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YOUR CHOSEN FOUR

NAITSA's new executive members get together following their election victories last month. Tessa Cocchio, left, is to be VP Academic, Tim Jobs was elected President, Tyler Bernard is to be VP Campus Life and Govind Pillai, right, is to be VP External.

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NEWS & FEATURES

Execs face host of issues

By KATHARINE HAY

Back before the Olympics started, before Reading Week, something magical happened at NAIT. Students got together, went online, and voted.

The result? Your new NAIT Students' Association Executive. There are some new faces, and some people returning for a second kick at the can. Moving from his role of Vice President Academic into the coveted President's office is Timothy Jobs. For Jobs, it's all about serving the students.

"We're going into some interesting times with budget cuts," Jobs said. "So it's an opportunity to use my experience to help students." Jobs will bring to his new position his experience dealing with student academic issues, and his past interactions with influential people on campus. Sadly, as Jobs enters the president's role, it will be the last we see of the presidential toque, which has been worn by out going president Geoff Tate.

Another current executive member, Tessa Cocchio, is making the move from Vice President External into Jobs' former role of V.P. Academic.

"I'm really excited for that [face time] with students, because right now I don't get to do that a lot," said Cocchio.

During her tenure as V.P. External, Cochio dealt more with administration at NAIT and at the provincial level. As for the challenges with the new position, Cocchio's efforts to learn the academic rules and regulations might be her biggest task. Still, she wanted to remain with the executive because of how awesome working with NAITSA is.

"I get to talk to other student executives and talk to politicians about what could be better for post-secondary education," she explained.

One of the fresh faces on the executive is Govind Pillai, who will be moving into the role of Vice President External. Pillai had represented students on the Senate prior to his election to the NAITSA executive.

"I anticipate the learning curve will be almost completely vertical and I'm looking forward to it," said Pillai in an e-mail. Pillai says he will have an absolutely open-door policy with all



Photo by Jenna Turner

NAITSA's new executive members take some time out recently to catch up on their Nugget reading. They are, left, Govind Pillai, VP External; Tyler Bernard, VP Campus Life; Tim Jobs, President and Tessa Cocchio, VP Academic.

of the student body, as he considers it "an honour and a privilege" to be working for students as their representative.

As a reminder to himself about what got him elected and why he is there, Pillai says he plans to keep a blown-up copy of his platform on his door to "ensure all the projects I pursue will always come back to my platform objectives."

The second new member of the NAITSA executive is Tyler Bernard, who will be taking over the position of Vice President Campus Life. Bernard has also been a Senate representative, and volunteer director with NAITSA over the past year. Bernard looks at

the learning curve coming into his new position as fairly easy.

"I've been working with [NAITSA] since I first got here ... and helped put on stuff like the Pirate Party for the past year," he said, adding that he wants to expand events like that around campus.

In his new position, Bernard is looking forward to having more resources and power to have a positive impact within the NAIT community. One of his main goals is to have at least half of the people in every building know who he is, what his role is and feel comfortable approaching him about pretty much anything.

Training and transition will begin formally in early April for the new executive. They take over their new duties on May 1.

More information about your NAITSA Executive and Senate is available at www.naitsa.ca, and executive members generally maintain an open-door policy with all NAIT students.

Home fires burn

By NICOLE de CHAMPLAIN

My home. Two words that mean a completely different thing to each individual. On March 10, NAITSA will celebrate the diversity among students here at NAIT. The My Home event will be held at the Shaw Theatre, giving students a chance to share their different cultures and backgrounds.

To enhance the cultural theme, everyone attending the event is asked to wear his or her traditional dress. Prizes will be rewarded to those who dress up. To get a little "taste" of other cultures, the nest will be providing many different ethnic foods.

Fe Maquinay, NAITSA Event Co-ordinator, says some of the types of foods served are, "spring rolls from China and falafel from the Middle East. Yeah, different kinds of cocktails and foods for free for students and different teas and coffees."

The event has been created during Multicultural week, not only to share each individual's culture but to learn about others as well. There will be a My Home photo contest that any NAIT student can enter by submitting a picture of his or her home. Students can e-mail or bring the picture into the NAITSA office.

All submissions must be in by March 4 and the winner will get his or her photo professionally mounted and framed.

"The picture to send in is of your home, whether international or Canadian, rural or city, abstract or specific," says Maquinay.

At the event, there will be many different types of entertainment, including professional dancers, musicians and martial arts experts. Many types of dancers from different cultures have already been booked. Maquinay expects to have great entertainment, saying NAITSA has booked "a Chinese Lion Dancer, belly dancer, Indian dancer, salsa dancer, bagpiper and an Aboriginal dancer."

Maquinay says she expects up to 150 participants but hopes that there will be even more. The success of the event depends on NAIT students and their participation. This is not NAITSA's first multicultural event but it will hopefully be the largest.

NAIT is filled with people who come from many backgrounds and this is an opportunity for students to learn about each other. There is a lot to look forward to and everything is free! Free food and free entertainment, so really, you have nothing to lose.

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Apprenticeship cuts

By KATHARINE HAY

In the face of new budget numbers, NAIT is looking at cutting about 1,000 apprenticeship positions from a number of school programs. With fewer applicants, and fewer companies willing to sponsor apprentices, Alberta Infrastructure and Technology has been forced to reduce the allocation of spaces for apprentices to NAIT.

According to Paula Burns, Assistant Vice-President of Academic Affairs, this isn't a new phenomenon, as AIT allocates NAIT, and other polytechnic institutes, a specific amount of apprenticeship spaces based on how many students are registered within the apprenticeship system. Burns noted that in some years AIT asks NAIT to take more students than the institute has the physical capacity for, which is why school administrators continue to express a desire to expand the campus beyond its current boundaries.

This method of deciding how many apprentices will be attending NAIT, and therefore how much staff will be needed, isn't the smoothest system available.

Burns said it would be nice to move to a system that offers a more long-term plan for how many apprentices will be trained throughout Alberta, rather than having to make new plans for staff and students each year. Burns is part of the senior academic officers group within Alberta, and said they meet annually with the ministry to explore ways to improve the system.

"We want to move to a system that is less reactive than it is now," said Burns, adding that the Ministry has been really receptive during discussions about bridging this gap between what AIT currently does, and something more holistic that NAIT, SAIT and other polytechnic schools would like to move towards.

On the other side of the equation, 1,000 fewer apprenticeship students means that there will be less need for instructors in some of the apprentice-

ship programs. To minimize layoffs, Burns said NAIT is currently looking to expand their international programs. NAIT President Sam Shaw

is currently in South America exploring the possibility of sending instructors down there to teach. Burns sees this as a way to expand NAIT's place in the global community, and to ensure that layoffs are not necessary within the tight budget NAIT is facing for the upcoming academic year. Burns said she looks at the budget issues as a challenge, rather than something negative.

"Anytime there's a crisis like this, there is always an opportunity, and we're just trying to find out what our opportunity will be."

Burns said that despite budget constraints, NAIT will try to look strategically about where to make cuts, with minimal impact on students.



Paula Burns

The Nugget now online!

By SAMANTHA SILVA

At your fingertips, at your convenience, reader powered and even environmentally conscious. In the spirit of all these elements and more, the *Nugget* wants to re-introduce you to its latest online incarnation at www.thenuggetonline.com. Find the latest news and links with all-new updates, and check out an archive of all your favourite stories dating as far back as 1964.

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If that doesn't convince you to join us online, then what about the great homepage layout featuring the *Nugget's* latest issue? Visitors can browse the paper page-by-page or they can pick out only the articles of interest to them from one of the sections on the side. In short, the format makes the paper easy to read, even on the Internet. On the bottom of the page you can also find links to popular features like Mouthing Off, Hot Single of the Week, Clubs Corner, Top 10 Hits, Your Horoscopes and the Classifieds.

A neat new feature allows you, the reader, to click on the Editors tab to see the profiles of the people who put the *Nugget* together each week. With new features and stories to be written, who wouldn't want to know the Lois Lanes or Clark Kents behind the editors' desks?

But more importantly, on the left hand side of the website, visitors will find submit buttons for three different *Nugget* features. Don't worry – nobody's asking you to submit like a slave to a dominatrix. No, we are asking you, our readers, to send us your best Grapevines, questions for Dr. CONwisDOM and nominations for Hot Single. Without your help and a little humour (of course), we could not put together the *Nugget* you're holding.

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CUTTING THE CURLING CAKE

Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel, left, and NAIT President Dr. Sam Shaw share the cake-cutting duties last week at the Common Market during a pep rally prior to NAIT alumnus Kevin Martin's gold medal curling final against Norway. For more on the match, see page 8 in Sports.

Spelling a passion

By GARIT BYINGTON
Assistant Sports Editor

A staff member here at NAIT was a part of the CanSpell Edmonton Regional Spelling Bee; and no, not as a contestant.

NAIT's Dr. Klay Dyer donned the pronouncer's cap last weekend to read the words aloud for children to spell. Dyer will travel on subsequent weekends to regional bees in Regina and Vancouver, followed by his final stop at the CanWest CanSpell National Bee in Ottawa.

There he is the lead judge for this nationally televised event, and therefore, is the one who listens to hear if words are clearly enunciated and that letters are listed in the correct order.

A large part as to why Dr. Dyer is involved in these spelling bees is their purpose. How spelling bees can help promote literacy in an age where texting and social media have taken over.

Dyer wants the spelling bees to put a sting on the influence he feels tweeting and texting have had in dumbing youth down.

"We have a generation of writers and speakers actually who think in short sentences and think in word clips rather than complete thoughts. And if you can't think in a complete sentence, your thoughts are not as complete or complex as you want. We really dumb people down by dumbing their language down," Dyer

said.

He says the whole craze of texting doesn't seem logical.

"What is so important that you have to be on your text 24/7? And if it's so important, how can you write it down to a couple emoticons or a couple of, you know, four-letter abbreviations?"

This is Dyer's fourth year with the bees and adds that spelling bees encourage kids to realize the importance of language in this social-media-driven culture. He feels another great way to promote literacy is "by making reading cool again."

"If you can get kids reading, it doesn't really matter what they're reading at a certain extent it matters that they're reading."

The winners of the regional Bees receive \$5,000 and the winner of the national Bee receives \$10,000, a paid trip to Washington, where the United States hosts the Scripps National Spelling Bees, that the CanSpell Bees are modelled after, and more.

Dyer says that communication skills are the most important for students to improve upon, more so than technical skills. He has noticed how industry, the government and media, have all taken notice of this much needed improvement in literacy and communication, and hopes we as a culture find a way to fix it.



Dr. Klay Dyer
Communication skills key

Senators look at U-Pass

Senate Wrap-up
By KATHARINE HAY

Since the last Senate update, your representatives have had some interesting presentations and debates before them.

Prior to Reading Week, the highlight of the Feb. 10 meeting was a presentation by Gordon Dykstra from Edmonton Transit Services regarding the U-Pass. Transit systems that will be served by the U-Pass, if implemented, are St. Albert, Strathcona and Edmonton. Spruce Grove and Fort Saskatchewan transit won't sign on to the U-Pass deal because of how much money they would lose. Dykstra did mention that with another 6,000 people using transit to get to NAIT, service might be increased to campus. There was no word on whether Patricia and Souch campuses would see much increase in service. A key point in the U-Pass program is that full time students will have to pay, so there is no opt-out even if they drive to school every day. Apprentice students and Continuing Ed students won't be included in the proposed program and therefore will not be assessed the fee and will not get a U-Pass sticker.

Brouhaha

Another highlight was discussion about the brouhaha raised over slate candidates in NAITSA Executive and Senate elections. The NAITSA bylaws are currently unclear about whether candidates get \$200 each for advertising or if the stipend is meant to be spent per campaign. In the case of Timothy Jobs and Govind Pillai, who ran on a double slate, some claimed that they should only have received \$200 in total support, as they should have been considered one campaign. The campaign review committee ruled that their campaign was legitimate, with \$200 to each of their campaigns for president and vice-president external, respectively. The bylaws are currently being examined by the Governance Committee to ensure that campaign rules are absolutely explicit in what is and is not allowed.

Lastly, Jobs gave a presentation on his meetings with government brass about how the budget will affect students. To sum up, \$54 million will be taken away from scholarships and bursaries. This money will be offered as loans instead. Students are going to be allowed to borrow more, while lots of

the money that was available for loan relief has disappeared as well. In addition, two programs have been cut from the 2010 Alberta budget. Of particular importance was the Northern Advantage scholarship and bursary that was specifically for Albertans graduating from rural communities, and was used by many NAIT students.

Moving forward two weeks, the Feb. 24 meeting was quite an interesting affair. Senate members were revisited by Rick Bell from Corporate Services and Bruce Belbin

from Student Services to go over the NAIT budget. The twosome used the same slide presentation that they used in the presentation they made prior to the Alberta budget, which they claimed at the time would possibly change everything.

However, little had changed from the first presentation, with Bell saying NAIT is still in discussions with the government to see what their final budget will be. According to the 2010 Alberta budget, base operating grants will not be increased, with Advanced Education and Technology Minister Doug Horner saying NAIT was told much earlier in the year that a zero per cent increase in funding for the 2010/2011 fiscal year would be a "best case scenario."

During the meeting, senators repeatedly asked Bell and Belbin if student services would be cut, or if NAIT students might face an ancillary fee similar to the \$570 "Common Space Security and Sustainability" fee that University of Alberta students just had added to their tuition bills. Despite these repeated questions, Bell maintained that they were there only to talk about tuition, not fees, as mandated by provincial law.

Yes and No campaigns

After the tuition presentation, the meeting was fairly subdued, with most in attendance just wanting to go watch the hockey game. But, before that could happen, chairs of the YES and NO campaigns for the U-Pass were chosen. If you would like to get involved in either of these campaigns, drop by the NAITSA office, E-131, and you'll be pointed in the right direction.

As a reminder, NAITSA's Senate meets every other Wednesday in X-Wing, and all NAIT students are welcome to come watch their elected officials in action.



NAIT staff on right track

By **LINDA HOANG**
Assistant Issues Editor

The Millwork and Carpentry department has been hard at work for weeks building new racetracks for this year's Edmon-

ton area Scouts Kub Kar and Scout Truck Rally.

The annual event, involving youth aged 8-14 who race cars and trucks they've built themselves downhill on tracks, is normally split into multiple small races within many dif-

ferent communities.

However this year, Scouts Canada area commissioner Garth Fitzner decided he wanted to eliminate the smaller races and instead hold one giant race event for hundreds of kids to compete in all at once.

"We wanted to have new tracks this year that were all the same or as close to the same as you could make," Fitzner said.

"One thing led to another and advanced woodworking at NAIT decided they were going to make all the tracks for us with Scouts Canada paying for materials.

"We knew we didn't have the expertise to [build new tracks] but we knew that advanced woodworking definitely had the expertise and manpower to do it and they graciously donated their time and expertise," said Scouts Canada and NAIT staff member Mark Trick.

"Now we're going to have nice, brand new race tracks so it's going to be nice and fair and everybody's going to have so much fun," Trick said.

"We'll use these tracks for the next five or 10 years," Fitzner said.

Fitzner explains that one factor leading to the format change was the uneven playing field seen across many local races.

"A lot of areas had their own tracks and you'd get all kinds of different quality," he said. "Some were old, some new, some wood, some metal, some plastic. So we wanted to even out the playing field."

NAIT's advanced woodworking team created 1,500 feet of track, each about 32 feet long, four feet high and elevated.

"Some projects are really fun to do and this one was fun to do," said Leo Walch, a woodworking technician involved with the track building.

Up to 350 kids are expected to race in this year's event, which is taking place Saturday, March 6 at the Northlands Expo Centre.

Admission is free, and the rally is open to the public.



Photo by Garth Fitzner

NAIT Millwork and Carpentry personnel are building a number of race tracks for area Scouts to use at their annual Kub Kar and Truck rally.

Rahim Jaffer, Daryl Katz & babies

The Week That Was
By **KATHARINE HAY**

Stuff happened over the past week. Seriously, non-Olympic stuff even. Some if it was even pretty cool. Here's a rundown of what happened from Feb. 22-28, other than Canada beating the U.S.A. for gold in hockey.

A resolution has been reached in the case against Rahim Jaffer, former Conservative Member of Parliament for Edmonton-Strathcona. Jaffer was charged with cocaine possession and drunk driving in Orangeville, Ont., in September of 2009. According to his lawyer Howard Rubel, Jaffer's last day in court will be March 9, when the details of the resolution will be revealed.

Daryl Katz has jumped on the social media bandwagon to stir up support for his downtown arena proposal. Katz is seen in a four-and-a-half minute YouTube video talking about the benefits of the arena for the City of Champions. The pro-arena group has also launched a Twitter account, where people are encouraged to share their ideas with the Katz Group.

A new wireless company has been launched in Edmonton. Instead of requiring customers to sign contracts, WIND has people buy phones at full cost in exchange for not having to sign on the dotted line. As a bonus for existing contracted customers, WIND is offering a monetary incentive for people to break their current phone contracts.

WIND is already up and running in Toronto and Calgary, but there have been complaints about the network's spotty coverage in those cities. Anthony Lacavera, chairman of parent company Globalive says the company will

focus on opening in new cities, and then go back to creating better coverage where they have already launched.

Check this week's Tech Talk column for more on this subject.

In case you missed it, NAIT held a pep rally for alumnus Kevin Martin to cheer him on to an eventual curling gold. The rally featured a gigantic cake shaped like the Olympic curling rings. The rally was taped and sent to the Martin rink to cheer them on to victory in Vancouver.

Researchers at the School of Public Health at Imperial College London have identified some of the genes that determine when babies will start teething.

Marjo-Riitta Jarvelin was the principle investigator in the study of 1,600 people from Finland and the United Kingdom. One of the genes identified is also an indicator of the individual needing costly orthodontic treatment later in life, while others are associated with jaw and skull development in babies. The full paper will be published in the journal *PloS Genetics*.

Turns out that the iPhone you are carrying around might have been made with child labour. Apple has recently revealed that in 2008, 25 child labourers were employed in its Chinese factories. In addition, many of these factories were found to be in violation of China's labour laws, which stipulate a maximum 49-hour work week. Apple has since terminated contracts with these factories.

That's the week it has been outside of the Olympic bubble.

In closing, even though the games are over, Go Canada Go!



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Linda's TechTalk

Going with the Wind



LINDA HOANG
Assistant Issues Editor

Last week, a new company launched in Edmonton, which has the potential change the wireless scene in the country – forever.

Globalive's WIND Mobile is the first new national phone company to launch in Canada in over a decade.

It is completely independent from the big three nation-wide wireless providers: Bell Mobility, Telus Mobility and Rogers Communications, which is fantastic for consumers. The launch of WIND is a wireless provider game-changer for Canada.

Choices, competition, lower rates and better plans. These are all in the foreseeable future thanks to the ribbon-cutting of this wondrous new phone company.

Quite frankly, it's unbelievable how long it's taken for something like this to happen.

"We are building an entirely new wireless experience in Canada," said WIND chairman Anthony Lacavera on Edmonton's launch day.

The most appealing thing about WIND is the price and features of their plans.

As a data-heavy smartphone user, who is extremely unsatisfied with my current provider's service and rate plans, I went ahead and did the math.

I would be getting way more features on a WIND voice and data add-on plan than with the plan I've currently got, and it would be cheaper. If you don't go with a smartphone, the deal is even better.

"I challenge anyone to find a wireless plan in Canada that offers better value," said WIND chief customer officer Chris Robbins in a press release. And it's true. Their plans just seem too good to be true.

Of course the new company is not all butterflies and happiness. As of now, WIND only has retailer locations set up in Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary. WIND calls these locations "WIND Home" areas. Once you travel outside any of those three locations you enter a "WIND Away" area, which means coverage changes and you pay extra for any calls made, simply

because the company isn't set up in more places across the country – yet.

So it's not great in that case, but on the flip side, if you're in a WIND Home area you can make as many calls, for however long you want, anywhere in Canada. That's a pretty slick deal. And WIND is opening in Vancouver next, and will continue to expand across the country in the coming year.

But one of the best parts about the company launching is not about the company at all.

It's the fact that WIND is only the first of many new phone companies, completely separate from Bell, Telus and Rogers that will be setting up shop in Canada in 2010.

If it weren't for my being trapped in a three-year contract,

I'd have signed up with WIND yesterday.

My advice to those nearing the end of their contracts or who can afford to pay out the cancellation fee, take the opportunity now or in the coming months to try out these fresh, new phone companies.

Do it for yourselves, do it so I can live vicariously through you, but also do it just to give an in-your-face to the big three phone companies who are responsible for Canada having some of the most expensive wireless rates in the world.



Tough road for school division



POLITICALLY SPEAKING
RYAN FLAHERTY
Issues Editor

These days, Alberta schools are in the news for all the wrong reasons. From sagging budgets to staff impropriety, the problems are numerous and every day seems to bring with it a new concern. So are things really so bad, or is this just a case of the widely reported negatives overshadowing a provincial education system which is, by and large, doing just fine? Over the next couple of weeks I'll look at some of the issues facing the province's schools.

Obviously, within the province there are a number of school divisions and each faces its own set of challenges. The people within the Northland School Division know this all too well. The schools in the division are spread out over a wide geographic area and are in some of the most remote locations in Alberta. Many students are from reserves and other small communities which have high rates of unemployment and substance abuse, and as a result the attendance rate at many Northland schools is discouragingly low. Many kids stay home to look after younger siblings because their parents can't afford childcare or are away from the home for days at a time, and others simply don't go because they can get away with it.

On top of the attendance and related drop-out issues, the division also faces the problem of low overall grades.

Students simply aren't meeting the standards set out by the province.

If that wasn't enough, a former principal at Mistassiniy High School in the Northland division is currently under investigation for allegedly impregnating a student over a year ago. Many people are pointing to the case as a symptom of the larger problems within the division.

The feeling is that because many of the school communities are so small, there are bound to be numerous conflicts of interest within the board of trustees. Relationships between trustees and school staff are nearly impossible to avoid, and as a result decisions about budgets, staffing and policy could be tainted by personal bias.

The provincial government certainly buys into that line of reasoning. That's why, when faced with the mounting problems in the division, Alberta Education Minister Dave Hancock decided to fire the entire board of trustees and appoint a three-member independent review panel in its place. Despite much disagreement from within the division, Hancock has initiated a complete overhaul. Only time will tell whether such a bold move will pay dividends, but he has to be given credit for taking such a risk. It is indeed a risk, however. If the decision doesn't eventually lead to improved attendance and performance numbers, Hancock could be seen as someone who destroyed what was left of a struggling, but functional, school division.

There's no easy solution to the problems in the Northland School Division, that much is clear.

Perhaps the sweeping changes initiated by the provincial government will at the very least spark a discussion amongst the various stakeholders within the division – a discussion which will lead to improvements in the quality of education and more subsequently to the quality of life in many of the communities that it serves.



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CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL
Editor-in-Chief

Recently NAIT Athletics has been getting a lot of attention. Having a high-ranking men's basketball team makes us an easy target for those who are out to tarnish our image. Prior to heading into Reading Week I received a request from Sabine Brasok to publish a letter she had sent to the *Edmonton Journal*. Generally I tend to steer clear of publishing content if it's not written by students, but seeing as this letter is NAIT related, and I'm always keen on having a healthy debate, I chose to comply with her request. Without further ado, please allow me to turn over the coveted editorial page to Ms. Sabine Brasok.

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Dear Editor:

In every sport (or game) there are rules. When you don't play by the rules, it's called cheating. Wikipedia defines cheating aptly: Cheating characteristically is employed to create an unfair advantage, usually in one's own interest, and often at the expense of others. Cheating implies the breaking of rules.

Based on the information in the Journal article of January 28 wherein NAIT men's coach Don Phillips and Concordia coach Paul Sir are "discussing" whether or not allowing players to take high school upgrading courses for their entire NAIT basketball career and joining the team before enrolling in a course is contrary to the rules that student athletes must adhere to, I'd say NAIT is cheating. Cheating itself and cheating the players.

In the article Phillips suggests that the reason he is under scrutiny is because of his team's 15-3 record this season. Excuse me? Does anyone really think this is the first time in the history of post-secondary basketball in Canada that a team has had a 15-3 record? Everyone else did it by playing by the rules, not by cheating!

The article goes on to say that the number of "college prep" players on his roster has dropped from eight at the start of the season to five after a few games played and now is at three. Could it be that they all flunked out? What other possible reason could there be since Phillips is still gnawing at changing the rules to suit his selection of players. He certainly gets a "P" for persistence.

With everything that NAIT has achieved and all that it stands for, cheating so as to win at all costs I presume, doesn't seem like something that the leadership of NAIT would condone. Or does it? Perhaps it not only condones it, perhaps it's being encouraged! Why else would NAIT hire Don Phillips as a full-time coach earning [a handsome salary] ... ?

If the leadership of NAIT truly cares about how it ranks among its academic peers, in the eyes of its 84,400 customers each year and specifically among the athletic community, it might want to have a look at what's going on in the Department of Athletics and Recreation and how their decisions are affecting NAIT's image. More importantly, however, how is NAIT affecting the future of these young men in a profoundly negative way?

When their post-secondary basketball careers are over and they don't even have a high-school diploma, what then? I can see the Journal headline: From NAIT roster to police roster; stu-

dent athletes failed by coach.

— Sabine Brasok

...

Thank you for your contribution Ms. Brasok. It's always nice to be enlightened by a concerned citizen. Unfortunately I have a few concerns with your argument. Let's discuss them.

I've yet to understand people's concerns regarding college prep students playing on ACAC teams. College Prep is a program at NAIT, and if you're a full-time student in a program at NAIT your team is operating fully within the guidelines dictated under the ACAC operating code. Seeing as the Oaks followed the rules, it doesn't make them cheaters. It would make you, on the other hand, sadly misinformed and would completely discredit your argument. Hey, I'm not judging, it happens to the best of us. Furthermore, these students are paying the same fees as I am, using the same washrooms as I am and walking the same hallways as I am. What differentiates them from me? We're both here learning at NAIT ... wouldn't that make us both NAIT students? I didn't realize you would rather a practice where institutions segregate students based on prior educational struggles. Have you entertained the notion that perhaps basketball is a strong motivator for these students, and could be a driving force in them returning to school and furthering their education? I would also like to point out that the majority of the former college prep students are now currently enrolled in their college program of choice. To me, that is a clear indication the system works. Don't worry, I'll still award you an "N" for nice try.

If a handful of students missed the boat, who's to say it had anything to do with basketball. You should see the number of students that vanish from my program, and they're not on the basketball team. Furthermore I would be willing to bet many of the athletic students attend NAIT for the chance to play ball, and

getting an education is just a bonus. Isn't it better for everyone if we do whatever possible to encourage young adults to get back in the classroom?

I can't be sure, but I'm going to go out on a limb and make the assumption you have not seen coach Phillips in action, which leads me to believe that comments made about Phillips' wage,

and the lack of leadership in NAIT administration, may be unwarranted. Taking into consideration I've had a ringside seat to a Don Phillips practice, and I pay tuition costs that help fund NAIT athletics, I may have a slightly more accurate understanding as to warranted salaries and administrative deficiencies. Please, allow me to now enlighten you.

I've spared NAIT administration no mercy while scrutinizing some of their decisions throughout the academic year. One of the things the administration's good at is putting aces in their places. I agree there are a few bad apples in every batch, but I assure you Phillips is not one of them. I've watched the way he mentors his team, I've seen the countless late nights and early mornings he's dedicated to our institution, and I've witnessed the way he inspires members of our student body. Some lessons can't be learned in the classroom, like dedication, drive and ambition. Those are the skills that make successful students, and Phillips teaches that skill set to students every day. If you're under the impression classroom educators are the only ones that merit a good salary, you're

wrong. Even if that was the case I don't think it would be a problem, considering Phillips has his masters in education.

When team member Shane Cox was asked about what it's like playing for Phillips, he said, "Playing for [Phillips] is like being a student in school. He wants you to get better and succeed, so he teaches a lot." I'm not sure about anyone else, but if those qualities don't deserve a good salary, what the hell does?



Coach Don Phillips

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SPORTS



NAIT alumnus golden!



TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

Twenty-five years ago Kevin Martin enrolled in the Petroleum Engineering program at NAIT aspiring to play under the wing of curling coach Jules Owchar. Fast forward to 2010 and the two men still remain together, standing on top of the Vancouver Olympic Games podium with a gold medal in their hands.

Perfection is hard, never mind at the Olympic Games on home soil, with your entire country watching your every move. Throughout the curling portion of the Games, however, Martin remained undefeated in his quest for gold. The nine-game round robin bonanza saw Martin's rink clinch the first seed, with Norway, Switzerland, and Sweden follow-

ing. The most surprising result from the completion of the round robin was the absence of world champion David Murdoch, who barely missed the cutoff with a fifth-place finish. A pair of 6-3 victories later, and Martin and company were finally able to lay claim to the last thing needed to pad their resume.

The support behind Martin's and Owchar's rink has been enormous throughout the Games. NAIT held a packed pep rally in the Common Market with the mayor making an appearance. The entire event was videotaped and sent to Martin's team to watch right before they played their gold medal game.

On the women's side of the draw, Cheryl Bernard posted a 8-1 record in the round robin, although nearly all her matches were decided by two points or less. In the gold medal match against Sweden, Bernard's team had the hammer to end the



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Kevin Martin was undefeated on his way to a gold medal in Vancouver.

game. With a chance to make a double takeout and win the gold medal, the shot was missed and an extra end was declared. Sweden then went on to win.

The win by Martin marked the

first time in NAIT's proud history that an alumnus has ever received the sporting world's "greatest honour."

Coach Owchar's medal should fit nicely with his dozens of tro-

phies that he has won over the years through the hard work and dedication that he puts forth every time he sets foot on the ice. This is a trait that he has passed on nicely to his most famous student of all.

On the mend

By **KATHY LE**
Assistant Entertainment Editor

A young NAIT basketball player is recovering faster than normal after having part of his thyroid removed last month. At only 19 years of age, Jesse Denscombe was shocked to hear that his results for an aspiration biopsy came back positive for thyroid cancer; saying, "I don't think it really hit me until I went into the surgery room." The six foot two player was back in the gym only a week after surgery, leisurely shooting hoops with friends during lunch hour. Only complaining about a little pain in his neck, he notes that he still has to be careful. "I can't really do much activity for another six to eight weeks. I'm just recovering and coming to the practices that I can come to."

During this ordeal, it was hard for Jesse to accept that he couldn't play basketball for the rest of the year, but he knew he had to do it for his health. Like most young athletes with

a passion for a sport, Jesse explains, "Basketball means a lot to me. If it wasn't for basketball I don't think I'd be in college or anywhere in life".

He found it difficult to tell his coach that he couldn't play, however, without hesitation, coach Don Phillips and the rest of the players backed him up 110%. Jesse also expresses his gratitude toward his girlfriend for helping him through the hardest parts. He exclaims, "If it wasn't for her I don't know where I'd be".

Jesse's main focus right now is to recover as fast as he can because he is determined to play next year and come back better than ever. His other focus is waiting to hear back from a pathologist for more results. The results will tell if the cancer has or hasn't spread to the left side of his thyroid. If the results are the latter, than Jesse will

have to relive the same moments he experienced last month all over again.



Jesse Denscombe
Cancer scare

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TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

What's hot, what's not

HOT

Canadian Athletes: It's amazing how fast our nation goes from disappointment to extreme confidence, which, don't get me wrong, is great! After the first week of the Olympic Games, we had lost our hope of "Owning the Podium," but a new and exciting way to achieve that goal came along. Why not just simply win the most gold medals in winter Olympic history. With the victory of Canada over the States in the men's hockey final, Canada set the record with an impressive 14 gold medals. Not bad for a country with a population of only 35 million.

Sidney Crosby: While his critics will say he under-performed throughout the tournament, they cannot shy away from the fact that he is one of the most clutch players in the game today. Without a shootout winner over Switzerland in the round robin and the historic overtime goal against the United States in the gold medal game, Crosby has finally cemented his status as one of the game's greats. The Ovie vs. Crosby debate continues with hockey fans across the nation.

Alexandre Bilodeau: To be the first man to achieve anything of its kind is hard enough. To be able to perform with the pressure of the entire nation on your back is truly remarkable. With his outstanding performance in men's moguls, Bilodeau became the first Canadian athlete (man or woman) to win a gold medal on home soil. Through the passing of moments in his run, past Olympic stats were erased and new ones were written in their place. His name will truly remain in Canadian sport history forever!

Joannie Rochette: Losing family members causes anyone to experience a wide range of emotions of ups and downs. To lose one mere days before the biggest competition of her life is truly devastating. With the passing of Rochette's mom from a heart attack, Rochette decided to remain in the competition and earned a bronze medal for her troubles. As a direct result of her extreme courage and motivation, she won the first ever Terry Fox Award, which goes to an Olympic athlete who shows Terry Fox's values of determination and humility in the face of

adversity. To the woman who stole the country's hearts, congratulations on becoming one of the greatest Olympians our nation has ever seen.

Petra Majdic: When the world first heard this story, they were probably as shocked as I was. To win any medal at the Olympic Games is a great accomplishment on its own. Winning one with a collapsed lung is jaw dropping and a true display of how great these athletes are. If she won a bronze medal with a collapsed lung, imagine what she could have done with two healthy ones. I'd rather not think about it!

NOT

Russia's Men's Hockey Team: The mighty Russian offensive powerhouse became the mighty disappointment. With a couple of close matches in the round robin, including a shootout loss to the Slovaks, the stage was set for a let down. Unlucky for Russian fans, this was the only thing the team delivered in a dreadful performance against Canada. Their so-called leader once again disappeared when their team needed him the most, making some fans give him a new nickname. Be gone

Alex the Great, in it's place, Ovie the Ghost.

Lindsey Vonn: Call me crazy, if you want, for putting a gold medallist in the Not category, but her dismal Games deserved it. Sure she won the gold in her first event, but then failed to capture any other medal in her remaining four. It wouldn't have been such a terrible Games for her if not for the fact the Americans touted her for some time to win five golds in a single Games. It would be like Michael Phelps winning only one gold in an Olympic Games; it just doesn't happen. Sure she was injured, but doesn't she always get injured before an Olympic Games?

Closing Ceremonies Performances: Yes there were some great Canadian artist and actors showcased like Michael J. Fox and Neil Young, but, come on, K-OS ending the entire Olympic Games? Now that's a performance we want the entire world to remember when they turn off their TV! Luckily for us, networks such as NBC stopped showing the ceremonies after the Nickelback performance. This truly was a down part of an otherwise fantastic Olympic Games.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men tested in quarter finals

By **DOUG YEARWOOD**

After a season filled with sheer dominance from start to finish, the NAIT Oaks men's bas-

ketball team was given its first taste at playoff basketball as they took on the Lethbridge College Kodiaks. The ACAC quarter-final match

was a best-of-three series, and the first game was on Friday, Feb. 25.

The Oaks appeared shell-shocked in the game opener, as Lethbridge was able to drop 35 points in the opening frame. The Oaks weren't able to recover from this deficit until late in the game, but the outcome was nonetheless the same, as they lost 91-90. The Kodiaks were ridiculous all night long, dropping 12 three-pointers and shooting 61 per cent from the floor. One of the lone bright spots for the Oaks was Shane Cox, as he dropped an astounding 35 points.

NAIT brought their hardhats to work on Saturday night for Game 2, especially Oaks student-athlete Gerard Mowza. The first-year guard shot 7-9 from the floor and 4-6 from the land beyond, scoring 24 points in

the first but unfortunately it was not enough for the lead, as the Oaks trailed 48-46 at halftime. With the season on the line, and a serious upset at risk in the first round of playoffs, the men had to buckle down and "do work" if they had any hope at keeping a national championship dream alive. The game went back and forth as both sides were able to keep in the game with alternating three pointers. As time wound down, neither team budged, and overtime was required to determine the winner. Rodel Grenaway, Cox and Mowza were on fire during the second half and dominant in overtime, as they dropped 28, 24, and 30 points respectively. NAIT outscored Lethbridge 14-9 in extra time, and came away with the victory, 106-101.

The third game was much like the first

two; scrappy, dirty, play-off basketball. The first quarter was a solid, momentum building quarter for the Oaks, up 27-23. Lethbridge was able to battle back with 30 point second quarter, and they led going into the break 53-52. The third quarter was much like the second, as the Kodiaks were able to maintain a two-point lead going into the final few minutes of the quarter finals. Everybody knows that in order to win playoff games, you've got to get down and dirty, and Ryan Sherman was a plumber in the fourth. Sherman had 10 rebounds on the game. This opened up scoring for Grenaway, who had 24 points and seven assists and helped lead his team to a come-from-behind victory, and series win, with the final score being 112-105.

A tough opening series may be the fuel coach Don Phillips and the boys needed to get momentum on their side going in to the ACAC Final 4 in Calgary this weekend. The Oaks were pushed to the brink of elimination and saw what they were made out of; and a sense of pride has to be felt in the dressing room this week.

Coach Phillips said: "Having to value and work for every single possession until the final buzzer should help us tremendously. If we can reflect, learn from and harness the lessons that should've been learned from this series, I will consider us battle tested and ready to make a very strong push towards the 2010 CCAA men's basketball national title."

Like the ING Direct guy would say, I couldn't have said it better myself.

Athletes of the week

February 22-28

Kendel Jurista Hockey



Kendel scored the Oaks winning goal in NAIT's 1-0 victory in Game 2 of their ACAC semifinal series with the Red Deer Queens. Her exceptional two-way play and outstanding penalty killing were major factors in the Oaks tying their best-of-five semifinal playoff series at a game apiece. "Kendel was our leading scorer and first-team All-Conference player," said head coach and ACAC Coach of the Year Deanna Iwanicka. "She has responded to the high expectations and is a true leader in every situation for our team." Kendel is a third year Millwork and Carpentry student from Kamloops, BC.

Ryan Sherman Basketball



Ryan had a strong weekend for the NAIT Oaks men's basketball team, helping the team to a two games to one ACAC quarter-final victory over the Lethbridge Kodiaks. Sherman put up eight points, 10 rebounds, two assists, one block and one steal in the decisive Game 3 on Saturday afternoon and was a force coming off the bench. "Ryan has been hampered by injuries all season and it was truly needed and refreshing to see him finally be able to play the way we know he can play," said head coach Don Phillips. "If he can build on this performance, Ryan will greatly increase our chances next weekend in the Final Four." Ryan is in his third year and is an Instrumentation student from Edmonton.



Ook Profile of the Week

Shane Cox Wing Men's basketball



TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

In this week's profile I interviewed outstanding Ooks basketball player Shane Cox.

He currently leads his teams with a 18.63 points per game average.

Meanwhile his team currently sits first in the ACAC heading into the championships this weekend, and is gearing towards Nationals, which will be held in Calgary at SAIT College March 18-20.

What would you rather have, a National Championship or a contract to play in the NBA for one game?

It would be good to say I played in the NBA but I'd rather have a national championship because then I would know I worked hard for it and that

is something nobody can take away from me.

What has been the best moment in your basketball career so far?

When I was in the States at my junior college, I scored 14 points in 30 seconds.

What has been the sickest dunk you have ever pulled off?

I once did a bounce through the legs dunk at the YMCA back home.

How do you spend your free time when you aren't playing basketball?

I watch basketball highlights, movies, eat, read, workout.

Besides a career in basketball, what would be your dream job?

My dream job is to be a mechanic of some type, whether it's refrigeration or an auto-mechanic.

What is it like playing for coach Phillips?

Playing for him is like being a student in school. He wants you to get better and succeed, so he teaches a lot.

Who is better, Kobe or LeBron and why?

Kobe is a better player, LeBron is a better athlete.

Best concert you have ever attended?

Drake concert in Toronto.

What has been the loudest gym you have ever played in?

The loudest gym I played in was at nationals two years ago in Montreal.



Jamie Anderson-Reid

Ook Shane Cox goes up for the ball against a couple of MacEwan players during a recent game.



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ACAC Standings

MEN'S HOCKEY

Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts
SAIT	28	23	23	3	0	2	168	66	48
Mount Royal	28	21	21	5	0	2	137	71	44
Concordia	28	18	18	9	0	1	124	94	37
Augustana	28	14	13	13	0	1	115	118	29
NAIT	28	14	13	13	0	1	115	93	29
Portage	28	10	10	18	0	0	97	110	20
Briercrest	28	4	4	22	1	1	70	177	10
MacEwan	28	4	4	23	1	0	74	171	9

Note: MRU forfeits Jan. 16 game vs. NAIT

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Feb. 26

SAIT 5, Augustana 1 (SAIT leads series 1-0)

Concordia 6, MRU 2 (Concordia leads series 1-0)

Feb. 27

Concordia 1, MRU 0 (Concordia leads series 2-0)

Feb. 28

SAIT 8, Augustana 3 (SAIT leads series 2-0)

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts
Mount Royal	24	16	15	6	1	1	74	43	34
NAIT	24	11	10	9	1	3	59	62	26
Red Deer	24	10	8	9	2	3	52	42	25
SAIT	24	10	8	11	1	2	51	61	23
MacEwan	24	8	8	14	1	1	34	62	18

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Feb. 26

RDC 4, NAIT 3 (RDC leads series 1-0)

Feb. 27

NAIT 1, RDC 0 (Series tied 1-1)

MRU 4, SAIT 2 (MRU leads series 1-0)

Feb. 28

MRU 4, SAIT 1 (MRU leads series 2-0)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

North Division

Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
NAIT	24	21	3	42	2290	1767
MacEwan	24	20	4	40	2086	1601
Concordia	24	17	7	34	2084	1686
Lakeland	24	11	13	22	1973	1941
Augustana	24	7	17	14	1965	2174
King's	24	7	17	14	1710	2064

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South Division

Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Mount Royal	20	16	4	32	1718	1423
SAIT	20	16	4	32	1597	1350
Red Deer	20	14	6	28	1743	1583
Lethbridge	20	8	12	16	1634	1638
Briercrest	20	3	17	6	1567	1894
Medicine Hat	20	3	17	6	1418	1789

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Feb. 25

Lethbridge 91, NAIT 90 (Lethbridge leads series 1-0)

MacEwan 67, RDC 56 (MacEwan leads series 1-0)

MRU 89, Lakeland 60 (MRU leads series 1-0)

SAIT 70, Concordia 58 (SAIT leads series 1-0)

Feb. 26

NAIT 106, Lethbridge 101 (Series tied 1-1)

Concordia 73, SAIT 63 (Series tied 1-1)

MRU 79, Lakeland 68 (MRU wins series 2-0)

MacEwan 77, RDC 62 (MacEwan wins series 2-0)

Feb. 27

NAIT 107, Lethbridge 95 (NAIT wins series 2-1)

SAIT 92, Concordia 79 (SAIT wins series 2-1)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

North Division

Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Concordia	24	21	3	42	1832	1264
King's	24	18	6	36	1535	1337
MacEwan	24	18	6	36	1525	1313
Grande Prairie	24	12	12	24	1418	1517
Augustana	24	6	18	12	1487	1716
NAIT	24	5	19	10	1344	1680
Lakeland	24	4	20	8	1437	1751

South Division

Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
SAIT	20	19	1	38	1662	1072
Lethbridge	20	16	4	32	1562	1371
Mount Royal	20	9	11	18	1387	1368
Red Deer	20	8	12	16	1184	1382
Medicine Hat	20	7	13	14	1271	1456
Briercrest	20	1	19	2	1056	1473

PLAYOFF RESULTS

Feb. 25

SAIT 90, GPRC 46 (SAIT leads series 1-0)

Concordia 80, RDC 52 (CUCA leads series 1-0)

King's 70, MRU 53 (King's leads series 1-0)

Feb. 26

Concordia 85, RDC 57 (CUCA wins series 2-0)

Lethbridge 77, MacEwan 74 (Lethbridge leads series 1-0)

SAIT 81, GPRC 61 (SAIT wins series 2-0)

Feb. 27

MacEwan 84, Lethbridge 73 (Series tied 1-1)

King's 80, MRU 59 (King's wins series 2-0)

Feb. 28

Lethbridge 80, MacEwan 71 (Lethbridge wins series 2-1)

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Provincial Division

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
Red Deer	10	9	1	27	11	18
Mount Royal	10	8	2	28	9	16
Grande Prairie	10	5	5	18	17	10
SAIT	10	5	5	22	20	10
King's	10	2	8	8	25	4
MacEwan	10	1	9	8	29	2

North/South Division

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
Lethbridge	10	9	1	29	13	18
Briercrest	10	7	3	26	13	14
Medicine Hat	10	6	4	23	18	12
NAIT	10	5	5	18	21	10
Keyano	10	3	7	16	24	6
Lakeland	10	0	10	7	30	0

RESULTS

Feb. 26

Briercrest 3, GPRC 0 (25-23, 25-22, 25-18)

MacEwan 3, RDC 1 (25-19, 19-25, 25-23, 25-19)

SAIT 3, Lethbridge 2 (25-18, 21-25, 25-23, 16-25, 16-14)

MRU 3, King's 0 (25-16, 25-13, 25-10)

Feb. 27

GPRC 3, King's 1 (26-28, 29-31, 25-12, 22-25)

RDC 3, Lethbridge 0 (28-26, 25-15, 26-24)

Briercrest 3, MRU 1 (25-20, 25-21 20-25, 25-18)

SAIT 3, MacEwan 0 (25-16, 25-14, 25-22)

Feb. 28

Lethbridge 3, King's 0 (25-16, 25-20, 25-19)

RDC 3, GPRC 1 (25-18, 25-21, 21-25, 25-23)

MacEwan 3, MRU 1 (25-17, 25-21, 17-25, 25-16)

SAIT 3, Briercrest 1 (22-25, 25-22, 25-22, 25-19)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Provincial Division

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
Red Deer	10	9	1	28	6	18
Mount Royal	10	7	3	24	13	14
MacEwan	10	5	5	18	18	10
Grande Prairie	10	4	6	17	19	8
SAIT	10	4	6	12	23	8
King's	10	1	9	9	29	2

North/South Division

Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
NAIT	10	8	2	27	14	16
Briercrest	10	7	3	26	16	14
Lakeland	10	6	4	18	17	12
Keyano	10	5	5	23	20	10
Medicine Hat	10	3	7	17	22	6
Lethbridge	10	1	9	7	29	2

RESULTS

Feb. 26

GPRC 3, NAIT 1 (25-22, 24-26, 25-16, 26-24)

RDC 3, Lakeland 0 (25-19, 25-16, 25-19)

MRU 3, Keyano 0 (25-17, 25-15, 25-16)

MacEwan 3, Briercrest 1 (25-15, 29-27, 22-25, 25-18)

Feb. 27

NAIT 3, Lakeland 2 (26-28, 25-19, 22-25, 25-22, 15-10)

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The game of our lives

By ADAM KAMARA

Sidney Crosby cemented himself as one of the greatest players to have ever played the game on one play. Crosby's overtime game-winning goal against team USA, to win the gold medal at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, put him alongside Paul Henderson and Mario Lemieux. Everybody remembers the Henderson goal in the 1972 Summit series against the Soviet Union and highlights of the Lemieux goal in 1987 in the Canada Cup; and now Crosby can have his name mentioned along those two great names in the book of hockey history. It wasn't an easy tournament by any stretch for Crosby and the Canadians. However, when it mattered most, they got the job done.

After an 8-0 bombardment of Norway to start the Olympic tournament off, Canada faced its first adversity. Switzerland gave Canada a scare, taking the Canadians to a shootout, only to lose at the hands of Crosby on his second shot in the shootout. In the NHL, Crosby never would have had that second chance to bury the game. The international rules however, allow for players to re-shoot after the first three players for each team have already gone.

The real test for Canada came in a disappointing loss to the rival Americans; USA's goalie Ryan Miller stole the game while shutting down Canada's big guns. Despite a mad rush in

the dying minutes of the third period for Canada, they couldn't convert and lost 5-3. This game forced a drastic change to their line-up where Canadian coach Mike Babcock was forced to make a goaltender change, which saw Martin Brodeur come out in favour of Vancouver fan favourite, Roberto Luongo.

The loss against the Americans had Canada facing an uphill battle while having to play an extra game to qualify for the quarterfinals. After a severe beating of the Germans 8-2, Canada faced their second biggest rival, Russia. In a game where most thought that a competitive battle between Crosby and Alexander Ovechkin was going to overshadow the entire event, the dynamic duo were not much of a factor in the game. It was a major letdown on the part of the Russian squad (who were touted as gold medal favorites coming in to the tournament, not to mention the cockiest team when arriving in Vancouver) due to their part of not bothering to show up to play. Superstars like Ovechkin, Alexander Semin, Evgeni Malkin and cast looked like boys playing against men.

What looked like a repeat of the 2002 Olym-

pics in Salt Lake City, Canada faced a lesser team than whom they were expected to play in Sweden. Unfortunately for the Swedes, they once again were let down with their performance losing to Slovakia 4-3. With two of the powerhouses bounced out of the tournament, Canada took advantage of the circumstances, although it wasn't easy. Slovakia put the gears in motion in the third period and nearly tied the game up in the dying seconds, but all was for naught with Luongo shutting the door on a game saving shot off the stick of Pavol Demitra, who ironically was the leading scorer of the tournament.

The Americans coasted their way to the gold medal game with a win over Finland that occurred in the first 13 minutes of the first period going up 6-0. The Fins were shell shocked from the opening face-off and couldn't muster up anything to try and get back in the game and lost 6-1. The bronze medal game between Finland and Slovakia was a hard fought battle between two teams battling for their country on every shift. The Slovaks got up 3-1 after two periods with 20 minutes, which left them with a chance



Sid the Kid

of getting their first bronze ever at the Olympics. Finland threw a wrench into their plans by coming back from a two-goal deficit to score three unanswered goals to get bronze; along with the women of their country who also received the bronze medal.

A rematch of the battle of the 49th parallel was anything but friendly between the U.S. and Canada. The top forward of the tournament, Jonathan Toews, opened the scoring for Canada and exhilaration was felt across the country. Then a goal by Corey Perry gave Canada a two-goal lead and had the Americans rethinking their strategy. One of the on-ice leaders for U.S.A., Ryan Kesler, got the Americans back in the game, and U.S.A.'s surge began. Canada sat back and tried to hold the lead but it nearly cost them. Just 24 seconds away from a gold medal for Canada, Zach Parise tied the game up to send it into overtime.

Despite not having success since the first couple of games, Crosby added to his resume of accomplishments and scored the OT winner off a pass from the stick of Jarome Iginla. Sid now has Olympic gold, World Junior Championship gold, and of course his name on the Stanley Cup. His goal also gave Canada 14 gold medals to break the record of 13 golds at a single Winter Olympic event. Not bad for a 22-year-old out of Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia.



Tragedy strikes



TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

On the biggest sporting stage in the world, the planet joined together for two weeks and experienced the thrill of the Olympic Games, a thrill that is matched by no other.

While the games are usually a time of great celebration and joy, at the dawn of the Olympics, the entire world was brought to a moment of grief that hasn't been experienced since the dramatic events of Munich.

The death of Georgian-born Nodar Kumaritashvili brought the entire luge community to the harsh

reality that tragedy does strike in moments of triumph and greatness. At the time of his death, Nodar was travelling at a speed of 140 kmh around the most difficult corner on the Vancouver track. The passing of the young athlete brought shock to the highest figures in international sport.

"This is a very sad day. The IOC is in deep mourning," IOC President Jacques Rogge uttered during the press conference the following day.

"Here you have a young athlete who lost his life in pursuing his passion. He had a dream to participate in the Olympic Games, he trained hard, and had this fatal accident," he added.

While the actual condition and making of the track has come under fire for the reason behind the Olympian's death, the result of the accident shed light on the international unity demonstrated throughout the Olympic Games. At the opening ceremonies, the same day as the Olympian's passing, upon

the entrance of the Georgian team into B.C. Place, the entire stadium rose to their feet and applauded with a level of spirit and sportsmanship that is only witnessed every four years.

After the accident, the IOC decided it was in the best interest of the players to shorten and round-off the questionable corners of the track.

While the overall track speed was reduced by roughly 10 kmh, the competition remained high, making for an exciting show of luge events throughout the two weeks.

Though the death of an athlete in competition is a tragedy in any instance, the fan response to the unfortunate event demonstrates what sports are about.

While we may challenge one another during competition and series, off the ice the entire sports nation is a close knit family – a family that deals with the passing of one of its members the same as everyone else.



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Nodar Kumaritashvili

Tears and triumph

By **KATHY LE**
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Triumph, perfection, and tears characterized the 2010 Olympic Figure Skating Event. However, it's Joannie Rochette's heart-wrenching story that takes the spotlight. Only a couple days before Rochette was scheduled to compete in the women's short program, her mother suffered a heart attack and died in Vancouver. Rochette pushed on to compete beautifully, taking the bronze for Canada. Inspiring the whole world with her strength, Rochette became one of two recipients of the Terry Fox award because she embodied the same spirit as Terry Fox. The last time a Canadian woman made the figure skating podium at the Olympics was in 1988 when Elizabeth Manley won silver in Calgary.

The two leading ladies this year were Korea's Yu-na Kim and Japan's Mao Asada. Kim floated on the ice with effortless grace while Asada, who didn't skate perfectly but whose mistakes were small, still executed two triple axels; a jump many male figure skaters have difficulty with.

Switching gears to the men's event, there are mixed feelings about whether or not the bar is being raised as high as it should be.

Three winter Olympics ago, if a male figure skater didn't have a quadruple jump in his program he didn't have a chance at a medal. This did not prove to be the case in Vancouver, as it seems the men were rewarded more on the component (presentation) part of their programs than on the technical side. Even before the men stepped on the ice, the commentators said it would be a battle between quality and jumps. It's almost like comparing apples to oranges. U.S.A.'s Evan Lysacek took the gold with a very pretty, but clean, skate, while Russia's powerhouse Evgeni Plushenko settled with the silver. Plushenko plowed through his program with solid triple axels and a quadruple in combination (a combination jump that no other male in the competition attempted).

Although judges may have criticized him for not doing the jumps perfectly, he still landed them. The jumps

are what made watching the men's event exciting. Seeing that Asada from the ladies category can land a triple axel, what is separating the men from the ladies? Men should skate like men. Period.

Three-time world champion Elvis Stojko criticized the sport for taking a step backwards and technically Brian Boitano did the same thing in 1988.

It can be said that the new scoring system is turning skaters away from attempting a quad, since jumps not executed are not given credit, whereas with the old scoring system, marks were granted for risk taking. Canada's Patrick Chan placed fifth, but as a growing young skater he still has the potential to do very well in the future.

History was made in the dance event with Canada's sweethearts Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir earning the gold with a breathtaking performance. Their edges and footwork paralleled each other's to the exact rhythm of the music. All viewers felt their chemistry on the ice as their bodies intertwined like perfect pieces to a puzzle. Skating together since childhood, they have worked through the years to reach the highest peak in their careers and nothing could have been more perfect than the skate they had. Coming in second and third were Americans Meryl Davis and Charlie White and Russia's Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin respectively.

The pairs event did not earn any medals for Canada, as neither pairs team performed cleanly. Come to think of it, very few pairs skated a clean program, which was disappointing. Canada's Jessica Dube and Bryce Davison and Anabelle Langlois and Cody Hay finished sixth and ninth respectively. China dominated the podium, taking the gold and silver. Qing Pang and Jian Tong skated the program of their lives but placed second because Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao racked up enough points in their short program to jump ahead. Nevertheless, Shen and Zhao skated very strong aside from a minor slip while doing a lift.

The Vancouver Olympics was Canada's time to shine and the figure skating event definitely contributed to this proud moment.





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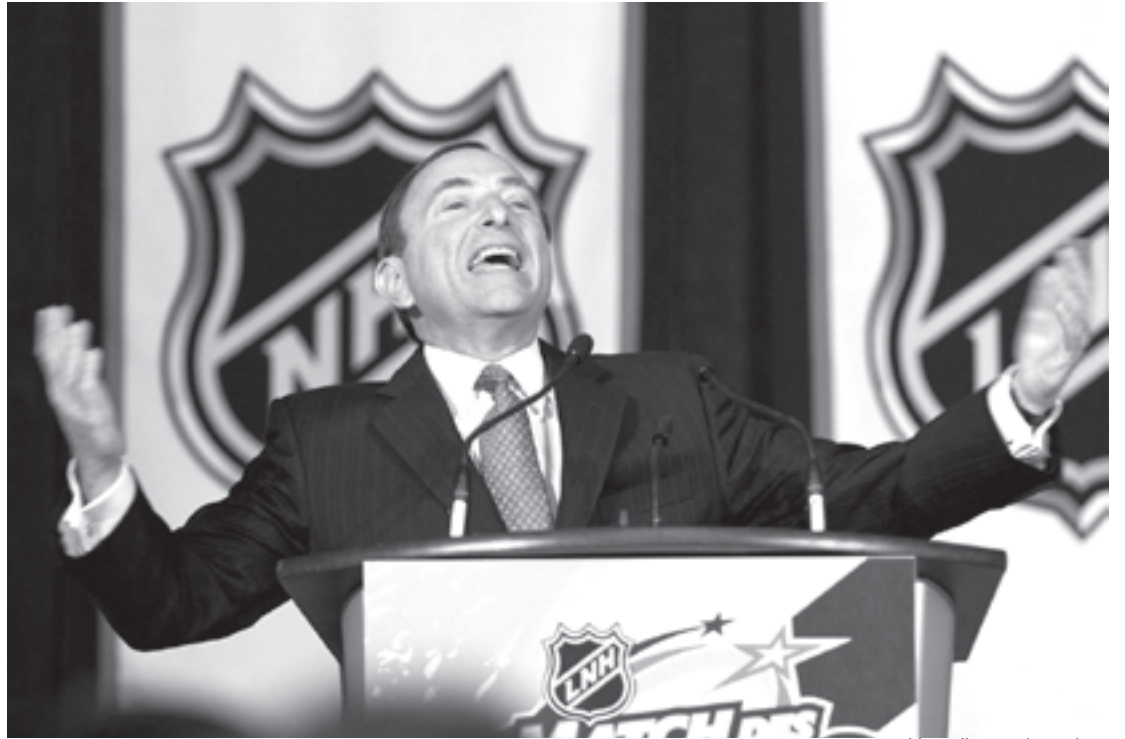
As much as Americans love football, and wow-wow-we-wow they love their football, that love cannot be compared to Canadians' love for hockey. Canadians are literally in love with hockey, whereas Americans are in love with gambling ... ERRRRR ... just love football, not in love. We as Canadians needed to win the gold medal in men's hockey. When Sidney Crosby slid Jarome Iginla's pass five-hole past Ryan Miller, the entire country filled with a sense of patriotism, which built up the entire Olympics to a degree that I can't remember seeing in my lifetime. Yet despite our increasing sense of national pride, which is getting closer and closer to that of America's patriotism, we remained humble, adding even more reasons why we're proud to be Canadians.

Can you imagine some media markets down south if they were the country which hosted the Games and set a record for most gold medals won by a host nation and most gold medals won overall! I'd rather not think about that and rather embrace the fact that Canada won 14 gold medals, and did it at home in front of the roaring Canadian fans.

Not to mention one of NAIT's own alum, Kevin Martin and his rink taking Olympic curling gold, dominating the rings all week going 11-0, really bringing that patriotism right back here to NAIT. For you curling fans, how about that freeze shot Martin pulled off in the final! Remarkable! It is depressing to know we won't be seeing Jon Montgomery juggling a pitcher of beer and walking amongst the people anytime soon. With Sochi, Russia, the next Olympics site, I wonder if he likes vodka?

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I wonder if Gary Bettman and the NHL team owners are having second thoughts on leaning towards not allowing their athletes to participate in the 2014 Sochi Games. After that monumental game that took place in GM place this past Sunday, continued participation in the Olympics can only help grow the sport worldwide, not just in America. From Bettman's and the owners' perspectives, their business gets shut down for two weeks every four years, and is not compensated for that. This is where I disagree with 'The Count' and the owners. No they're not compensated directly with cash in the pocket from the IOC, but the worldwide exposure their sport receives on the biggest stage of them all can only increase the popularity of professional hockey; in turn, increasing the popularity of the NHL, which then provides the owners with some extra compensation they wouldn't have received without allowing the best players to play in the Olympics. Set and match! I'm hop-



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Gary Bettman

ing a high-profile Canadian NHL player, or for that matter just another high-profile NHLer will follow in the footsteps of Alexander Ovechkin and say they're playing in the 2014 Olympics whether or not the NHL is allowing their players to participate.

From the owners' side, they are scared these Olympics will overshadow the Stanley Cup in the same year. I can't see this, with the playoff rounds in the Olympics being one-game sudden death as opposed to the grueling best of seven matchups in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, though you can see their cause for concern with the Olympics receiving much higher ratings than the NHL down south of the

border. Hopefully a consensus will be reached where the NHL can become more involved in the media side of men's hockey. It does make sense to allow the NHL Network to broadcast or rebroadcast games, where people who didn't have MSNBC or the USA Channel would be able to view the game, thus reaching more fans. Also, sponsors that support the NHL can be used and the NHL will generate revenue that way. If the games were also on the NHL Network, the NHL might be allowed extraordinary access to its players after the games, after practices and in the Olympic Village – all of which surprisingly the NHL has no rights to.

Coach of the Year

By GARIT BYINGTON Assistant Sports Editor

NAIT can add a piece of hardware never won before to its trophy case; Deanna Iwanicka, coach of the NAIT Ooks women's hockey team, has won the Coach of the Year Award with the ACAC for best women's hockey coach. As per the selection, she was voted and selected by her fellow ACAC coaches.

"As for myself, I am honoured by the award," says Iwanicka. "I was very surprised, but excited at the same time. I think this is an award that I need to share with my team – our veteran players have done a fantastic job of creating a foundation for our many rookies. And our rookies have worked hard to excel. I truly believe the recognition belongs to the team because we all compete together, grow together and work together." Congrats on the great accomplishment, Deanna.

The NAIT Ooks women's hockey team finished in second place in the ACAC this year for only the second time in team history. The Ooks currently are pitted against Red Deer College in the semifinals. The series is currently tied 1-1 (NAIT lost Game 1 by a score of 4-3, and won Game 2 by a score of 1-0) with Game 3 taking place this Friday (March 5) at 7 p.m. at NAIT. Game 4 will take

place Saturday at 4:15 p.m. at Red Deer Arena and Game 5, if necessary, will take place Sunday at 6:30 p.m. back at the NAIT Arena.

Deanna raised the academic standard and beefed-up the school's recruiting efforts and, as a result, really increased the team's profile in the community. She is in her second year as head coach, and has worked hard to establish a quality program – the results can certainly be seen on and off the ice.

Deanna is extremely well-versed in hockey as she played for the MacEwan Griffins, University of Alberta Pandas and coached Sherwood Park Midget AAA. She was an assistant coach on the Team Alberta U18 squad and is currently finishing her High Performance 1 certification with Hockey Alberta.

On top of Iwanicka's award, Laura Stosky and Kendal Jurista were both named to the ACAC All-Conference team. Stosky will be on defence, which is only the second time in history a

NAIT Ooks women's hockey player has made the All-Conference team in that position; while Jurista will be at forward, which is the third time a NAIT forward has been named to the team. Be sure to come out and support your Ooks on Friday at 7 p.m. at the NAIT Arena.



Deanna Iwanicka
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Thrills, spills aplenty

By DOUG YEARWOOD

To say that the speed skating portion of the Olympics was a success would be a fact. A lot of interesting stories were developed in the past couple of weeks, featured by how well Canada fared both in the short and long track events.

In the long track events, Christine Nesbitt was able to capture her dreams of Olympic gold in the 1,000 metres, while her teammate Kristina Groves finished just out of podium position, in a respectable fourth place spot, by six-hundredths of a second (0.06). Not to be totally outdone though, Groves was able to grab a piece of the podium when she finished second in the 1,500 metres three days later.

Feel-good story

Another feel-good story (as if every single medallist and competitors didn't have one) came through for the trials and tribulations of the young Denny Morrison, who failed to podium in all of his five individual events, rather frustratingly in his mind; but who found a way to persevere through to his final event in the team pursuit, teamed with Mathieu Giroux and Lucas Makowsky, where he was able to win a gold medal. These two teams were followed by the United States (who were hurting due to Shawni Davis's decision not to race for the team), and the Netherlands, which respectfully finished bronze.

You wouldn't see Sven Kramer (Nether-

lands) smiling much after winning bronze though, and although he won his gold medal in the 5,000 metre division, you can't help but think Vancouver left a bit of a bad taste in his mouth. Promptly after winning gold, Kramer was intercepted by an NBC reporter for a brief interview, in which Kramer was offended by the reporter when she asked him to spell his name and state his country for "tape identification reasons," and rightfully so. I mean, the dude hasn't lost a race in three years, and as a reporter you don't know the biggest name in the sport? That's like a British reporter coming to Sidney Crosby at an Olympic event and asking him what he does.

That wasn't totally where the bad news ended for Kramer, after he was disqualified in his 10,000 metre race, in which he would have won gold, due to an illegal lane change because his coach made a mistake in what lane he had to be in. Visibly shaken and upset after the event, Kramer openly blamed his coach, and long-time friend Gerard Kemkers solely for the loss. The only reply Kemkers had: "Sven was right. I was wrong."

Epic crashes

The short track side of speed skating also had great action, with some amazing finishes and epic crashes. Charles Hamelin won gold in the 500 metre short track event that saw American legend Apolo Anton Ohno disqualified on the final turn when he placed his hand on the



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Canada's Denny Morrison persevered to win a gold medal in team pursuit.

back of Canadian Francois-Louis Tremblay, causing Tremblay to wipe out. Ohno crossed the line in second spot, followed by Korean Si-Bak Sung, who crashed on his own on the final turn, and then Tremblay. With Ohno disqualified, Canada was able to medal twice in the same event, much to the delight of Hamelin's girlfriend, and fellow short track speed skater, Marianne St. Gelais, who could be spotted in the stands screaming wildly for the Canadian skater. St. Gelais had won silver earlier in the games, also in the 500 metres.

These Olympic games saw so much action, even in the speed skating world, it's

hard to fit everything in. Some eye-catching headlines included Shawni Davis of the American team winning gold in the 1,000 metre after a lot of hype from his team's official sponsor, host of the *Colbert Report*, Stephen Colbert. The rise of the Korean squad from years past, as well as the Chinese continuing growth in the sport seems astounding. We got to see some amazingly passionate fans of the sport, be it Canadian, Dutch, whatever the case may be. Thanks a lot, Vancouver. I wonder how many names I'll still remember when I care again in four years.



Sliding to gold medals



By KITA MURU

In the snowboarding slalom, the women didn't fare too well. Only Alexa Loo made it past qualifying, as Kimiko Zakreski crashed in her second half of the opening run, and Caroline

Calve's runs were not good enough. Nicolien Sauerbreij of the Netherlands beat out Russia's Ekaterina Ilyukhina, who got silver, while Marion Kreiner of Austria beat out Selina Jorieg of Germany for bronze.

On the men's side, all three Canadians made it past qualification, but Matthew Morison and Michael Lambert lost in the second round. So it was all up to Jasey Jay Anderson who made it to the finals against Austrian Benjamin Karl. Down by nearly a second after the first half, he had one last run for gold. He made it count by beating out Karl in an epic finish to earn the only, and possibly last gold medal of his career. France's Mathieu Bozzetto easily took bronze as his opponent, Russia's Stanislav Detkov experienced failure by tripping over the start gate.

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The bobsled was part of Canada's late gold rush as both women's teams took the first two spots. Kallie Humphries and Heather Moyes took gold, Helen Upperton and Shelley-Ann Brown took silver, while Americans Erin Pac and Elana Myers took bronze.

The men's side wasn't as successful, as Pierre Lueders and Jesse Lumsden finished fifth in the two-man and the four-man race. They participated in the four-man alongside Justin Kripps and Neville Wright. Lyndon Rush and David Bisett, who together finished 15th in the two-man, earned bronze in the four-man with Chris Le Bihan and Lascelles Brown. If not for Rush's team taking bronze, there would have been some more German dominance in sliding. Andre Lange and Kevin Kuske took gold in the two-man, Thomas Florschuetz and Richrd Adjei took silver and Russia's Aleksandr Zubkov and Alexey Vovoda took bronze. Americans Steven Holcomb, Steve Messer, Curtis Tomasevich and Justin Olsen took gold, while Lange and Kuske took silver in four-man with Alexander Rodeiger and Martin Putze.



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Canada's Jasey Jay Anderson won a gold medal by beating Austrian Benjamin Karl.



A different cup of tea

By KATHARINE HAY

All right, let's face it, when you think of the Olympics and Canada doing well, you think, well, hockey comes to mind. Cross-country skiing probably doesn't enter your head on first thought, and definitely not as a spectator sport. I mean watching people sweat it out in spandex for 50 km isn't really everyone's cup of tea. Luckily, I happen to be the biggest cross-country ski nerd you will ever meet. No jokes. Here is a summary of what the Canadians did, and the exciting moments you might have missed from cross-country skiing at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.

One Canadian contender

First up, the ladies 10 km free race (that means skate-style skiing) saw one Canadian contender, Madeline Williams with a disappointing race, finishing 51st. The winner of this contest was 22-year-old Swedish woman Charlotte Kalla. This was the first time a Swedish woman has won, despite their men's program kicking ass for years and years.

In the men's 15 km free race, Canada fared much better with Ivan Babikov – a Russian expatriate racing for Canada – finishing in eighth place, less than a minute behind gold medal winner Dario Cologna of Sweden. To get an idea of how fast these guys go, the gold medal was won with a time of 33.5 minutes.

Moving on to Day 6, it was sprint race day, and Canada was expected to do well, especially after the results of former Olympian Becky Scott and current racer Chandra Crawford at these distances. But in this sprint, things were different and there were no Canadians in the final race. On the men's side, it was the same story, with two hopefuls being eliminated in the quarter-finals.

Day 8 didn't treat Canada's Nordic ski team that well either. It was time to regroup, and head into the ladies 15 km pursuit and men's 20 km pursuit races. A pursuit race is where everyone starts all at once in a huge mass of bodies. Ski poles and skis go everywhere. Let me tell you, it's exciting to be in, let alone watch. The Canadian women fared much better that day, with Sara Renner finishing as the top Canadian in

10th position at a time of 41.5 minutes, just over a minute off the gold medal pace set by Marit Bjoergen of Norway. If you didn't hear Marit's name during Olympic coverage, you were clearly asleep, as she cleaned up on the ladies side of cross-country skiing, placing in nearly every race she entered.

Meanwhile, in the men's pursuit race, Ivan Babikov finished in fifth, a heart-breaking seven seconds out of the medals, and nine seconds out of top spot. You had to feel for the racers when they had been going hard for 30 km, all to have it decided within the last 700 metres.

Moving on, Canada's men's team seemed to get a kick-start from Babikov's amazing results. They pulled together in the team sprint to finish fourth, only five seconds out of the bronze position. The relay team was made up of Alex Harvey and Devon Kershaw. On the ladies side, Sarah Renner and Dasha Gaiazova finished in a respectable seventh place, with Germany winning the event.

15th place

After the team sprint, it was time for the four-person team relay. On the women's side, the Canadians finished in 15th place, almost five minutes off the leading pace. There were high hopes for the ladies heading into the team sprint, but it just wasn't their day to shine. In the men's 4x10 km relay (the women each skied five kilometres), Canada finished seventh overall. Nothing to shake a stick at by any means.

On the final two days, the mothers of all races took place. The women's 30 km mass start was done in classic or parallel style, and the men's 50 km mass start was also done in classic style. In the women's race, Sarah Renner had the best Canadian finish in 16th place. Despite



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Canadian cross country skier Devon Kershaw teamed with Alex Harvey to finish fourth in the team sprint event

what you might think, people don't really get all that spread out in races of this distance, and it can sometimes come down to the absolute wire. Marit Bjoergen came in second place, point-three seconds behind winner Justyna Kowalczyk from Poland. Renner was three minutes back of the leaders, who were clearly in a league of their own. On the men's side, it was quite the race for the Canadians. Grey from Rossland, BC set the pace and was leading for the first 20 km of the gruelling 50 km race, while Devon Kershaw was in third for a majority of the race. As it came down to the

final 10 km, George Grey had dropped back to 18th, while Kershaw was struggling to maintain his third-place position. Watching the last 700 metres of this race, you could see that after 50 km, it would be decided in a sprint. Kershaw had a photo-finish for fourth and fifth, winding up fifth, just 1.6 seconds behind winner Petter Northung of Norway.

So there you have it; Cross-country skiing in the Olympics. The full races might not be the most exciting things to watch, but the sprints and photo-finishes make any hockey goal look like something a small child could do.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Long off-season

By DOUG YEARWOOD

The NAIT Oaks women's basketball team have a long off-season ahead of them. After an abysmal 5-19 season, the women found themselves to be spectators rather than players this past weekend as the ACAC quarter finals kicked off.

There were actually a couple of bright spots this season for the Oaks, one of which was a charity basketball game for the Breast Cancer Foundation, where they raised over \$4,000 for the cause. Dale-Marie Cumberbatch was able to continue her dominance. After returning from injury, she finished the season averaging 16.5 points and six rebounds a game.



The future does look bright for the Oaks, as coach Curtis Nelson was recently able to snag a couple of new players for next season, including Cassie Penner, the five-foot-11 guard who spent the last two years in Victoria playing CIS basketball. Nelson was also able to draw Kelsey MacKenzie from Strathcona, Prince George native Ashley McMillan and Janice Phung from Vernon, B.C.

MacKenzie is said to be a strong player, able to add size and toughness to the Oaks, while players like McMillan and Phung are going to have more of an impact with the Oaks' ball distribution game, and hopefully they're able to post more points on the board.

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An Indie Night to remember

By DARYLANN HUTCHINGS

Indie Night proved to be one of the years' best, featuring the talented Tyler Butler and 100-Mile House. Tyler Butler, a 21-year-old Halifax native, has quite an impressive background. He's been playing guitar for three years, and only started singing about a year and a half ago. He just released his latest album in January, which is currently sold out throughout the city. He has a total of eight albums, yes you heard me, eight. He also has two upcoming.

I got to sit down with Tyler before he played.

Darylann: When did you decide to sing as well as play guitar?

Tyler: About a year ago.

D: Did anything inspire you pursue singing?

T: Throughout my youth I was always told that I would be good at it.

D: Tell me about your latest album.

T: This album is about the last year of my life. The experiences I had, and the challenges I faced in life. It has all these overarching themes. It's my autobiographic album.

D: Have you been on any tours?

T: Yes, I have done two in the last year. West coast Vancouver and across the Prairies. I have done a total of 50 shows in the last year.

D: Do you play any other instruments?

T: I like to think of myself as a multi-instrumentalist. I have tinkered with many instruments, and recently did one of my songs on the banjo.

Tyler also mentioned that the Canadian literature he reads inspires his writing. You can keep an eye out for Tyler this summer, as he will be doing some tours, also follow him on MySpace, www.myspace.com/tylerbutler-music. Let me say, I am really glad I signed up to write the Indie Night article; this is a great artist who should be heard by any music lover.

Second up was 100-Mile House. These guys are familiar to NAIT, playing a show here a few months ago. Tom Murray, Scott Zurbot, Denise Mackay and Peter Stone just released their first album in December titled *From Fall to Fall*. They just got back from performing in Vancouver at the Winter Olympics. If you didn't get the chance to hear 100-Mile House at the Nest, check out their website at myspace.com/100milehousemusic. They are definitely worth a listen.



Photo by Jessica Karasiuk



HAIR TODAY ...
This lady is a little perturbed as she realizes that all her hair is gone during the St. Valentine's Day Massacre on Feb. 12 to raise money to support those suffering from cancer.

Photo by Karen LePage



FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE ...

\$3.99 mix-tape



By DARYLANN HUTCHINGS

This is our first issue back from Reading Week, and hopefully everyone had a great time, got enough sleep and is back into the swing of things. This week I look back at some songs that you never really hear anymore, but you will always secretly enjoy, like the ridiculous lyrics of "Stacy's Mom" or the more serious sound of "Signal the Escape". These are the kinds of songs that will never go out of style. So sit back and take a trip down memory lane.

1. The Futureheads – Decent Days and

Decent Nights

2. Hoobastank – The Reason

3. Matchbox 20 – 3AM

4. Signal the Escape – Exorcism in the ER

5. Death Cab for Cutie – I Will Follow You Into the Dark

6. Bryan Adams – Summer of 69

7. Fountains of Wayne – Stacy's Mom

8. Oasis – Wonderwall

9. Flight of the Conchords – Business time

10. Rob Zombie – Dragula

VIRAL VIDEO

Vodka ad ridiculous but fun

By ALI YUSUF

Scenario: As part of a comedic duo whose writing style takes a little less than half a brain to comprehend, a multi-million dollar company comes up to the two of you and asks you to make a commercial for them, in the style of your choosing, would you? The answer is "Absolut-ly." I say "absolut-ly" as part of a pun. You see, Absolut Vodka did exactly this.

Absolut Vodka asked Tim Heidecker and Eric Wareheim of the "Tim and Eric Awesome Show, Great Job" to write, film, and star in a few commercials to appeal to a young-adult audience. I guess what Absolut Vodka realized is that these guys aren't witty, intelligent, or what we would like to call in the business "normal." What they are, however, is silly. So silly, in fact, that they decided to make three commercials for Absolut Vodka. If you were to think of Andy Samberg of *Saturday Night Live* making his "I'm-placed-in-an-awkward-stance" face while pissing himself, then I think I've

accurately depicted the amount of silliness in this piece (I mean, come on, Andy Samberg is the poster child of silliness). On top of all that, Zach Galifianakis from *The Hangover*

guest stars in all of the Absolut Vodka commercials these guys cooked up, fully equipped with a beehive hair-do and a tiny bathrobe.

So go ahead, get on your computer right now, go to YouTube, and type in "A Vodka Movie by Zach Galifianakis, Tim and Eric" ... Better yet, just type in "Absolut Vodka." Oh yeah, it's the first hit. Keep in mind the subtleties in the dialogue while watching the video. You'll catch the

obvious "LOL" humour right off the bat. But if you pay attention to the banter between Tim, Eric and Zach, you'll more than likely bust a hip

watching. I certainly did.

Final note – if there is any life lesson or moral of the story segment to take from this

video, it is "In an Absolut world, friends would get together more often."

Right on the money.



MOVIE REVIEW

A real thriller

By SAMANTHA SILVA

Shutter Island is one of those thriller movies that get you thinking right from the beginning. The movie sets the tone within the first five minutes, scaring audiences with its bizarre twists and intense sound track. Set in Boston in 1954, U.S. Marshals Edward Daniel (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo) investigate the disappearance of Rachel Solando, a female patient in America's maximum security criminal asylum who was charged with drowning her three children.

The plot thickens when Dolores (Michelle Williams), Edward Daniels' wife, convinces him that the doctors and staff, specifically Dr. Cawley (Ben Kingsley) are experimenting on their patients and Edward's sanity is pushed to its limits.

Shutter Island is definitely one of the most twisted movies to be seen. Housing for only the criminally insane and with the

hundreds of guards, *Shutter Island* makes anyone feel chills going down their spine. What makes the movie so interesting is the unravelling of Dolores's character (Michelle Williams), Edward's wife. Viewers can expect her influence on Edward to be somewhat confusing, since she had died in apartment fire set by arson.

Dolores seems to cause Edward's sanity to be pushed to its limits. With the help of Dr. Cawley, Edward believes that officials at the prison are experimenting on its own patients with drugs that make them more susceptible to be violent.

In just one week, *Shutter Island* has earned over \$75 million at the box office. From the director of *Gangs of New York* and the *Aviator*, Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio partner up to bring another thrilling movie. The movie is definitely worth watching.



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Last Band Standing at the Nest

By RYAN FLAHERTY
Issues Editor

In its continued effort to bring a wide range of musical acts to the Nest stage, the NAIT Students' Association is putting on an event tonight (Thursday) that has a little something for everybody – if you like rock, that is. Following on the success of shows like Shawn Boothe's "Hip-hop In 3-D" concert, and piggybacking on the growing popularity of Thursday's Indie Nights, NAITSA is serving up no less than a dozen bands in a one-night showdown for cash, bragging rights, and a chance to headline Empty the

Nest in April.

Last Band Standing is a chance for a number of local bands to show their chops for a full house. For some, it will be their first time playing for this many people, and NAITSA Events co-ordinator Jill Peterson is happy to give them the chance.

"This event was planned due to a high student demand," she explained. "We have so much great talent here and now the students get to showcase it to their friends and classmates."

The event gets started around six following the usual Indie Night proceedings

(check next week's issue for a review of both shows), and the format is similar to typical "battle of the bands" concerts, but with a bit of a twist. Oh, there are judges – in this case they come in the form of Campus Chaos creator Mike Anderson, local booking agent and rep Steve Derpack, and NAITSA's own VP Campus Life Bryce Alt-house. But the bands themselves are working for votes even when they're not on stage. "The bands have tickets to pass out for free," said Peterson, "and the more tickets each band has returned at the door, the

more points they get." The ticket points will be combined with the judges' opinions and at the end, one of the dozen will be crowned Last Band Standing.

In addition to the glory that accompanies such a title, the winner will get \$500 and the chance to headline Empty the Nest, an April 9 shindig celebrating the impending end of classes. So who will it be? The punk sounds of Betty Sue's a Tramp? In the Midst of a Murder's death metal gnashing? Or the indie sensibilities of Peas and Carrots? Hit the Nest tonight to find out!

Shame about Sean



KATHY LE
Assistant Entertainment Editor

The reggae artist made his appearance in the city last week at the Edmonton Event Centre (ECC) for a show that seemed longer than it really was. As with most artists who perform at the ECC, local talent usually open the show shortly after ticket holders are let in and then they sing or dance for the next few hours. Do not expect the actual artist to come on stage until about 11 ... if you're lucky, as some artists have been known to cancel last minute. As anticipated, Sean Paul did not take the stage until after 11 even though the ticket read 9.

Sean Paul is known for his catchy dancehall and reggae style of music, proving to be quite popular at nightclubs and venues over the years. He's been nominated for many awards and won the American Music Award for "(When you gonna) Give it up to me." This and many more popular songs were in the show's line up. Joining him on stage was his entourage of back up vocals and a duo of female dancers. There was nothing fascinating or novel about his performance. It was bland and over due. All it was, was this: Sean Paul crooning out his lyrics (which I could

never understand), his back-up dancers flanking the stage and a few guys shouting in intermittently. The stage space was limited, so perhaps there wasn't enough room to put on a captivating show, however, for an artist who has been around since 2000, fans would expect that 10 years of experience would be enough time to pump up the spark. Artists should keep evolving and find new ways to impress their fans, not repeat the same thing years later. Hell, it's hard enough to keep the attention of an audience for 10 seconds.

I scored two VIP tickets (courtesy of my good friend), but we didn't even use the section since there wasn't any exceptional privilege to be in there. Unlike regulated seating at Rexall Place, seating, or should I say standing, at the ECC is more like being in a wild animal cage. The term wild is an understatement as you find yourself constantly defending your space while you watch the show.

It's disappointing since I am a fan of his music and I love taking the dance floor when the DJ spins "Temperature" or "Gimme the Light," but the feeling wasn't the same at the concert. You'd think that watching and hearing an artist perform live would hype your senses even more than when you hear them on the radio, but unfortunately this wasn't the case. Some artists produce great songs and can sing, but have poor showmanship; some may be the opposite, while others may have it all. Oh, how I wished this artist had it all. Finally, might I note that hearing one Sean Paul song is good, but a dozen or so in a row is audibly exhausting, making the concert more of a yawn fest. To sum it up, the songs were good, but the rest was boring.



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Sean Paul's music is better in small doses.

PB & J

By KATHY LE

Creamy Bacon Penne

There's nothing like the juicy, crispy taste of bacon and creamy cheese with pasta. This dish is super quick with a punch in taste. A tip to reduce the fat is by soaking it up with paper towels and draining the excess from the skillet. Enjoy!

The Stuff:

8 slices bacon, chopped
1 tub (250 g) herb and garlic cream cheese spread
1 cup milk
½ cup Parmesan Grated Cheese

½ cup cherry tomatoes
6 cups hot cooked penne pasta

The Magic:

1. Cook bacon in large skillet until crisp, stirring occasionally.
2. Drain bacon and return to skillet.
3. Add cream cheese spread, milk, parmesan and tomatoes.
4. Cook on medium-low heat until cream cheese is completely melted and sauce is heated through, stirring frequently.
5. Stir in pasta.



ADULT FILMS

Splish, splash, taking a bath



COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

Everyone loves Gushers; they're that perfect after school snack. You pop one in your mouth, suck on it for a while, then all of a sudden it explodes with oozing, liquid-y, gooey goodness. It's like a pleasure volcano in your mouth, and once you experience the magic of a gusher, you will never go back to boring old fruit roll ups.

I guess the same thing could be said about female ejaculation. Female ejaculation, otherwise known as squirting is defined as "the explosion of noticeable amounts of clear fluid by females from the Para urethral ducts through and around the urethra during or before orgasm."

To fully understand the amount of fluid a female can ejaculate, one well-known NAIT student says that "my boyfriend is an EMT and he drives an ambulance for a living. He has to snag a few soaker mats, you know, the things that doctors use in hospitals to protect the sheets

from bed wetters. We just lay it down before we do our thing. But sometimes I still don't aim properly. Wow, this sounds really bad."

Hopefully my entertaining friend will be able to eventually find some rubber sheets at Bed Bath and Beyond.

Before you soak up all this new information, let me make it clear that not all women can shower their men with love in the throes of passion. However, there is the argument that women can train their genitals to cry tears of joy. There are countless websites out there for men with step-by-step directions on how to make a human water fountain out of your girlfriend. The most common advice is to take your time, don't jump right in, feel out your surroundings and make sure you are both comfortable. Pretty much the same advice can be given to someone jumping in the deep end of a pool for the first time, so either or, you better pack a towel!

Some reports suggest that 35-50 per cent of women claim that they have experienced the ejaculation during orgasm. However, only seven per cent of these women claim to have released more than two cups of fluid. In other words, almost 50 per cent of women can claim to be a Super Soaker 50, while only seven per cent of women can claim to be the more power-



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ful Super Soaker 300. However, once the flood-gates are open, don't expect to ever go back. Research says that once a woman squirts, it becomes easier in the future.

As for the ladies who have to re-hydrate every time they have sex, being a squirter isn't always fun and games, and my lady friend gushes that sometimes she takes a "glass is half empty" approach to her experiences. "I was so embarrassed the first time. I thought I peed the bed. But then I knew I didn't because I still had

to pee after sex, which always happens. This was different, it was like an explosion."

So whether or not you have experienced a gusher, you can always head down to your local adult film store and watch how the pros do it. Venom's *Super Squirters 1-3* takes an in-depth look into adult water sports. My only piece of advice is to make a quick pit stop at your local grocery store for a box of Gushers, because, damn, those are some tasty little treats.

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Dress like the celebrities

By BRIANNA McCUTCHEON

Now that the web is in full force, dressing like a celebrity is much easier than it was before. One particular site, called shopkitson.com, is a store based out of L.A. where locals conveniently have access to clothing that celebrities buy.

Now that the website is running, people in North America and other select countries have an equal opportunity to shop for celebrity clothes. With so many websites providing access to this highly coveted attire, the challenge is finding a website that can provide a particular look one wants to achieve. If the goal is to copycat Lindsay Lohan or Vanessa Hudgens' casual style, than singer22.com is definitely the website to visit.

Singer22.com offers any style of jeans that Lindsay Lohan has been caught wearing, and they can be shipped very quickly. Therefore, it doesn't take long to go from 725's to Current/Elliott skinny jeans for the next girls' night out. Vanessa Hudgens' boho chic look, from accessories to footwear, can be purchased and replicated, too. Most of these websites carry clothing that tends to be pricey, but for some, the satisfaction

of being able to snag the exact look makes splurging well worth it. These are just some of the websites dedicated to making average people look more fabulous. They are listed from most to least expensive to fit everyone's budget:

- net-a-porter.com
- singer22.com
- shopintuition.com
- shopkitson.com
- blueheavenboutique.com

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• shopplanetblue.com
The two most popular sites are singer22.com and net-a-porter.com because of the quality of clothing. Singer22.com is a great place to get ideas on what to wear, what's in style and how to wear it. This website allows the shopper to shop by celebrity of choice or by items of clothing like tops, sweaters and shoes. A bonus is that the prices are quite affordable. While net-a-porter.com



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is amazing, featuring designers like Alexander Wang and Missoni, the clothing is expensive.

However, you can be assured that another girl won't be wearing the same thing. Sometimes uniqueness comes at a high price,

but in the end it comes down to personal preference.

Nonetheless, if it's in the person's interest, it's great to know that you can look good and are donning an outfit that a celebrity wore.

MOVIE REVIEW

Del Toro has a bad hair day

By LYNDON SUVANTO

Sitting in the theatre waiting for the movie to begin, I had high hopes for *Wolfman*, but walking out afterwards, my heart was broken. I didn't like any of the scenes that featured werewolves. Not only that, but I didn't like how the werewolf looked. You could tell in some scenes that the werewolf is just some guy in a costume, and I felt with the technology available today, you would see a more realistic looking werewolf.

The story line was weak and it should have had more depth, but most of all I would have preferred to see more character development. On a positive note, the scenery of the film is quite beautiful. During one scene Del Toro is hiding under a bridge and the combination of the fog and clouds in the sky created a memorable image for viewers. The Gothic atmosphere of the film was fantastic. The mood set by the imagery would make any viewer believe that if they saw a similar setting to look behind their shoulder to see if a werewolf is hot on their trail. The attacks

are gruesome and there's enough gore to satisfy any monster movie fan, including a combination of beheadings and brutal stomach tears by the wolf's claws.

Benicio Del Toro plays Lawrence Talbot, a haunted nobleman, brought back to his family home when his brother mysteriously disappears. It should come as no surprise that a werewolf is in fact responsible for the disappearance of the man's brother. Shortly after arriving, Lawrence is soon attacked by the werewolf, and soon figures out that anyone who bears the marks of the monster becomes a monster himself. Needless to say, chaos ensues.

The movie is a textbook monster movie with predictable elements but since the movie is a remake of the classic werewolf story, predictability is to be expected. The standout performance for me was the great Anthony



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Hopkins, who plays Lawrence's father Sir John Talbot. Hopkins' performance makes the movie worth watching, but I would suggest renting it instead of spending twelve bucks in a theatre. I

would not classify the movie as terrible or bad, just predictable.

★★★★☆

New radio station hits Edmonton

By ALI YUSUF

The Bear, The Bounce, Sonic 102.9 and other Edmonton radio stations have a new station to worry about, or welcome with open arms. Enter 102.3 NOW! Radio. The new kid on the block just moved onto the Edmonton airwaves on Feb. 23 with a less than original idea.

Do you remember those NOW! CDs from your childhood that played everything a 12-year-old obsesses about? That's how I feel about this new radio station. I mean, I won't

lie and say I've never bought a NOW! CD, but I'm pretty sure I was 12 and didn't know anything about good music. NOW! Radio plays Top 40 with a twist of some songs from the '90s and '00s. Not to say that's a bad mix, but it's someone's cup of tea.

If you're the nostalgic type of person who reminisces about the past, you'll appreciate what NOW! Radio is doing. Taking from the ranks of JOE FM, they will play a random song here and there that will make you and your friends say "Hey! I remember this song!

Remember when this song was playing and we (insert erratic drunken story here)." It's a lot like that. Don't deny it, we've all had those stories.

Anyway, if you feel like listening to a new radio station for any reason, I suggest checking out what 102.3 NOW! Radio has in store. I hate to tell you what to do, but not giving them a chance would be a real sin, so check out the new station at <http://1023nowradio.com>. However, if you love gangster rap tunes (straight up), then

you might not enjoy it. Come to think of it, we still need a station for the audience who truly appreciates music from Tupac Shakur before he died.

Final verdict: They just played I Gotta Feelin' by the Black Eyed Peas. (Eh). Then they played Innocent by Our Lady Peace. (Awesome). I feel like a random individual such as myself can get behind a station such as this one, but only because they redeemed themselves with Our Lady Peace. Black Eyed Peas not so much.

Bioshock gets a tuneup

By **GRAHAM McCANN**

Dive back into the city under the sea with *Bioshock 2*. Your return to the leaky corridors of Rapture has you suiting up as the first Big Daddy with free will. A Big Daddy is a genetically altered bodyguard in armour, whose task is to mindlessly protect the Little Sisters – little girls taken to be made into gatherers of Adam and used to make genetic alterations.

Objectivist utopia

Andrew Ryan, Rapture's creator, whose philosophy mirrors Ayn Rand, (which Andrew Ryan is a part anagram of) intended to build an objectivist utopia in the city. This philosophy encompasses true laissez-faire capitalism and pure individualism, where the ultimate goal is personal self-interest and happiness. The unchecked freedom of madmen to delve into morally questionable biological studies along with the city's inability to stop other unsavoury activities, led to the destruction of Rapture. The denizens became psychotic Splicers, who are murderously addicted to genetically altering Adam.

Picking up in 1968, eight years after the original, Rapture is in utter disrepair. The 1930s/'40s motif still

resonates in Rapture, along with some new music from that era. This is one of very few new additions to the sequel.

This time, you are up against Dr. Sophia Lamb, who is the most interesting part of the story. Lamb embodies the antithesis to Ryan's philosophy. Individual happiness and worth is shunned for the "good of the whole." Everyone should suffer equally as far as Lamb is concerned.

Bigger weapons

Bioshock 2 grants new, bigger weapons and a few new plasmids, such as the ability to pick up enemies where they stand and throw them like a rag-doll, to help dispatch Lamb's army of Splicers. Also, in this one, playing as a Big Daddy is much more enjoyable than when the character of the original turned into one himself.

The game's biggest problem is that it doesn't feel like an actual sequel; rather an expansion pack. The graphics are the same,

and the environments too familiar. Despite this, hard work and passion by the developers resonates through the game. It is great work, just like

the original. Fans of the original should to pick this up, but those who haven't played the first shouldn't delve into this one without finishing

the original. All in all, it is more of the same.



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MOVIE REVIEW

On the edge of your seat

By GRAHAM McCANN

Mel Gibson makes his return to the screen after an eight years hiatus with the thriller, *Edge of Darkness*. Based on the 1985/86 British television serial by the same name, Gibson plays Boston detective Thomas Craven, who is thrust into a furious investigation after his daughter is murdered on his front porch by masked gunmen.

Doesn't add up

Before firing, the gunmen scream out Thomas and his daughter's family name to get their attention, leading Craven to assume that the killers were after him instead of his daughter due to him being on the police force.

However, this is until evidence doesn't add up. He finds a pistol and Geiger counter in his daughter's belongings, which he uses and realizes that a lock of hair he took off his daughter is irradiated.

The beginning and set up for the film, the murder, is the weakest point of the movie. Gibson's character is understandably upset, but Gibson conveys this emotion in a very unconvincing manner, until later in the film. Another weak area is the actors' Boston accents, which seem forced and very unnatural.

Strong supporting role

As the film continues, Craven is put at odds with his daughter's former employers at a weapons research company when he suspects that they might have something to do with the murder. Ray Winstone plays a very strong supporting role as a CIA agent hired by the weapons company to try to cover up the murder. Winstone's performance is arguably just as strong as Gibson, and risks stealing the show from him. Winstone's CIA character is a very shadowy and cryptic person whose moral affiliation is hard to pinpoint because he associates with all parties of this investigation and conspiracy.

Mel Gibson is Det. Thomas Craven in *Edge of Darkness*.

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The film resonates with the feeling of paranoia; as if the conspirators are some powerful entity, which are always watching, and can come out at anytime to strike.

The company has ties everywhere, with police and politicians. Everyone who has information to give about the company

is frightened and/or being killed off.

The film is very gripping and entertaining. *Edge of Darkness* will leave you on the edge of your seat.



Good, better and best



By KITA MURU

It's ironic that I'm talking gaming in early 2010. A few years ago, games usually trickled out through most of the year, and very rarely were they good. The last two years have been a revelation; there has been a steady, consistent stream of games throughout the year. It was bliss in 2009 to enjoy games like *FIFA 10*, *Street Fighter IV*, *Kill Zone*, *Uncharted*, *Modern Warfare* and *Assassin's Creed 2* without seeing them all crammed into the same month, and, based on January, 2010 is following up on that. So what's been great?

Bayonetta

It has a heroine who has guns on her feet, period. I'm not a stickler for looks, and *Bayonetta* is a sexy looking game (or lady, if you're into that). But the most appealing thing about *Bayonetta* is that it always has something up its sleeve. Whether it's the style-based combat akin to *Devil May Cry*, the ironically not-so-crappy story for an action game, or the massive boss battles. *Bayonetta* is worth a shot to any fans of pure action games. But that's if you're not scared by very difficult games or offended by sexism.



No More Heroes 2: Desperate Struggle

Do you have a Nintendo Wii? Looking for more than mini-game collections and half-assed

ports? Tired of games that have a lighthearted tone, kid-friendly and are fun for the family? Well then, try some *No More Heroes 2*; it's the game that cripwalks around with lemon-lime laces on its shoes. What it lacks in some areas (no camera control ... cheap bosses) it makes up with injections of humour, unpredictability and style (8-bit mini games FTW). If you're not a graphics whore, not insulted by someone taking a shit or want to pull out dual beam katanas and annihilate half the human population, then NMH2 is something to try out.



Mass Effect 2

Actually, to be honest ... you shouldn't get it; I mean who cares about an RPG with a well told, paced, and epic story that varies based on your actions in the previous story. You probably won't care about leading a rag-tag team on a suicide mission throughout the deepest and darkest reaches of the galaxy or saving the galaxy from an unknown danger. Or a game that improves most of its flaws from the first time, like combat, frame rate, sound design and writing. Yeah, you won't care about a rare sequel that is so much better than its original right, right?



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Mac, Blaze and Thunder

By DARYLANN HUTCHINGS

When it comes to campus life, there are different resources to help the school communicate with the students (like the paper you are holding in your hand). Another way is through the campus online radio website, NR92.com, which consists of a collection of radio shows hosted by the students of the Radio and Television program.

NR92's popularity keeps growing each semester, with new shows and familiar classics. This semester's lineup has over 30 shows streaming live all week using only the highest broadcast quality equipment.

One particular radio show, *The Power Hour*, helps you get pumped for the week-end while the show *Car Pool* gives you the most up to date information on current events with an entertaining twist. For more informa-

tion on what shows NR92 has to offer, just visit www.nr92.com, and see for yourself.

One of the new radio shows lined up this semester that is sure to entice students around campus is the *Mac, Blaze and Thunder Show*. Chris (Mac), Dustin (Blaze), and Matt (Thunder) are three guys who are enjoying their first year

of the Radio Program at NAIT. They appreciate the fun environment and wide knowledge of the industry that the NAIT program offers. They

are all aspiring to work in the radio industry some day and all bring a great knowledge of music to the table.

I had the chance to sit down and talk to Mac, Blaze and Thunder about their NR92 experience.

Darylann: What is the main thing about

your show?

Mac, Blaze and Thunder: The show is all about themes.

D: Can you tell me more about the themes?

M, B, T: Each week we pick a different theme and create the show set list.

D: When did you guys decide to do a radio show?

M, B, T: We all sat together on the first day, and then it just happened.

D: What are some of the qualities that you guys bring to the table?

M, B, T: Our large personal knowledge of

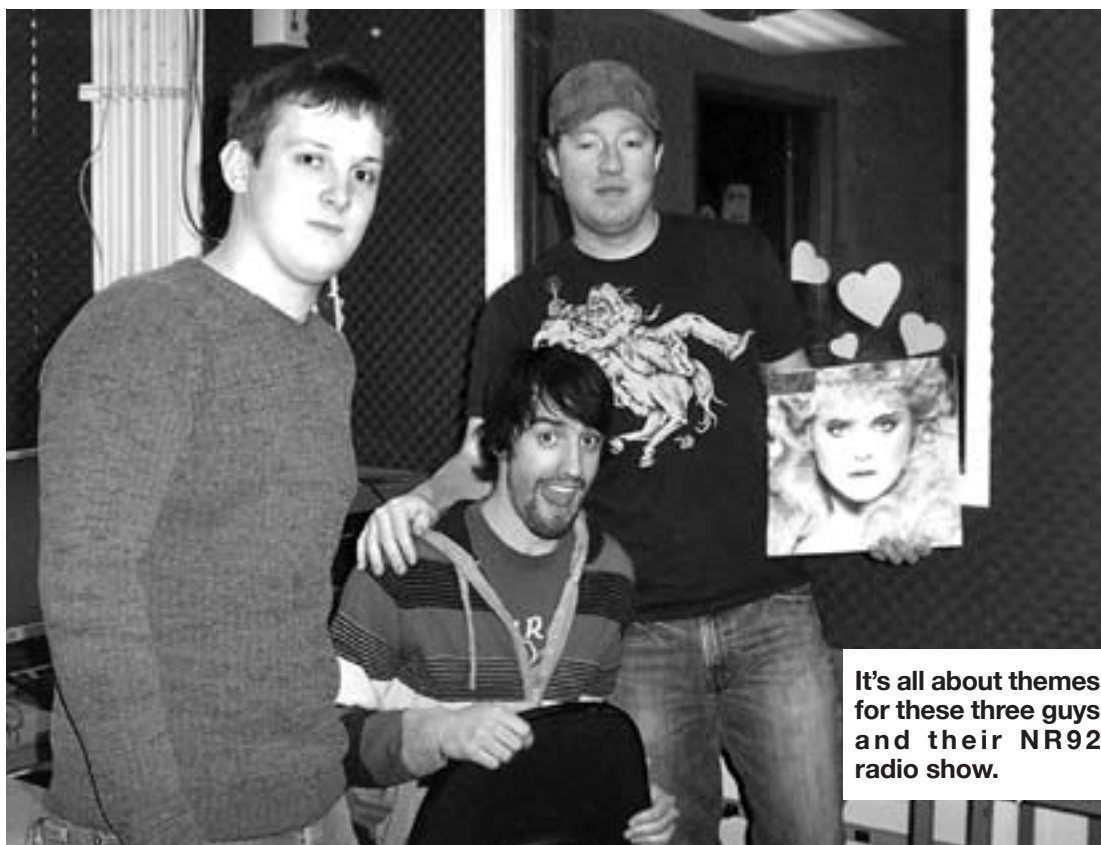
music. And Blaze loves the ladies.

D: Do you guys have fun?

M, B, T: Yes, every week it's a new adventure. Yesterday's show was all about female singers. They played a great mix of classic female artists, as well as new and upcoming talent, which would encourage any student to be a listener.

Next week's show is titled All Zeppelin.

Check it out Wednesday, from 9-11 p.m. You can also follow these guys on Facebook, at *Mac, Blaze, and Thunder Show*, and on Twitter at Mac Blaze and Thunder.



It's all about themes for these three guys and their NR92 radio show.

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When I say I feel like chicken I don't mean I feel like one. I mean I feel like eating it.

...
– Not a chicken

...
Um ... I pay for tuition here, so I'm going to walk on the waxed floors even if you don't like it.

...
– Move b*tch, get outta the way

...
To the restaurant I work at: When I say I'm sick don't ask me to come in because you can't do your job to find someone else. Every heard of swine flu?

...
– Sick and tired

...
To No. 15 on the men's Ooks B-ball team. I hope you're feeling better.

...
– A very nice person

...
If you want to talk about me, then have the courtesy to do it behind my back and not in ear's range ...

...
– Annoyed

...
I seriously think that the credit card guys who promote debt at the HP Centre should find a real job and stop harassing us!

...
– Trying to stay out of debt

...
First ask yourself – why is the topic so taboo? Then ask yourself – why is my dick so small?

...
– Challenging Status Quo

...
Spending 15 hours at school? That is not okay.

...
– Tired of This.

...
Super loaded fries at Common is an acceptable substitute for Taco Bell's fries supreme but fries supreme still rules all.

...
– Fry Something Up for Me.

...
I never get any reception at the far north end of NAIT! That beeping and "call lost" is so annoying!

...
– Phone Management

...
The Nest's pizza is fantastic.

...
– Pete's a Pie

...
Where are all the girls at? Thanks a lot NAIT. There goes the school location for finding a mate.

...
– Lonely Boy

...
There's a water fountain in the V-Building that is always stuck so the water flows constantly. Probably bad for NAIT's water bill but it's great because I don't have to push anything to fill my bottle, ha ha.

...
– Gotta Love H2O

...
This weather has been amazing! I'm so tempted to wear shorts.

...
– Stoked about Spring

...
I can't wait to drink a green beer next week.

...
– #1 St. Patty's Day Fan

...
To the people cooking for the Common Market, thanks for not warning me there would be oats on my chicken. I mean really! Chicken with oats on it! That's as outrageous as turkey lasagna, which I have had to sadly experience. Nobody wants turkey in lasagna or oats on chicken, and if they do, shame on them.

...
– Picky Eater

...
It is weird that I like ice cream and pickles

...
– Yum

...
If I have to wait one more minute for you I'll scream HURRY YOUR ASS UP!

...
– waiting ... and waiting

...
I like how they now charge \$2.15 for a 591ml bottle of pop. I went to the dollar store and bought the same bottle for \$1.10. Just another example of how they take advantage of students.

...
– Anonymous

...
There is nothing like learning how to 'communicate' in school when staring at two hot hunks of meat, and by the way, I'm starving.

...
– Carnivore

...
There is nothing like fried chicken, grape pop and menthol cigarettes.

...
– Whiteie

...
Are those yellow Cushman vehicles available to cab us students around campus? I'd love to pay one of those drivers to take me to the Nest and back during one of my 15 minute class breaks.

...
– Tired of walking



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IN ALL THEIR GLORY
Members of the burlesque troupe Hook'em Revue entertained at the Nest last Friday. Back row, left to right, Tofu Titties, Molly Minx, Sweet Sally Sass, and front row, left, Holly Von Sin, Missy Alice and Kiki Quinn.

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TIMELY TIPS

How to manage stress



MARGARET MAREAN
NAIT Student Counselling

Final exams ... assignments due ... looking for jobs student finance funding running out ... it can all add up to a lot of stress. Stress is your body's reaction to over stimulation. A certain amount of stress is normal and necessary, but too much can be counter-productive. There are two choices for managing stress: change the situation or change your response to the situation. Often the way we think about a situation increases our stress levels out of proportion to the actual event. Thinking patterns such as "people will think less of me if they know I am not perfect", "I approach every task in a 'do or die' fashion", "I tend to interpret even minor mistakes as total failures" or "I feel that I should always be in control" contribute to heightened stress levels.

Stress signals vary for everyone but can include irritability, mood swings, outbursts of anger, restlessness, apathy, loss of efficiency, difficulty concentrating, forgetfulness, frequent illness or delayed recovery,

withdrawal, avoidance of social situations, appetite change, headaches, fatigue, insomnia and digestive problems.

Suggestions for managing stress:

- Be realistic. Set small goals that are challenging but achievable.
- Challenge perfectionist, self-critical and self-defeating thoughts about your performance.
- Take care of yourself! Eat properly, get the amount of sleep you need, get daily exercise, do some things you like to do, make sure you have something to look forward to every week. Be selfish, at least some of the time.
- Eliminate unnecessary stressors such as unhealthy relationships and unimportant tasks or commitments. Try to avoid situations and people that upset you.
- Beware of stimulants. Caffeine, salt, chocolate, alcohol, sugar and smoking can make you more susceptible to stress.
- Get organized. Make sure your home, schoolwork, clothing, etc., are in order. Get your books, lunch and clothing ready the night before so there are no added stressors in your day.
- Manage your time. Use a daytimer, make a (realistic) daily to-do list, then prioritize your activities.
- Avoid procrastination. Putting off unpleasant tasks only increases stress.
- Make a study plan and start studying for major exams well in advance. The better prepared you feel for an exam the less likely

you are to blank out or panic.

- Do not compare yourself with others. People who experience anxiety often tend to think others are smarter, better looking, faster, etc.
- Find a relaxation technique that works for you. Counsellors can help you explore a variety of techniques.
- Use humour. Humour and laughter work against stress.
- Learn to breathe. Shallow, rapid breathing promotes anxiety. Deep, slow

breathing counteracts anxiety and panic.

- Use your social support network. Ask for help.
- See a counsellor at NAIT Student Counselling. Stress, depression, relationship concerns, study skills, academic problems and exam anxiety are some of the common concerns that students come for counselling to resolve.

To book a free, confidential appointment come to Room W111-PB, HP Centre or call 780-378-6133.

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my home

March 10
@ the Shaw Theatre
4:30pm-8:30pm

My Home is a free multicultural event for NAIT students, celebrating the pride that we all have in our cultures and backgrounds, whether from Alberta or beyond.

Join us to share the multitude of cultures, dress, and traditional food of NAIT students!

All submissions should be sent to naitsaevents@nait.ca by March 4.

Photography Contest

Send us photos of "your home," whether international or Canadian, rural or city, abstract or specific, and if you are one of the winners, your photo will be professionally mounted and framed for you!

*Please submit a high resolution digital image, JPEG or TIFF, in full color and digital copy is required.

Cultural Presentation

Open to all students who would like to give a performance that represents their culture (dance, play an instrument, perform a magic act, etc.), with a cash prize for all participating students! To qualify, send us a video/photo or description of your performance.

Traditional Dress

Wear your traditional clothes with pride! Everyone who participates will receive a prize.

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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)

You have a lot of things on your plate this next week so don't spread yourself too thin. Take a break once in a while just to keep your head on your shoulders.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You seem to have a very generous aura around you this week ... Wanna lend me some money?

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You're a real smart and talented individual. It's too bad that you're only smart in learning dead languages and talented at identifying what molds are growing on your toes.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You tend to be headstrong and deliberate in your actions. Most people hate you but you couldn't care less. You're kind of the type of person who would masturbate at a wedding.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Lighten up, dumb-ass. The answer is right in front of you. Sift through the pile of crap (preferably with a broom of some

sort) and see what's in store for you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Don't plan on interfering with anyone's personal affairs. You'll only get yourself in trouble.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You are the eternal optimist, seeing the best of any situation. Most people consider you to be the greatest living moron. At the same time, you will continually fail. And you're a prick.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This week, put more effort in standing your ground. You've been trying hard to do so, but here's your little nudge in the right direction.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Go big or go home. Nothing is stopping you from your goals except your

fears. That and your stupidity. There's no cure for that.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Keep yourself involved with your daily activities. You'll tread through with ease and will be rewarded shortly. If your activities involve a baseball bat and your new ex, maybe skip that one. Nobody likes to have a criminal record and a restraining order.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If you listen to other people's advice you'll surely succeed in life. Now listen up: I hear bungee jumping without a cord is the newest craze.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Be mindful of your surroundings this week. Keep to your game plan and you'll be looking at a longer run of current endeavours.



TIP OF THE WEEK – FROM NAIT SECURITY SERVICES

Handling harassing phone calls



It's the middle of the night. Your phone rings, and after you answer it:

- The caller shouts obscenities into the phone,
- You hear the caller suggest some sexual act, or
- You hear nothing at all.

What should you do? Hang up.

A suspicious phone call that scares or threatens you is a serious offence and should be reported to the police.

If you have a suspicious phone call:

- Never entertain the caller.
- Do not talk to the caller. Do not beg, plead, or threaten the caller.
- After you hang up, get out a notebook or pad of paper and record the time and date of the call.
- Write down the sex of the caller and anything he or she said.

Remember: The caller wants to scare or upset you. Anything you say to the caller will confirm the reaction the caller is looking for.

Say nothing. Hang up.

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

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

Some precautions to take if you are receiving suspicious phone calls:

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

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

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

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

A suspicious phone call is very unnerving.

A threatening phone call is a crime.

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

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.

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An Evening with
Lillah Penddah
presenting:
Black Facts
an evening of trivia, fun, & cultural awareness
4:30 @ The Nest
March 9

Teams of 4 or individuals can sign up at the NAITSA office (E-131, Main Campus) or email naitsaevents@nait.ca
(Individuals interested in participating can also sign up to be joined with other solo participants)

A study guide is available!

Participants will get dinner & fun prizes!

Part of Multicultural Awareness week

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STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

The Canadian Cancer Society

Various openings

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

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.

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ATTENTION

Diagnostic Medical Sonography students!

NAIT Continuing Education and Philips are sponsoring a Breast Imaging Conference on Saturday, March 6. Students from the DMS programs at both NAIT and SAIT are invited to attend this conference at a reduced rate of \$75 (regular pricing is \$250).

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and includes a light breakfast, lunch and hors d'oeuvres. There will be lectures by industry experts and hands-on sessions with the latest Philips equipment. Advantages in attending this conference are:

- Breast ultrasound is included in the CARDUP National Competency Profile.
- Meet and network with sonographers working in the field.
- Opportunity to meet potential employers.
- Practical hands-on setting.
- An enhancement to your resume.

Register for the conference online at: <https://www.regonline.ca/breastimagingconference>. For student pricing, the registration system will ask for your student ID number. You will be required to provide your student ID again when you check in at the conference.

Questions? Contact Sally Neal at sallyn@nait.ca.



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Three things you look for in a girl? – I look at hair and hair style, personal interests, impressive bench press!!

Boobs or ass? – Like Kramer, I am an ass man.

Favourite part of your body? – I love my ankles.

On a first date, do you go dutch or all out? – I would probably go all out. Something along the lines of the card scene in Love Actually.

Three things to describe yourself? – Silky skin, below average painter, inspirational.

What do you want to say to the women of NAIT? – Beware of Curtis Veltman over in Instrumentation!

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

CLUBS CORNER

Upcoming events ...

Forest Technology

What: Sno-Pitch Tournament

When: Saturday, March 20

Where: Airways Park, 113 Avenue and 111 Street.

NOTE: All teams must have 10-13 people including a minimum of two females. Pre-Registration fee is \$25 per team, due before March 8. Registration fee is \$75 per team, with prizes, BBQ and snack booth. If you are interested, please contact jklym1@ookmail.nait.ca or abarnhardt1@ookmail.nait.ca before March 8.

DeFeYe Arts

What: Studio Day

When: Saturday, March 13

Where: Harcourt House
10215 112 St..

CLXT

What: Toga Party

When: Friday March 5

Where: Union Hall; Argyll and 99 St.

DeFeYe Arts

What: Art Gallery Tour

When: Saturday March 27

Where: Alberta Art Gallery
100, 10230 Jasper Ave.

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Presents:



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Wednesday March 17, 2010

5 pm @ the Nest

Tickets are \$5

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Carnival games include: quarters, plinko and a spinning wheel with prizes to be won!

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

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780-915-9289



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://nait.ca/Forum/>

GIVER POINTS: Top 10 Clubs
(As of Feb. 26)

NAST	1,570
Baking Club	1,309
Club 5 Star	1,243
Photo	774
Club Culinaire	443
CETSC	418
DeFeYe Arts	393
SIFE	331
International Club	314
Biological Sciences	311

Giver Point Deadline: Friday, March 12



BTECH STUDENT CLUB PRESENTS:

DR. AVI FRIEDMAN
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Keynote Talk:
Sustainable Homes and Communities
for the 21st Century



Thursday, March 11, 2010

6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.

NAIT Shaw Theatre

Tickets available at the Bachelor of Technology office (X112) on NAIT Main Campus or by contacting Dr. Klay Dyer at 780-378-1168 or klayd@nait.ca



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Saturday March 27 @ The Nest

Doors Open @ 7 p.m. Show Starts @ 8 p.m. \$10/ticket

Tickets at NAITSA, The Nest, in front of the Common Market every Thursday @ 12:15-1 p.m. leading up to the show or at the Spartan Centre March 9, 7 am.-9 a.m.

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Get Dirty with Art Fundraiser
and Art Sale ft. Craig Talbot

THE GREAT UPASS DEBATE

WHAT IS U-PASS?

- U-Pass stands for "Universal Transit Pass"
- It is a mandatory transit pass for full-time post-secondary students, granting access to ETS, Strathcona County Transit and St. Albert Transit.
- All students enrolled in participating post-secondary institutions are automatically charged a U-Pass fee every semester.
- These students display a U-Pass sticker on their student ID card, which will be issued by the institution only.

How Much Does U-Pass Cost?

- If NAIT joins for the new contract term, the cost will begin at \$110 per semester in 2010/11, grow to \$125 per semester in 2011/12, and end at \$140 per semester in 2012/13
- U-Pass offers significant savings for students who take transit, as the cost of four regular student monthly transit passes in 2009/10 totals \$270.

U-PASS RATES FOR PROPOSAL

per semester

2010/2011
\$110.00

2011/2012
\$125.00

2012/2013
\$140.00

Who Could the U-Pass Affect?

- Every full-time NAIT student, certificate or diploma student, taking 150 hours or more and degree students taking 3 classes or more
- Apprentices and con-ed students are not included in the program and therefore will not be assessed the fee and will not get a U-Pass sticker.
- Those students with a valid CNIB/DATS registration card, full-time students taking their practicum outside of the area serviced by ETS, St. Albert Transit and Strathcona County Transit, and students working for transit services will be able to get a refund when they show proof of their applicable circumstances.

How Will the U-Pass Decision Be Made?

- Students will have the opportunity to vote in a U-Pass referendum. This vote will take place in the week of March 19-25, 2010.
- The U-Pass referendum needs a 2/3 majority to pass. This means that at least 66.6% "yes" votes are needed to go ahead with the U-Pass agreement with ETS.
- If the U-Pass referendum finishes with a "no" vote this year, there will be the option to hold another referendum on the issue the following year

Who can I contact for more information on the issue?

For more information on the YES and NO campaigns, or to get involved, please visit www.naitsa.ca/upass or stop by the NAITSA office.

COULD THE PROPOSED U-PASS APPLY TO YOU?

YES

- Full time certificate/diploma students taking 150 hours or more per semester
- A degree student taking 3 classes or more

NO

- Apprentices
- Continuing Education Students

OPT OUT

Apply for refund

- CNIB card holders
- DATS card holders
- Practicum outside service area
- Working for ETS, St. Albert Transit or Strathcona County Transit

Referendum March 19-25
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