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NOT HAPPY

Mark Gibbons, candidate for Vice-President External with the NAIT Students' Association, shows his displeasure with the two-candidate slate of presidential hopeful Timothy Jobs and VP External candidate Govind Pillai. Gibbons filed an unsuccessful challenge to their arrangement.

EXECUTIVE ELECTION CANDIDATE SPEECHES

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Executive privilege?



RYAN FLAHERTY
Issues Editor

For a school with such a high level of voter apathy, this year's NAIT Students' Association election campaign is providing plenty of fodder for conversation. Much of the discussion is due to a grievance lodged by Mark Gibbons, one of the candidates for Vice President External. In the written complaint, filed Monday with the election's chief returning officer, Gibbons alleged that Timothy Jobs and Govind Pillai, running for President and VP External respectively, had violated a number of NAITSA election bylaws.

'Pre-campaigned'

"They have pre-campaigned in contrary to our NAITSA bylaws," wrote Gibbons in the complaint. "In addition there is no mention in NAITSA bylaws indicating that any individual candidate is allowed to campaign alongside another individual candidate on a slate." Gibbons also raised concerns regarding the allocation of campaign resources. "The section in the bylaws about handling posters clearly states one 'owner' of a poster (no mention of partnership) and 'the maximum number of posters is thirty (30) per candidate for Executive Council elections' with no mention of allowance for any more than one individual candidate," he wrote.

Jobs and Pillai first learned of Gibbons' concerns on Monday when the complaint was filed. They were caught off guard. "We were quite surprised," Pillai said. "We were accurate in terms of reading the bylaws and ensuring that everything we were doing was in the students' favour. We felt that it [the complaint] was completely baseless." With regard to the allegation of pre-campaigning, Jobs stated "Pre-campaigning, by its definition, is publicly announcing your candidacy prior to the campaign period, which is outlined in the election package. We had a private conversation between two friends, we did not announce it in any public space or anywhere where the public would have been able to be notified, so quite frankly a conversation between two friends is absolutely private. There's nothing public about that."

'No violation occurred'

The Elections Committee decision, obtained Tuesday by the *Nugget*, states "the committee specifically looked at whether or not they could see evidence of a 'public announcement' of candidacy. The committee determined that any discussion of potential candidacy between Jobs and Pillai does not constitute a public announcement and therefore no violation occurred."

Michael Konecny, another candidate for VP External, has withdrawn from the running, due in part to the fact that he shares some of Gibbons' concerns. "This decision was a combination of many factors with one of those factors being the slate campaigning," said Konecny. In an e-mail to the *Nugget*, Konecny explained that he had previously discussed the poster issue with elections officials. "During the 2009/2010 senate elections Jackie Albert and myself had received a ruling about slate campaigning which was that the bylaw says that each candidate can have 30 posters therefore if we have



both our pictures on one poster, that poster counts against both of us," he elaborated. "[That is] 30 60x60 cm posters with both our faces/names is the equivalent to 30 30x30 posters with my name and 30 30x30 posters with Jackie's name."

It is unclear whether the poster policy as it was explained to Konecny during Senate elections is still being applied in the same way during the current campaign. Michele Parker, chief returning officer for the election, explained that plans are being made to revisit all election bylaws.

"NAITSA has been notified by multiple members of NAITSA's Senate that they wish to discuss the situation in the near future and review the bylaws to see if changes are needed for future elections," Parker said in an e-mail.

What is clear is that the Elections Committee decision found that Jobs and Pillai are not guilty of any wrongdoing during their campaign. "The committee came to consensus that no rules or bylaws were broken in this situation," states the ruling. "Based on the NAITSA bylaw, 7.13.1 each candidate is allotted 30 posters each and what they choose to put on the posters is their choice as per the poster regulations outlined in 7.13.3. The committee has ruled that the chief returning officer and deputy returning officer were not in error of their decision." Though a member of the committee, DRO Tyler Mowbrey abstained from voting on the decision, though he did sign the document.

However, the decision doesn't sit well with some of the candidates. Dave Hindley, who is running for VP External, explained in an e-mail to the *Nugget*. "I arrived at the 11:00 'review' [Tuesday] morning but was denied access as I had not filed a complaint," Hindley said. "After the way things have been handled with regard to this election, from the nomination process to execution, by all people involved, current sitting senators, Executive Council, and full time paid

NAITSA staff, my immediate interest would be to investigate things a little closer to home. They are rude, disorganized, secretive and condescending."

Jobs is not worried that this potential controversy will cause students to change their vote. "I think students need to wait for the decision," he said. "I think that's critical. I think that these are simply allegations and I think that students will know when they see how hard we've been working that we're not simply using bylaws to get sneakily elected."

Pillai agrees. "I have absolutely all the trust in the world in the student body to make the right decision and with the support that we've received thus far it's been overwhelming, so I think it's a non-issue," he said.

Electoral bylaws unclear

Though the complaint has been addressed by the Elections Committee and a decision has been reached, the issue of unclear electoral bylaws is one that won't go away so quickly. For now, the focus will shift to NAITSA – specifically the process by which it creates, maintains, and enforces the rules governing elections at the school. The issues raised in Gibbons' complaint are not unique, and the students' association and the school are faced with the prospect of re-examining the current bylaws in order to avoid similar grievances in the future.

Gibbons has yet to decide whether he plans to continue his campaign. Despite the decision reached by the Elections Committee, he remains uncomfortable with the election as it is being currently run. "The type of slate candidacy politics is certainly not what I expected NAITSA to support. I'm afraid that the reputation of NAITSA will be severely tarnished because of these seemingly unfair methods of campaigning," he said.

New awards fill shortage

Stories by **JEFF CUMMINGS**

A second semester radio and television student says her 3.9-grade-point-average won't earn her any scholarships this year because there's no awards available.

Kathy Le says a number of scholarships she was interested in applying for to help fund her studies are no longer available through NAIT's Student Awards office.

She and her fellow second-semester Radio and Television students could be under the gun when applying for grants because funds have run dry, said Le.

Some of the scholarships available to radio and television students last semester, including an award offered by Global Television, are also no longer available, according to NAIT officials.

Only three scholarships are available to those students, including one offered by Rogers Sportsnet, says Le.

"When I found this out, I was a little bit cheesed," Le said.

"I couldn't get anything. You work hard for yourself to snag some awards so you don't have to pay for all of your

school ... I was relying on these scholarships."

Sabrina Giordano, a coordinator with NAIT's Student Awards office, says students should have no concerns about a lack of scholarships and more companies are offering up awards than last year, even through a recession.

But students relying on government grants through NAIT this semester will have to find new ways to fund their education as the money has run dry.

"There is no more money available through grants," said Giordano. "NAIT gets so much money allocated per year, and once it's used, it's used."

Giordano says over 70 new scholarships and bursaries are available to students this semester. Most of the awards are based on financial need, she said.

"There have been a few awards that have [been] cancelled, but that happens every year," said Giordano.

"There [are] usually a handful that cancel, but by the end of the year we will have close to 100 new awards."



Take the time to vote

Tuition hikes, the U-Pass and the city's planned LRT extension through NAIT could entice more students to vote during this year's NAITSA elections, say current executives with the Students' Association.

Roughly 10 per cent of students bothered to vote during last year's election, even when students were given the option to vote online for the first time, according to NAITSA staff.

And that's up from the roughly three per cent of students who bothered to vote the year before, says NAITSA.

Tessa Cocchio, NAITSA's Vice President External, says students will be eager to vote this time around over fears of having ancillary fees added to their tuitions — something that is already happening at the University of Alberta.

Running again

"Students are going to be concerned whether or not NAIT might try to introduce one of those fees," said Cocchio, who is running again in this year's student election.

"That is something I think will resonate with the students."

NAITSA president Geoff Tate, who isn't running for re-election, says he's "cautiously optimistic" that voter turnout could be higher this year.

Student voter apathy is usually high at colleges and universities across the province, says Tate, but this year could be an exception.

'Expecting big things'

"I'm expecting big things," said Tate.


"We've changed some bylaws so candidates can get full compensation (up to \$200 whether or not they lose or win) for their campaign expenses and that should motivate more people to go out and spread the word."

During her first few days of campaigning, Cocchio says she is running into students who are unaware of or uninterested in the election, but there are others who are asking a lot of questions about the issues and candidates.

"I am really trying to encourage (those uninterested) students to vote," said Cocchio.

"Even if those students are in their second year, their vote can still affect next year's group of students."

The election is important to all students."



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A look back at the news



J. D. Salinger

THE WEEK THAT WAS Stories by KATHARINE HAY

It is time once again to take a look at what happened in your world over the past week. There was the super-cool, over reported stuff like the iPad, which I now refer to as the MaxiPad; to the worth-mentioning again news, like NAIT's promise to raise tuition by 1.5 per cent, as opposed to 40 per cent, as previously discussed.

So, without further ado, here are a few selected highlights for January 25-31.

- Speed skater Clara Hughes has been chosen as Canada's flag bearer for the Vancouver 2010 opening ceremonies. Instead of sending out a press release, this news was leaked via Twitter on Friday afternoon, and later confirmed. Hughes calls this the greatest honour of her athletic career, which includes winning medals in both long-track speed skating and cycling.

- Sheldon Souray is out of the Oiler's lineup with a broken hand as a result of a fight with Jarome Iginla during the 6-1 ass-kicking the Oil took from the Flames on Saturday. The highlight of the game? Two fans, side by side, each wearing their respective team's retro jerseys, and a paper bag to top off the look. The worst part of this now thirteen game losing skid? Even Toronto is sitting higher than Edmonton in the standings now.

- Nothing exciting happened at the Grammys, although the dresses were very shiny and pretty, the performances as expected, and the tearful acceptance speeches as tearful as always.

- University of Alberta students could be slapped with a \$570 "Common Space Security & Sustainability" fee, pending the fee's approval by

the University's Board of Governors. The vote will take place on March 23. Undergraduate Arts tuition is currently hitting just over \$6,200 per year at the U of A.

- In other tuition-related news, NAIT had its first consultation meeting and presentation with the NAITSA Senate on Wednesday. In what turned into an hour-long question and answer session, NAIT administrators seemed to be purposely dancing around the issue of user fees. There will be a second round of consultations after the provincial budget is released on Feb. 9.

- Two major deaths occurred in the past week – J.D. Salinger, author of the classic "The Catcher in the Rye" died at age 91. Salinger had become a recluse in his later life, and hadn't given an interview since the early 1980s. He was even involved in a court case to stop his daughter from releasing a book about his life. Privacy was the name of Salinger's game. The other big name lost this past week was Howard Zinn, a notable historian who always challenged the status quo. Zinn was best known for his work *A People's History of the United States*.

- Britain's Iraq Inquiry brought former Prime Minister Tony Blair to the stand last Friday. Blair's message to the tribunal was essentially "I was right, and I would do it again." The six hour session was gruelling and brought into question the legality and wisdom of the 2003 Iraq invasion. As Blair was leaving, one man stood up and shouted "You're a liar," with another adding "and murderer." The Iraq Inquiry panel plans to issue a report next year, but does not have a mandate to apportion blame or the power to bring any criminal charges.

These are just a few highlights of the past week – some of it might impact you, some is just a note in passing. Keep checking back with *The Nugget* to see what has happened in your world. You never know – "boring old news" may suddenly start to affect you.

A culture of safety

Safe working habits are being brought front and centre by NAIT's Occupational Health and Safety [OH&S] staff through the "Caught in the Act" program. OH&S will be giving out tickets to staff who are caught acting in a safe manner – whether it be lifting boxes properly, wearing correct equipment, or just working in a safe way. These tickets will record the date, time, and what the staff member was found doing safely and be entered into a monthly draw for \$20 gift card to NAIT food services. There will be two draws at NAIT main campus, and one at each of the Souch and Patricia campuses.

"We are really trying to create a culture of safety" said Lawrence LeMesurier when asked about the reasoning behind the "Caught

in the Act" program. He stressed this program wasn't started because NAIT is unsafe; rather to enforce the safe practices already occurring. "We use it as a tool to promote the positive safety culture we're trying to build at NAIT."

Students at NAIT aren't eligible to win tickets, as the program is just in a pilot stage. However, LeMesurier hasn't ruled it out for the future of the program. Currently, the program is being piloted with staff participation only. "We haven't looked ahead that far, and we'll look into that [including students] in the future" said LeMesurier.

OH&S is focusing the program on staff right now, to ensure that the pilot year goes off without a hitch. "Caught in the Act" will run throughout the school year, and be evaluated on a yearly basis.

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LRT stop at NAIT key to plan

By KATHARINE HAY

Extending the LRT to NAIT is becoming a key part of Edmonton's Transit Master Plan [TMP]. The NAIT LRT line, tentatively scheduled to open in 2014, will run from Churchill Station north-bound under the new EPCOR Tower, passing by Grant MacEwan campus and the Royal Alexandra Hospital, ending at a temporary station near the soon-to-close City Centre airport. The 2014 opening date is tentative as it depends on provincial and federal funding. In addition to the funding issue, there remains the issue of appropriation of residential houses along the potential NAIT line.

Stephanie McCabe, a member of the TMP group, says the NAIT LRT line planning committee spoke about how the NAIT LRT line fits in with *The Way We Move*, the city's 30-year master development plan.

"One of the cornerstones of our future city is that we have a comprehensive transit system," emphasized McCabe, adding that the NAIT line is essential to this plan, linking a major place of employment and learning to the rest of the city. Despite the lofty goals of city council and the TMP Committee, all future development timelines are dependent on securing funding from federal and provincial governments.

"This project was nominated as the world-wide project of the year at [the] LRT transit awards in London," said McCabe, who is proud of the six-legged TMP that passed city council scrutiny last year. Despite the potential of a zero per cent funding increase for the city as the province and Ottawa try to tighten their purse strings, McCabe remains optimistic about the future LRT expansions. She does admit however, that "funding remains our biggest challenge" despite the lingering need for land appropriation by the city.

During the development of the plan, the city took into account the construction of the Epcor centre, and the first tunnel of the NAIT expansion is already underway. With the closure of



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The NAIT LRT line is scheduled to open in 2014.

the City Centre airport, the NAIT station will be located north of Patricia Boulevard. Don Iveson, City Councillor for Ward 5 and a partner in Councillor David Thiele's transit initiative, said council modified the route for the NAIT LRT that is planned. "It will cross Patricia Boulevard ... and the eventual temporary station will be somewhere near the [NAIT] running track." As part of the overall plan, a temporary station will be constructed, and when the airport is fully closed the NAIT station will likely be moved further inland. Iveson stressed the need for a NAIT sta-

tion was based on the increased traffic at NAIT, rather than consultations with NAIT students. "There weren't any specific consultations with NAIT students that I know of," he said, adding that the City of Edmonton does have a huge public consultation process, and students are more than welcome to come out to any public transit forums.

The NAIT LRT line is currently scheduled to open in 2014, providing adequate funding is in place and the city can secure the land it needs.

NAIT addresses tuition issue

AT THE SENATE

By KATHARINE HAY

The main focus at the latest Senate meeting was the first round of tuition consultations between NAIT and the NAITSA Senate and unsurprisingly, it was a long, high-tension meeting. Little was actually revealed about how much tuition will be raised at NAIT, beyond a promise that tuition itself will not be raised beyond 1.5 per cent. This amounts to a \$58 increase in the cost to attend NAIT for the 2010/2011 academic year. What Bruce Belbin, associate VP Student Services and Rick Ellis, director of Corporate Services couldn't answer was whether or not any extra fees will be added to students' bills.

In a previous interview, Belbin said NAIT is dedicated to maintaining core student services, which could serve as a beacon of hope for those who fear services may be cut to make up for NAIT's budgetary shortfalls. NAIT's final budget will be figured out after Feb. 9, which is when the provincial budget will be released. As Ellis pointed out, it would be difficult to answer

many of the senators' questions as NAIT doesn't know how much – or little – funding they will be getting from the province. When questioned further on the point of extra fees and student services, Ellis answered that they were "here to talk about tuition as required," giving hint that NAIT was simply not prepared to talk about anything else at this time.

The rest of the meeting was given to a discussion of the NAITSA executive's SMART goals, and the recent spike in thefts from lockers around NAIT.

First, the executive spoke about their SMART goals. President Geoff Tate has been working on a revamp of the Nest as well as meeting with representatives from the Edmonton Transit System and NAIT about a potential U-Pass. There is expected to be a referendum on the U-Pass in March, after executive elections. As for the Nest improvements, Tate said he is happy with what has been done to improve the "back of house," but would like to see further renovations on the front of house.

Vice President External Tessa Cocchio reported on her work updating the language of NAITSA bylaws. Cocchio is also working on an impact analysis regarding how much academic materials like books and instruments cost students. No word on when this will be completed.

Vice President Academic Steve Jobs is working busily on budget deliberations and negotiations with NAITSA. Most of his SMART goals will remain "on the shelf" until mid February, when those consultations are finished.

In the world of Campus Life, Vice President Bryce Althouse reported that his plan to have more satellite campus events is ongoing, although perhaps not up to the standards he set for himself. However, Althouse was happy to report that attendance at events is up. For example, the Bachelor/Bachelorette competition filled the Nest to capacity. As for creating more of a "presence" for NAITSA in common areas, Althouse reported being met with some resis-

tance from NAIT itself.

After these reports, Senate got into a discussion about student safety, and the increase of thefts on campus. Something that is being pushed for is closed circuit television around the HP Centre to help monitor an area that has seen a high rate of laptop theft. On the issue of locker theft, the executive suggested that Senate pass on to their constituents that lockers do not guarantee safety of their valuables, and encouraging students to keep things of value at home or on their person at all time.

In the last bit of business, Cocchio announced that NAITSA has donated \$500 to the Red Cross for Haiti, and is challenging other student associations/unions from around the province to follow suit.

The next Senate meeting is Feb. 10, and tuition consultation will likely be on the agenda once again. Senate meetings are open to any NAIT student, and happen every other Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Linda's TechTalk

Too much tech?



LINDA HOANG
Assistant Issues Editor

Results from a new study released in January by the Kaiser Family Foundation says that kids age eight to 18 spend almost 11 hours each day absorbing some kind of media or technology, the highest amount in years.

Eleven hours.

If you're up at 8 a.m. and call it a day by midnight, then almost 70 per cent of your day was spent on the computer, on your cell phone or iPod, watching television and more.

We're living in a world where basically everything we do is done through some kind of technology. A world where for many, spending hours at a time creeping Facebook or focusing attention on texting is a very normal thing to do.

But at what cost?

The study reported that social networking is a contributing factor to the increase in media use and goes on to say that heavy media users reported getting lower grades in school.

There have been arguments for years about whether text slang is hurting this generation of kids' ability to speak or write proper English and communicate effectively. There's also been discussion about how kids constantly glued to their cell phones have poor person-to-person interactions and basic table etiquette.

While new technology and advancements are often met with oohs and ahhs, I think it's important to pause sometimes and reflect on the not-so-shiny consequences that go hand-in-hand with tech.

And this study is a reminder of that.

Don't get me wrong though, just because the study says heavy media users suck more in school than most, doesn't mean it's true for everyone.

I for one always have Facebook open as one of my Internet tabs while in class, but this most definitely hasn't affected my learning or my grades.

It's all about balance. And I guess that's what I'm trying to get at.



Remember tech users, it's rude to have an intimate dinner with someone and be checking your phone every five minutes. Don't write LOL and use shortened, incorrect spelling in literary essays or reports. And if you can, go outside for a little while, it'll prob-

ably do you some good.

Of course, this is all being said while I tab back and forth between Facebook and Twitter, check my e-mail and text on my phone, with the TV on in the background.

Oh well, what are you going to do?

Alberta criticized in Copenhagen



POLITICALLY SPEAKING
RYAN FLAHERTY
Issues Editor

When a delegation of Albertans attended last December's global summit on the environment in Copenhagen, Denmark, they expected to face their share of negativity. After all, the province's economy is largely driven by its vast energy resources, the bulk of which lie in the oil sands, which in turn are a focal point of much of the environmental discussion around these parts.

So when the group, led by Alberta Environment Minister Rob Renner, arrived in Denmark, they were prepared to take shots from government reps and special interest groups alike over concerns that emission levels from the provincial energy sector were holding back progress in Canada's fight against greenhouse gases. In fact, Canada as a nation was named "colossal fossils" at the conference, a dubious distinction bestowed upon countries who are perceived as not doing enough to contribute to the global effort to combat climate change.

According to Ben Wikler of the global activist website avaaz.org, "Canada's performance here in Copenhagen builds on two years of delay, obstruction and total inaction. This government thinks there's a choice between environ-

ment and economy, and for them, tar sands beats climate every time."

However, some of the harshest criticism faced by Renner and Co. at the conference wound up coming from fellow Canadians. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and Quebec Premier Jean Charest both expressed concerns that their provinces would have to bear an excessive share of the emissions reduction load in order to offset the emissions produced by the expanding oil sands.

In response, Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach went so far as to take out a three-quarter-page ad in newspapers across the country defending the province's environmental stance. He pointed out that Alberta "led the country with emissions legislation," referring to a system which takes the fines paid by companies which don't meet their targets and reinvests it in emissions-reduction technology.

Stelmach was quick to point out that the province also gave the federal government \$21 billion last year in equalization payments – money which was redistributed to other provinces, including Quebec and Ontario. In other words, there was no problem with the oil sands when they were making

money for the rest of the country.

So what does the future hold? Many say that Alberta's hands are somewhat tied until the federal government sets some definitive goals to reduce carbon emissions. The feds got hammered from all sides in Copenhagen for dragging their feet on the climate change issue. Stephen Harper has said that he wants to align Canada's emission reduction strategy with that of the United States, effectively passing the buck south (the U.S. hasn't even ratified the Kyoto Protocol, a document which the Copenhagen summit was supposed to revisit and update).

For the time being, the provincial government seems to be content with the emission reduction policies it is currently pursuing, all the while continuing to expand oil sands production. Renner told the media in December that the province would welcome "an ambitious agreement" to address climate change, but that they felt it unfair for the oil sands to be singled out as a target. In what is turning into a battle on several fronts, the only thing clear is that Alberta's struggles between economic growth and environmental responsibility are only just beginning.

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OPINION

— Editorial —

Election questions abound



CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL
Editor-in-Chief

I've passed a lot of judgment on NAIT this year. There are many things I feel should be a focus for the institution that have been put on the back burner. I've argued NAIT has mismanaged funds, and at times neglected the well-being of the student body. Through all my discontent, I've had the security of NAITSA, our students' association. The SA is supposed to fight for student rights and ensure we, as students, have an exceptional post-secondary experience. At the top of the SA hierarchy sit four student elected representatives, who more than anyone else, should understand the importance of student involvement, and should focus on the quality of the student experience. After all it does say "promotion of the general welfare of the students" right in the NAITSA bylaws, under objectives. Regardless of what is written in the NAITSA bylaws, I think the students should be more concerned with what is not.

Things heated up

Generally student government at NAIT is relatively uneventful. This year, things have managed to heat up with the submission of an official complaint made by Mark Gibbons, a NAIT student running in the election for VP External. Details of the complaint can be read in the article in the issues section. I'm here to give you my opinion on the slated campaign involving current VP Timothy Jobs and current sitting senator Govind Pillai.

According to the current bylaws governing the electoral process, Tim and Govind have not officially broken any rules, a position echoed by the electoral committee's decision on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Currently there's no legislation dictating any terms associated with a slate election, and therefore nothing is in place to regulate the way candidates involved in a slate election can campaign.

Let me give you an example. No more than \$200 can be spent on an executive campaign, and each candidate is only allowed a maximum of 30 campaign posters around campus. With two candidates running together you may think it would allow them to pool their funds totalling \$400, and increase their poster count to 60 posters around campus. Dirty little trick, boys, very dirty. As I mentioned earlier there are no regulations stating this can't be done. Nevertheless, you would think two members that are already sitting on student government would see the disadvantage this would pose to other candidates who are running independently.

A joint campaign?

Just a note to the electoral committee – the bylaw states executive electoral campaigns cannot exceed \$200, it doesn't say \$200 per candidate. It could be argued campaign material constitutes any materials conveying a message in order to influence voters. Seeing as these two candidates chose to run a slate platform, I would assume it could be considered a joint campaign. With both of them running for the executive, that would make one executive campaign. Considering all campaign material they've chosen to use displays both candidates' names, I would hope the cost associated with this campaign falls within the predetermined bylaws set up by NAITSA. If not, some might say it would constitute grounds for disqualification. It would be interesting to see Jobs' and Pillai's campaign expense claims. Something tells me with the increased

number of posters around campus, and the pens I've seen distributed it would be very difficult to remain within the \$200 budget mandate. It would be upsetting to see candidates withdraw from the election because NAITSA failed to define the terms in which they could campaign. Jobs and Pillai took a chance with this campaign. It's almost like they didn't consider the consequences, or simply didn't care. I guess that's the disadvantage to playing with fire, sometimes you get burned.

The electoral committee argued that because no pre-campaigning had occurred, and because the candidates have the right to put anything they would like on their posters, no wrongdoing had been committed. You've got to be kidding me! As a student I have no idea whose poster is whose. All I know is both of the candidates' posters clearly display the faces and names of Jobs and Pillai, plus I see them twice as often as anyone else's posters. If I see your mug 60 times around the school, you have 60 posters; I don't care who made them originally.

It makes me question who's sitting on the electoral committee that makes the decisions affecting Jobs and Pillai. Oh, fancy that, it just happens to be other members of the student government. Well that must be a comforting thought. There's nothing like being judged by a room of your peers that you've worked closely with over the year. I'm not saying the committee's biased in any way, I'm just stating there's a clear conflict of interest that should have been addressed, and wasn't. Another great judgment call made by the Chief Returning Officer. Well it's good to know that she's ethically sound.

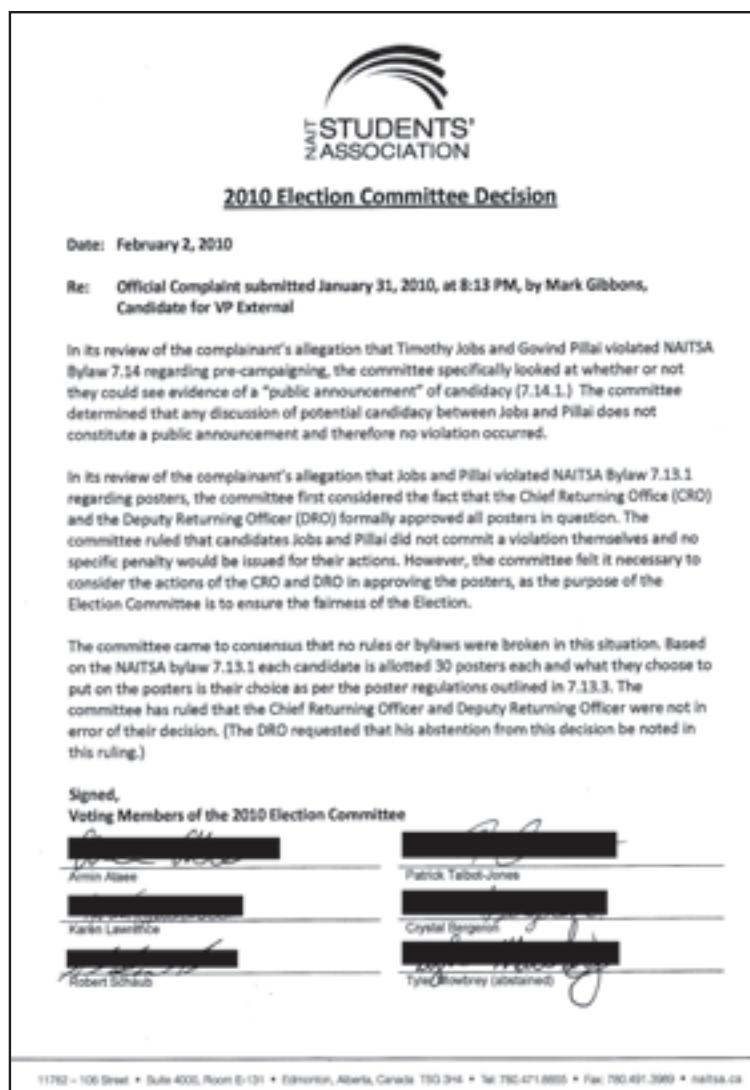
Gibbons also informed me that while in the committee meet-

ing, Jobs requested that information given to the school media by Gibbons not be made public (censorship in my opinion). Like I said, this information was provided by an opposing, not to mention disgruntled, candidate, and because of that I'm not sure of its accuracy. When I asked a sitting member of the committee if it happened, I was told they could not recall the event. They then added even if the comment was made, they would be unable to disclose the information. What's that I smell ... oh, just a cover-up. Awesome, not only are the actions of the presidential candidate questionable ethically, he also doesn't value free press. If he

gets elected (and chances are he will considering he's running unopposed) I wonder what other rights he's going to throw out the window? Perhaps the right to free speech, or maybe he'll just toss me in Guantanamo Bay. I say bring it on, I'll rock the shit out of an orange jump suit.

All joking aside, Tim Jobs is a great presidential candidate, and in all honesty he gets my vote. Granted, there's no other option. Do I find his methods in this election a little... dubious? Clearly I do, but it doesn't distract from the fact that he'll do a good job. That brings me to my last concern, Jobs is running unopposed – what is he getting out of this arrangement, besides a handful of bad press? It could be Jobs simply shares the same views of as Pillai, or maybe this is his attempt at piggybacking a friend into office, and in turn providing them with a hefty student funded monthly paycheck

of \$3,000. Damn, it must be nice to be in the "NAITSA Boys Club." Unfortunately my invite must have been lost in the mail. Shucks.



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SPORTS

MENS BASKETBALL

Ooks hustle the Rustlers

By DOUG YEARWOOD

The NAIT Ooks men's basketball team welcomed the Lakeland Rustlers this past Friday and put on an awe-inspiring show.

After coming off a couple of dominant victories the weekend prior in Grande Prairie, where the Ooks managed to average a staggering 121 points per game, the first quarter of Friday's match got off to a surprisingly sluggish start, with the Ooks up by a meagre 12-11. During the break, coach Don Phillips no doubt gave a speech resembling something that could be attributed to Coach Carter, as the Ooks came out re-energized and re-focused for the second quarter; something that would transition into the second half and throughout the entirety of the game.

The boys managed to drop 93 points in the final three quarters compared with Lake-

land's 59, largely in part to a spectacular showing of offence by Shane Cox, who was dropping treys like a clumsy waiter in this one. He had seven three-pointers and 26

points in the game. Shane Reece shot nine of 14 and was big in the defensive end, ending up with 20 points and nine rebounds in the game.

The Ooks' DVD player on the bus must not have been working, because on Saturday night the boys came out looking tired and a little disconnected from the game; down by seven after one quarter, and 47-42 after the first half. NAIT was able to rally in the third quarter, scoring 28 points as opposed to Lakeland's 16, for a lead of 70-63.

The fourth quarter saw incredible action on both sides

of the court. Cox was a beast again Saturday, with 38 minutes of playing time, 24

points and three steals. Gerard Mowza had a solid game as well – he had seven defensive rebounds, five assists and 16 points on the evening, and found the ball in his hands

with less than 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter. He managed to draw a foul with four seconds left, and Mowza, who was eight of nine on the night on free throws, amazingly missed both shots from the "charity stripe!" Thankfully, Shane Reece was able to gather the ball with 1.5 seconds left and add a late basket to push the NAIT Ooks ahead and secure the win, 86-84, in a remarkable finish.

Coach Don Phillips was a little fired up after the game, and had a lot to say regarding the surprising tightness of the game.

"Not disrespecting the Rustlers, but our performance this weekend, in particular Saturday night, was

a pure reflection of a lack of leadership from our veterans. Instead of going into Lakeland and putting forth a performance reflective of professionals, we acted like amateurs and it almost cost us a loss."

With the sweep of the Rustlers, NAIT (17-3) is able to keep their three game lead on the MacEwan Griffins (14-4), who also kept pace, winning both their games this past weekend over Kings University (5-15).

NAIT will get its shot at sweeping the King's University Eagles this next weekend. In the process, the team will have to be concerned about the Eagles' Janis Assers, who has been averaging 19.9 points per game and 8.9 rebounds per game this season.

The Ooks play at home Saturday night at 8:00 in the NAIT gym.



Coach Don Phillips
"Lack of leadership from our veterans"



Shane Reece
20 points

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Playing to win

By GARIT BYINGTON
Assistant Sports Editor

As mentioned in last week's Nugget article, the captain of the NAIT Ooks' women's basketball team, Dale-Marie Cumberbatch, when asked what the best moment in her basketball career was, stated: "My best moment will be our First Annual Breast Cancer Game held at NAIT on Feb. 6."

Cumberbatch's great idea is finally coming to fruition this Saturday in NAIT's main gym.

She has been pushing for the event to take place for the past two years.

"This fundraiser will be very personal for me. I want to raise awareness about the disease and raise money for research," says Dale-Marie. "I get to play basketball in honour of my aunt, who passed away from breast cancer, as well as several others who are struggling with the disease."

The event is officially called the NAIT "OOKPiNK" Breast Cancer Awareness Basketball Game, with the word play coming from the team's mascot, Ookpik. Footlocker Canada is sponsoring the event. Special guests, including Breast Cancer survivors, will be attending the game.

In memory of Dale-Marie's aunt, Patricia Warrick née Cumberbatch, the event is taking place on the five-year anniversary of her passing. The NAIT Ooks' women's basketball team is holding a Breast Cancer Fundraiser during the game, with a silent auction occurring congruent to the game. The NAIT main gym doors open at 5 p.m. with the silent auction to begin and finishing with the game, starting at 6 p.m.



Every Ook will wear pink jerseys and a pink ribbon. Even the referees will be using pink whistles when they call the game, as the Edmonton Basketball Officials Association is also joining the effort. During this entire week for all games, referees will be sporting the eloquent Fox40 Pink Whistles.

All profits from proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Breast Cancer Society. So help spread the word to your friends and classmates and pack the gym to cheer on the Ooks and this great cause. There will also be contests, draws and in-game entertainment to make the event very lively.

To make a donation online, and help fight this great cause, just follow the link - <http://convio.cancer.ca/GoTo/EBOAvsCANCER>. Make a difference.

Athletes of the week

January 25-31

Rosalina Hicks
Basketball



Rosalina's stellar play on the weekend helped lead the Ooks basketball team to a split this past weekend against the Lakeland Rustlers. Hicks averaged 14 points, three rebounds, 5.5 assists, and two steals in the two weekend games, including scoring 17 points in the Ooks 88-76 win at Lakeland Saturday night. "Rosie's play was instrumental in our team getting a split this weekend," said head coach Curtis Nelson. "She has emerged as a leader on our team." Rosalina is a second-year Personal Fitness training student from Edmonton.

Shane Cox
Basketball



Shane was a force this weekend for the NAIT Ooks, leading the team to a pair of victories over the Lakeland Rustlers. Cox scored an amazing 50 points in the two games on the weekend, including going seven for 13 from three-point land. "Cox has started to embellish the leadership role and will lead this team towards success," said head coach Don Phillips. "We feel privileged to have him as a student-athlete here at NAIT." Shane is a fourth-year player from Brampton, Ontario and is in his first year of the HVAC program.



TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

What's hot, what's not

HOT

Roger Federer: The sensation out of Switzerland has proven his dominance in the tennis world once again. After experiencing a surprising hard match in the first round, Federer quickly recovered and cruised through the rest of the Open, concluding with a dismantling of Andy Murray in the finals. The win gives Federer an unprecedented 16th major trophy, which is the most by any player in the Open era.

Sidney Crosby: The face of the Penguins franchise is showing why he earns \$8.7 million a year through the best way he knows how, his play. Sid the Kid is scoring goals at an insane pace, sliding seven goals and seven helpers through opposing goaltenders in just seven games. If that's not impressive enough, during the last seven contests, Crosby has scored a hat trick in one period, and in another match, posted an astonishing six points. These points are translating into wins for the Penguins as they have won five out of their last seven games, pushing them closer and closer to the division-leading Devils.

Ottawa Senators: Canada's capital team has finally shown up to their games and it's proven to be a disaster for all their opponents.

Rafael Nadal: The King of Clay is becoming the King of Pain. After missing most of last season with a knee injury, the Spaniard has once again managed to injure himself in another major competition. As a result of his lack of durability, Nadal will drop three spots in the World rankings to his lowest since 2005, No. 4. For the sake of tennis as a sport, let's hope Rafa gets back on his feet and is ready to compete in the near future, because we all know tennis isn't fun to watch when Federer's only true competition is out. Sorry, Murray.



Photo by Jamie Anderson-Reid

Ook Emma Sommerfeld keeps the puck away from a Mount Royal player over the weekend during a game at NAIT. Mount Royal won 6-1.

Kobe Bryant: Mr. Clutch has struck again. With 7.3 seconds left in the game against the arch rivals Celtics, Kobe nailed the jumper, giving the team a one-point lead. For his encore the next game, Bryant put away a cool 44-point performance, which was good enough to make him the Lakers' all-time leading scorer. An impressive feat by an even more impressive player!

NOT

Greg Oden: The world's largest Band-Aid has done it again. After missing his first season due to injury, Oden once has once again managed to mess up his knee in his third season and will miss the remainder of the current campaign. To make matters worse, nude photos of the centre have been leaked on the Internet, which then leaves an important question on people's minds: Is Oden really smart, and simply planning a new career because the current one is going down the drain or is he another victim of plain ignorance? Tiger is probably watching and saying thank-you.

Dion Phaneuf: 2010 has certainly not been the former Flames year. The defenceman's production on the ice has dipped down to a career low, leading to the Flames decision this past week to send him to the barrel-scraping leafs.

Gilbert Arenas/Javaris Crittenton: The infamous duo has been suspended for the remainder of the NBA season for trying to relive their childhood dreams. In a cops vs. robbers game gone wrong, firearms were found in the teams' locker room, creating a media storm and a public relations nightmare.



Dion Phaneuf

The ever so confident Phaneuf, was quick to point out after the news broke that "he wasn't surprised because even Gretzky was traded." Gretzky also didn't produce 0.4 points per a game in seasons, which ironically enough, are Phaneuf's stats as of now. It is also safe to say he won't be earning the hardware Gretzky won on a regular basis in the near future.

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Young guns on biathlon squad



Stories by **TAYLOR POLLMANN**
Sports Editor

Imagine having to cross-country ski a gruelling 20 km across a frozen tundra in the blistering cold. Now combine that with having to have the exact hand-eye co-ordination to be able to hit consistent bull's-eyes with frozen digits. If you were to put those thoughts together and look them up in your handy Webster's Dictionary, it would probably give you the word biathlon to define it. While this may seem a daunting, almost unachievable task to many, the four Canadians who will compete in this year's Olympics face this

journey every day.

The representation for this year's Canadian biathlon squad will be one of the youngest ever sent to the games. Four lucky women will get the chance to compete in front of family and friends. Zina Kocher, Rosanna Crawford, Megan Imrie and Megan Tandy were all named to the young squad in a cosy press conference in the City of Camrose last Wednesday. Kocher is the only athlete on the squad with previous international experience and managed to win a bronze in the World Championships three years ago. Camrose (which is known for its production of skiing and biathlon talent) is sending one of their own to compete on this year's team.

Twenty-one-year-old Rosanna Crawford will get a ticket to Vancouver and become the second member of her family to compete in the Olympic games. Rosanna's sister is Chandra Crawford, who won a gold medal in cross-country

skiing in 2006 and is once again competing in her field in Vancouver.



The men's side will only send one athlete to compete in the individual events due to rules that stipulate that a country's biathlon team has to be in the Top 20 in order to send four athletes to the games. Jean-Phillipe le Guellec will be the lone representative on the team. The pride of Kingston, Ontario had two Top-10 finishes on the circuit last year, and could potentially steal a medal away from a medal-list favourite in his event.

The biathlon events will begin the day after the opening ceremonies on Feb. 13, and will conclude a day before the closing ceremonies on Feb. 28. All of the events featured at the Vancouver Olympics can be caught on Rogers Sportsnet, CTV, and TSN. The events are also streamed live via the Internet on CTV.ca.



The happy couple

Proposal on the basketball court

By **NICOLE de CHAMPLAIN**

Love is making its way around NAIT and showing up on the basketball court.

Steve Lamont, a graduate of the Instrumentation and Electrical Engineering program, who is also part of the NAIT men's basketball practice squad, proposed to NAIT women's basketball player Crystal Jensen during their practice on Jan. 10.

Jensen accepted, saying she was very surprised with her fiancé's spontaneous and romantic proposal.

"In basketball practice the guy squad decided to show us a drill because they always do," Jensen said, describing the proposal.

"Steve went to the post and then he got me to defend him so when he got the ball in the post he passed it out of bounds, spun around on one knee and opened a ring box."

The NAIT practice squad is made up of former college basketball players. The team helps the NAIT Ooks women's basketball program by practising against them. This made for the perfect setting for the perfect proposal.

The happy couple has been dating for about a year and a half, but nothing could have prepared her for this significant moment in her life.

"The first thing I thought was, he lost the ball and then I thought he fell. Then, when I saw the ring

I was like 'Oh my goodness'," Jensen said.

Not only did the proposal catch her off guard, but her teammates were surprised as well. "Just my roommate knew it was going to happen, but the rest of the team was just as surprised as I was."

Jensen said she hasn't started dress shopping yet, but admits the wedding will now give her an opportunity to wear one. "I think it's cool, but I'm not a girly girl so I only wear a dress once a year."

Crystal is currently an Animal Health Technology student and has one year left in her program. The couple plans to get married June 12.

Let's just say it was a slam dunk!

Cars the stars in wintery Edmonton

By **TAYLOR POLLMANN**
Sports Editor

In what has become a yearly tradition for Edmontonians, thousands of chrome-lovers attended the 2010 Auto Show and were not disappointed as they walked among the various displays. Throughout the Edmonton Expo Centre, auto makers from all around the world showed off everything from a shiny, new convertible coupe for the businessman to the family sedan for the busy soccer mom.

Exotic cars

While everyone can respect a reliable vehicle that can transport them to work every day without breaking down, exotic cars are still the machines that catch everyone's eyes. Returning to the show after a year's absence was the Ferrari dealership. On display was the brand new Ferrari California, which brought gasps from old and young alike. The car features a front mounted, gasoline direct injection V8 engine, which makes it the first of its kind in a Ferrari. The two-

door coupe has a top speed of 310 km/h and can go from zero to a hundred in a mind-blowing 3.8 seconds. Unfortunately, the select few with the \$190,000 US to actually buy the car will have to put their name on a lengthy waiting list as the car is sold out until 2012. Fans of other luxury brands were kept satisfied as Lamborghini, Bentley, Skyler and Porsche all managed to make an appearance at the show, with each brand presenting new ways to dominate in appearance and performance.

In the more economically friendly range; Ford, Hyundai, Toyota, Chevy, Jeep and Honda were all in attendance, demonstrating to potential customers why they should make the switch to their brand and to what affect it would have on their individual lives.

Industry resilient

Surprisingly, even with a recession hitting most of North America, the experts are saying vehicle purchases are expected to rise significantly in the coming months. Bob Villas, a representative with the auto

show, said: "The auto industry is absolutely resilient. You can kick us but we keep coming back."

Whether those in attendance used this year's show as a serious buy-

ers' guide to compare all the cars in person, or just ogle exotic objects of power, one thing remained certain: This year's edition of the show was far from a disappointment. In what

has become an Edmonton tradition in mid-snow season, it is easy to see why the event has been around for as long as it has — it contains something for everyone.



autocar-show.blogspot.com

The Ferrari California was a real attention-getter at Edmonton's auto show.

ACAC Standings

MEN'S HOCKEY										
Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts	
SAIT.....	24	20	20	3	0	1	153	57	41	
Mount Royal....	24	19	19	4	0	1	118	59	39	
Concordia.....	24	15	15	8	0	1	106	81	31	
NAIT.....	24	13	12	10	0	1	102	77	27	
Augustana.....	23	12	11	10	0	1	98	102	25	
Portage.....	24	7	7	17	0	0	82	104	14	
MacEwan.....	23	4	4	18	1	0	61	135	9	
Briercrest.....	24	2	2	19	1	1	55	160	6	

Note: MRU forfeits Jan. 16 game vs. NAIT

RESULTS										
Jan. 27										
Augustana 5, MacEwan 1										
Jan. 29										
NAIT 2, Portage 1; RU 6, Briercrest 0										
SAIT 2, Concordia 1										
Jan. 30										
Portage 5, NAIT 1; MRU 9, Briercrest 3										
SAIT 10, Concordia 2										

WOMEN'S HOCKEY										
Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts	
Mount Royal....	18	11	11	5	1	1	55	38	24	
SAIT.....	18	9	7	8	1	0	42	47	19	
NAIT.....	17	8	7	6	1	2	43	44	19	
MacEwan.....	18	7	7	9	1	1	30	43	16	
Red Deer.....	17	6	4	8	1	2	32	30	15	

RESULTS										
Jan. 29										
MRU 3, NAIT 0; MacEwan 1, SAIT 0										
Jan. 30										
MRU 6, NAIT 1										

MEN'S BASKETBALL										
North Division										
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA				
NAIT.....	20	17	3	34	1888	1457				
MacEwan.....	18	14	4	28	1604	1245				
Concordia.....	18	14	4	28	1575	1297				
Lakeland.....	18	10	8	20	1528	1441				
Augustana.....	20	5	15	10	1579	1774				
King's.....	20	5	15	10	1407	1719				
Grande Prairie.....	18	1	17	2	1160	1808				

South Division										
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA				
SAIT.....	14	11	3	22	1085	944				
Mount Royal.....	14	11	3	22	1210	965				
Red Deer.....	14	9	5	18	1184	1096				
Lethbridge.....	14	7	7	14	1171	1162				
Briercrest.....	14	2	12	4	1095	1358				
Medicine Hat.....	14	2	12	4	989	1209				

RESULTS										
Jan. 28										
MRU 85, Medicine Hat 58										
Jan. 29										
NAIT 105, Lakeland 70; MacEwan 82, King's 43;										
Concordia 84, Augustana 61										
Jan. 30										
NAIT 86, Lakeland 84; MacEwan 98, King's 62										
Concordia 95, Augustana 85										

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL										
North Division										
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA				
Concordia.....	18	16	2	32	1376	942				
King's.....	20	16	4	32	1261	1093				
MacEwan.....	18	13	5	26	1133	1006				
Grande Prairie.....	18	10	8	20	1084	1099				
Augustana.....	20	5	15	10	1240	1442				
Lakeland.....	18	4	14	8	1095	1259				
NAIT.....	20	2	18	4	1086	1434				

South Division										
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA				
SAIT.....	14	13	1	26	1155	745				
Lethbridge.....	14	13	1	26	1111	889				
Medicine Hat.....	14	6	8	12	916	1026				
Mount Royal.....	14	5	9	10	921	960				
Red Deer.....	14	5	9	10	782	959				
Briercrest.....	14	0	14	0	734	1040				

RESULTS										
Jan. 28										
Medicine Hat 61, MRU 57										
Jan. 29										
Lakeland 62, NAIT 49; King's 49, MacEwan 48;										
Concordia 103, Augustana 76										
Jan. 30										
NAIT 88, Lakeland 76; MacEwan 66, King's 60;										

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL										
Provincial Division										
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts				
Red Deer.....	8	7	1	21	8	14				
Mount Royal.....	8	6	2	22	9	12				
SAIT.....	8	5	3	19	14	10				
Grande Prairie.....	8	3	5	12	16	6				
King's.....	8	2	6	8	19	4				
MacEwan.....	8	1	7	7	23	2				

North/South Division										
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts				
Lethbridge.....	6	5	1	17	10	10				
Medicine Hat.....	6	5	1	16	9	10				
NAIT.....	6	4	2	14	10	8				
Briercrest.....	6	3	3	14	10	6				
Keyano.....	6	1	5	8	16	2				
Lakeland.....	6	0	6	4	18	0				

RESULTS

Jan. 28

Medicine Hat 3 - Lethbridge 2

(28-26,25-18,19-25, 17-25,16-14)

Jan. 29

NAIT 3, Lakeland 1 (25-16, 25-18, 21-25, 25-22)

Briercrest 3, Keyano 0 (25-18, 25-16, 25-23)

Lethbridge 3, Medicine Hat 1

(17-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-17)

MRU 3, GPRC 0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-19)

SAIT 3, MacEwan 1 (25-20, 31-29, 17-25, 25-16)

RDC 3, King's 0 (25-15, 25-21, 25-18)

Jan. 30

NAIT 3, Lakeland 0 (25-16, 25-15, 25-19)

Briercrest 3, Keyano 0 (25-20, 26-24, 25-15)

MRU 3, GPRC 0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-13)

MacEwan 3, SAIT 2

(19-25, 25-22, 27-25, 11-25, 17-15)

RDC 3, King's 0 (25-16, 25-15, 25-19)

Profile of the Week

Katie Seys Left Side Ooks Women's Volleyball



TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

In this week's profile of the week I interviewed outstanding women's volleyball player Katie Seys. Currently her team is in first place of the North/South Division with a total of eight points and is gearing towards a provincial medal finish. The fourth year standout also leads the entire division with total kills.

What are your goals for the current season?

My goal for the season is to help my team to a gold medal at provincials and to go on to Nationals.

What is your favourite part of playing volleyball for NAIT?

This year for sure my favourite part is my teammates. They are the most hilarious girls I have ever met.

What would be your dream job and why?

Playing pro volleyball and working as a dental technologist on the side. Pro volleyball is a pretty obvious one. I think all athletes dream of going pro and playing their sport for money. I still want to work in dental though so I'll have to fit it all in somehow!



Katie Seys

Being part of a team and going on road trips can be a great experience. What has been the funniest thing to happen on a road trip?

It is so hard to pinpoint the funniest thing with these girls. It's a dangerous group that's for sure ... I'd have to say Kate Bilodeau reenacting the figure skating championships in our hotel room was Top 5.

What team has the loudest fans and craziest fans in the ACAC?

Briercrest! There is nothing better in the town to do then come to the games painted blue, with drums and yell at our team. On the other hand, some of our girls cheering at NAIT men's basketball games can get out of hand as well.

What was your favourite part of your team's trip to Brazil over the Christmas break?

I'd have to say their pictures since I went home to Ontario to spend Christmas with my family.

Favourite artist or band and why?

Lady Antebellum. Moving out west will make you a country fan sometimes whether you like it or not.

How do you spend your free time when you're not playing volleyball?

I spend most of it in physio or with my teammates!

Song you can't get out of your head?

Take it off – Kesha

What would you like to say to your teammates, coaches and fans?

To my teammates – I love you guys. You make my day, every day.

To my coach – Thanks for putting up with my attitude and constant injuries

To our fans – please bring other fans with you.



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Katie Seys spikes the ball during a game against Lake-land on Jan. 30.

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Oilers beat wrong team



Check Out My 9-Iron GARIT BYINGTON Assistant Sports Editor

Come on, Oilers! Of all the games you choose to end your epic losing streak on, you guys beat another team vying for the No. 1 draft pick. The Oilers had established themselves a nice seven-point cushion for last place in the league, and the best odds to get the No. 1 pick, but closed the gap

VOLLEYBALL

Women, men eyeing playoffs

By TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

The current ACAC volleyball season is in full swing, and once again, the NAIT Ooks are in the thick of things. After a pair of impressive wins over the Lakeland Rustlers this past weekend, the men's volleyball team currently sits third in the North/South Division with a total of eight points after six games. Medicine Hat and Lethbridge are atop the

after their victory over the Hurricanes. I'm hoping, along with most Oilers fans of course, that the Oilers are able to turn this debauchery of a season into the highly-touted Taylor Hall.

Imagine the likes of a Hall-Hemsky-Penner first line, with secondary scoring coming from Eberle, Svensson, Gagner, Visnovsky, with possible prospects Anton Lander and Linus Omark; and hey, could next year be the year Jaromir Jagr donns the Oil Drop? I don't want to mention any other names contributing next season, because if the Oilers know what's good for them, they will do everything in their power to trade any of the names I didn't mention.

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The Ed Hardy-wearing Dion Phaneuf must feel like he has found a match made in heaven; he has found a city big enough to house him and his monumental ego. Dion spoke of Wayne Gretzky in the same breath

as his name, stating, "If Wayne Gretzky can get traded, anyone can get traded."

Yes, Dion, the Great One being sold and you being traded are very relevant. What a joke! Calgary made this trade as they need to enhance their forward depth by unloading defencemen; and with so much money tied up in the contracts of Jarome Iginla, Miikka Kiprusoff, Robyn Regehr and Jay Bouwmeester, getting rid of Dion's \$6.5 million contract seemed like a no-brainer — he was playing as a fourth defenceman making over \$6-million — gross. After all, with names like Robyn and Rene on the team, getting rid of Dion couldn't of been too hard a decision. It's going to be real fun to see the rocky-with-the-

media Phaneuf have to deal with the largest hockey media market. Stay tuned.

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The aura of the Sedin twins continues to grow, as Henrik Sedin is among the league leaders in scoring — or so we are led to believe that it's Henrik. However, truthfully and seriously, anyone besides the Sedins wouldn't be able to tell whether it's Daniel or Henrik wearing the number 33. When Daniel was allegedly injured during the season, the Sedins may have actually been taking turns sporting the No. 33 jersey, giving each other possible well-needed rest, or a great opportunity to visit their homeland of Sweden mid-season. In all seriousness though, these girls can play!



A Sedin twin
Which one?



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A tale of two QBs

By DOUG YEARWOOD

For all those who wanted to see Brett Favre in the Super Bowl, move aside. Everybody knows Drew Brees and Peyton Manning formed a caucus at the beginning of this season that started the collision course for these two to meet in Miami; and oh boy, has it ever come to fruition. When you consider these two offences, and the two prior Super Bowls and how exciting they were, you can't tell me this one doesn't make you just as wet.

This marks the first time since 1993 (do any Dallas fans remember the Aikman years?) that the two top seeds going into the playoffs actually made it all the way to the final.

The Colts had the road they probably most preferred in the playoffs, facing first a

Baltimore team with an inexperienced quarterback in Joe Flacco, then moving on to play the team that Jets head coach Rex Ryan dubbed Super Bowl favourites prior to playoffs starting. Indy dominated Baltimore 20-3, and

just when you began to believe in Rex Ryan's defence, studied with the likes of Kerry Rhodes and, of course, Darrelle Revis,

the human computer Peyton Manning went off, tossing for 377 and three TDs. So much for that, Rex.

In the Big Easy, Drew Brees & Co. are looking to uplift a city that was wrought with devastation just five years ago. The Saints go into Miami having never won a Super Bowl, thus earning the

nickname "Aints." But like Twisted Sister would suggest, "They're not gonna take it, anymore!"

Brees had an outstanding year in 2009; he threw for 4,388 yards, 34 touchdowns and 11 interceptions, with performances powerful enough to lead his team to a 13-3 record- good enough for tops in the NFC. That was then, and this is now; in other words, toss all that out the door – it's the playoffs.

The Saints had a tough path to Super Bowl XLIV, first playing the other perceived offensive juggernauts of the NFC, the Arizona Cardinals. But two Reggie Bush scores and three touchdowns thrown by Hurricane Drew allowed the Saints to trudge past the Cards, locking them in a bout versus Brett Favre and the supposed team of destiny, the Minnesota Vikings. Saints safety Darren

Sharper, who played with Favre for seven years in Green Bay, inspired his defence to come out ready to play, and eventually the Saints over powered the Vikings 31-28.

This is the Super Bowl that so many wanted to see three quarters of the way through the season when both teams were undefeated. The two teams have similarities in almost every aspect of the game. Offensively, you can't find two better quarterbacks in the league. Throughout the season, the run game was used to set up the pass, and doesn't look to be the predominant factor going into the Feb. 7 title match.

On the flip side of the ball, both defences have themselves a task ahead of them. Game-planning for possibly the best quarterback of all time has to be daunting for the Saints; and with Brees having possibly the best touch in the league on all his passes, safeties Antoine Bethea and Bob Sanders can't afford to get beat deep. Look for Marques Colston and Devery Henderson to stretch the field on either side, with explosive players like Reggie Bush cutting underneath coverage for a break out run.

Whoever executes their plays more consistently is going to win. The game is expected to be a high-scoring affair, but often it's the defences that truly do win championships.

If Eli Manning didn't avoid a tackle, if David Tyree didn't make that catch, if Roethlisberger got sacked or Santonio Holmes was defended on that last catch, who knows how these games would have turned out? Any way you cut it, it's going to be sweet. I think we're in for a treat.



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Drew Brees
A city on his shoulders



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Peyton Manning
One of the greats



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Reggie Bush
Big play man

Federer swings at history



TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

As the sun finally set on a scorching day in Australia, a former champion was once again crowned in this year's edition of the Australian Open.

Roger Federer (winner of the Open in '04, '06, and '07) finally grasped the Aussie trophy that has eluded him for two long years. The victory came against the United Kingdom sensation, Andy Murray, who has never seen a piece of the pie come his way when playing in a Grand Slam event. The result was no different this time. Federer cruised through the first two sets with ease, posting records of 6-3 and 6-4. The third set however, was a little more challenging for Federer as he was forced to win in a tiebreaker format.

As the match came to a close, Murray was overwhelmed with emotion, as his chance of becoming the first British man to win a Major since 1931 was taken away.

Federer however, had some words of wisdom for the young Brit as he told Murray during the post-game speech "he was too good a player to never win a Major."

This has been the second time Murray has lost to Federer in a Major final (the last came in the 2008 U.S. Open) but interestingly enough, he still holds a better head-to-head

record against the Swiss legend. Murray is only one of four players today who can lay claim to that statement.

The win gives Federer a record 16 career Major titles, a feat that has never been achieved in the modern open era.

"His achievements in tennis are remarkable," said a reflective Murray who will no doubt be in a Major final again in the near future.

One of the biggest sideline stories of the tournament was the sudden injury of Spanish superstar Rafael Nadal. The injury will sideline him for four weeks and will cause the Spaniard to drop two spots in the rankings to No. 4 in the world. While this will be his lowest ranking since 2005, Nadal insists he doesn't care.

"It is not important for me to think about the ranking issue and losing a few spots, that's normal when you are not able to compete," he said.

"For me it is more important to play well again and to have the good feelings on the court that I had in Abu Dhabi, Doha and also at the Australian Open where I played at the highest level."

On the women's side of the draw, Serena Williams defeated Justine Henin in the finals. Williams ruined the former world No. 1 player's idea of a perfect comeback, giving the younger of the two Williams sisters her 12th Grand Slam title, tying the great Billie Jean King.

The next tennis Major will be at Roland Garros in Paris, France. It will take place from May 24 to June 7 and should be interesting as The King of Clay "Nadal" will try once again to reclaim his prized trophy and hopefully renew the ever so intense Federer-Nadal rivalry. Until then, tennis fans are left to wonder how the final three Majors of the year will play out.



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Roger Federer celebrates winning match point in his semifinal match against Andy Roddick at the 2009 Australian Open.

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For President ...

Hello fellow students,

My name is Timothy Jobs and I am running for NAITSA President.

I am currently a NAIT student studying Business Management. The past year I have served you as the NAITSA Vice President Academic as well as the Director of Finance for the Alberta Students' Executive Council helping to represent more than 120,000 Alberta students. Before this past year, I served as one of two JR Shaw School of Business Senate representatives.

Serving as a student executive this past year has given me a unique insight into how NAIT is being operated and where the students association can step up to help you best.

Tuition

The institution will always raise tuition to it's maximum level according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and there is little students can do about it; however, I am committed to being a vigilant opponent to any increases in ancillary fees which are not regulated by the Government of Alberta. The tuition issue is about cost to students, including books and

parking fees among other costs.

NAITSA Building

I will continue to advocate for NAITSA's own building, which will allow for retail opportunities and lower student fees for all students. You need only look across the river at the University of Alberta Student Union building to realize the benefit to students of such a space. A used bookstore and revenue from franchises that helps keep student fees low is the objective.

Transportation

Whether students vote for or against a Universal Transit Pass, I am committed to lobby Edmonton Transit for better service. Better public transportation service has several spinoff effects for all students. With better bus service, more students will take transit, freeing up parking space for those who must drive.

Satellite Campuses

I realize that the students association has done a poor job of communicating and interacting with students at Patricia and Souch campus. I believe that we cannot fully understand or help students at these campuses without being

there. You have my commitment to appear at these campuses regularly, so the students association can learn how to best serve you.

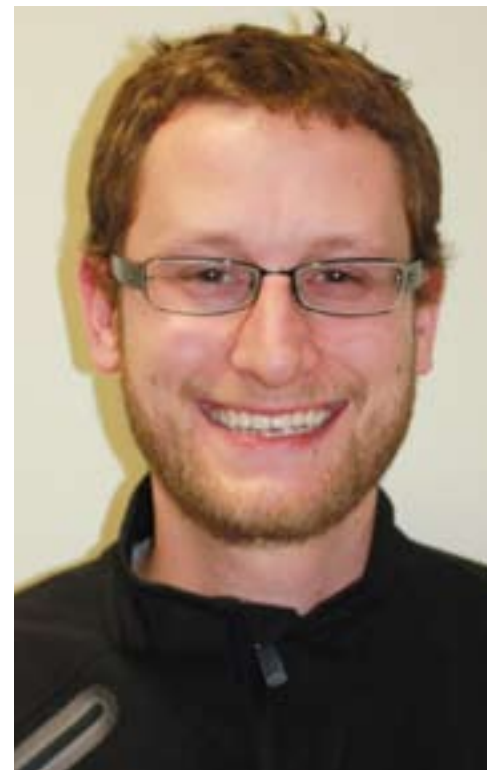
Student Spaces

Simply put, we don't have enough student spaces and our current student spaces are over-run and dated. Student spaces are an integral part of student success and I am committed to ensuring that we not only hold on to the space that we have, but make improvements so that we are not sitting on old chairs and using tables covered in graffiti.

Student Funding

As tuition continues to rise, student funding in the form of loans, grants and scholarships becomes more important. You have my commitment to continue lobbying the government to increase the grace period for those on student loans and increase the number of scholarships and grants available to students.

On February 9, 10 & 11, I am counting on you to vote "Yes" for Experience Leadership and Commitment to Standing Up for Students. Vote "Yes" for Timothy Jobs as your NAITSA President.



Timothy Jobs

For VP Academic ...

My name is Tess Cocchio. In February of 2009, the students of NAIT voted for me to be NAITSA's Vice President External. This February, I am asking you to vote for me to be NAITSA's Vice President Academic.

Not only have I served you for the past year as NAITSA's VP External, but also as the Assistant Director of Advancement for the Alberta Students' Executive Council working to serve and represent over 120,000 students across Alberta.

During this time, I have worked toward building a stronger internal structure for NAITSA through bylaws and new policies to guarantee that student dollars are spent wisely. Additionally, I have promoted a stronger NAITSA presence in the community by meeting with city officials throughout the year to discuss a number of issues, such as the LRT Expansion and better public transportation service to NAIT. I will, as Vice President Academic, continue to support and promote these points.

As your Vice President Academic I will be focusing my attention on the things most important to the student body. Tuition and Ancillary Fees, Student Grievances, and Accessibility of grants, loans, scholarships, and awards are among my priorities when it comes to looking out for NAIT students.

It is my opinion that the student body should not only pay a fair price for their education, but in turn receive a quality experience as well. Quality learning applies to both inside and outside the classroom. Although there is little students can do about tuition being raised each year by the Alberta CPI, I will advocate for increased funding to student services, the modernizing of old

classroom equipment, and for the upgrading of the derelict student spacing on campus. I will advocate against any new ancillary fees threatening to cause any type of pressure on students' budgets and economic well-being.

As Vice President Academic, it is imperative that I understand student grievances, whether it is with another student, an instructor, or with the institution. I am committed to listening to all student concerns, issues, and opinions, as well as ensuring that all students are given fair and equal treatment. I will make certain that students have every opportunity to have their voice heard and understood.

Just this year, NAITSA donated an additional \$30,000 to NAIT's Department of Advancement for use as NAITSA funded grants and bursaries for the 2009/2010 academic year. I will lobby the Alberta government for more funding for grants, loans, scholarships, and awards, as well as advocate for additional contributions from both NAIT and NAITSA when needed.

I have worked hard for the students of NAIT and will continue to dedicate myself because I'm not just an elected official, but a student as well. I have experienced many of

the same problems you have and I strive to correct them not just for myself but also for the student body as a whole. With your support we can make NAIT a great institution. Vote Yes for Tess, because She's Here for You.



Tess Cocchio

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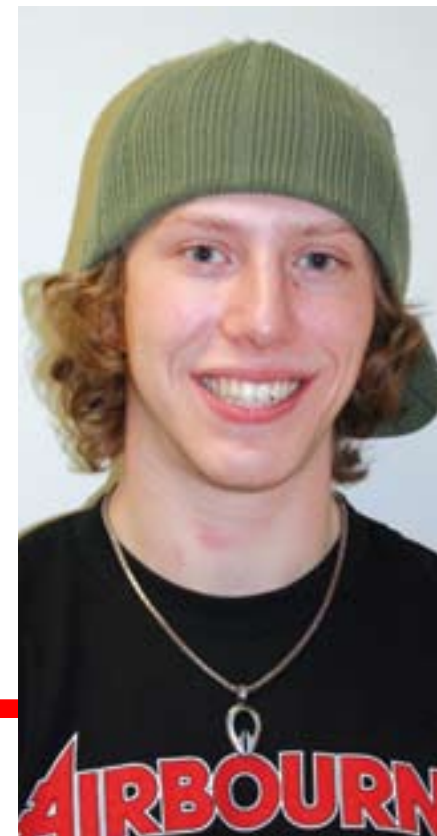
CANDIDATES 2010-2011

For VP Campus Life ...

Hello everybody! "Hi Dr. Nick!" Well, I may not be Dr. Nick, but I'm Bryce Althouse, your current NAITSA VP Campus Life for 2009/2010, and prospectively your VP Campus Life for 2010/2011! Now, even though this is a re-election piece for the Nugget, I'm not one to make unrealistic promises for the coming year (Like saying there will be ducks in every classroom, claiming that Ook-fest will return, or that there will be a rap battle between me and the Easter Bunny at the Nest) rather I would prefer to speak of facts and particulars about the present and future of campus life and hope by some miracle that we can have a "Sexy Party" at the NEST with the Playboy bunnies someday. Anyhow, this year while collaborating with the NAITSA Campus Culture team, we managed to put on a plethora events on at both on-campus and off-campus locations. Those events that blew some peoples' minds were ones such as the Riverboat Pirate Party,

Rock the Dock – 80's Edition, Prairie Party, Bachelor/Bachelorette, Freeze Your Beaver, and more. Now that we've cleared that up, let's drop another fast fact... we also have increased utilization of the Nest through events and Indie Nights and have managed to secure excellent attendance across the board this year. Now this is Round 2 coming up, like Rocky vs. Clubber Lang and I wish to see many of these initiatives through for next year and expand things in 2010/2011 to be even better than they were this year! That means future involvement and expansion of NAITSA's part in Campus Chaos, overseeing the potential renovation of the Nest and ensuring that the student's interests are best represented during that renovation and the ability for us to hold great events there is retained/expanded, expanding on Frosh Week and other initiatives for those first few weeks you are in school and your student loans are fresh, coming back with more affordable end of semes-

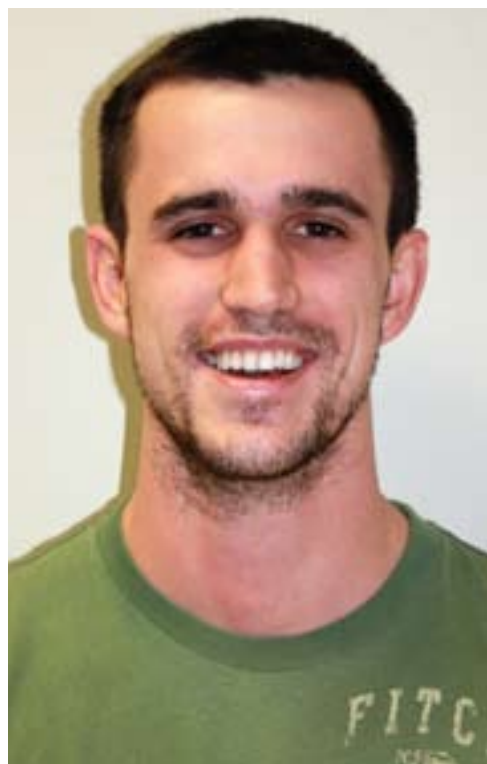
ter events for when your wallet is dry, and to keep bringing the fresh ideas, new concepts, and a students' perspective to the table when any Campus Life decision is made. I've seen what you students liked this year and what you didn't, I've seen what 3\$ beer will do to get people out to have a good time, and most importantly, I've seen what one rented chainsaw will do to four big old watermelons (and those of you at Rock the Dock saw too). So if you enjoyed this year at NAIT, and want to see more of the same events taken even further out to the extreme, than vote Bryce Althouse during this election. Polls open February 9th and close on the 11th, so please get out and exercise your right to vote. Remember, much like Goose from Top Gun, I'll always be YOUR Campus Life wingman. Except, unlike Goose I don't die midway through Top Gun, I can't play piano worth a damn, and Iceman tells ME I'm dangerous ALL the time.



Bryce Althouse

lope. If your first year student then get ready for an intense rollercoaster ride that will change the way NAITSA's events are seen and create a positive change we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your time.
Tyler Bernard



Tyler Bernard

Hello everyone, my name is Tyler Bernard and I am running for the vice president student life position in the upcoming NAITSA student executive election. I feel like I am the most prepared and equipped student for this position mainly because improving student life has been on my mandate since I've gotten here. Simply put, I live, breath, and sleep this stuff.

Here is why I feel you should vote for me. I've been a part of senate for both years I've been here. I've been a frosh leader, president and founder of the Annex Environmental club, and I attend over 90% of NAITSA events. I've been the volunteer coordinator at NAITSA for the past few months where we help get volunteers involved with events held at NAIT. I've attended focus groups, trying to improve the student life here at NAIT in any way that I can. I truly believe that I am ready for this role. Ask me this last year and I may have said otherwise, but I've grown tremendously since then through my involvement and am ready to take a hold of the reins. My top three driving values are honesty, fairness and having a strong work ethic. These three values

define me, they can tell you who I am and what I stand for and I think this is important if you're going to vote for me.

My goals are to put money back into the students, not only with events but through other more educational avenues. I also want to be on the ground getting feedback from students, doing surveys, being one on one with students, and to take this information and mould future events from it. I believe in leadership from the bottom up and having the students' voices heard. Working so closely with NAITSA for the past two years I'm fully aware of the attendance at current events and I truly believe it's all about people. We have to associate NAITSA as a positive place to spend time and I believe that investing time into the students is the way to fix this.

Being a part of NAIT's Leadership Award of Distinction Program I believe I have the leadership capacity to represent and push this organization through to a new level with respect to a more positive "student experience" here at NAIT.

In conclusion if you're a second year student and leaving, then rest assured you've left your friends with someone who will push the enve-



Joel Chanin

Hey all you beautiful people, allow me to introduce myself. My name is Joel "Pineapple" Chanin and I am running for VP Campus Life. I would love the opportunity to represent you in the coming year for many reasons, but before I tell you why to vote for me, maybe I should let you know the job description.

The VP Campus life is responsible for coordinating, planning, and executing the various events that are held at NAIT. Whether it be an educational, fun, or completely ridiculous event, the VP Campus Life will play an important role in bringing these to you. Events such as the Grub Crawl, Frosh Week, the Pirate Party, and Indie Nights are all brought to you by your VP Campus Life and Students' Association. The VP is also responsi-

ble for creating and/or maintaining relationships in the community.

That being said, I guess the real question is "why choose me?" This is my second year running for the position of VP Campus Life, losing to the current VP narrowly last year. It was a tough loss, but I applied for a job and came back to NAITSA shortly after as the 2009 Shinerama Coordinator. Shinerama, a fundraiser to support cystic fibrosis research and care, was an amazing learning experience for me and I am happy I was able to be a part of it.

When I wasn't planning Shinerama, I spent a lot of time learning about event coordination at NAITSA, participating in the planning of Frosh Week, Prairie Party, Indie Nights, Pirate Party (yel-

low bus sword fights anyone? You had to be there), Shinerama, and others. Creating the Shinerama VIP cards (if you don't know about them, there are posters around :P) also gave me the opportunity to foster relationships with the owners and operators of Edmonton's bars and night clubs.

I don't make promises, I think it's unreasonable, but I will help bring diverse events to the school so that every group is represented and work to fill the gaps that exist presently. One task that I will accomplish during my time, if elected, is organizing events for our satellite campus students. The students at these locations deserve to have some great events, and I will not neglect them.

If you're coming back next year, let's have some fun, meet some people, and leave college tell-

ing everybody that it was the best time we've ever had! If you aren't coming back, then vote for me simply because NAIT should be an institute that gets better every year, and that is what drives me.

Cheers! -JPC

For rest of the candidates, please see the next two pages

NAITSA EXECUTIVE

For VP External ...

Hello Everybody

You're busy. I'm busy. We're all busy these days, so I'll be brief. I want your support **and vote** for the upcoming NAITSA Executive Council election on February 9th to 11th. I am running for the position of Vice President External. This role involves many duties, but mainly what I would be doing is advocating for us students. As your VP External, I would represent student interests to external organizations and advocate on behalf of the student body to ensure that your needs are met. I've seen what you see, and I've been where you are.

As I am a "mature" student, I have lots of experience that would make me a great VP External. I have been an employer for the past 15 years in the provinces of Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta; so, I know a thing or

two about dealing with governments and corporations. I am originally from Edmonton and I am a person who understands what it is like to have to balance a fun social life and serious work ethic. I've been the President of my community league, built a new community hall, was part of getting two Members of Parliament elected, and also had various responsibilities on student council - back in the day; including: Room Representative, Campus Life Coordinator, and Student Council President.

It seems to me that we are going through a time when the stresses on the education system, caused mostly by the economy (and some mismanagement), are at a high level; and this would be a good time for us students to have some good, strong representation to all outside interests. Getting the grades and living your life is a full-time job in itself! That's why you

should elect me as VP External - so you can leave all the other stuff to me, while you handle what's most important to you. Let me find solutions for you, and fight the battles you don't have time to fight.

You might be thinking that I'm older than the other candidates, and that is a true; but let me assure you that with age comes experience and wisdom. On top of that, I'm serious about the job. It is uncommon for a student my age to run for an Executive Council position, and I believe this would be a great opportunity to add some experience to the Board. I hope you agree and support me with your vote, as I look forward to supporting and serving you as students of NAIT.

Thank you for your interest and your vote!

Dave Hindley

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Dave Hindley

and executive council on such hot topics as the U pass and tuition increases. I know that I am fully ready to stand up for the students and would be honored to serve you in the 2010/2011 year.

My name is Govind Pillai and as your VP External I will put students first every step of the way.

Thank you for your time and have a great semester!



Govind Pillai

My name is Govind Pillai and I have spent the last 3 years here at NAIT as an accounting student. I have had the opportunity to use almost all facilities and services available to NAIT students. Although there have been many positive aspects to my NAIT education, there is definitely room for improvement.

Our Concerns

I would like to clearly state the issues that we have faced in the past and express my commitment and enthusiasm towards solving each one.

- **Increase NAIT Student Profile-** It is time we are recognized for our talents and I will work hard to ensure we are.

- **Tuition-** I will continue the ongoing battle against tuition increases. We cannot afford it, especially those of you who have left your homes to study in Canada. **NO TO UNREASONABLE TUITION INCREASES!**

- **U-Pass-** Last year I was forced to take a two hour bus ride to and from NAIT. That is four hours a day spent in transportation. Regardless of whether or not the NAIT students vote in favor of the U pass, I will lobby for greater transit service to NAIT.

- **Books-** Let's improve access to used book sales for students. We need a quick and easy method to sell/trade our used books and I have heard a few great ideas that I would help

put in place.

- **Satellite Campus** Communications development with Patricia and Souch campus.

- **Student Space** (students should not have to eat their lunches on the floor!)

- **Facility Upgrades** (A learning environment cannot be maximized when it is falling apart. Annex!)

Why I'm the right Candidate

I have had the opportunity to get involved with the NAIT community and have met many talented students. I am currently President of Business Connex of NAIT. The primary goal of this organization is to create value and opportunity for students by helping them create relationships with their community members, corporate leaders and their peers. I believe that there is a remarkable amount of talent here at NAIT and I am dedicated to helping students graduate with something more than a certificate, degree or diploma. Additionally, we focus on creating relationships that will in turn create career leads with external organizations. I have spent much of my time fostering the relationships with outside organizations and would love the opportunity to apply this concept to our entire campus.

In the past semester I was also elected to serve as Senator of the JR School of Business. I have spent much of my time debating with the senate



Norman Bloomfield

Welcome once again to another election campaign. However, we have one major difference this year from the last few years; we have a choice of candidates for the position of Vice President External. The race is heating up quickly with six candidates running for this important position. It is more important than ever that you get out to the polls and vote.

I bring years of experience both as a restaurant manager and business owner to this position. I have new ideas to put forward and will

use my experience and contacts to encourage businesses to fund grants and bursaries as well as promoting NAIT to employers as a source for their future leaders.

I am working for you, the students. As a native of Edmonton, and the son of a NAIT Alumni, I understand the needs of students living here. As the father of two wonderful boys and one teenage girl, I understand the difficulty of balancing school and family.

When you made the decision to attend

NAIT I am sure that you had more in mind than just an education. I know I did. Nait is about so much more than just learning a trade or advancing your career. It is about making new friends and contacts; it is about having fun; but most of all, it is about embarking on a new adventure that will take you places you have never been.

Once elected, my door will be open for any and all students who may have questions or concerns or need help coping with the difficulties they face.

Remember: Vote online Feb. 9-11; paper ballots available at polling stations on Feb. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

CANDIDATES 2010-2011

For VP External (cont.)...



Mark Gibbons

Hi I'm Mark Gibbons running for VP External. Some of you may be asking what a VP External is and according to the NAITSA website: "Your VP External strives to represent student interests to external organizations and advocate on behalf of the student body to ensure that your needs are met". I will do just that and more. I will strive to represent all NAIT students' interests to external organizations. As a community activist, I will use my civic network to speak with municipal, provincial, and federal governments directly and through lobbying organizations on behalf of all full-time, part-time, international, and continuing education students.

My vision is:

- To provide affordable year round universal bus-pass for all bus routes and new LRT
- To offer more frequent buses
- To supply new affordable student parking lots on airport land for immediate use and easier access
- To receive more funding from the Government to reduce our current tuition costs, reduce fees, and improve the current building maintenance (or lack of)
- To create a "student village", similar to the University of Alberta HUB mall/ Residence, near the new LRT
- To reduce bank fees on our campus bank machines

Okay, you now know how I will represent you as a fellow NAIT student and all the good things that we want our school experience to be. I should tell you a little bit more about who I am and why I think you should vote for me. I'm currently in my third year as a full time stu-

dent at NAIT. I have a background in the as a NAIT Alumni in technology, sales and marketing, and quality control. I'm back now for another few years to upgrade my education and ultimately graduate with one of our new NAIT Degrees. I fully understand what it's like to be a full time student and all of the stuff we have to deal with daily when it comes to a quality school experience such as parking issues, student tuition and fees, and outside commitments on top of our full schedule. My father Ed Gibbons (Edmonton City Councillor), who is also a NAIT Alumni, fought hard to have City land opened up for NAIT main-campus expansion at the City Centre Airport.

I currently volunteer with the non-profit Edmonton Outdoor Club (EOC) as Current Director (past VP), Volunteer and Training Coordinator, and Event Coordinator. I've been on the executive council for the last two years and event coordinator since 2007. The EOC is an organization dedicated to "participation" of the Edmonton community in outdoor sports and activities, including social events and travel.

I'm very excited to run for NAIT Student Executive Council and represent students' individual rights. I usually don't start a fight, but I will always fight for every student's rights for affordable education and an individual voice in government. Thank you for your votes and support. Every vote counts towards student democracy, fair processes, and good government of our shared NAIT Students' Association.



Robin Hutchinson

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ENTERTAINMENT

ADULT FILMS

Porn: Not just for men anymore



COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

There was a time when pornography was geared solely to men. It was a time when the adult film industry only showed male porn stars from the waist down, making the female porn star the focal point of the sexual experience. Adult films had a “wham, bam, thank you ma’am” approach to sex. The equation usually went like this; a woman pleases a man, the man has his way with the woman and finally, the man leaves approximately 20 million little friends all over the woman’s face. End scene. Sounds a little degrading and one-sided, wouldn’t you say?

Well now that women have stepped

out of the kitchen to kick some proverbial “sexist” ass, those times have changed, and so has the adult film industry. Women are becoming freer with their sexuality, and with that comes experimentation. American Civil Liberties Union President Nadine Strossen reveals in her book, *Defending Pornography* that, “The fact that many women find much that excites or otherwise pleases them in commercial erotica is indicated by their large and growing share of the burgeoning market for such imagery.

“Women, either singly or as part of a couple, constitute more than 40 per cent of the adult videotape rental audience.”

In other words, many women are no longer afraid to talk about sex, have sex, or pleasure themselves while watching other people having sex on television.

A not-so-recent study in England revealed that 66 per cent of women enjoy watching porn, whether with their significant other or by themselves, and like men, that percentage is only growing (no pun intended). Women are also expanding in the porn industry, not only on camera, but also in directing and pro-

ducing roles. Big names such as Suze Randall, Candida Royalle and Stormy Daniels, who are all familiar with working in front of the camera, are now working behind the scenes.

Some of the most popular films include Belladonna’s *My Ass Is Haunted*, Kimberly Kane’s *Morphine*, and the popular *Operation Desert Stormy*, directed by Stormy Daniels. These films are definitely worth checking out and can be enjoyed equally by both sexes. Watching one of these films with your significant other, or a random from the bar, can make for one hell of a steamy night.

There are definitely still some hardcore films out there that are a little on the smutty side, but that doesn’t mean women can’t be into the hardcore “traditional” pornography.

There’s a time and a place for everything, and with two, or more, willing partners, an open mind in the bedroom can make sex that much more fun. So the next time your girlfriend comes over, pull out that “hidden” stash of pornography, because you never know, she may be dirtier than you are.



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Candida Royalle is a woman pornographer.

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By PAUL FITZPATRICK

I had a tough time coming up with a theme for this mix-tape. I wanted it to be epic, so I decided to make it just that. This is a collection of some of the most epic songs I could think of.

Every track is a triumph, an adventure and a glorious achievement. Every song on this list will go down in history as some of the most unforgettable songs ever written. Put this list on your iPod, hold your head up high and feel like a champ.

Get inspired! Build a house, score a game winning goal, tell that special someone how you truly feel about them, go skydiving or wrestle a grizzly bear. After listening to this compilation you'll feel like conquering the world.

Even the Oilers can get inspiration from these songs.

Enjoy the eargasms!

1. Muse – Take a Bow
2. Alexisonfire – Pulmonary Archery
3. Wintersleep – Laser Beams
4. The Beatles – Hey Jude
5. Big Wreck – Blown Wide open
6. Foo Fighters – My Hero
7. U2 – Where the Streets Have No Name
8. Cave In – Innuendo and Out the Other
9. The Arcade Fire – No Cars Go
10. Pink Floyd – Comfortably Numb
11. Led Zeppelin – Stairway to Heaven

VIRAL VIDEOS

David after dentist

By CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL

This week's video is a prime example of what a viral video should be. Personally I like my videos a little dirtier, but I figured one adult film review in the *Nugget* is more than enough. *David After Dentist* is this week's Viral Vid, and if you're not one of the 50-plus million viewers who have seen it, you have to tune into YouTube and give it a go.

The video was taken in May of 2008. David, the boy in the video just had an extra tooth removed, and was still under the influence of the anesthetic. Luckily for us, his uncle Alex was close by with a video camera in hand. The website dedicated to *David After Dentist* assures us none of the events are scripted. I believe it, too. I can't imagine they could have planned

it out so perfectly. There's nothing like seeing a seven year-old stoned after a dental appointment, it's priceless. *David After Dentist* was the second most-viewed video on YouTube last year, and received over three million hits within the first two weeks. It has gained so much popularity, David DeVore's father has been able to sell promotional T-shirts. DeVore has donated a percentage of the proceeds to Operation Smile, an organization helping children with facial deformities around the world. This is a clean, fun A-Rated YouTube video; you're guaranteed to enjoy it. You can go to www.davidafterdentist.com to read more about David, and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txqiwrBYGrs> to check out the video.



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Rapping through school



KATHY LE
Assistant Entertainment Editor

It's always a delight to come across exceptional talent in a regular, every day student at NAIT. Justin Elmer, currently enrolled in the college prep for the Waste Water Management program, is a passionate musician when he is not studying.

At the age of 26, he's already released multiple electronic albums and established himself extensively on well-known websites.

"I've worked with a lot of producers on my last album called *Produced By*. They're from all different places like the U.K., Romania, Ontario, Edmonton and New York," says Elmer.

In addition, his works have been played on radio stations and featured in movies like *Emerald's Dream 2* and the upcoming documentary *Blow 2*. Elmer describes music as "being an extension of me."

Music has been a huge part of his life since middle school and he attributes his musical inspiration to his late friend, Luke, lightly adding, "If Luke was still alive today he would be a huge success and I'd probably be trying to ride his coattails."

With a positive response from friends, fans and local industry people encouraging him to pursue his music as a profession, it's hard to believe that Elmer refuses to try his work in Hollywood. Humble as pie, he explains, "I make music for myself. I like it too much and I don't want it to feel like work. I do it when I want and I like it best when I don't have to answer to anybody."

Turning away from pressing CDs, since its popularity has decreased over the years, he generously offers his music for free to download on all of his websites.

A big fan of old-school hip-hop, Elmer uses this style dominantly in his music.

"I don't listen to anything after 1997. The music today is still good, but it's changed from the way it was before and that was the style of music I fell in love with."

Specifically, he enjoys "boom bap," a style of rap from New York, which contains jazz and soul influence. When asked about how he feels about auto-tune his reply was, "No comment."

For a musician who refuses to accept "charity" through album revenue, it can be tough to fund his passion. Elmer says that the only purpose of attaining an education in his program is so he can afford the costs that come with the music industry.

"This program seems like it was a good opportunity for employment. I'll do what I hate to be able to do what I love."

Prior to returning to the education stream, he served in the army for three years where military assignments brought him to the City of Champions from his hometown of Aurora, Ontario.

Justin's free downloads can be accessed at the websites below:

www.reverbnation.com/justinelmer www.myspace.com/justinelmer

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Photo by Kathy Le

NAIT student Justin Elmer does his music for the love of it.

PB & J

By KATHY LE

Shortbread Cookies

Heart-shaped shortbread cookies ... just in time for Valentines Day. From my heart to yours XOXO.

The Stuff:

2 cups all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
½ cup powdered sugar

1-teaspoon pure vanilla extract
½ cup raspberry preserves
2 ounces white chocolate, grated

The Magic:

1. Cream butter until smooth.
2. Add the sugar and beat until smooth.
3. Beat in the vanilla extract.
4. Gently stir in the flour mixture until just mixed.
5. Flatten the dough and wrap in plas-

tic wrap.

6. Chill in fridge for at least 1 hour.
7. Preheat oven to 350F.
8. Roll out dough onto lightly floured surface (cover unused dough to prevent from drying out).
9. Cut dough into heart shapes.
10. Take smaller heart shaped cutter and cut out window in ½ of big heart-shaped dough.
11. Place unbaked cookies on cookie sheet and in fridge for 15 min.
12. Take unbaked cookies out and place in oven for 10 min.
13. Cool cookies on rack.
14. Spread jam on full heart shaped cookies and place heart shaped cookie with cut out on top.
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Maria Dunn
Tons of energy

Help for Haiti

By KATHARINE HAY

There is a quote somewhere about how all it takes is a few committed people, and anything can be done. In this case, that “anything” was organizing a seven-band concert in support of Haiti in a little under two weeks.

Last Wednesday, 200 Edmontonians headed to HAITI VIVAN, HAITI LIBRE at the Ukrainian Hall with high hopes for the evening ahead.

Walking into the hall, there was tons of food available “by donation” and a silent auction featuring anything from local clothing designers to Oilers tickets along the side. Conspicuously absent were the sometimes-obnoxious information tables belonging to each of the NGOs that sponsored the event. The organizers were clearly focused on everyone having a good time and remembering the one reason for putting this event together.

Around 6:30 p.m., the concert featuring all local bands who donated their time, got started up. First up on stage, “Tonona,” a meditative trance and psych-folk band. Mellow and “earthy” sounding, they didn’t inspire everyone to get up and dance, but were a great background to ponder the purpose of the evening.

Next up, local folk legend Maria Dunn took the stage. Maria brought tons of energy to the stage, and got most of the twenty-something’s in attendance up and dancing.

Up next came Kaz Mega bringing his battle emcee skills to the stage got everyone up and dancing. But a highlight of the night was The People’s Poets, who brought their trademark rap,

emcee skills, and incredible sound to the show. The whole crowd – now reaching about one hundred and fifty people – were up on their feet and dancing away.

Musical – but forgettable – was Aroots Bazaar. Kind of twangy, fairly musical, but not dance inspiring. Still, there were groups ironically swinging each other around by the elbows. Perhaps it was just my feet that were exhausted.

The second last band, Souljah Fyah, brought the remaining crowd to their feet. With the remaining hundred people dancing and shimmying like crazy, the energy in the crowd was higher than ever. It was about eleven at night, but everyone seemed ready to keep going all night long. Around 11:30, Souljah Fyah said good night, but there was still one more band to close the night out.

Gorgon Horde, a newly formed angry punk band, brought what only angry punk rock can bring to a stage when they finally went on at midnight. The remaining stragler’s rocked out in the smallest – dare I say cutest – mosh pit I have ever seen.

By the time the day was over, the event raised \$6,000, with organizer Diahann Gale Petgrave saying “this was the best fundraising experience I had a pleasure to be part of ... let this be the first of many more fundraising events!”

All the funds raised will be split between BATAY OUVRIYE, who works in support of fair working conditions for all Haitians, and ZANMI LASANTE, a group entirely devoted to providing medical treatment to the poorest people in the world.



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I hate when I spill food on my shirt in the morning and have to suffer with the stain for the rest of the day. Gross!

– From Gross Stain

Excuse me can I ask you a couple of questions ... thanks ... and what was your name again? Patrick O'Sullivan.

– Anonymous

Teachers need to communicate better so that us students aren't all getting a billion assignments piled onto us at the same time!

– So Stressed Out

A girl tripped, fell, and dropped a bunch of books and her lunch in the Bytes food court at the HP Centre yesterday and instead of helping her, everyone just judgmentally stared or stifled laughs, myself included. We are a sad society.

– Doesn't Help People

Props to security for helping me out when my credit card got eaten by the parking machine last week.

– Grateful

NAITSA elections? What a joke, no one's going to vote. We just don't care.

– Apathetic As Hell

I love the long couch in the back of the library, it's perfect for morning naps before class.

– zZzzZzzZzz

Dumb plastic cake-faced boob job girl at Common Market on Wednesday who took the last sushi box, I hate you.

– Hungry and Angry

I miss going to NAITSA Movie Nights, I just don't have time anymore but when I did it made for great Tuesday nights.

– Crazy 4 Movies

Bus pass prices went up?!?!? This is ridiculous. I am poor... I can't afford this shit.

– Poor Me

Dear Teacher – I know it might be wrong to think you're sexy, but I can't help it.

– Teacher's assistant

Why can't food services be more consistent. Yesterday I went for 5 for 5 after 5, and I got ripped off! It shouldn't matter who is making my food, it should always look, and taste the same!

– Hungry & disappointed

To the rent a cop that ticketed and towed my car. I hope something very heavy falls on your head.

– Busing it

To the guys that feel the need to sit at the front of the Starbucks line and hit on the cashiers, you're a creep and NO she does not think you're sexy!

– Need a latte ... quick

It's not Valentines Day for me, it'll be Singles Awareness Day. This is lame.

– Single and Ready to Mingle

NR92 is pretty sweet to listen to.

– Anonymous

The Clubs Showcase on Wednesday was awesome because there were free food samples, chocolate

and punch! I didn't join any of the clubs but gotta love free food and drinks.

– Lovin' Freebies

There should be a LOST club at NAIT so that we can all meet and theorize. That show is crazy, the season premiere blew my mind.

– Hardcore LOST Fan

To all the guys that go number two in the washroom. It doesn't matter how quiet you are, I know you're there. I find it so funny that I can tell from the urinals that you're holding your breath. Ha ha ha ha, just calm down, loosen up and take your dump.

–let it go

If reading week doesn't get here soon, I think I might die. I'm so tired of school it's making me sick!

–tired

Stop coming to class late, you're distracting the rest of us – FYI, we hate you for it!

– Hating Tardy



Photo by Raymond Garrett

Nick Guiton plays at Indie Night last Thursday at the Nest.



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MBF comes here



COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

Michael Bernard Fitzgerald (MBF) is back in Edmonton again next week for his brand new tour, *Michael Bernard Fitzgerald & The Loud Love Choir*, bringing with him a 30-person choir for the ultimate live music experience.

With a limited six-date tour with the choir, including two shows in Calgary, MBF says that he's most excited "to be playing in my hometown [again]. Calgary is so supportive and is opening up a new market for local music. I'm also excited to be playing in Edmonton, because I've noticed the growing support there too."

With only five years experience, MBF has definitely gone from a starving Drama major student at the University of Lethbridge to an award-winning musician working with big

names such as Juno-winning producer Russell Broom, who's also worked with Canadian superstars Jann Arden and the Dudes.

Even with huge success over a short period of time, MBF is still modest. "[Playing music] has become full time for me about a year ago. I've grown so much within the last five years, and so have my fans. I get excited thinking about what the future holds."

MBF definitely breaks the "bad boy musician" mold, proving that nice guys do, in fact, finish first. Proceeds from every ticket sale for The Loud Love Tour will go to WarChild, a charity that helps children affected by war across the world. The charity's primary goal is to "advance the cause of peace through investing hope in the lives of children caught up in the horrors of war."

MBF is excited to be touring with a cause, saying that the tour can "give them some decent support. I'm happy to support children's charities and I'm hoping with my tour and upcoming events, we can raise between \$40,000 and \$50,000."

It's hard not to love a guy like MBF, whose musical idols include Paul Simon and Mo Town. Three words to describe his personality are

"fun, loving and open. I try to be open all the time, because you never know what kind of experiences are on the horizon, and it's important to stay open to them."

MBF's trademark fabric flower tied to his guitar signifies his love of life, as well as the city of Montreal, saying, "I love flowers and hearts and all that mushy stuff. I spent a summer in Montreal and fell in love with the city. I bought the flower there, mostly because it will last longer than a real one."

With lyrics like "I'll thank you for this date/Apologize for getting you home so late/You'll turn around/A goodnight kiss without a sound" on his song "Care For You," which is a song about a first date, MBF can definitely be classified as a hopeless romantic. So what is the musician's idea of a perfect first date?

"I like planning things out. I like surprises. There's a great little spot in Calgary called The Meet, and I would get one of those Fishbowl drinks for us. Then we'd definitely be in fun mode."

Check out MBF and the Loud Love Choir at the Starlite Room, Feb. 11, or e-mail me at entertain@nait.ca with your idea of the perfect date for your chance to win an exclusive MBF package.

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Grammys a starry, starry night



Lady Gaga

**By GRAHAM MCCANN
and DARYLANN HUTCHINGS**

Sunday was a big night and the most anticipated event for music. The 52nd Grammy Awards were in full swing and a local Edmonton girl relished the moment in real life with the stars. Thirteen-year-old Angie Lee, who suffers from leukemia, was granted the wish she made with the Children's Wish Foundation and walked the red carpet with Lady Gaga, Pink and Sir Paul McCartney, her biggest idols. She explains that music is the therapy that helps her through treatment and was ecstatic to attend the celebrity-filled event.

Lady Gaga opened the show with "Poker Face," and switched into a piano duet with Elton John, mixing her newest single "Speechless" with Elton's classic "Your Song." The pop princess strutted her usual eccentric stuff, wearing a translucent violet-ribbon dress with glitter covering her body.

The night was packed with celebrity presenters like Stephen Colbert, who pulled out his iPad to name the nominees and winner for best record. Expect Colbert to be bragging on the Report about his best comedy win for his holiday album *A Colbert Christmas*.

The Kings of Leon's album, *Use Somebody*, grabbed the win for Best Record of the Year, and Taylor Swift received the award for Best Album. The night's highlights included Beyonce receiving her sixth Grammy for the huge hit "Single Ladies." As for upcoming art-

ists coming into the scene, the Zac Brown Band received the prize for Best New Artist.

A new and unique part of the show was the tribute to Michael Jackson, which was broadcast in 3-D.

Some wardrobe "flops" of the evening included Britney Spears, donning an unflattering black Dolce and Gabbana see-through mesh affair over a black bodysuit. Needless to say, Perez Hilton had a few comments about the ensemble.

On the other hand, the Grammy's wardrobe "hits" included Heidi Klum who wore a stunning Milly Bridget Dress as well as Rihanna who snagged the Ellie Saab number she wore straight from the Haute Couture Autumn/Winter 2009 catwalk. The toss-up of the evening that made heads turn was Lady Gaga's solar-system themed dress. The shiny, silvery, three-dimensional number was created in collaboration with Giorgio Armani.

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Lost's last season begins



RYAN FLAHERTY
Issues Editor

When *Lost* wrapped up its fifth season last spring, fans were left with a myriad of questions. Those desperate to know what would happen next were forced to wait months to learn the fate of TV's most famous (fictional) castaways. This has become par for the course for the sci-fi/adventure/mystery drama, which seems to ask more questions than it answers with each passing season.

However, this season is different. That's because it has been known for a while now that this season of *Lost* will be the last. This means the writers of the show have 17 episodes to finish telling the story of the Oceanic survivors,

presumably tying up all the story's loose ends along the way.

So it was with this anticipation that I, an admitted *Lost* fanboy, sat down to watch Tuesday night's two-hour premiere. Many of those pesky questions were on my mind. Did Juliet actually detonate the hydrogen bomb at the Swan site? If she did, would time 'reset' for the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815? If it didn't, what would happen? And what about Locke? Was it really he who took Ben under the statue and had him kill Jacob, or did Jacob's adversary take Locke's form? Would the survivors stuck in 1977 ever reunite with the rest of their gang in the present?

The season began with a bang – literally. Juliet smashed the hydrogen bomb with a rock and the screen was filled with whiteness, and suddenly I found myself back on board Flight 815 with Jack, pre-crash. There was a moment in which it seemed as though the plane would crash anyway, and then nothing. A number of

scenes throughout the premiere's first hour showed a bunch of the castaways going about their business on the plane, completely oblivious to the alternate fate they had experienced over the past five seasons.

So, it seemed at first that Jack's plan worked. But as the turbulence passed and Jack relaxed in his seat, the camera zipped down out of the plane and under the ocean surface, revealing that the island was now – wait for it – underwater!

That was just the first seven minutes, folks. What followed was a wild ride which seemed to suggest that Jack's plan only half-worked, and that the castaways were now existing in two separate realities at once. On the island, they had been brought back to the present, and Juliet and Sayid were still mortally wounded. Ben confronted Locke's doppelganger after watching him transform into the mysterious smoke monster and kill a bunch of goons under the statue. Jacob's ghost appeared to Hurley and told him that in order to save Sayid, he needed to take the

Iraqi to the temple wall.

Off island, Oceanic 815 landed without incident. Fans got the treat of seeing two of their favourite characters who had been since killed off.

Boone had a conversation with Locke which winked at the audience more than once, and Charlie was discovered unconscious in the bathroom after trying to swallow a bag of heroin. Upon landing, Kate escaped from the Marshall's custody and Jin was detained by customs officials, forcing Sun to decide whether or not to reveal that she knew English (remember that one?). But the big bombshell was Jack learning that Oceanic Airlines had lost his father's body in transit, leading him to have a very interesting conversation with Locke in the baggage claim office, in which Jack made the claim that "nothing is irreversible." A bit blunt for my liking, but great foreshadowing nonetheless.

So, without revealing too many spoilers, I can safely say the long wait was worthwhile. *Lost* has hit the ground running, and if the ruckus at the temple is any indication (along with some very surprising life/death developments), fans are in for an exciting homestretch. Stay tuned.



TIMELY TIPS

Maintaining motivation



MARGARET MAREAN
NAIT Student Counselling

"I was really motivated first semester and did really well. This semester I just can't seem to get going and I'm not sure what to do differently." We hear variations of this quite often at Student Counselling.

Students often feel less motivated in the winter term. You haven't had a summer break to get refreshed and winter is generally a time when we feel less energetic. NAIT isn't new and exciting anymore. Here are some tips to help get you back on track:

- Get into a routine. If you start setting aside the same time every afternoon or evening for studying, it will become a habit within a few weeks. You may have to force yourself at first but you will end up accomplishing more.
- Make a daily "to-do list" – a checklist of what you can realistically accomplish. Prioritize the items from most to least crucial and always work on your most important tasks first, even if they are the most difficult or the longest.
- Make a schedule. Put clear time boundaries for projects and studying. Do your studying first so you can look forward to some downtime or something fun later.
- Try studying in groups or with a partner occasionally. This makes studying more fun and you may be surprised at how effective it is.

- Specify a clear-cut goal that you want to achieve before you sit down to do homework or to study (i.e. "by the end of this hour I want to accomplish..."). This puts you in a competitive mode and stimulates you to stay motivated and focused.

- Know your body rhythms. If you are a morning person, do your most important tasks in the morning – don't force yourself to do them at 11 p.m.

- Evaluate how long you can realistically concentrate (no longer than 25 to 30 minutes for most people) and make sure you take breaks when you need them.

- Get started on tasks early, the day you receive the assignment if possible. Tasks that are put on hold cause guilt and de-energize you; getting started right away arouses your interest and gets your creative juices flowing.

- Work on building a positive attitude. Self-statements like "I'm too lazy", "I'm a procrastinator" or "I can't do this" can become self-fulfilling prophecies. So can statements such as "I am self-motivated" and "I love to learn".

- Visualize yourself being successful. A clear picture of what success means can keep you going when your workload seems overwhelming.

- Don't waste energy being negative and blaming yourself or others for how much work you have or for past failures. Negative energy makes it difficult to learn and to be creative. Put your energy towards accomplishing your goals instead.

- Concentrate on your successes and build on them. Evaluate areas where you could have done better, learn from them and change them into future successes.

- Surround yourself with positive, motivated people.

- Set realistic standards. Being a perfectionist can de-motivate even the brightest of students. Decide how much time and effort each

assignment is worth and allocate accordingly.

- If you are feeling overwhelmed by a project or assignment, break it into smaller parts and focus on one part at a time.

- Set rewards for accomplishing difficult tasks or getting through a study period when you aren't motivated. Most people work best with positive reinforcement but for some people it is also helpful to set penalties for failing to follow through with tasks.

- Give yourself pep talks - remind yourself why you have chosen to continue your education

and the long and short-term benefits this will have.

- And finally, take care of yourself by getting enough sleep, eating properly, exercising and having some fun. Motivated, energetic people have balance in their lives.

If motivation continues to be a problem, or if you have any other academic or personal concerns, you may want to book an appointment with a counsellor. You can book in person at Student Counselling, Room W-111-PB, (first floor of the HP Centre) or by phoning 780-378-6133.

Poll clerks needed

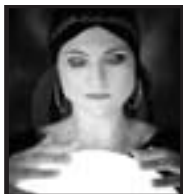
Duration: Feb. 11, 2010

Compensation: \$14/hour

- Poll clerks needed for the NAITSA Senate election polling stations on Feb. 11, 2010 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).
- Must have a strong command of the English language and have a complete and clear understanding of the democratic election process.
- All poll clerks must attend a training session on Monday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. in E-129. All clerks will be paid to attend.
- Poll clerks must have a complete understanding of the online voting process and be comfortable in providing guidance to students.
- Apply in person at the NAITSA office, E-131 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Your horoscope



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January 14-20

(Warning: These Nugget horoscopes are not written by an accredited astrologer; however, believe them if you like, as they are absolute and unquestionable.)

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Don't feed anyone's ego, even your own. Instead, try your hand at baking a cake for the first time. "Try new experi-

ences" would have been much easier to say.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your mother was lying to you. You were adopted out of pity. It's OK though, you don't want to know who your real parents are. Trust me.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You will suffer from many mood swings this month, like the month before that, and the month before that ... are you beginning to see a pattern here?

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your gambling addiction is going to take a wild turn for the worse this week. The number for Gamblers Anonymous is 463-0892. You should call them.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Three words for you – Stop being racist.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

If you decide to drown your sorrows this week and you need company ... Let's not kid ourselves, you don't have any real friends.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You can use some self-assurance this week... Come to think of it, you could use some chocolate, some wine, and some sympathy. Wow, this just isn't your week.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Facebook stalking your ex is still stalking. We know you just want to know what they're up to, but it doesn't make you less of a creep.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Some might think you're very knowledgeable. Others might say you're just a stupid know-it-all. Stop being so smart, you're making the rest of us look bad.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might find yourself in a very painful situation. Don't slip on the staircase or bail on the side-walk. Drunk injuries are hilarious, but only to others laughing at you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Stop being stand-offish to your colleagues and start being a team-player. Your mother didn't raise you to be such a douche.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Don't even worry about it. You're awesome and everyone wishes they could be more like you.



TIP OF THE WEEK – FROM NAIT SECURITY SERVICES

Take a Safe Walk



The Safe Walk program provides a safe and reliable alternative to walking alone at night on or around campus. Safe Walk service is free of charge and is available to any member of the campus community – students, staff and faculty. We exist so that access to the NAIT campus and surrounding areas is never compromised for those who do not want to walk alone at night.

To use Safe Walk, call 780.471.7477 and

a Control Centre Officer will take your name, location and destination. They will then dispatch a radio-equipped Peace Officer to walk you to your destination. You can also call from any courtesy phone or HELP phone.

Individuals requiring a Safe Walk have the option of booking walks in advance. This means an officer would be waiting for you at the predetermined place and time to walk you

to your destination. If you would like to set up a pre-booked appointment please come by the Security office.

Safe Walk's boundaries extend from 118 Avenue to Princess Elizabeth Avenue and from 102 Street to 109 Street. Our Security officers will also walk with you to the nearest bus stop.

Safe Walk: 780.471.7477

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

[nait.ca/security](http://www.nait.ca/security).

If you have information about 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 be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

Everybody benefits, except the criminal.

Homage to those Hilltop Hoods

COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

I'll be honest. I have absolutely zero schooling in hip-hop. I try not to foreclose a particular music genre because of my own ignorance. So when I listen to a group like Hilltop Hoods, I want to kick myself because I never knew how stoked I could be on that shit. These mates from down under have smooth rhymes and sweet beats. Their sampling choices make me want to pull up my hood, exhale a cloud of smoke and bob my head real deep.

The band (Suffa, Presure, & DJ Debris) has been a successful Australian hip-hop group for over two decades. They have five studio albums, two live DVDs, and are nationally renowned Down Under. Their new record, *State of America* has garnered some serious attention from both sides of the equator. They are simply too good at what they do to be ignored.

The video for *Still Standing* encompasses a perfect audiovisual experience for what the band is all about. The mates start by exploring the vast outback lands, only to find themselves at the brim of a gigantic hole. Illustrating their attitude of never holding back, they jump right in. A wall of arms in a cave welcomes the guys as they are held up and embraced. They simultaneously seem supported and held back. They spit out lyrics like, "As long as we can love, we'll have some that will hate us." With the amount of success they've seen back home, I'm sure there's a deep metaphor there somewhere; I'll let you be the judge. But I urge you to bob along as their chilled out charm and upbeat positivity shine through. The band definitively takes you on a hip-hop ride.

With their array of established hits such as "The Hard Road" and "Fifty In Five," Hilltop Hoods are sure to astound even the most narrow-minded music lovers. I may have not been a hip-hop enthusiast before, but as the boys take over the world one beat at a time, I'll be sure to stay tuned.

E-mail two Hilltop Hoods songs to entertain@nait.ca for your chance to win two tickets to see the group live at the Pawn Shop and a deluxe signed poster!!



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

NAITSA (NAIT Students' Association) is now accepting applications for the following:

NAITSA VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested or would like more information on the current volunteer opportunities, please contact me at directly at tbernard4@ookmail.nait.ca, for I will be away until Jan. 25.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Magical computer club, Somali homework club

The Canadian Cancer Society

Various opportunities

Communication Co-ordinator

Set up and run group speech practice sessions with students.

For more information on volunteer opportunities at NAITSA, please e-mail naitsavolunteers@nait.ca

HELP WANTED

SENIOR NEEDS:

1. Fourth-year electrician apprentice (with residential experience) to wire 300 sq. ft. reno.
 2. Someone to ceramic tile bath. Weekend or evening work.
- CONTACT: 780-462-4753.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Kids with great mentors are more likely to attend schools like NAIT immediately after graduating from high school. Volunteer today through one of the flexible mentorship programs with Big Brothers Big Sisters. You don't have to change your life to change theirs.

Call 780-424-8181

or apply online at

www.bbbsedmonton.org

HOT

SINGLE OF THE WEEK

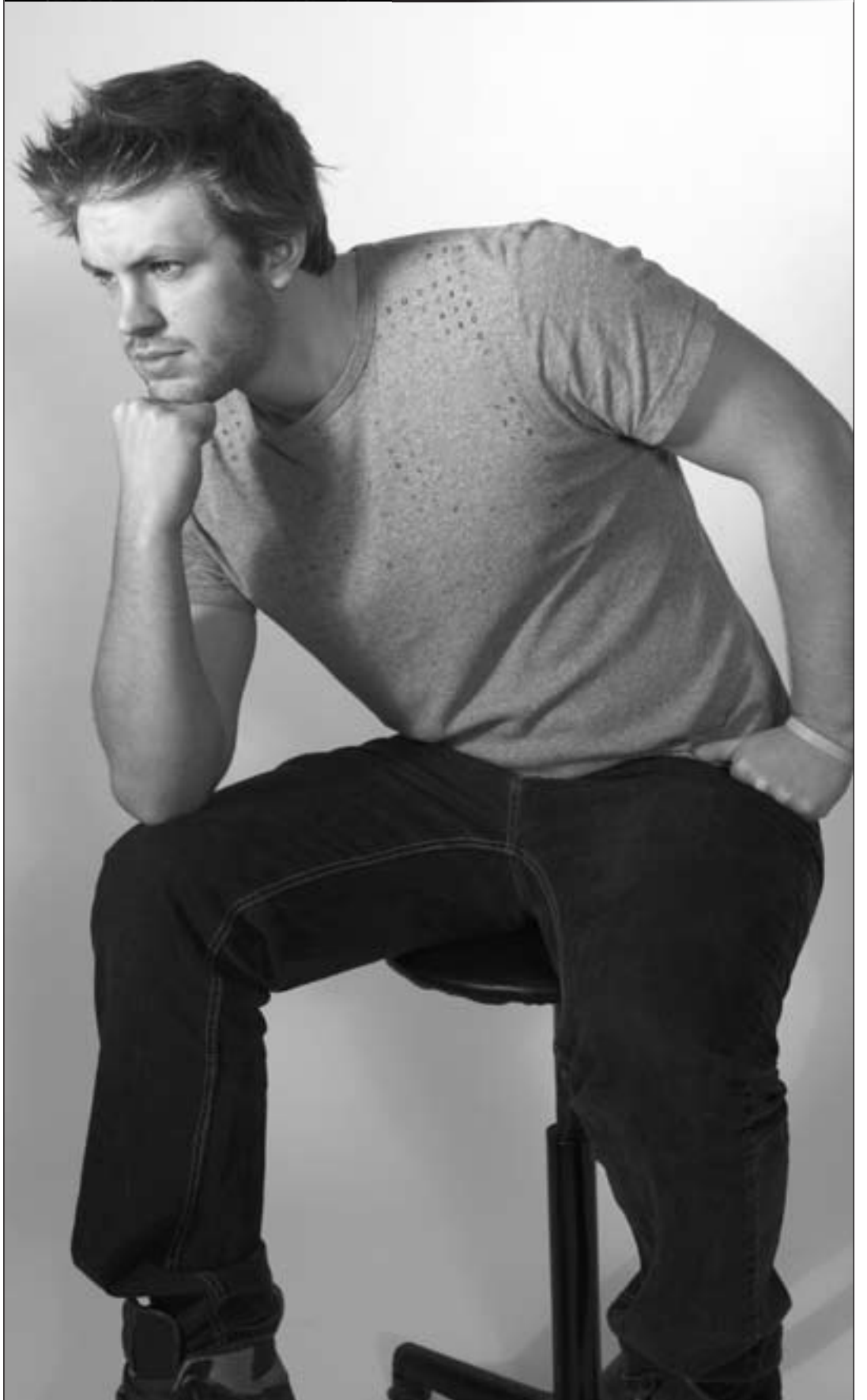


Photo by Patrick Zubiri

Doug Yearwood, 20 **Radio Broadcasting**

What is the best quality about yourself?: My politically correctness. F*** Obama.

Would you try to go in for a kiss on the first date?: Yeah, obviously. I'd reach for a handful.

What do you do on your spare time?: GTL – Gym. Tan. Laundry.

If you were alone on a desert island, what would you do?: Well, I've always enjoyed long walks on the beach ladies, so I'd go on a long walk and build a fire for two after.

What is your favourite pick-up line?: Hey, my name is Doug. That's GOD spelt backwards with a little bit of U wrapped in it.

Are you hot and single? E-mail us at entertain@nait.ca

CLUBS CORNER

Upcoming events ...

DeFeYe Arts

What: Get Dirty With Art fundraiser
When: Feb. 24; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Where: NAIT Main Campus South Lobby

DeFeYe Arts

What: Studio Day
When: Feb. 13
Where: Harcourt House 10215 112 St.

DeFeYe Arts

What: Play – Nevermore
When: Feb. 20
Where: Catalyst Theatre

8529 Gateway Blvd.

NASS

What: Cookie Dough Sales
When: Jan. 18 to Feb. 12
Where: L254 Paperstore Engineering Annex

Muslim Students of NAIT

What: Prayer
When: Fridays 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.
 (Please come 10 minutes before prayer)
Where: J112
 The Juuma will be in Arabic and English

Business Connex

What: Weekly Meeting
When: Tuesdays; 4:30pm-6:30pm
Where: T-612

Club Culinaire

What: Truffle Sales
When: Feb. 8 to 12; Noon-2 p.m.
Where: Reads & Needs and Business Tower and on Feb. 12 only, the NAITSA Office.

Bakers Club

What: Valentine Bake Sale
When: Feb. 12; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Where: NAIT South Lobby.

CLUB NEWS

New Club Centre Hours: Monday to Friday
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FORUM: It's up and running! Join up, make yourself a

name/avatar, and find out the latest club news/events.
<http://naitsa.ca/Forum/>

Grant #4 Submission Deadline: Friday, Feb. 26

IF YOU'RE DRINKING, WHO'S DRIVING?

MECH TECH BEER GARDENS

TOWER 8TH FLOOR

FEB 5TH

JOIN US BETWEEN 3:00PM AND 10:00PM IN THE TOWER LOUNGE
 CHEAP BEER AND HI-BALLS (3 FOR \$10).
 MARGARITAS FOR \$4
 50 SLICES OF PIZZA, GOOD MUSIC, AND FUN GAMES.

GRAND PRIZE: 6GB IPOD NANO WITH VIDEO CAMERA
 OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE SHIRTS, CDs, LIMO PACKS, AND BAR TABS

NIGHT TERROR IMAGES MEO STUDENTS ASSOCIATION MADD

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 Shannon Dore -sdore2@ookmail.nait.ca



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Financial Literacy Seminars

Next Seminars on:

Debt Management, Mortgages & Loans
 Thursday, February 4, 2010

Investing & Retirement
 Thursday, February 25, 2010

Room: X107 Time: 4:45 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Contact: dollarsandsense@sifenait.com for more information

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GRAND PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS!

Valentine's Week Candy Sales



Chem Tech Fundraiser

11:15am-1:15pm Feb 8th-11th
 NAITSA and HP Center

Want Some Extra Kisses This Valentine's Day?



The girls from the Captioning and Court Reporting Club are here to help!

If you can guess how many hearts are in the jar, you could win some great prizes, including:

Spa Packages ☐ Entertainment Packs ☐ Restaurant Gift Cards

When: February 8 – 10
 (Winners to be announced February 11)

Locations & Times

Feb. 8 – Near Fresh Express (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Feb. 9 – Spartan Centre (8 a.m.-9:15 a.m.)

Near Common Market (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Feb. 10 – Computer Commons HP Centre (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Tickets cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5!

**WANTED:
ELECTRONIC TECHNICIANS**

"My aim is to make sure that our weapon systems stay on track. As an electronic technician, I maintain, test, and repair equipment for all operations. Here, accuracy is always in demand."

Master Corporal **JOCELYN GERVAIS**

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Caporal-chef **JOCELYN GERVAIS**

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February 9 - February 11

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February 11 only, 10am - 2pm

Executive Council Elections!

POLL STATION LOCATIONS:

- South Lobby Kiosk
- HP Center
- Outside NAITSA Office
E131
- Annex *1st floor*
- Outside the Bookstore
- U Hallway
Near Fresh Express
- South Campus
- Patricia Campus

Check the February 4 issue of The Nugget for candidate pictures and articles, and watch out for nominees campaigning across campus between January 30 - February 8!

Thank You for Voting!



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