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# TAKE THAT! NAIT Ooks Dayne Lashuk spikes the ball during a volleyball game against the King's Eagles on Feb. 6. NAIT lost the twogame weekend series by identical 3-1 scores.

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# NEWS&FEATURES Low turnout for **NAITSA election**



#### **CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL Editor-in-Chief**

The results are in, well the unofficial results, that is. The 2009-2010 NAITSA student executive council election has come to a close, and once again the students have shown they could care less about what happens in their school.

It's no surprise Mr. Geoff Tate will be our next NAITSA president with 87 per cent of students checking off YES on the ballot. VP Academic will be Timothy Jobs, with 82 per cent of the yes vote, and VP Apprenticeship and External will be going to Tessa Cocchio with an 84 per cent win.

VP Campus Life was the only position that had two candidates running. The voters have spoken and Bryce Althouse will be filling the position with 53 per cent of student support.

"I am very, very surprised with the results of the elec-

tion," said Althouse after his unofficial victory. "My opponent ran a great campaign, however, in the end the students spoke and I believe the students made a good decision in choosing me to represent them as VP Campus Life."

This year had the lowest voter turnout in recent history with only 245 students exercising their right to vote. That amounts to only four per cent of the student body.

The numbers are disheartening, as NAITSA will be addressing some major issues concerning both students and the city. Some of these issues include rising tuition costs, LRT expansion to NAIT and the impending future of the City Centre Airport.

"It's really upsetting," said current NAITSA president Brent Constantin when ask how he felt in regard to the low voter turnout.

President-elect Tate voiced the same concerns about the lack of student involvement in the election.

"It's discouraging to see that more students are not getting involved in the school's electoral process, nevertheless, I will do my best to represent all students in the upcoming school year," he said.

The results will not be official until Thursday Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. Congratulations to all candidates who will be filling their positions as of May 1, 2009.



**Geoff Tate President-elect** 



Tessa Cocchio **VP** Apprenticeship & External



Timothy Jobs **VP** Academic

### Smoking bylaw process queried



By MacKenzie Marshall **Issues Editor** 

There's some controversy over what's happening with the anti-smoking bylaw at NAIT. The Students' Association Senate will be drafting a letter to the Board of Governors asking them to reconsider the procedure and timelines for all future decisions of this nature.

The bylaw, which was passed by the Board of Governors in a December meeting states that as of July 1, 2009, smoking will prohibited on NAIT property.

NAITSA President Brent Constantin is confused about how the bylaw was handled.

"I was originally told that this was going to be on the table at a Board of Governors meeting. When I initially heard about it, I thought the bylaw was a good idea, and I said so, not knowing that the administration would take that single meeting as the consultation process with the Students' Association."

It's not that we're against the bylaw by any means, we just want our opinion to be heard and taken into the consideration process by the Board of Governors," he said.

Constantin went on to add that because everything happened in such a short time span there wasn't much the Students' Association could do. "Like

I said, I was told about the bylaw on a Thursday towards the end of November. I went away for NAITSA and when I got back in the middle of the next week, I found out the bylaw was going to be passed. The timeline the administration used didn't allow us a true consultation or time to get the opinion of our Senate."

The Students' Association sent a letter to the Board of Gover-

ing at which the bylaw was to be voted upon, asking them to reconsider their total ban of smoking on NAIT campus.

In the letter, they outlined three alternatives: the first was to use the new peace officers to enforce the current policy of smoking 10 metres from NAIT doors; the second was to create designated smoking areas on campus similar to the MacEwan campus. This would keep smokers away from doorways but not create a problem with NAIT students and staff running off NAIT property between classes in order to smoke.

Lastly, they asked the Board of Governors to delay their decision until the winter semester and allow the Students' Association the opportunity to conduct a referendum on the issue. They stressed that with a provincial smoking rate of 21 per cent, the referendum banning smoking would probably pass. But giving the students the opportunity to voice their opinions was seen

Constantin says although it's frustrating, he understands that this is how things work sometimes.

**Bryce Althouse** 

**VP Campus Life** 

I want to make it clear that big decisions that affect everyone at NAIT deserve student opinions to be heard and respected," Constantin said.

"For the betterment of the institute, we need to work together so we can keep our campus healthy and strong."

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Brent Constantin nors before their meet- 'Need to work together'

as important. The Board of Governors received the letter but decided not to use any of the options the Students' Association

outlined, passing the ban unanimously.

"We have a good working relationship with the administration and I don't want to jeopardize that, but,



CHEF FEENIE RETURNS

Celebrity chef Rob Feenie has returned to NAIT this week for the Hokanson Chef in Residence program. During his visit, he will be working with the students to prepare a three-course luncheon featuring his recipes. It is being called "Feast with Feenie."

### Marks taken from students

#### By KATHARINE HAY

We all know that feeling of relief when a semester is over and we did well in our classes. Unfortunately, this was not the case for some students enrolled in Statistics 218 in the Bachelor of Business Administration stream at the J.R. Shaw School of Business. Grades for this Statistics course were recalculated after some teachers noticed abnormalities between final averages this year and in previous years.

"This becomes an official transcript," said Doug Short, chair of finance in the JR School of business, adding, "we went back to the teachers and then returned the marks to what they actually had been in the course." Short went on to say that this was a purely administrative error.

Students in Stat. 218 were all sent letters from the School of Business indicating the clerical error, and showing their new mark, along with their marks for various assignments. If students had questions about the letter, they were invited to see Sam Fefferman, first-year chair of the J.R. Shaw School of Business.

"We are dealing with this on a purely ad-hoc basis," said Short, who went on to say that students who originally passed the course would be able to retake it, or continue in successive classes as they choose.

"We agonized over this," Short emphasized, adding that many factors were considered before a decision was made to change students' grades, emphasizing that it is the students' and NAIT's reputation on the line if an issue like this were not reconciled.

"We regret the situation, but had to ensure that students were being treated equally," Short said.

In 2003, a similar situation occurred at the University of Alberta when that institution's grading scheme was changed from the 7.0 to 4.0 point system.

### **NEWS AND FEATURES**

By BRITTANY BLACK

2009.

on campus.

Sorry to all the Sneaky Petes out there

who have spent their time at NAIT (perhaps even for four years) parking ... wher-

ever the hell they want to. Why? Because

NAIT has officially hired a squad of peace

officers to oversee the campus as of July 1,

parking isn't the only thing they will be

watching over. They will also help enforce

the Tobacco Reduction Act, the Gaming

and Liquor Control Act and the Traffic

Safety Act. This means the drinking/smok-

ing binges in the NAITure areas are over.

officers will help in reducing some of the

serious criminal offences that have been

taking place in the last couple of months.

For example, in October 2008 there were

a number of vehicle and locker break-ins

on the main campus. Furthermore, there

were some office break-ins and thefts tak-

ing place in the HP Centre. Perhaps with a

few more pairs of law-enforcing eyes we

can lower the amount of criminal activity

pus services, explains that "security in

post-secondary institutions has changed

over the past several years. We are into a

Bev Wainwright, inspector of cam-

All jokes aside, our newly assigned

Now don't get your shorts in a bunch,

**Campus gets** 

security boost

challenges."

have any concerns.

from criminal elements. Our peace offi-

cers will help us to better handle these new

Our new officers will have the author-

ity to arrest and will be seen in uniform and

with an emergency response vehicle. There

will also be a 24-hour central dispatch and

communications office right on campus if

you need to talk to any of them, or if you

secondary institution in Alberta, (Uni-

versity of Alberta was the first) to

become a part of the Peace Officer Pro-

gram. Our foot is in the door in making

"ever present" Campus Security, don't

worry, they will still be around. Their main

job in assisting the peace officers will be to

oversee the parkade and reserved lots and

help out with regular parking enforcements.

You'll also be seeing more of them after

and get a couple of tickets over the course

of a year, than to pay the price of a monthly

parking pass (if you can beat the keen-

ers who get those secret spots first, that is)

... I am sorry, but overall, the new peace

officers will help to create a safer campus

I know that it's cheaper to sneaky-park

hours or during special NAIT events.

If you're upset about not seeing your

Alberta a safer place. Hallelujah.

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# **ETS bus passes hiked**

#### **By KITA MURU**

It seems like the economy is making sure it hits everything money related, and bus passes are no exception. As of Feb. 1, Edmonton Transit Service has just updated their prices on select bus passes and bus fares. This raises an interesting question: will ridership go down or will it stay the same?

From now on, the price of Adult and Disabled Adult Transit Service (DATS) monthly bus passes will cost \$74.25, up from \$67.50. The price of post-secondary student monthly passes will cost \$67.50, up from \$60. Other notable price increases include senior monthly passes, which will cost \$12, and annual senior bus passes that will cost \$111.25. Low-income seniors will pay \$48 for an annual pass. Also, the price of youth and senior bus fares will cost \$2.50. The increases in fare prices apply to the month of February.

This increase has transit users concerned.

centre and we would be happy to give you a tour!

Are you an Aboriginal student at NAIT?

needs! The EnCana Aboriginal Student Centre is a great alternative to many of the

study and work spaces available on campus. Unique features of the centre include

cultural awareness workshops, mentorship programs and many business services

such as fax and computer access. Even if you are not self-identified through NAIT,

p.m., Room E-121. Questions? Please feel free to contact Stephanie Bean, co-ordinator of Aboriginal Student Services (780) 471-7839, or at sbean@nait.ca Come by the

The EnCana Aboriginal Student Centre is available Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30

you may still make use of all the programs and services offered!

If so, there is a centre right on Main Campus designed specifically to meet your

Jen Neufeld told NAIT News Watch: "It's quite a lot more money – \$74 a month is quite a bit in your budget."

Craig Olmstead said to NAIT News Watch that he doesn't mind paying the increase because he can afford it, but low income people are going to have a problem paying the \$10 or \$15 increase.

Speaking to NAIT News Watch, Patricia Waisman, director of business development for the city, said she doesn't expect ridership to go down because of the price increase.

"In the 2006-2007, the audit had looked at our rates compared to other properties across Canada and States, particularly in Canada and saying, OK, for a transit organization your size, your rates are about 11 to 14 per cent below the norm and so to maintain the distribution in terms of what taxpayers and users pay we recommend that you look at your rates."

With the increase in price, riders want to

see the extra money put to use to make changes to the current system.

"It's hard because the buses are quite full and so if they had more money going to that it would make it more worth my monies," Neufeld said in the same interview with NAIT News Watch.

This city is looking to add

things like air-conditioning and Wi-fi to attract more riders, but they might need more than that with pricing scheduled to go up in the next five years. According to

### **Zen spa retreat**

NAITSA wants to help take care of you!! Come restore yourself with an indulgent yet budget friendly retreat in the mountains.

From March 6-8, NAITSA is hosting a relaxing retreat at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort in B.C.

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The rest of the time you can spend exploring the mountains, enjoying the pri-



the Edmonton city website, adult and student monthly passes will be up by almost \$15 by 2013, and the cost for anyone to hop on a bus will be up to \$3.

vate hot springs pools, enjoying the steam room, working out in the full gym facilities or just relaxing around the resort.

This is the perfect vacation for any students who need a weekend to relax, rejuvenate and unwind from their busy semester.

Also, hint, hint, this would make a great gift for a Valentine's sweetheart, a good friend's retreat or as a special gift to vourself!

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# OPINION

# A silver lining in economic cloud



S o a recession has hit Canada for the first time in 17 years. Yes, I agree this is extremely bad news for the 100,000 people, who, it is believed, will lose their jobs within the first three months of this year. But, thankfully for your reading pleasure, I like to be

#### CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL Editor-in-Chief

optimistic. Since there is clearly nothing I can do about the lost jobs and the jobs left to be lost, I will not worry about it too much in this editorial. I can, on the other hand, take notice of how this is going to benefit us as consumers, and that my friends, is pure gold.

#### An employee's dream

The market over the past few years has made it increasingly difficult for employers to retain quick, efficient and quality employees. It has been an employee's dream out in the marketplace. If you don't like the job at one place, it's simple, move to another. Think your boss is mean? Quit. A customer needs a helping hand? Who cares? This seems to be the attitude that many employees have been taking, whether the firm that employs them is a McDonald's, a Blockbuster or the Brick. I for one hate it. Every time I see an employee picking up a cellphone to make a call, or to respond to a text message when they should be helping me, I want to scream. It quickly reminds me why we have gun laws in Canada.

I remember a time (wow, saying that makes me feel ancient) when you could walk into a store and employees would greet you with a smile. They would treat you like a person and ask if they could help you with anything. Over the past few years, I've been lucky if I get any form of eye contact. When I finally do get to the counter, not only do they act as if I'm an inconvenience to them, but with my luck, they're also chewing a big piece of bubble gum while talking to me. I mean really, who thinks this is OK? You are at work, spit the gum out! Possibly firms should be hiring managers over the age of 16 and this would not be an issue.

#### It's a good thing

The recession will soon bring this dilemma to an end. Thank god! Employers can now be a tad more selective in their staffing decisions, giving the management positions to people qualified to run a business. In the words of Martha Stewart the craft guru herself, it's a good thing. Customer service will soon make a comeback, as getting a job these days is much harder than losing one. Once again we will be valued consumers and no longer a transaction number at the end of our receipts.

Perhaps the next time you leave a restaurant, you will actually tip your waitress because she deserves it, and not to avoid looking like a cheap ass. For the first time in years we might finally get the customer service we deserve when we walk into a department store. Yes, I am here, and yes you can help me!



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# **SPORTS**

All eyes on the future



By LANDON HOMMY Assistant Sports Editor

Disappointment today, hope and excitement for tomorrow.

The Ooks women's basketball team closed out their season this past weekend with a pair of losses to the division-leading MacEwan Griffins, finishing 4-20 on the season and out of the playoffs.

After falling 77-52 on Friday, NAIT couldn't complete a fourth quarter comeback in Saturday's matchup and the score clock extinguished their season, posting a 79-69 MacEwan win.

#### 'Very proud'

"I was very proud of our girls," said head coach Curtis Nelson.

"We came up a little short, but you could see the difference in experience between the two teams."

That experience is something Coach Nelson has already begun to address. New recruits, plenty of returning players and another year of

star forward Dale-Marie Cumberbatch leading the charge are all reasons why next season could see the Ooks in a much more favourable position come playoff time.

Of course, creating such optimism hasn't been easy. One problem many point out is NAIT's reputation as a two-year program school, which makes it hard to attract athletes and build a successful program. However, coach Nelson feels that is beginning to change.

"Up until about two years ago that was a real difficult issue. But now we have a multitude of four-year programs, which has really evened the playing field ... I think now we're going to start to see the fruition of that."

Seemingly proving his point, Nelson has already begun to bolster the ranks by recruiting fourth-year transfer Denise Boye-Owosu from Concordia, along with two high school standouts, Mercedes Cromarty-Moodie and Keisha Gordon from Archbishop O'Leary and Ross Sheppard, respectively.

The second improvement should be the valuable experience many of the young players have gained over the course of the year.

Comprised mainly of first- and second-year players, this squad has begun to learn the hardships associated with a rebuilding team – a fact that has already been demonstrated in recent games.

"We're a lot more mature now – and smarter in a lot of ways," said Nelson. "We play the game for the full 40 minutes. Early in the season sometimes you have a tendency with a young team to not play the last five minutes of the game because you're down."

The obvious highlight will remain Cumberbatch, who still has two years of eligibility. She once again provided a positive headline for the Ooks' weekend, as she set two more ACAC records on Saturday. Her 36 points gave her a total of 651 on the season, breaking the singleseason points record of 620 she set last year. She also converted her 196th free throw, breaking her own record from last year by 10.

As well, she continued her assault on the ACAC career points record, ending the season with 1,873. From Nov. 7 on, when she broke the old career record of 1,407 points, she has set a new record every game she has played.

Many hope to see Cumberbatch finally

earn Canadian Colleges Athletic Association All-Canadian honours. Despite all of her accomplishments, and the speed and manner in which she's set them, it's a recognition that is long overdue. "It's hard for me to fig-

ure out why, three in years in a row, she's the only player that's never been selected," said Nelson.

#### **Academic All-Canadian**

"In the history of the league, every time someone has broken a record, they've received the All-Canadian. Over three years, I think she's broken somewhere in the realm of 17 records ... It's hard, but what we were really proud of was that last year she was an academic All-Canadian."

There's no guarantee these three factors will assure a turnaround season. But it's hard not to get excited about it.

Regardless, as a testament to the character of this squad, coach Nelson made a point of thanking those of you who made this season more that just a learning experience.

"We love our fan support. It says a lot when we're drawing huge numbers to our games. Our whole team would like to say a big thank you to our fans ... I think they're going to be in for a treat next year when we come back and they're going to be able to watch us go a long way." NAIT star Dale-Marie Cumberbatch takes a foul shot Feb. 7 in a game against the MacEwan Griffins.



Photo by Carla Pearson

### **Athletes of the week**

Feb. 2-Feb. 8

#### Christina Duff Volleyball



Christina Duff, a second-year accounting student from Ardrossan, was a key figure for the Ooks as they split two matches with the King's Eagles this past weekend (Feb 6, 7). The Ooks won Friday's match at home in three sets (25-20, 25-21, 25-23), while losing at King's in four (15-25, 25-23, 28-26, 25-21) the next night. "Christina distributes the ball really well," said head coach Keith Lundgren. "It's something we've been working on and she's really improved at it. She's starting to take charge of our offence now and we're generating kills because of her hard work."

Josh Butt Hockey



Josh Butt, a second-year Forestry student from Edmonton, provided an offensive spark for the Ooks in their series against the Portage Voyageurs last weekend. In Friday's 5-4 shootout win he had an assist, while in Saturday's 6-4 victory he recorded two goals and an assist. "Josh plays a complete role," said head coach Terry Ballard. "He does everything for us; wins face-offs, kills penalties, plays on the powerplay and he's just a great team guy. So even when he's not getting on the score sheet, he's always a huge part of our team."





#### **NAHREMAN ISSA**

Well, boys and girls, it's time for another midterm - but instead of studying logistics or rocks (for you Geo guys), this one is for sports fans.

Back in December, NAIT was host to another Sportsnet Day, and on the agenda was a sports trivia quiz that students, sports reporters and TV personalities had to answer. These questions are a compilation of questions that both I and the Issues Editor, MacKenzie Marshall, put together.

The questions range from easy to hard – BUT ABSOLUTELY NO CHEATING. Let's see how well you know pointless yet intriguing sports knowledge!!!

#### IT'S "FOOTBALL," DUMMY:

1. Who did Zinedine Zidane head-butt in the 2006 World Cup

final and what did that player say to infuriate him?

2. Where were the three World Cup finals played in the 1990s held?

3. In total, 18 World Cup matches have been played, and only seven countries have won. Four of those countries are from Europe. Name the three other countries.

4. Which team won the 2008 Major League Soccer title?

A. Columbus Crew

#### B. New York Red Bulls C. D.C. United

D. Los Angeles Galaxy

#### **BLADES OF GLORY**

1. In what year did Hockey Night in Canada debut?

> A. 1952 B. 1950

- C. 1949
- D. 1958

2. Who was the only player in NHL history to score a goal in all five possible game situations in the same game: even-strength, power-play, shorthanded, penalty shot and empty-net?

3. This man has won eight cups with the Montreal Canadiens, six as a player (1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1973) and two as an assistant coach (1986, 1993). Who is he? YOU'RE IN OIL COUNTRY

1. Which Calgary Flame got credit for Steve Smith's famous own goal that eliminated the Oilers in 1986?

2. Which Edmonton Oiler scored the final goal in WHA history?

3. What number did Wayne Gretzky wear in his first game as an Oiler?

MARCH MADNESS ... IN FEBRUARY

1. Which school has the most all-

time NCAA Tournament wins?

- A. Notre Dame
- B. Kentucky
- C. Duke
- D. UCLA

2. Which is the last national champion to enter the NCAA Tournament with fewer than 20 wins?

3. Which school won the 2008 NCAA Basketball Tournament?

4. The 2008 NCAA Basketball tournament featured an historic

moment. For the first time, this happened. What was it? **KEEP YOUR BALLS TO** 

YOURSELF 1. Who was the Yankee batter that Pedro Martinez hit in Game 3 of the 2003 ALCS, which was the first ingredient leading to an eventual brawl?

A. Derek Jeter

- B. Bernie Williams
- C. Jason Giambi
- D. Karim Garcia

2. Who is the only athlete to play a Major League Baseball game and an NFL game in the same day as well as the only man to play in both a Super Bowl and World Series?

3. What pro basketball player holds the record for the most NBA career points with 38,387?

4. What athlete appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated a record 49 times?

5. The 1993 movie, Alive, is based on the plane crash of a rugby team. Which country was the team from?

6. Which mountains did they crash into?

– Answers are on page 8



Photo by Carla Pearson

# Men bound for playoffs

**"The guys** 

have been

through a lot

emotionally

#### By LANDON HOMMY **Assistant Sports Editor**

NAIT's men's basketball team split its weekend series against the MacEwan Griffins this past weekend, enduring a final test before the playoffs.

Friday's tilt saw the Ooks win 91-83 in exciting fashion against their crosstown rivals, followed by another close, much rougher affair in Saturday's 64-52 defeat.

It was a weird game," reflected NAIT head coach Don Phillips. "I couldn't believe the physicality of the game. But we have to play through it. We have to be able to see how the flow and hopefully changes."

Things started quickly we can finish for MacEwan in the latter it off strong." matchup, as forward Corev Saban nailed some early jumpers on his way to a game-high 19 points. How-

ever, Ooks forward Jesse Denscombe responded in kind with some big plays of his own, including a nice breakaway dunk to keep NAIT close in the first quarter. But by halftime not much had changed as the score stood 30-24 Griffins.

The theme continued into the fourth quarter, when NAIT, led by forward

Cyril Ashworth, turned up the heat. He posted six of his 13 points in quick succession despite the tough defence, tying the game 52-52.

However, some inconsistent calls slowed the game's earlier tempo and the Ooks were unable to adjust in time, with a late turnover sealing their defeat. Coach Phillips was given a technical foul in the final minute, sparking memories of his two-game suspension in

November when he was ejected from a game against the very same MacEwan Griffins.

That was just one of the challenges the team has faced this season, which also included having to forfeit two games due to an ineligible player mishap last month. Needless to say, Coach Don **Phillips** a win would've been a great morale boost going into the playoffs, where they'll face

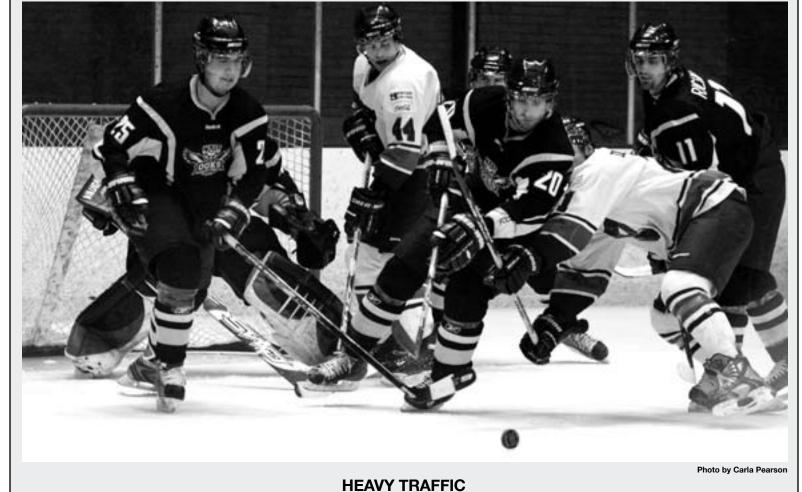
South Division champions Mount Royal College.

Regardless, this team is excited about the opportunity to write a positive ending to an oddly frustrating season.

"It's been an up and down year," remarked Phillips. "The guys have been through a lot emotionally and hopefully we can finish it off strong."

NAIT Ooks Jerome Makasiar (6), steals the ball from MacEwan Griffin Matthew Jerke (5) during their game Saturday night in the NAIT gym. NAIT lost the game 64-52 to split the weekend series and finds themselves in the playoffs.

#### **SPORTS**



NAIT Ook Eric Sonnenberg (20) breaks out of a scramble to clear the puck during a game against the Portage Voyageurs on Feb. 6. NAIT took both weekend games against Portage and stands in second place in league play, just six point behind SAIT.

### **ACAC Standings**

MEN'S HOCKEY									
Team GP	w	RW	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts		
SAIT 26	22	20	2	2	140	70	46		
NAIT 26	19	15	5	2	120	91	40		
Mount Royal 26	18	13	8	0	105	79	36		
Concordia26	16	15	8	2	105	72	34		
Portage26	8	5	14	4	77	110	20		
Augustana 26	8	6	15	3	80	110	19		
Briercrest 26	6	6	14	6	66	107	18		
MacEwan 26	7	4	18	1	74	128	15		

18 Note: SAIT forfeits Jan. 24 game vs. NAIT. RW - Regulation Wins (tie-breaker used to determine highest ranked tied teams)

RESULTS

Feb. 6 NAIT 5, Portage 4 (SO); Augustana 6, Briercrest 3; SAIT 7, MacEwan 3

Feb. 7 NAIT 6, Portage 4; Briercrest 5, Augustana 3; SAIT 6, MacEwan 3; MRC 4, Concordia 1

#### Feb. 8 MRC 6, Concordia 5

#### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

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Team (	GP	w	RW	L	OTL	GF	GA	Pts
U of C	20	17	14	3	0	63	24	34
SAIT	20	15	15	5	0	70	47	30
Red Deer	20	9	8	9	2	47	48	20
MacEwan	20	8	7	9	3	50	54	19
NAIT	20	6	5	12	2	43	74	14
Mount Royal.	20	5	3	14	1	38	64	11
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 Regulation Wins (tie-breaker used to determine highest ranked tied teams)

#### RESULTS

Feb. 5 RDC 3, MRC 2 Feb. 6

SAIT 5, NAIT 1; U of C 2, MacEwan 1; MRC 3, RDC 0

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

North Division							
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Concordia	22	19	3	38	1822	1493	
MacEwan	22	16	6	32	1807	1605	
Lakeland	22	14	8	28	1906	1830	
NAIT	24	12	12	24	1695	1612	
King's	22	9	13	18	1674	1776	
Grande Prairie	22	5	17	10	1518	1800	
Augustana	22	3	19	6	1695	2001	
Note: NAIT forfeited games (Jan. 9 & 10) vs. GPRC						RC	
	So	outh D	Divisio	n			
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Mount Royal	18	16	2	32	1499	1118	
Red Deer	18	13	5	26	1411	1194	
Lethbridge	18	12	6	24	1435	1242	

Medicine Hat 18	7	11
SAIT18	5	13
Briercrest 18	1	17

#### RESULTS

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Feb. 6 NAIT 91, MacEwan 83; Lakeland 89, Augustana 87 Medicine Hat 69, SAIT 68; MRC 88, Briercrest 48; RDC 89, Lethbridge 77; King's 81, GPRC 65 Feb. 7

MacEwan 64, NAIT 52; MRC 98, Briercrest 49; Lethbridge 74, RDC 69 (OT); King's 100, GPRC 86; Lakeland 90, Augustana 75; SAIT 92, Medicine Hat 84

#### WOMEN'S DASKETDALL

North Division							
Team G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA		
MacEwan22	20	2	40	1686	1422		
Concordia22	17	5	34	1747	1463		
King's22		8	28	1545	1381		
Grande Prairie 22	14	8	28	1548	1573		
Augustana22	5	17	10	1400	1664		
Lakeland 22	4	18	8	1579	1822		
NAIT 24	4	20	8	1579	1822		
	South	Divisi	on				
Team G	w	L	Pts	PF	PA		
Lethbridge 18	17	1	34	1431	1008		
Mount Royal 18	14	4	28	1307	1018		
SAIT 18	10	8	20	1198	1169		
Medicine Hat 18	10	8	20	1091	1064		
Briercrest 18	2	16	4	1027	1356		
Red Deer 18	1	17	2	894	1333		
RESULTS							

#### February 6

MacEwan 77, NAIT 52; Augustana 65, Lakeland 60; Medicine Hat 69, SAIT 55; MRC 76, Briercrest 56; Lethbridge 78, RDC 28; GPRC 64, King's 62

#### Feb. 7 MacEwan 79, NAIT 69; MRC 96, Briercrest 82;

Lethbridge 81, RDC 49; King's 78, GPRC 49; Lakeland 72, Augustana 58; Medicine Hat 65, SAIT 45

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	North Division						
Team MF	P MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts		
Keyano 20	15	5	46	23	30		
MacEwan 20	15	5	50	24	30		
Grande Prairie 20	14	6	47	25	28		
King's 20	8	12	32	47	16		
Lakeland 20	6	14	29	47	12		
NAIT 20	2	18	19	57	4		
	Sout	h Divi	sion				
Team MF	P MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts		
x-Medicine Hat 20	14	6	51	35	28		
x-Mount Royal 20	13	7	48	27	26		
y-Red Deer 20	12	8	46	35	24		
v-SAIT 20	10	10	37	40	20		

#### ANSWERS

- IT'S "FOOTBALL" DUMMY 1. MARCO MATERAZZI-SAID RUDE REMARKS ABOUT HIS SISTER.
- 2. ITALY, USA AND FRANCE
- 3. BRAZIL, ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY

#### 4. A-COLUMBUS CREW

#### **BLADES OF GLORY**

- 1. A- 1952
- 2. MARIO LEMIEUX
- 3. JACQUES LAPERRIÈRE
- YOU'RE IN OIL COUNTRY 1. PERRY BEREZAN
- 2. DAVE SEMENKO
- 3.17

#### MARCH MADNESS ... IN DECEMBER

- 1. D-UCLA
- 2. ARIZONA 1997
- 3. KANSAS JAYHAWKS 4. THE TOP-SEEDED TEAM FROM EACH OF THE FOUR **REGIONALS MADE IT TO**

#### THE FINAL FOUR. **KEEP YOUR BALLS**

- TO YOURSELF
- 1. D-KARIM GARCIA
- 2. DEION SANDERS
- 3. KAREEM ABDUL JABBAR
- 4. MICHAEL JORDAN
- 5. URUGUAY
- 6. THE ANDES MOUNTAINS

46 Briercrest ..... 20 8 12 16 Lethbridge ..... 20 3 17 22 55 Note: Keyano College forfeited 2 games (Oct. 24 & 25) x-clinches playoff spot

y-will host qualification weekend best of three series RESULTS

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#### Feb. 7 King's 3, NAIT 1 (25-16, 25-23, 21-25, 25-23)

Briercrest 3, MRC 0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-23) Keyano 3, MacEwan 0 (25-23, 25-14, 25-23) Lakeland 3, GPRC 2 (21-25, 25-19, 22-25, 25-15, 15-9) RDC 3, Lethbridge 1 (25-22, 25-19, 21-25, 25-23) Medicine Hat 3, SAIT 2 (25-11, 25-20, 20-25, 24-26, 15-10)

#### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

	North Division					
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
x-MacEwan	. 20	19	1	58	14	38
x-Grande Prairie	. 20	13	7	46	32	26
y-King's	. 20	11	9	41	33	22
y-Lakeland	. 20	9	11	33	41	18
NAIT	. 20	6	14	29	49	12
Keyano	. 20	2	18	17	55	4
		Sout	hDivis	ion		
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
x-Red Deer	. 20	19	1	58	13	38
x-Mount Royal	. 20	17	3	54	14	34
y-SAIT	. 20	7	13	33	43	14
y-Medicine Hat	. 20	6	14	26	47	12
Briercrest	. 20	6	14	24	47	12

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#### RESULTS Feb. 6

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NAIT 3, King's 0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-23) MRC 3, Briercrest 0 (25-21, 25-10, 25-12) MacEwan 3, Keyano 0 (25-13, 25-14, 25-16) Lakeland 3, GPRC 1 (14-25, 25-17, 25-22, 25-20) RDC 3, Lethbridge 0 (25-14, 25-21, 25-23) SAIT 3, Medicine Hat 0 (25-10, 25-21, 25-21)

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# **Say it ain't So, A-Rod**

#### By LANDON HOMMY Assistant Sports Editor

I don't beg for mercy too often. This Oilers' season has been one instance. Macy Gray's stint on the charts was another. But the ongoing baseball drug saga has taken it to a whole new level. For the sake of everything sacred, I need it to stop.

The man who everyone, including himself, had touted as the next hero – the man who would erase an entire epoch of bad memories – has become a bad reality.

It's like finding out Mr. Dressup's "Tickle Trunk" was a prop.

Alex Rodriguez, arguably the best player in baseball, admitted on Monday to have taken steroids in 2003, his first of three MVP seasons.

Even after Barry Bonds, Roger Clemons and Sammy Sosa to name a few, the steroid era continues to one-up itself.

Barry Bonds is one thing, because he's old. He's done. But A-Rod, at 33, still has about 10, record-setting, years left in him.

A-Roid was exposed after *Sports Illustrated* learned of his testing positive in a drug test conducted in '03. The list of 104 players was supposed to be confidential, but now that the biggest name has been leaked, it will only be a matter of time before the others are too.

Since Major League Baseball didn't

begin suspending players for illegal substances until 2004, Roid-riguez is able to return to the New York Yankees as the league's highest paid player.

But the damage is done.

The betrayal of fans is the obvious starter. But the more lasting effect will be on the record books, since the association of drug use in ANY capacity over ANY stretch of time virtually erases everything A-Roid has done or will do – including the all-time home run record he will eventually break.

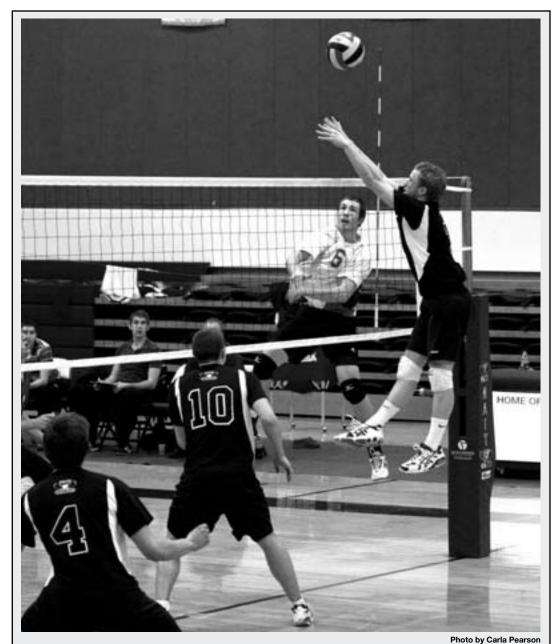
For the rest of his career he will be asterisked, and after years as the poster boy for clean talent, he will by default cause a whole generation of players to be distrusted.

Who's next? Miguel Tejada was charged for lying about drug use on Tuesday. Is Albert Pujols due up? Did Mighty Casey strike out because he stopped using? Who are the 103 other players?

It's become exhausting, sad, and frustrating ... just make it stop.

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On a side note, Edmonton's local company, Cold F-X, has been named the official cold and flu medication of the 2010 Olympics. It is considered a herbal remedy, not a drug, which means it won't affect athletes' drug tests. The company has also already been asked to be play the same role in the London 2012 Olympics.



#### GETTING SOME AIR

Ook Kevin Nixon (3) shows incredible leaping ability on Feb. 6 as he blocks a spike from King's Eagle Matthew Gelderman (6). King's went on to sweep the weekend series by 3-1 scores.

### Picture sinks "golden-boy" image

#### By AMBER TIENKAMP Sports Editor

Next time you're looking for inspiration from your cereal box, you won't find a half naked man in a Speedo on the front.

Kellogg's hasn't renewed its contract with possibly the closest thing to a real merman this world has ever seen: Michael Phelps.

Kellogg's has yet to say its reason for choosing not to renew the contract, although it can be speculated that it might be linked to a recent photo of Phelps that has been circulating on the Internet.

The photo of the 23-year-old holding a device that is "traditionally used for smoking cannabis," has caused such chaos you'd swear he was smoking weed while taking candy from toddlers and pushing old ladies into the streets. Seriously, I sort of feel bad for him. I'm not saying that I think his actions showed good judgment, but really, the guy could be doing a lot worse things.

The only really stupid thing was that he allowed himself to be photographed. Take the bong and head into the bathroom. He obviously knows he's in the public eye, but give him a break, he's trained hard his whole life. If he wants to let loose before dominating again in the London Olympics, let him do it.

He released a public apology saying: "I'm 23 years old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public it will not happen again." And that should be it.

He's a young adult acting like young adults do. Let him make a mistake or two. Just because he can swim faster with one arm than some people can with two, doesn't mean he isn't human. The World Anti-Doping Agency can only test during competition, so they have no jurisdiction to test Phelps and suspend him. However, USA Swimming has suspended Phelps from competition for three months, a punishment Phelps accepts.

"I have nothing to say, but if that's they want to do, that's their choice. It's something that USA Swimming came up with. It's fair. Obviously, for



#### Michael Phelps in happier days.

a mistake you should get punished."

So there you have it, get over it. And if the U.S. is so angry and they don't want Phelps to swim for them, send him on up here, throw him in a Speedo with a Maple Leaf on it, we'll take the eight gold medals in 2012. Besides, with the way the world of sports works, someone else is bound to screw up and take the attention away from the swimmer. And someone did.

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#### Dear Dr. Conwisdom:

I suspect I might taste bad down below, although my boyfriend assures me otherwise. I do practise good personal hygiene, but I consume quite a bit of garlic, spinach and lots of milk. Could this be affecting how I taste? – Sincerely.

First of all, what do you mean

Smelly Cat

by "down below." We are going to imagine that you are talking about your vagina (don't be scared of this beautiful word).

Now, some of women's issues with taste is that vaginas taste like fish. I for one like fish, so I'm not sure what everyone's problem is. In fact, I eat fish several times a week. If your man is more of a beef-eater, I could give him a few directions to Alberta beef farms around the area. But, if you're looking to spice it up a little, dash a pinch of cayenne pepper onto your Pikachu. Or, everyone likes cilantro. Got it?

#### ••• Dear Dr. Conwisdom:

Dear No More Sweet Nips:

I found a guy who I really, REALLY like. He is cute, funny and so sweet. But, there is one thing that is really getting to me, and I don't know how to confront him. He has these ridiculous "pet names" that he calls me by. For example, in front of my parents the other day, he called me "sweet nips." Then he referred to me as his "expressway to the T & A." What should I do?

> – Sincerely, No More Sweet Nips

Well, it sounds like your boy-

friend is a douche-bag. On a more serious note, why don't you give him the ol'right-back-atcha, and give him a little nicky name. Why don't you try calling him "nummy buns" or "baby balls" in front of the gang. I guarantee this will shut him up.

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#### Dear Dr. Conwisdom,

I'm having a little bit of an odd problem: Every time my girlfriend and I start getting intimate, I ruin the moment, because it takes me so long to get her bra off. It's starting to get a little redundant, because I'm really scared that my lack of skill in the bra department will cost us our relationship. Besides, I really would like to see her ladies.

- Sincerely,

Hands O'Devastation

#### Dear Hands O'Devastation:

I think your "little" problem is actually a lot bigger than you think – if you can't let the yum-yums out for air, you got nothing. Come on man, it's a clasp, you don't need an operation manual to work it. But if you really lack the nimble thimbles then why doesn't your girl just take her own damn bra off? Lie and tell her you like it better, I don't care. Apparently you don't either. If you really wanted to see her ladies, you would just rip the whole thing off. Rip it off, or don't complain. That's my motto.

#### Send ANY of your questions to Dr. Conwisdom at Conwisdom@thenuggetonline.com The good doctor will endeavour to answer your concerns.

### **Pirates beware**

#### By AMY MINSKY

Dear Smelly Cat:

#### The Concordian (Concordia University)

MONTREAL (CUP) – Over the past several weeks, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have arrested six movie pirates.

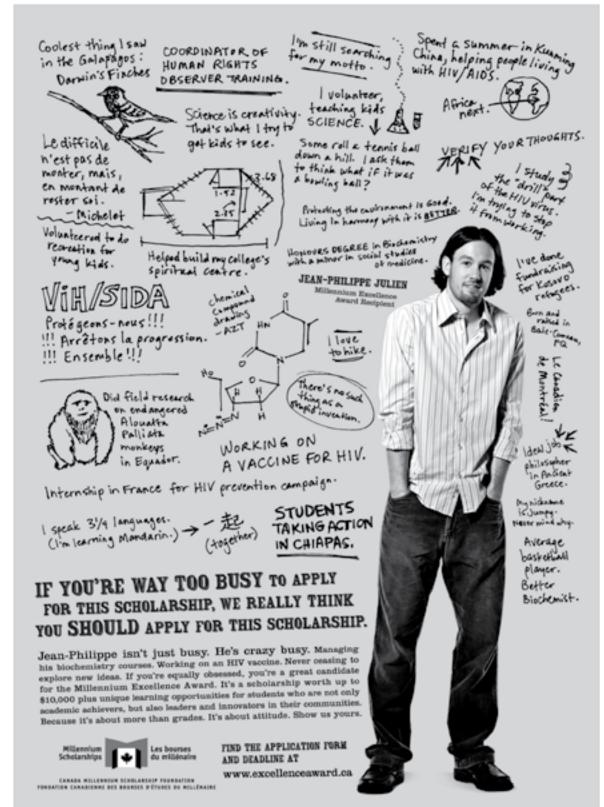
The RCMP announced on Jan. 28 that four individuals allegedly involved in illegal distribution of counterfeit DVDs had been arrested. Two days later, they announced they seized over 12,000 pirated copies of new releases from two businesses in the Greater Toronto Area.

Piracy is the single largest threat to the motion picture industry in the United States, according to the Motion Picture Association of America.

An industry report released in 2005 claimed piracy cost the major American motion picture studios \$6.1 billion worldwide. Sixty-two per cent of the losses came from piracy of hard goods, such as DVDs. The other 38 per cent of losses come from Internet piracy.

Each pirated DVD the RCMP confiscated last month was allegedly being sold for between \$4 and \$7, making the total value of the bust somewhere between \$48,000 and \$84,000.

Marc LaPorte, RCMP media relations officer for Ontario, says the monetary value of seized material would have gone directly into the pirates' pockets.

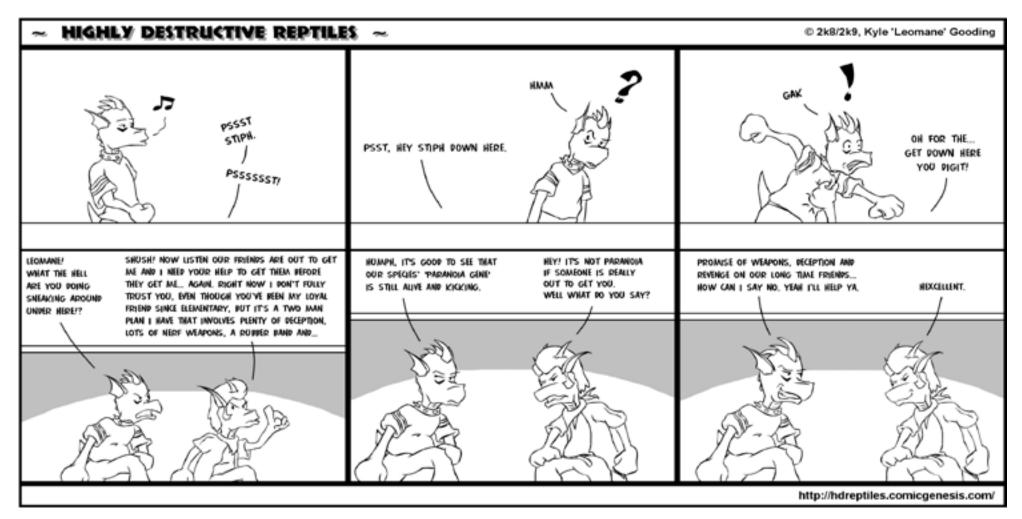




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Solution, tips and computer programs at www.sudoku.com







#### **NAIT Bakers**

Event: Bake Sale When: Friday Feb. 13; 10 a.m. Where: South Lobby NASS Event: Grad fundraiser When: Friday Feb. 13; 9:30 p.m.

#### Where: The Ranch Bio Sci

Event: X-country skiing When: Monday Feb. 16; 2-5 p.m. Where: Gold Bar Park

Bio Sci **Event:** Silent auction When: Feb. 23, 24, 26, 27;

12:15-1:10 p.m. Where: South Lobby

#### RT 2011

Event: Bake Sale When: Feb. 25; 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Feb. 26; 11:30-12:45 p.m. Where: NAITSA office and HP second floor. CETSC Event: Hockey Tourney/ Beer Garden When: Friday Feb. 27; 3 p.m. Where: The Annex Dock **NOTE:** With the NAITSA

office hours extended from 8

a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, you can find your helpful Campus Clubs

Stop by and say hello sometime!

same hours.

office open to help you with the

#### Valentine's Day flower sale

Don't forget your sweetie, this Valentine's Day! The Landscape Architectural Technology Program has got you covered with flowers for sale on Feb. 13. Single flowers \$5

Bouquets \$25 Locations: Bottom of the main stairs Engineering Annex Cafeteria area of the Spartan Centre Common Market on Main Campus Outside the Computer Lab of the HP Centre

#### Kindai Bujitsu

A combative Martial Art with a focus in several areas, such as joint manipulation, hand strikes, kicks, grappling, throws and other forms of self defence. In addition to learning how to defend yourself, Kindai Bujitsu helps you improve your mind. Feb. 18- March 19

Wednesday and Thursday Location: S-112 2:15-4 p.m. Come try for the first two classes for free \$30 - includes your membership





(YUMMY)NAIT Bio Sci Bake Sale

Friday, Feb 13

#### 11:15 to 1:15pm

Outside the NAITsa Office & **Reads and Needs** 

# **ENTERTAINMENT Great night for Grammys**



LEANNE TRUONG Assistant Entertainment Editor

On Sunday evening, musical influences of all genres came together and celebrated at the 51st Grammy Awards. This time around, it had a different feel, probably because the award show was more diverse than ever before.

The night was all about mega collaborated performance, Jennifer Hudson's major appearance since her family tragedy and the MIA of golden couple Chris Brown and Rhianna (everyone probably has heard now, but I'll elaborate on that later).

The awards were originally called the Gramophone Awards (hence the current name). The show first aired in 1958 and is presented annually by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences to honour eminent artists of the year and the writers, musicians, producers and sound engineers who assist in their success. Of all the award shows, this is the relevant one to watch and probably the least boring. I always look forward to the non lip-synched performances and this year was no disappointment.

To sum it up, the performances were colourful, amazing, diverse and entertaining. I admit, I was glued. I almost watched all of the performances (even the country performances, unlike previous years).

I guess the organization wanted to increase their ratings since it was declining in the past, and whoever was in charge this year should get a raise as the ratings were up 10 per cent from last year's turnout, a whole whopping 19 million blaring televisions sets tuned on Sunday night.

It was probably due to the fact that they had a couple of artists perform who are currently in some hot water. The controversial teeny bopper that you hate to love (but also love to hate) Miley Cyrus, sang along side country sweetheart Taylor Swift as they performed *Fifteen*.

Cyrus recently upset the Asian community when a photo with her and others appeared with squinty eyed poses, but all was forgotten and there was nothing but positive vibes toward the performance (maybe all is forgiven when it comes to good music).

Another major high profile collaboration was with M.I.A (who performed on her baby's due date), Lil Wayne, Jay-Z, Kanye West and T.I., who performed *Paper Planes* and *Swagger Like Us*.

Photo by Kristen Bass

T.I., who soon will be incarcerated for possession of firearms, performed also with Justin Timberlake in *Dead and Gone*. As for the "Rap Pack" performance ... sure it looked as if too many people were just thrown onstage to prance around, but it was

fun to watch as a very pregnant M.I.A. rapped as if there wasn't a huge and visible bump apparent.

As all the other rappers appeared quite suave in their penguin tuxes, she was quite provocative with her meshed black and white polka dot mini, where there were little circles covering her baby bump ... and, well, her other two bumps north of her tummy. The Grammys combined two very different generations as the boy band

of the moment, Jonas Brothers, sang *Superstition* with the soul singing granddaddy Stevie Wonder, reviving the old classic with their quirky guitar moves that make any girl under 20 swoon.

Oh, and before I forget, there were Grammys awarded in 31 categories and the prominent winners of the night were Alison Krauss, Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant, Coldplay, U.K. artist Adele, Daft Punk, Lil Wayne, John Mayer and Ne-Yo, who all took home multiple gold plated mini gramophones.

The most touching moment of the night was when Jennifer Hudson's award for Best R&B Album was given to her by her idol Whitney Hous-

> ton. Hudson seemed so vulnerable as she wept and dedicated her award to her family in heaven, making one wonder how she must have felt on probably one of the best days of her life but was unable to share it with her recently deceased mother, sister and nephew, who were all tragically murdered.

On another sad note, a couple who are greatly admired, the R&B prince and princess, Chris Brown and Rihanna were not present, and later the news

broke that Brown had been accused of domestic abuse against his girlfriend, Rihanna, after an argument the previous night at a pre-Grammy party.

After watching this year's award show, it really makes me anticipate next year's show and how I must eagerly await the next big hits that will make their way onto the radio and iPods. It's great to see that music is appreciated and can be celebrated in an astonishing way through the Grammys.

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A WOMAN AND HER MUSIC Dani Jean performs at Indie Night at the Nest on Feb. 5.



#### ENTERTAINMENT

#### FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE ...

### \$3.99 mix-tape



LEANNE TRUONG **Assistant Entertainment Editor** 

This week on \$3.99 mix tape, I'm just baffled by the amazing collaborations that took place at the 51st Grammys, and it got me thinking about all the great collaborations that have been featured on radio, music channels, in clubs, on iPods and anyplace else that can blurt out a song. Why is it that nowadays music is all about featuring

another artist? Is it that some artist needs to shine through the help of others? Or maybe it's that they cannot come up with anything creative themselves so they enlist the help of others to fill in the gap? A little "teamwork" doesn't hurt right? It's kind of like the saying, the more the better ... In some cases, sure ... but well, it's half and half. I'm seeing more of it and sometimes it can be overkill ... Hmmm, not to mention any names, but is there no track that doesn't feature Lil Wayne? He's everywhere now, but how is it that he has a never-ending number of songs now and not too long ago was just an insignificant member of Cash Money Millionaires? I guess it all started with duets, just nice, sweet and simple. But in the early days, it was usually just two artists who equally shared a classic tune. Now it's every top artist and their entourage and maybe some family members, all thrown into one five-minute song. But who am I to judge, it's still a big trend and regardless of my

opinion, it sells, but what doesn't these days? Here's my list of "co-operated" songs. Enjoy!

- T.I. ft. Justin Timberlake Dead and Gone 1.
- 2. Brandy and Monica – The Boy Is Mine
- 3. Run DMC ft. Aerosmith – Walk This Way
- 4. Jennifer Warnes and Bill Medley – Time Of My Life
  - Nelly ft. Kelly Rowland Dilemma 5.
  - Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Jordan Baby It's Cold 6. Outside
  - 7. Jay-Z ft. Beyonce – Bonnie & Clyde
  - Sonny and Cher I Got You Babe 8.
  - 9. Fabulous ft. Tamia – So Into You
  - 10. Simon and Garfunkel – The Sounds Of Silence
- 11. Eminem ft. Dido – Stan
- 12 Morrissey and Siouxsie Sioux – Interlude

### **Campus bars show their stuff**

#### **By CURTIS BINKOWSKI**

Few things in life are better than a tasty meal and a refreshing drink after a full day of school. For NAIT and Grant MacEwan students, on campus pubs make this possible immediately after the day's last class. To get the full experience of these two places, I journeyed down to each pub on a Friday afternoon for a friendly comparison.

First, I went to Towers. The place was jampacked and rather loud. I sat down for a pint of beer and ordered the daily special, a BLT with tomato soup. The food was good and the beer went down easy. Although it was only 1 p.m., there were several people who had seemingly already passed their comfortable drinking amount. The two pool tables could be better placed; they are right by the main entrance

so with the limited space in the pub, so having an interrupted shot isn't a rare occurrence. The pub location, however, is excellent, with a spot right next to the central part of the college, which also contains the cafeteria.

#### Nest is bigger

I made my way back to NAIT just as they began serving alcohol at three o'clock. The Nest is much bigger than Towers (probably twice the size) and has a stage. Every second Thursday, Indie Night is the theme where local up-andcoming bands take the stage. I discovered on the Towers website that every Wednesday is Open Mic Night. Likely a good place for wannabe comedians and musicians to display their stuff. The Nest definitely has the upper hand in hours of operation. It is open from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday to Friday, serving breakfast and staving open later for special events

Although Towers opens later and closes earlier (11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday), they have won over the afternoon drinkers by serving alcohol throughout their entire hours of operation. One minor downfall The Nest has is the location. For some students, it can be quite the trek to get to the southwest corner of the school. NAIT's pub beats Grant Mac's pub 3-2 in pool tables, 3-0 in fooseball tables and 1-0 in juke boxes. A few silver coins make up the price

difference in beer between both places. Towers has the cheaper domestic pint but The Nest has a cheaper jug. Crossing the river, U of A's campus pub (RATT) dominates in one category, a 360-degree, seventh floor view of Edmonton, but has no billiards and a few other good bars as their competition.

#### Drinking on weekends

Like the majority of alcohol consumers, I prefer to leave my drinking for the weekends. With many classes ending at noon on Friday, the Nest's availability of alcohol doesn't correspond well. Perhaps one day NAIT students will be able to have drinks over lunch hour at our pub.

(Entertainment Editor's Note: For those wondering why the Nest does not serve alcohol at

Photo by Kristen Bass

INDIE NIGHT

plays at the Nest on Feb. 5

an early time like the bars located on other campuses, there is a pretty simple reason behind it. We are primarily a trade school, with a lot of different programs that require people to operate potentially dangerous equipment and/or machinery. If alcohol were served at noon, the possibility exists that someone could become impaired at the Nest and then be operating equipment in an afternoon

class. This creates huge potential for a mishap/ serious injury to occur, and therefore that is what keeps the Nest from serving alcohol before its current afternoon time (3 p.m.). So, despite the fact that a lot of us would be happy if we could have a pint with our lunch at the Nest, it is unlikely that we will be doing so anytime soon, and for good reason).



### ENTERTAINMENT

# Special film a la Carts

#### By BRYCE ALTHOUSE Entertainment Editor

Filmmaker Murray Siple was living a dream life in 1996. He was a thrill-seeker, snowboarder and amateur filmmaker who was living out his fantasies to catch the perfect run and making snowboard films while doing so.

Sadly, one day in that year was all it took to come to a crashing end. Siple was involved in an automobile collision that rendered him a quadriplegic and subsequently was removed from his passions. He did not pick up a video camera for eight years, until one day he met a group of homeless bottle pickers in a grocery store parking lot. Almost immediately he struck up a rapport with these societal outsiders, as he himself now felt like an outsider to the modern world. It was at this time that he discovered this group of bottle pickers had a habit of riding shopping carts down the hills of ritzy North Vancouver.

*Carts of Darkness* is the documentary that resulted from that chance meeting, and like a snowboard film it aims to feature many of the downhill runs made by this outlaw group of rag tags.

However, that is not all that it appears, as the film really moves to showcase the people involved in this outlandish activity, namely two men named "Fergie" and "Big Al," and to capture what becomes a journey of self-discovery for the filmmaker himself. What results is a mix of extreme sports, funny tales, truly sad moments and an upbeat conclusion. You also get to know the central characters, as the young and tall Big Al is spotlighted as an individual who really shouldn't be on the streets picking bottles but has made some life choices that have forced him to be what he has become. But with the aging Fergie, you see the decline of someone who has been downtrodden from society for far too long due to his alcoholism, but is really a good hearted individual. The back stories and problems of both men are never really elaborated on from beyond what is seen and told by them in interviews, as is the same with the minor supporting characters who show up in a few parts. But this film is not about alcoholism, it really is just a showcase of the unfortunate and what they do for enjoyment while living a free life. The film really does explore the journey of Siple, as a mutual bond and trust grows between him and the main characters, while at the same time he also rediscovers the joy of life through the simplest things.

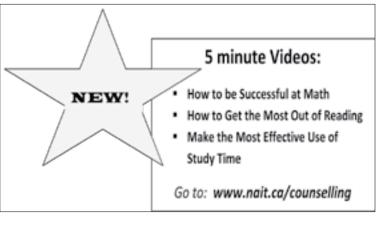
For anyone that has ever watched an extreme sports movie, the film will be eerily similar, but this is good as it makes for a highly entertaining experience. It's also an emotional roller coaster as you grow to really feel for both Fergie and Big Al and go from accepting certain stereotypical notions about the homeless, to hoping for a storybook ending where they both are saved and redeemed at the end. This is definitely a worthwhile way to spend 60 minutes and is probably one of the best documentaries I've seen since *Dogtown and the Z-Boys*.

I'm unsure where you would be able to rent on DVD in Edmonton, but it is available for free online viewing (streaming like YouTube) or purchase at http://www.nfb.ca/film/carts\_of\_darkness/. I suggest watching the streaming version first, and then if you are like me, purchase the movie directly from Murray Siple at his webpage (http://www.murraysiple.com/). By the time you are done watching this movie, you too will be re-evaluating your own life and thinking about a shopping cart every time you see a hill in Edmonton. Five out of five stars ... and I mean it.

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Scene from Carts of Darkness.







ENTERTAINMENT

# **Welcome to Skateboarding 201**

#### **By KITA MURU**

Back in late 2007, EA's Skate came out with its assortment of top pro skaters, unique controls and a roadie cam. At the time it was seen as an electronic pulse sent right to the heart of the fading skateboarding genre, and it was well received by the gaming community. After receiving many sports game of the year awards for Skate and taking more than a year after the earlier instalment, EA and Black Box have come out with a sequel, Skate 2, for your gaming enjoyment.

There is a story in Skate 2, however, and it can be summed up as this; you get out of jail and try to make your name out on the streets of San Vanelona ... and that's about it. Take out the jail part and it sounds like the exact storyline of the original Tony Hawk's Underground all over again.

Speaking of San Vanelona, the whole city is open to you at the start, just like in Skate 1. The core game is almost unchanged, except for a few new additions; the "Flick-it" controls are back, using the right analogue thumbstick to

perform tricks. You can also move off your board, which in theory is great, but in practice it is quite clunky and unmanageable. Moving around on foot isn't as solid as moving on the board, but it allows you to set up tables and ramps to help you in challenges and to heelflip that awesome gap you can just see hiding in the environmental objects.



The presentation and soundtrack both help to capture the skateboarding culture with an assortment of rock and rap tracks.

The film editor is back, but unfortunately without the cool effects you could add in the previous game. Also, there is the "create-a-spot" mode which lets you create an area, set up a bunch of pieces around it and let other skaters take a crack at it to get the

best score. It also has another neat feature, where you can browse and skate other created spots online.

Overall, Skate 2 is definitely a better game than Skate 1 and it's a must buy for those fans of the skateboarding video game genre.

But this game doesn't just apply to only those fans; any gamer looking for a great game to kick off 2009 should pick up Skate 2 and have a go at it.

It isn't a quantum leap from the original and the additions are a bit ... lacking, but if you liked to "study" Skate 1, then you'll most likely go for some extra credits when you pick up Skate 2.

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### **Chippy game reviews**

#### By AARON NODELMAN

games? Never fear, for there's a new that he did a review of the e-mails sent to

critic in town with a sweet hat and a chip on his shoulder. Ben "Yahtzee" Croshaw brings new life to art of reviewing video games and similar topics with his "Zero Punctuation" reviews.

Occasionally, when he finds himself with-

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out something to mock or complain about, or when he is overwhelmed with hate mail, he'll review that instead of the game. Imme-

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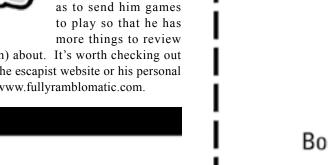
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# Beastie **Boys** ... 20 **years later**



**BRYCE ALTHOUSE Entertainment Editor** 

On Feb. 10, the Beastie Boys' critically acclaimed Paul's Boutique dropped onto store shelves in full physical form for people to listen to and enjoy for its notoriously sample-heavy greatness.

Now some of you may say, "Hey, hey, hey, isn't this an album that dropped WAY back in 1989?" and you'd be right. The Dust Brothers-produced Paul's Boutique was indeed originally released in '89 as a follow-up to the juvenile rhymes found on 1986's Rick Rubin-produced Licensed to Ill.

#### A treat

Twenty years have passed since that time and as a treat the boys

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have found time to remaster the album so it "actually does have enough bass to shatter your one frozen testicle," (as said by MCA in a recent MTV interview) and to fix the original cover picture to properly

show the staged "Paul's Boutique" storefront which was cut off on the original fold-out CD booklet.

One could also assume this has been done to bolster sales of the album, as it was poorly received when originally released and has only recently come back into the mainstream eye as a very important '80s rap record

Why so important? This was one of the few mass-produced albums with a multitude of unlicensed samples before a landmark 1991 court case over the unlicensed use of Gilbert O'Sullivan's Alone Again (Naturally) as a sample in rapper Biz Markie's song of the same title.

As a result of that trial, sampling well-known artists became incredibly time consuming and

expensive (as all samples had to be cleared and royalties paid) and records like Paul's Boutique became impossible to recreate. Therefore, this album stands out in history as one of the only big-time records to feature this type of intricate sample layering over the beats and will remain that way due to the aforementioned legal issues.

If you want to grab a new copy of Paul's Boutique, then I suggest that you head down to your local CD retailer or check out http:// paulsboutique.beastieboys.com/.

By going the website route, you have the option of purchasing the whole album in digital download form, on CD, on vinyl or in a HUGE 20th anniversary collector's pack. For the digital route, the DRM-free high-quality audio files are available in a normal download package with 3-D interactive digital art, or in a "deluxe" package that includes five music videos, video commentary and the aforementioned art.

The vinyl and CD can be ordered individually, or in a Twenty years have deluxe package that includes a that time and as free T-shirt with wrap-around album art. As for have found time the big shebang, the 20th anniversary commemora-

tive pack includes

the digital deluxe version, CD, vinyl album, T-shirt and an eightfoot wide poster of the album art for your living room or bedroom wall

#### Is it worth it?

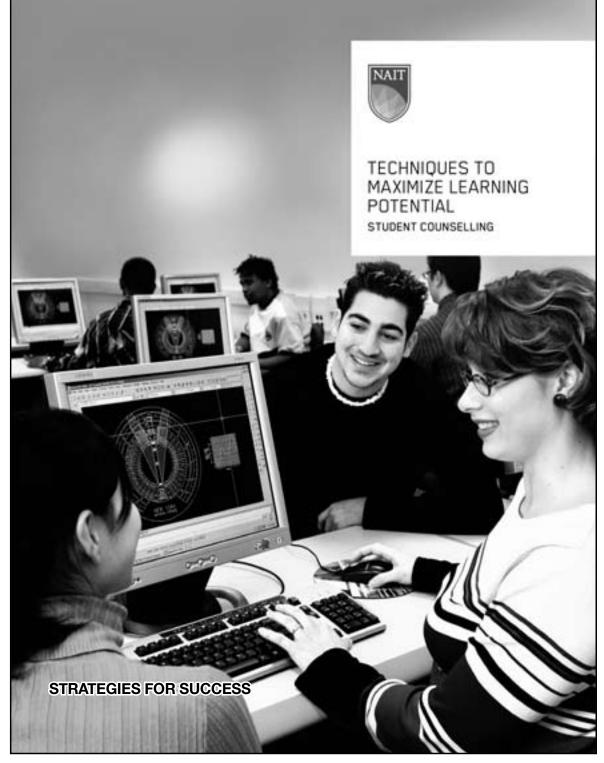
Is it worth it? Well, if you are a Beastie Boys junkie, like myself, (I almost have the full track catalogue, only a couple of rare records short) then I suggest picking up this album.

If you are just a casual listener of hip-hop, then I suggest you pick this album up only if you have never heard it. This is an essential and ground breaking record, and has some of the best rhymes the Beasties' ever spit forth.

So, there's your verdict, because I "got more rhymes than Jamaicans got mango."



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### Want to volunteer? Canadian Blood Services

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#### AHEIA (Alberta Hunter Education Instructor Association)

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#### NEW HOURS FOR NAITSA

NAITSA has set up new, more convenient office hours for students. The Students' Association office at E-131 is now open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. With the new hours, Continuing Education students who want to make contact can do so by dropping by before their evening classes begin. Any other students who have late afternoon classes will also be able to access the receptionist later in the day.

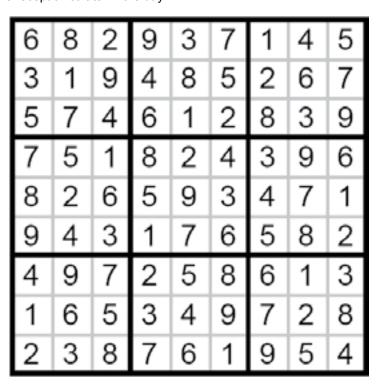
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27, 2009. Instructions are provided on line to assist in creating your NAIT login

and printing your T2202A.

Please note: Tax receipts will not be mailed. Students requesting a printed T2202A form will be charged \$12.



Solution for Sudoku #51

#### LIFESTYLE HELPING HANDS

We are a non-profit organization serving seniors in Southwest Edmonton. Our goal is to assist seniors in remaining independent in their homes. We need snow shovellers, housekeepers, handymen and seasonal gardeners. Snow shovelling is currently our main priority. Pay for the above positions would be negotiated. An average amount would be approximately \$20 per hour.

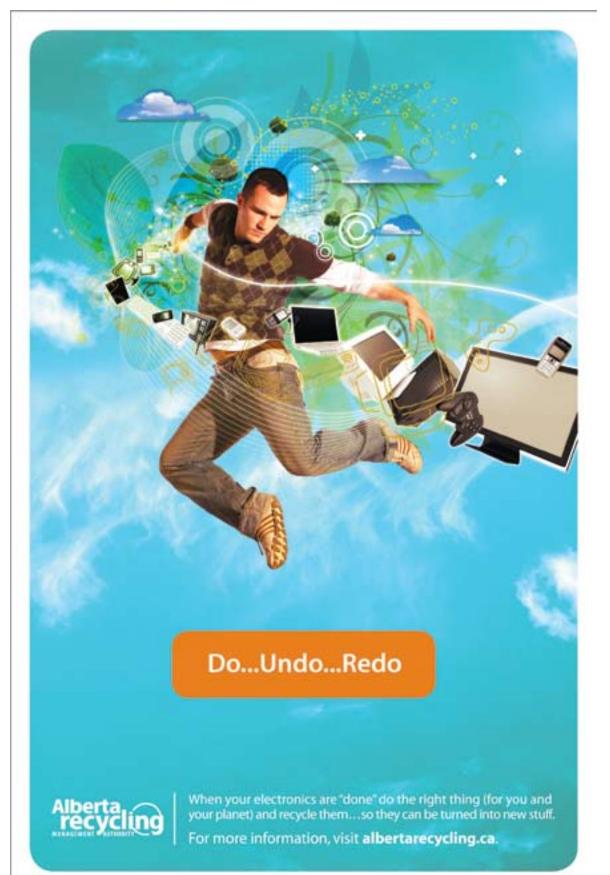
We are also seeking volunteer drivers (honorarium) to transport seniors to various appointments and to do shopping. The amount for an hour and a half of a drivers' time would be \$9. Contact:

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#### **TOP 10 TIPS**

# Preventing date rape



MARGARET MAREAN NAIT Student Counselling

Date rape is defined as being forced or pressured into having sex against your will and without your consent by a person who is known to you. It includes new acquaintances or ongoing relationships.

1. The best defence against date rape is to become informed and to minimize situations that put you at risk. In new dating situations, go to public places or with other people you know.

2. Don't keep your head in the sand. Recognize that date rape could happen to you. Between 10 to 25 per cent of college women report being raped by men they knew. Although far less common, men can also be raped.

3. Know that it is your right to set limits and to defend them, and to tell your partner if/when you do and don't want to have sex.

4. Firmly discourage any unwanted contact, even if it is casual.

5. Be assertive in setting relationship boundaries. Think about your limits in advance and communicate limits and expectations clearly (e.g. how much touch is OK). If you are clear in your own mind about your limits, it is easier to communicate them.

6. Passivity may be interpreted as permission, so say "no" in a tone that relays that you mean it. Don't hint or expect anyone to read your mind.

7. Be wary of acquaintances who are excessively jealous or possessive, get hostile when you say no, ignore your wishes or opinions, act in an intimidating way or attempt to make you feel guilty if you say no to sex.

8. If you are uncertain about the person you are with, avoid alcohol or drugs.

9. Carry a cell phone and some cash so that you can contact someone or take a cab if you need to get out of an uncomfortable situation.

10. If you do get into a situation where you feel uncomfortable or are forced:

• Try to stay calm. Think about your options and how safe it would be to resist.

• Say NO strongly.

• If you have a safe option to resist, act quickly.

Try to get away. Use self defence tactics. You may be able to hit, bite or kick to gain a chance of escape. However, realize that fighting back might cause the offender to become violent, so appraise the situation.
Yell for help.

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• Buy time with talk. Try to convince or persuade the offender. Flatter him. When he thinks he no longer needs to use force, he may ease up his guard and give you a chance to break away.

• Be as non-seductive as possible. Tell him you have a sexually transmitted disease, your period or that you are pregnant. Do physical things to turn him off (e.g. urinate on the floor, pick your nose, pass gas, belch or vomit).

• Remember that giving in is not consent. It may be the only survival strategy.

If you are raped, get medical attention as soon as possible. Do not shower or bathe until you have been examined at an emergency department. The Sexual Assault Response Team offers 24-hour service and support through hospital emergency departments. You may also want to talk to a friend or family member who will be supportive and/or inform the police of the attack. Remember rape is not your fault, it is an act of violence.

Men have the responsibility to prevent date rape too:

1. Listen carefully to what the woman is saying. If you feel like you are getting a mixed message, clarify what she wants.

2. Be sensitive to women who are unsure whether they want to have sex. If you pressure a woman into sex, this is classified as force.

3. Do not let your desires control your actions. Think about whether you really want to have sex with someone who doesn't want to have sex with you. 4. Remember that date rape is a crime and that it is never acceptable to use force in sexual situations.

5. Don't make assumptions about a woman's behaviour. Because a woman drinks or dresses sexily does not mean that she is inviting you to have sex.

6. The fact that you were intoxicated is not legal defence to rape. You are responsible for your actions, whether drunk or sober.

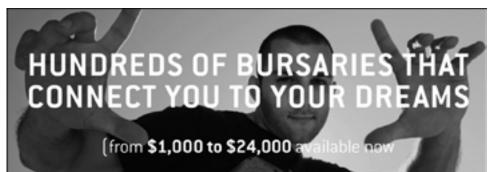
7. Just because a woman has had sex with you previously does not mean you have the right to have sex in the future. Date rape is a crime even if there has been past sexual involvement.

8. Don't assume that a woman who consents to kissing or other sexual intimacies is willing to have sexual intercourse.

9. If you have sex with a woman who is drugged, intoxicated, incapable of saying no or unaware of what is happening, you may be guilty of rape.

10. Get involved if you believe someone is at risk. Don't be afraid to intervene – you may save a woman from assault and a man from criminal prosecution.

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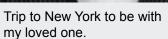




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# What would be your perfect Valentine's Day gift?





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Threesome with Jessica Alba, Megan Fox and the old lady.

Tim Moughram Mechanic



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### **CDs set to replace textbooks?**

#### By SAM VANSCHIE CUP Western Bureau Chief

VICTORIA (CUP) – Textbooks: Would you like that in paper or electronic?

More students are being offered that choice as some of the larger textbook publishers are developing versions of their books that come on disks to be read off computer screens.

When Ahmed Mumeni, 22, took first-year economics at the University of Victoria last year, he still opted for the paper copy of his textbook, even though the e-book was cheaper.

But he's pretty sure that if his younger brother were faced with the same option, the 18-year-old would definitely go digital.

"He does everything on computer," Mumeni said. "I never see him with a book."

This is the difference of just four years, and these computer-savvy teens are the ones applying colleges this year.

"We're really trying to keep track of how students evolve," said UVic textbook manager Penny Draper. "We have to change what we offer them to keep up."

The UVic bookstore currently offers about a dozen digital textbook titles, four of which were for sale last term. But even traditional textbooks are coming with a digital edge, as more books are being bundled with online supplements.

In the same class that he offers the option of a digital textbook, economics instructor Christopher Willmore allows his students an option to earn 10 per cent of their course grade by completing the online quizzes, which are based on textbook material. Students get the pin number to access the quizzes when they buy their book. If students didn't want the online option,

Willmore says he just adds 10 per cent more to the weighting of their exam.

But, most are eager to do the quizzes. And why not? Some students have figured out that they can check the answers before they submit the quiz, ensuring they get 100 per cent.

Still, Willmore says his students' understanding of course material has increased since he began using the quizzes.

But do they want to read on screen?

The UVic bookstore asked 588 students who filled out a ballot during their textbook buy-back whether they would buy electronic textbooks if they were available, and 33 per cent said they never would, while seven per cent said they always would.

For the rest, it depended on the price: If the e-book was 75 per cent of the paper price, 10 per cent would go for it. At half the price, 33 per cent would. If it cost 25 per cent, as much 16 per cent would read on screen.

"The demand on e-books is not currently great," Draper said, noting that part of that is likely due to the fact that students have never tried e-books before.

"We've got a bit of a chicken and an egg situation – students don't know if they want them until they can try them, but publishers don't make them unless students want them."

Currently, Draper says the bookstore is keeping a close eye on what happens in American markets where e-books are being tested. The University of Texas, for example, has begun a large-scale trial period on e-textbooks. The school paid the licensing fees for thousands of students to download their biochemistry, marketing, and accounting textbooks. After the trial, the school will decide if it will take the leap to becoming the first textbook-free school.

Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been developing open-source learning resources since 2001.

Today, anybody in the world can access

course material and exams for over 1,800 courses for free online.

Sure, MIT students don't get credit for completing a course and there are no teachers to lead them through the material, but the price is right.

Electronic books currently sell at half the price of traditional texts.

To avoid piracy, most e-books can only be accessed on one computer for a set amount of time, and only allow users to print a certain number of pages.



Ahmed Mumeni, left, holds a receipt for an electronic textbook, the only paper he'd get from the bookstore if he opted for the e-book in his Economics class. UVictoria textbook manager, Penny Draper, holds the hard copy of the book.

## York students aim to impeach

#### **By ALEXANDRA BIRUKOVA** Excalibur (York University)

TORONTO (CUP) – In less than two days, more than 2,500 students at Toronto's York University have signed a petition to drop their students' union.

The campaign is aimed at impeaching the five executive members of the York Federation of Students.

Daniel Ferman, one of the organizers, says the petition is in response to the YFS failing to represent the students during the 80-day part-time faculty strike that kept students out of class for most of the semester.

"They should have been more neutral and [gotten] students back to class as soon as possible. Instead, they supported [the striking faculty] and, in my opinion, we might not have been on strike at all if the YFS executives did not support it," Ferman said.

The organizers of this campaign started collecting petitions on the morning of Feb. 2. Their ultimate goal is to collect 5,000 signatures – enough to impeach the YFS executives.

"One of the executives just said to me: 'Don't worry about the things that happened in the past. Think about the future.' Why would we do that? We need to make YFS accountable for what they have

done." Ferman said.

He also says the feedback from students had been nothing but positive, with over 2,500 signatures collected in just over a dav.

Ted Bethune, one of the YFS councillors, signed the Drop YFS petition, despite being on the YFS board of directors.

Bethune says he signed the petition was because the five executives have failed the students and didn't represent them properly.

"During the ... strike, they should have been neutral and listened to both sides as well as pushed for accepting binding arbitration. They failed to do what was important for students, which was going back to classes as soon as possible," Bethune said.

Hamid Osman, president of the YFS, says impeachment is possible because of misinformation.

"I have been called an anti-Semitist, I've been called a bum. I've been called a drunk," Osman said.

He says his actions and the actions of his team speak for themselves.

"Representing students is all I have done. All these people want to do is be politically opportunistic," he said.

Third-year administrative studies major Eugene Egorov says he signed the petition and encouraged all of his friends to do so.

**TIP OF THE WEEK – FROM NAIT SECURITY SERVICES** 

"It's absolutely unacceptable for the YFS It's just not fair to us, as students, because executives to be getting that much money wage-wise and not doing their jobs properly.

funding for YFS is taken right out of our pockets," he said.



Photo by Gord Heatley

#### PHOTO THESIS NIGHT

First year Photography students Kevin Stachniak, left, and Trevor Burns take in the sights at the thesis night for second-year students held at the Shaw Theatre on Feb. 2.



It's the middle of the night. Your phone rings, and after you answer it: • The caller shouts obscenities

• You hear the caller suggest

A suspicious phone call that

If you have a suspicious phone

scares or threatens you is a serious

offence and should be reported to the

• You hear nothing at all.

What should you do?

into the phone,

some sexual act, or

HANG UP.

police.

call: • Never entertain the caller.

• Do not talk to the caller. Do not beg, plead with or threaten the caller. • After you hang up, get out a notebook or pad of paper and record the time and date of the call.

• Write down the sex of the caller and anything he or she said.

Remember: The caller wants to scare or upset you. Anything you say

to the caller will confirm the reaction the caller is looking for.

Say nothing. Hang up.

• If the caller phones many times or at all hours or threatens you or your property, call the police.

• After the call is reported to the police, a phone trace may be placed on your line.

Here are some precautions to take if you are receiving suspicious phone calls:

• It may be someone you know. An ex-spouse, boy/girlfriend, coworker or total stranger. You will have to try to recall any details of a past relationship or a suspicious per-

son vou met.

• At the same time, you must keep in mind your personal safety.

• Watch the people around you – at work, at the bus stop, anywhere just in case the caller knows you and may be following you.

• Advise Campus Security Services. We can offer assistance while you are on campus.

A suspicious phone call is very unnerving.

A threatening phone call is a crime.

For more tips and information, visit www.nait.ca/security.

Everybody benefits, except the criminal.

*If you have information a crime,* contact Campus Security Services at 780-471-7477. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your identity will remain anonymous, and *if the information you provide leads* to a conviction, you could eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

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#### NAITfye (First Year Experience) Workshop Schedule–Winter Semester

NAITfye is a new initiative developed to help students transition to life on campus. We have developed workshops on a variety of topics chosen with your specific needs in mind and theme oriented based on the time of year. Please attend as many of the following workshops as you wish. The sessions are free and no registration is required.

February-0	19						
12	Thurs	Secure the Perfect Job with Interview and Job Search techniques	4:30-5:30pm	X215			
23	Mon	Taxes 101	4:30-5:30pm	X111			
24	Tues	Taxes 101	4:30-5:30pm	W301			
25	Wed	Women in Technology Meet and Greet	12:15-1:10pm	X111			
March-09							
9	Mon	Re-apply for your Grant Funding	12:15-1:10pm	X215			
11	Wed	Re-apply for your Grant Funding	12:15-1:10pm	WA110			
17	Tues	Run the Show! Learn leadership skills that will help you in the workforce	4:30-5:30pm	X205			
19	Thurs	Run the Show! Learn leadership skills that will help you in the workforce	12:15-1:10pm	T112			
25	Wed	Women in Technology Meet and Greet	12:15-1:10pm	X215			
April-09							
6	Mon	Meditation Basics- Learn how to relax before exams	12:15-1:10pm	Studio			
7	Tues	Meditation Basics- Learn how to relax before exams	4:30-5:30pm	Studio			
15	Wed	Women in Technology Meet and Greet	12:15-1:10pm	X203			
	OUESTIONS?? EMAIL askfue@pait ca OR VISIT youry pait ca/fue						

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