script. All of this was done so that Grissom and Sara were able to predict when they

would find a victim's tooth in a pile of zamboni ice.

The two kept the audience's attention for about an hour playing off of each other easily. While Berman told how he researched tampering with water bottles to poison people, Wellner took a big gulp from his and the audience roared.

Berman started as CSI's researcher in 2000 with the show's inception, but he was able to work his way in front of the cameras as well. He plays David Phillips the geeky assistant coroner. "I'm an actor first and research, like many other jobs, has been to support my acting habit," admits Berman.

"I love the research. If I can't be acting, there's nothing else I'd rather do."

Wellner began working on the show in 2004 to help Berman out with his research, but he too was able to land an acting gig inside the CSI lab as toxicologist Henry Andrews. "David and I felt that we could offer the public some interesting information about CSI because we're both researchers and actors on the show," explains Wellner. "So we can show the audience the way CSI works from two separate angles."

The audience had a lot to say as well. When the two spoke about working with the other actors like William Petersen, who plays Gil Grissom, and his photo appeared on screen you could hear a loud 'I love him' from a lady in the first few rows of the Shaw.

Interaction between the audience, Berman, and Wellner was furthered by the trivia show the two had among three contestants. At times it seemed like the entire audience was bursting with the answer, but they were unable to help out the three in the hot seat at the front.

A question-and-answer period uncovered the truly hardcore fans of the show. One member argued that Catherine Willows (Marg Helgenberger) was born and raised in Las Vegas, but he was quickly corrected by an audience member who informed everyone that in fact she was born in Montana. Afterwards, Berman and Wellner both had lineups for autographs at the front of the theatre.

CSI: A behind the scenes tour with David Berman and John Wellner, is part of the NAITSA Speaker Series, which began with Ken Davitain from Borat, and ends with Dog the Bounty Hunter April 12.

A good time with Miguel



ROBIN J. EGERTON

With equal parts funk and soul, San Francisco's Miguel Migs mixes up a blend that will scintillate the senses. The widely acclaimed king of soulful house drops into the Bank tonight for a special performance on the heels of his newest album *Those Things*.

Miguel's hallmark and highly revered brand of house music is the result of his love of a broad span of genres, including reggae, classic rock, jazz, and hip-hop. Miguel's

sound comes from the heart. He writes his own lyrics, plays his own instruments and produces his own tracks.

On *Those Things*, released March 20, Migs incorporates trumpets, congas, saxophone, guitar and bass, along with a diverse array of guest vocalists to achieve that organic, coastal house sound which screams of sun, sand, surf and sensuality. Migs' sound speaks to your soul and brings you to the beach.

The origin of Migs' sound stems from his musical exposure at an early age. Three years before being legally able to drink, Miguel was already hard at work as the songwriter and lead guitarist for a Santa Cruz, California band called Zion Sounds. Their African and Jamaican rhythms earned them gigs with internationally recognized reg-



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San Francisco's Miguel Migs is set for a one-night only performance at the Bank.

gae outfits like Culture and Burning Spear. When Zion Sound split up in the mid-'90s Migs decided to focus his creative energy on experimenting with electronic music production.

"I was instantly hooked on the sounds of house music the first time I heard it," explains Migs. "I got a beautiful feeling from the music, a very positive inspiration."

Migs has since worked with

Britney Spears, Lionel Richie and Macy Gray to produce remixes of their songs. He sees the value in producing music that won't only pack a dance floor, but can be listened to at home, in the car, in the background, on a beach, anywhere, anytime. In fact, his beats have been featured on TV shows like *Six Feet Under*, *Sex in the City*, MTV's *Real World* and *Road Rules*.

His appearance here comes

a mere six days after his official release party at the DNA Lounge in his home base of San Francisco, and is part of a tour that includes stops in London, Ibiza, Portugal and Dubai.

His only other Canadian gig on this tour is in Toronto, so be a part of Edmonton's nu soul infusion as Miguel Migs kicks off Easter weekend, Thursday April 5th, at the Bank – 10765 – Jasper Ave.

Doors open at 8pm, tickets \$20.

Feeding frenzy for wrestling



KELLEN NITRO

This Saturday night will be one to be remembered by every independent wrestling fan in the great city of Edmonton. Not since the glory days of Stampede wrestling (back in the early '80s) has so much wrestling action taken place in one night in the city of champions.

First off, PWA (Prairie Wrestling Alliance) presents *Apocalypse*. The main event for this card is a much-awaited bout between PWA champ Phoenix Taylor, and the challenger, from Stampede wrestling in Calgary, *Apocalypse*. The match will determine the champion going into the Mega Card Mayhem event on May 26, which features Former WWF Intercontinental Champion and Attitude-era regular Goldust, TNA's monster Samoa Joe, the return of TNA's Hot Shot Johnny Devine and, for the first time in nearly 20 years, Abdullah the Freaking Butcher!

But, back to April 7 for a moment. Other matches on this card

include Dusty Adonis vs. Marky Mark for Mark's PWA Cruiserweight championship. The 400-pound monster Juggernaut, takes on all three members of the Polite Police in a hardcore three-on-one handicap match.

All in all, it looks like it'll be a great show, and it's right on campus!

Tickets: \$13 advance, \$15 at the door. Call (780) 982-4327 for advance tickets. Bell time is at 7:45 p.m. at NAIT's Main Gym. Check out www.pwawrestling.ca for more.

On the MPW (Monster Pro Wrestling) side of things, April 7 is a huge show at the Kingsway Heritage Hangars, right across from NAIT. MPW Regeneration promises

to be a landmark night in MPW history and with the TV cameras rolling you can be sure that the action will be nonstop.

In the Main Event, The MPW Heavyweight Champion Massive Damage will defend his title in a three-way match against longtime rivals Synn, All American Steve Rivers & the Final Chapter. This clash of veterans and young guns promises to be epic.

Shane O'Ryan will challenge the brand new MPW Jr. Heavyweight Champion Heavy Metal for his title that same night.

Also, by order of Yukon Jack (yes, Yukon from the Bear serves as the MPW commish) the Broth-

er's in flight will explode. Kamikaze will take on his former partner Eclipse in a number one contender match for the MPW Junior Heavyweight Title.

The MPW show begins at 7:30 p.m. at The Hangars (11410 on Kingsway Avenue) on April 7. You can get your tickets at Big Daddy's Tattoos on 97 Street or by calling (780) 471-0775.

Kellen Nitro's wrestling show Nitroholic's Anonymous w/ Kellen Nitro! can be heard Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. on nr92.com.

– At the movies –

Are we done yet? Let us hope so!

By ALISTAIR WILKINSON

What is there to say about Sony Pictures' latest family film, *Are We Done Yet?* For one thing, it's not as bad as one might expect, provided one expects the worst.

A sequel to 2005's box office flop, *Are We There Yet?*, this follow-up film promises to perform just as poorly in financial terms, and deservedly so. But, despite *Are We Done Yet?*'s obvious failings, it's better than a lot of family films – at least better than other family films

starring former NWA members. Ice Cube's talents as a rapper are not in question, but his ability to use one facial expression for every emotion is, perhaps, his greatest acting skill.

Reprising his role as Nick Persons, a scowling would-be father figure with a heart of gold, Ice Cube is accompanied by his cast-mates from *Are We There Yet?* to no great effect. Nia Long, as wife Suzanne, offers up a restricted performance, making the best of a poor script and stilted dialogue. While the two Persons kids, Lindsay (Aleisha Allen)

and Kevin (Philip Bolden), are well-played, as characters they're more annoying than cute. John C. McGinley (of "Scrubs" fame) is enjoyably bizarre as the Persons multi-faceted contractor but a little too saccharine.

Are We Done Yet? isn't all bad. Although the film drags most of the way through, there are a few laughs, but perhaps not enough to justify an expensive theatre viewing. At best, *Are We Done Yet?* is a renter.



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SPORTS

World curling rocks E-town



ANDREW DUNAJ
Sports Editor

The World Curling Championship's are well underway and what a party, with crowd favourites already making their way to the forefront. Teams like Canada, Norway, and Korea are the groups getting the most cheers from the crowds.

Norway's Thomas Ulsrud talked about his team's play so far: "We knew we could compete, we always knew we could represent our country with pride," said Ulsrud.

"We were a little lucky against Switzerland (winning 7-6 in an extra end earlier in the day), but sometimes you have to be. We succeeded in putting pressure on Australia all the way," he said.

Team Germany remains one of the biggest surprises in the tournament. "The ice is consistent," said

Germany's third Uli Kapp. "You can rely on it and that gives us more confidence," Kapp added. "We always play well here."

The skip for Team Canada, Glenn Howard, says he can't complain about what has been happening so far with his Ontario rink. "To be honest, I'm a little surprised that we're as sharp as we are," said Howard.

Even if you're not a curling fan, you should still make your way down to Rexall Place for the great partying going down at the Patch. Drinking starts about an hour before the first draw of each day. Basically people can start drinking around 8 a.m. every day and get inside to enjoy the raw curling action.

Even non-team members are getting involved with the action. the Ferbey Four shaved their heads over the weekend for a good cause and received the biggest roar from the fans on Sunday night.

The finals are going down this weekend at Rexall Place, so even if you can't get a ticket into the event, go party with the rest of the curling lovers at Northlands AgriCom.

This is, after all, a world event in our city.

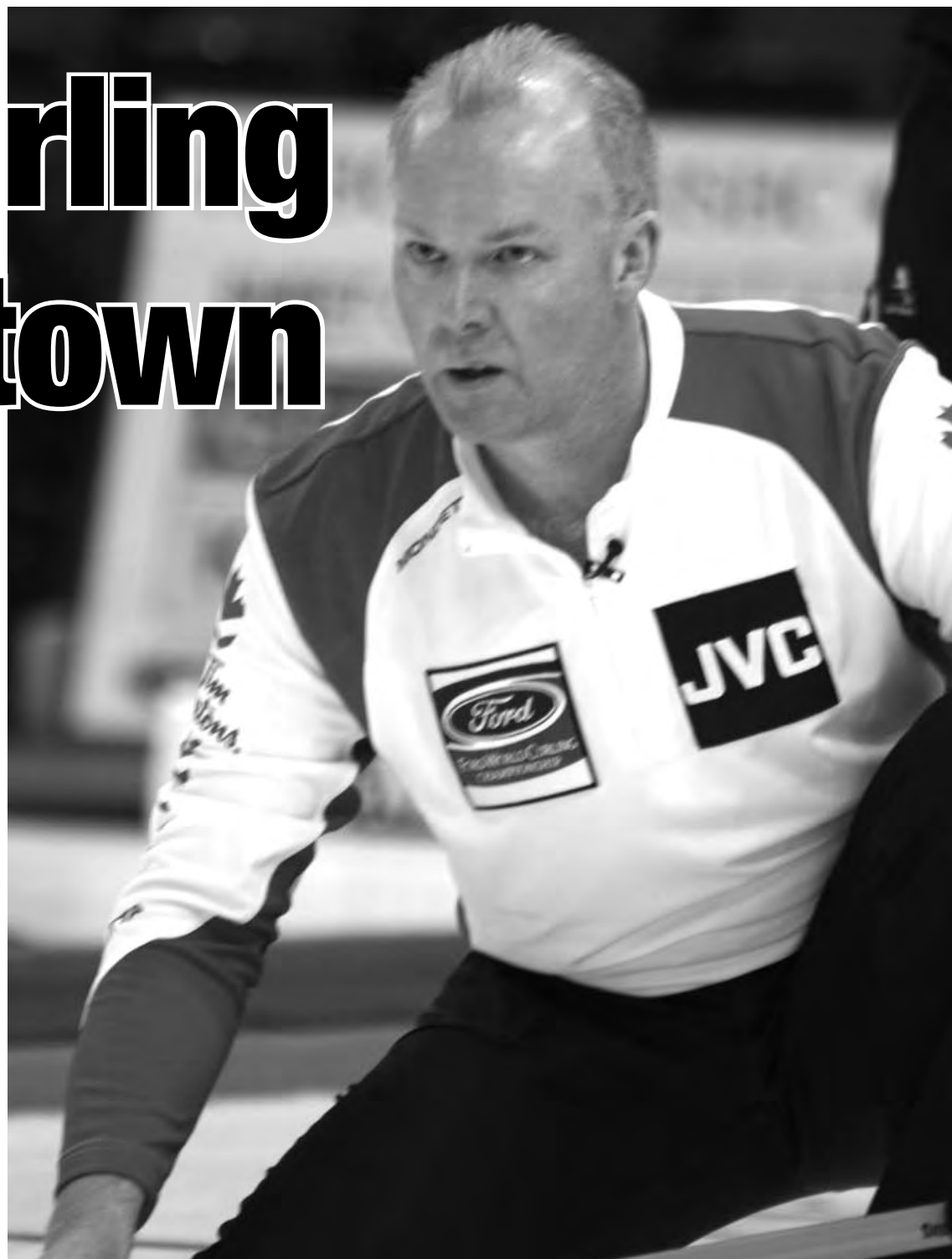


Photo by Peter Gawel

Team Canada skip Glenn Howard is all concentration before a shot this week at the world championships at Rexall Place.

— A final look around NAIT —

Female soccer team solid gold!

By **ANDREW DUNAJ**

It's been a season of ups and downs for NAIT's Oaks Athletics, starting with the women's soccer team. This story should tell everyone that a little perseverance means the sky can be the limit.

Goalie Lindsey Letendre was incredible all season and proved to be the main difference in why the Oaks took the ACAC gold this year. Including the playoffs, the Oaks' women's soccer team had seven clean sheets and was the best of the best when it came to defence.

NAIT just squeaked into the

playoffs and in a snowy final the Oaks scored with just 15 minutes left to capture the gold. The NAIT Oaks then went to nationals and finished fifth.

On the men's side, the story was heartbreak. The Oaks' men's soccer team managed to get into the playoffs but lost in a devastating final to Mount Royal 3-2 in overtime.

In the pool, the Oaks men's and women's teams combined for a second place finish, with the men winning their respective division and the ladies finishing third.

In volleyball, it was a long sea-

son for the men's team. The guys finished the season 2-22 and struggled throughout the year. They then faced Lakeland College in the ACAC qualification playoffs and were swept 3-2, 3-2.

The Women's team had a bit more luck than the guys did. They finished the year 5-19, only ahead of Briercrest, Keyano and Portage. In the ACAC qualification playoffs, the Oaks swept Lethbridge and advanced to the ACAC championships. NAIT lost to Red Deer and MacEwan in the finals and dropped out of medal contention.

Erin Kerschbaumer, the Oaks' star, was named CCAA All Cana-

dian and ACAC player of the year.

In cross country running, this year the top finisher at the ACAC championship was Jason Kincaid finishing 13th.

In badminton at the men's doubles tournament, Romulo Yamsuan and Skylar Van Heukelom finished with bronze. In women's doubles, the Oaks finished with silver. In men's singles action, Yamsuan captured silver, and on the women's side Janci Templeman got bronze. In mixed doubles NAIT captured two medals, silver and bronze.

The men's basketball team grabbed a bronze medal, and the

women's team had another great year.

In women's hockey, NAIT had a tough season but surprised everyone by defeating Red Deer in the first round of the playoffs but lost to SAIT in the semifinals.

The men's hockey team was oh, so close. The boys played well all season long and managed to make it all the way to the ACAC finals. They stole Game 1 away from SAIT, but ended up losing in five games settling for a silver medal.

It was another jammed pack season for Oaks Athletics, and fans should look forward to another great year in 2007/2008.



New volleyball coach

By **ANDREW DUNAJ**

The wait is finally over and the NAIT Oaks women's volleyball has named their new head coach, Dusty Freimark. Former coach with the University of Alberta Pandas, Freimark looks forward to the new challenges at NAIT.

"I think NAIT is unique in the programs that it offers," says Freimark.

"While the athletes get an opportunity to play volleyball and develop their character skills, they also get a great education that can lead to competitive jobs for women. I am excited to be a part of the institution where strong, independent women graduate."

Freimark brought a strong cham-

pionship mentality from the Pandas and hopes to transfer it to the Oaks' squad. "The Pandas program is very committed to their athletes," she says.

"They strive for excellence and they are very proud to be Pandas. I don't think the Panda stamp can be duplicated but I do plan to bring that same work ethic and commitment and pride to the NAIT Oaks."

When asked about the huge lack of a fan base and almost distaste for their athletic teams from NAIT fans, Freimark says that it's not a problem and she's seen it happen all too often.

"Volleyball as a sport has always struggled to get fans out, so it's nothing I get too concerned about. Of course it is nice to have the sup-

port of the student body as well as the community but for the most part it is out of my control. Right now I am focused on the athletes and building a strong women's volleyball team."

When I asked her to describe what her plans are for the Oaks in the future she summed it up. "I think I need to take it one step at a time. The athletes and I need to figure each other out. It will be a new experience for both of us, but I plan to work with a group of committed athletes and push for excellence."

"The athletes and the coaching staff need to be working together in the same direction and that is performance."

The women's volleyball team had their struggles this year, but a

late season run helped push them into the playoffs. Many coaches have different styles and methods and Freimark told what she will bring to the Oaks.

"I believe when the athletes get to this elite level, the girls need to be committed to the program and to each other. It is the athletes that hold each other accountable because of the desire to reach their goals. I plan to be a facilitator and provide the athletes with the tools necessary to accomplish this."

Expect to see Dusty Freimark next season on the sidelines with the Oaks' women's volleyball team.



Dusty Freimark
Champion's mentality

Be prepared!

During the summer months, millions of people flood into the Canadian Rockies to spend their vacation. Most people know that there are dangers and natural hazards in the mountains, but there is more than just "don't piss off a bear!" You are responsible for your own safety.

When taking hikes or doing back country camping, you must get up-to-date information regarding hazards in areas that you will be travelling through. Be prepared and be safe. Here are some tips:

BEARS

Be aware of a bear. You don't need to go deep into the back country to find grizzlies and black bears. They will walk the same trails as you do. They may be by a river that you might cross and they may pass your camp site. When travelling to the mountains this summer, be sure to grab one of the many brochures about travelling in bear country.

CAMPGROUNDS

- Store all food, toilet articles, and cooking utensils in your vehicle
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- Seal garbage in plastic bags and dispose in bear-proof bins
- Throw dirty water into toilets
- Never burn food, plastic or metal scraps
- Use fish cleaning stations
- Keep pets on a leash at all times
- Use a flashlight at night
- Keep young children close at hand, especially at dawn and dusk

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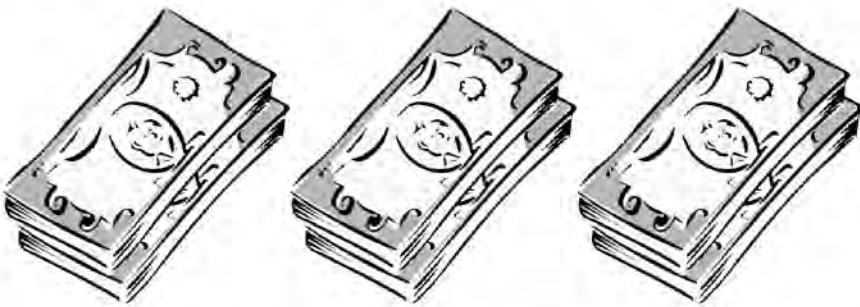
- Use minimum impact techniques
- Camp in back country campgrounds whenever possible
- If you random camp, use an old campsite
- Use a portable camp stove
- Hang sealed food, garbage, cooking utensils, cooking clothes, and other equipment three metres high on pack racks or between trees
- Never bring food, toilet articles or cooking clothes into your tent
- Leave pets at home
- Keep children close at hand
- Use the campground fire pit if you must have a campfire and keep the fire small
- Make certain the fire is out cold before you leave
- Camp a minimum of 100 metres

from water sources

- Camp in small groups of four to five people
- Pack out what you bring in
- Never burn garbage
- Use backcountry toilets
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Masters has rich tradition

By SEAN SZOPA

"Well it's spring time in the valley on Magnolia Lane," sings songwriter Dave Loggins in his classic song, Augusta. Finally, the Masters has arrived. Everyone get prepared for the biggest week in golf.

Last week, all the golfers were tuning up their game and focusing on an important week ahead. Some golfers participated in the Shell Houston Open in Texas. Defending Champion Stuart Appleby was looking to go back-to-back, but No. 5 ranked golfer in the world Adam Scott fought hard and won by three strokes.

In 1934, the legendary Bobby Jones had a vision to hold an annual event with the top golfers in the world. For five years, the Augusta National Invitation Tournament was the title of the event until it

was changed in 1939. The renamed Masters still holds strong as the first major of the PGA Tour.

The tournament takes place every April in Georgia on a course that is truly the most famous golf course in the world. The first tournament was won by Horton Smith and the latest by Phil Mickelson. Jack Nicklaus has won the most Masters, with six in total. He also became the oldest golfer ever to win the tournament in 1986 at age 46.

The records were shattered in 1997 after a young 21-year-old named Tiger Woods stormed to a 12-stroke victory, breaking a 32-year-old scoring mark.

The Masters is unlike any other tournament in golf. Some interesting points include the caddy rule, which includes identical attire that every caddy must wear. During the televised schedule, there are only

one-minute commercials and limited sponsors.

All 18 holes played by the final group will be shown on live television during the Saturday and Sunday rounds. The playoff format still includes a sudden-death playoff, unlike the other three majors, which have adopted a three-hole system. Last year, Phil Mickelson won his second green jacket, making it three lefties in the last four years to be crowned the champion.

One tradition that Augusta National likes to hold is the cham-

pion's dinner. This particular event is held prior to the first round and the defending champion selects the menu. One of the funnier selections was in 1997 when 21-year-old Tiger Woods chose hamburgers, fries and milkshakes. Truly he still had the kid left in him.

This year, the big guns are playing strongly and there are always the favourites to capture the title. Adam Scott and Sergio Garcia are now labelled as the best players to never win a major and are hungry to enter the winner's circle.

Tiger is looking to hunt down Jack for the most majors in a season and would love to wear his fifth green jacket Sunday afternoon. It didn't seem so long ago that we were wondering if Mickelson would ever win a major. Now that it has come to him with ease lately, Mickelson is looking to defend the championship and grab a third.

This week, the pines will be standing strong and the magnolias will be in full bloom.

It is Masters' week, and none of us can wait!



Supplied photo

Augusta National lies in wait for the world's best golfers this week.

— Wide world of sports —

Baseball's a great escape

By ANDREW DUNAJ

Finally, I can go on with my life. Baseball is well underway, and I could not say thank you soon enough. With the Oilers taking a cyanide pill and the Eskimos still a healthy couple of months away, baseball is a great escape.

But wait! Don't forget about the Toronto Raptors, well on their way to clinching their very first division title. Chris Bosh is looking like a massive MVP-type player for the Raptors and look for Toronto to possibly win one or even two play-off series and advance to the Eastern Finals.

What about the great MVP race in the NBA? Steve Nash and best friend Dirk Nowitzki are head-to-head in the battle for the best player award in the NBA. Also, don't forget about superstar Kobe Bryant, whose consistent 50-point games would make him a serious choice for the award. The best chant I've heard so far for these three players would be the MVP chants going on in Phoenix for Victoria B.C. native Steve Nash.

Continuing on, did anybody read my article last week? Shut up! Who cares about the Edmonton Oilers? I'm sick and tired of people asking me: Who do you think the Oil will draft this season, or who

do you think the Oil will sign this summer or trade for? Again I repeat myself, shut the hell up!

Now that I got that out of the way ...

Discussions have been raised in the NHL about removing fighting once and for all in the league. With the league trying to grab viewers and a deeper audience, removing fighting would remove whatever viewership the NHL has in the States.

Keep the fighting in the game, because it's part of the game and keeps the juices flowing, especially in the 5-0 type games.

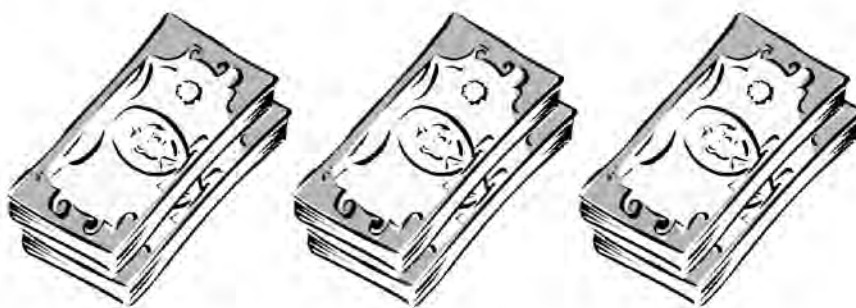
The key to getting rid of all the injuries would be to remove the instigator rule.

The rule forces teammates to hold back when attacking other players in fear of taking a penalty. Remove the instigator and the bullies will get some people fighting back, which would equal less cheap shots to the better players.

Anyway, to the rest of the sports fans, enjoy the NHL and NBA play-offs they're going to be fast-paced and exciting. Also, enjoy the baseball season and go out and support the Eskimos this summer because, eh, how much fun is it to go out on a summer night and head down to Commonwealth?



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SINGLE OF THE WEEK

Devan-itely!

By BRENT CONSTANTIN

And this is the last Nugget of the year. What does that mean, you ask? Are you really that stupid? It means there aren't any more issues of the paper until the fall semester starts. And, if you're wondering what that means, it means that we spent all of the money we had for newspapering on sponsoring children in Third World countries, and then sending them to a private island and hunting them for sport. Malnourished infants, man's greatest prey.

Last week I said that you'd be disappointed with this week's edition, and, though you might be disappointed with my third-grade writing level (or self-deprecation) I can't promise you'll be upset with the hot single this week.

I had originally intended to do myself (and not the same way I do every night after reruns of Malcolm in the Middle) but then, y'see, a girl offered to be in the paper instead. So, I thought to myself, "Self, what would you rather see in the last Nugget of the year? A picture of yourself,

naked, and covered in whipped cream, or A GIRL?" Then I asked myself, "OK, what do you think everyone else would want to see?" And the answer was simple!

Devan comes to us from the Television Program, and, due to the magic of photo-technology you can't tell that she's only three feet tall. It's kinda like what they did in Lord of the Rings with the hobbits, but ... in reverse.

B: Devan, we'll have to be quick, I typed too much in my opening monologue and we're cramped for space. So tell me about yourself.

D: Well, I think I'm a nice girl, I'd say I have a pretty bright, bubbly personality... ummm, smart, I'm pretty easily amused.

B: And, how often do you brush your teeth?

D: Three times a day.

B: No way! When do you brush them the third time?

D: I do it in the morning, when I get home from school, and before bed. Why? When

do you brush yours?

B: I live my life to the fullest Devan, I'm not tied down by a regular brushing schedule, or a slave to my teeth. I brush them when I feel like it, usually when they start to hurt. SO! Tell me what kind of fancy boy you'd like to meet!

D: I'm looking for a guy that's not creepy, first of all. Somebody that understands that I've got a life and they don't have a problem with it. He shouldn't be too opposed to being around me and my friends if I ask him, but I don't want someone who needs to be around me all the time. Plus, please don't try and contact me if you wear jeans tighter than me.

B: Thanks Devan, usually I'd keep this going a bit longer, but I'm sure you won't have any problem getting guys to contact you.

So, that's all. You know what the deal is. E-mail me at brent_constantin@yahoo.ca to chat with the lovely Devan, or e-mail me just



Photo by Brent Constantin

to chat about how great e-mail is. Thanks for reading the Nugget everybody. We pride ourselves in being the No. 1 paper found on the floors of bathroom stalls here at NAIT.

Art attack

By JULIE PHILLIPS

Steph Jonsson, an Edmonton-based artist, realizes art can be scary. "People sometimes think art is an exclusive thing, but it's for everyone," she says.

"I'm always being asked 'What is art?' What do I do with it? Why does it matter? Why should I care?," Jonsson continues, "but there are tangible civic and social benefits to visual and performing art."

To the right is a simple exercise to help you, the Nugget reader, open your mind to art.

Let your imagination drift for a moment, practise examining art and really pay attention to what you

see/feel/think.

"There is no right or wrong in art," says Jonsson, who now challenges you to experience the real thing.

This piece and others are part of Free Play, an mixed media/sculpture exhibit at Urban Roots Salon & Gallery until April 28th, but Jonsson says any art can help you "step outside your box."

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3. what does it remind you of? life experiences? how do you relate?

step 4: why? why does it remind you of that? why do or don't you like it?

sculpture by steph jonsson

The above exercise should help you to open your mind about art.

— A voyeuristic view into Canada's dorm rooms —

Girl's gusher freaks him out

DR. BRIAN PARKER



Dear Sex Doc:

So, last night I was having sex with my girlfriend. She was sitting on top of me when all of a sudden a bunch of warm liquid shot onto my stomach. It didn't really smell like pee, but I think she pissed on me. It completely turned me off. I had to stop having sex with her. I think she was a little embarrassed too because we haven't talked about it yet. I've heard of girls squirting, but I don't believe it exists. Was this really just piss?

Watersports Willy @ UBCO

Dear Watersports Willy @ UBCO:

When are you and all your buddies out there going to real-

ize that girls CAN ejaculate? Almost every time I speak of gusher orgasms in front of large groups of men I see the look of disbelief in their eyes.

Come on Watersports Willy, if she wanted to piss on you she'd most likely find a way to do that in the shower.

Experts on the topic report that every woman is capable of ejaculating. A large study, published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior, found that 40% of women report being able to shoot girl cum.

Research has also proven that the gushing liquid isn't piss. It is generally a mixture of alkaline fluid made up of prostatic acid phosphatase and glucose (like that from the male prostate gland) and 3% urea.

And Watersports Willy, you probably thought she tinkled on you since the fluid came out of her urethra. Researchers have found that only trace amounts of ejaculate will make its way through the paraurethral ducts into the vagina and mix with her natural love juices.

It sounds like she released a lot

of fluid, if you confused it with pee. If your gal is anything like her sisters in the studies, she most likely released about 300 ml.

Instead of being pissed off, you should be excited. You must have turned her on enough that she had some pretty severe pelvic muscle contractions during orgasm. And, she is (or at least was at the time) comfortable and relaxed enough with you to use you as a cum rag for a change.

Watersports Willy, I would suggest you apologize to your girl for over-reacting. Tell her you were surprised by the experience and that you didn't know what happened.

Tell your gushing girl that you've read up on female ejaculation and congratulate her on this experience. She'll feel much more comfortable with you (and with releasing her juice) from this moment on.

Dear Sex Doc:

I just started seeing this guy about a month ago. I really like him and all, but I think he's kind of deformed. His foreskin is freak-

ishly long. I haven't been with too many guys, but I know when something is off down there. It doesn't bother me during intercourse, but when I give him oral. I pretty well gag on all that skin. I want to stay with him, but what can I do about his massive foreskin?

Choking on Foreskin @ UNBSJ

Dear Choking on Foreskin @ UNBSJ:

I'm not sure how long a 'freakishly' long foreskin is, but I'm assuming his tickle trunk doesn't retract over the head of his penis when he's erect.

When most uncut guys get an erection, their foreskin moves over their glans. In fact, it is often difficult to tell if a guy is uncut when he's hard. Your guy was born with a little more trunk than most. It sounds like it works for intercourse because there's more junk to stimulate you.

But, like you mentioned, Choking on Foreskin, too much casing at the end of his sausage can be a pain in the ass in the mouth. I would sug-

gest you push the foreskin down when you are going down on your guy. Hold it in place while sucking on his knob. You can slowly move the foreskin back and forth, but don't let his macro derma dick get out of control.

I worry that you think he's deformed. You're probably not hiding your feelings very well and he's most likely aware of your distaste for his gigantic end piece.

Do you think he has issues with the amount of outer membrane on his member? If so, talk to him and let him know he's normal. Even better, tell him that all that extra skin adds to his girth during intercourse.

Most guys love their dicks regardless if they're cut or uncut. I'm sure your guy loves his too. He might wish he had less skin, but I'm sure he's learned to accept it.

If you just can't get over the tickle in his trunk, you might just need to end it.

Dr. Brian Parker is a clinical sexologist and sex educator

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Junior-high antics

Dear Kim: Please do something not so boring. I keep reading your articles every week in hopes that something (steamy) will happen, but so far no luck. So far your “adventures” in dating have consisted of around one actual date. I think for the good of us all you should either get some action or stop writing. Please replace Kim with a looser chick.

– G.F.

So, somebody comes up to me the other day and is like, “How did you get to be so awesome?” I was like, “I dunno.”

– Jeff

A quick thank you to whoever saved my binder in the Z-parking lot on Wednesday after school, and put it up against the parking booth door! I got it back today and am forever grateful with finals coming up! (The kindness will be returned.)

Day in and day out, I have to tolerate these morons sitting in the cafeteria yipping at me and other girls. This isn’t high school or even junior high, for that matter. The least you could do is keep your adoles-


cent hormones to yourselves or to your little group of buddies, perhaps that’s too much to ask from a group of sexually frustrated 22-year-olds. These guys can’t even grow the balls to approach any of the girls they’re yelling at, unless maybe it’s not the girls they’re trying to impress.

Are you looking for fun, such as a body massage. No strings attached. Male looking for open-minded

women of all sizes and shapes. E-mail me at wilkie312001@yahoo.com.

As you all know, this is the last Nugget of the year, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my awesome customers that have come to the Nest throughout the year. You make this job what it is, fun, so thanks!

– Tanya from The Nest



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I know nothing about them, really.

Bradon Jesse
Carpentry



It’s a good idea.

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I have no idea what they are. It’s the first I’ve heard of it.

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