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Twenty-one-year-old NAIT marketing grad makes cold calls to Caribbean nations, scoops \$200,000 contract to make tourist video there! [See page 2](#)

EYES ON THE BALL

Ooks women's volleyball setter Ellen Rushton competes against Mount Royal College last Friday at the NAIT gym. The Ooks lost 3-0.

Photo by Natalie Sczrynski

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NEWS & FEATURES

Hot gig for NAIT grad



By **STACEY DOUGLAS**
Nugget Student Editor

Getting paid to travel the world is an enviable position, but for a 21-year-old NAIT marketing grad it includes preparation, planning and pitching.

After writing to 20 warm-climate islands at random, Krista Turko recently received a contract worth \$200,000 from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to produce a promotional video for their tourism board. This Feb. 28, she'll be .ying there to start filming.

"I have always had a passion for travelling, which is what inspired me to seek work in a different country," said Krista.

"Through my job I have had the pleasure of being part of a crew on location in both Egypt and Costa Rica, however, we have never produced on behalf of a foreign government before," said Turko, the marketing director and senior writer for Media-Masters, who graduated from NAIT just 10 months ago.

Turko's passion fuelled the hours she spent on this project.

"I needed to find as much information as I could about the country," she said.

"I spent many hours researching, reading everything I could possibly find from budget speeches, to press releases, and even travellers' blogs on their experiences while travelling there."

As project coordinator and script writer on the promotional video, Turko is responsible for the pro-

duction meeting the expectations of St. Vincent's Ministry of Tourism. An interesting element built into the video's script is adaptability, and once the DVD is complete St. Vincent's will have a variety of ways to use this promotional tool.

"The final 30 seconds of the DVD was designed to double as a stand-alone television commercial, which could be aired anywhere. That will be up to the government."

"The first 60 seconds was designed to double as a stand-alone radio commercial, which again will be left to the good judgment of the Ministry of Tourism in St. Vincent."

Turko realized that the tourism industry is changing, and ensured that her video reflected this.

"Over the past few years I have noticed that in the travel industry

there has been a definite trend toward adventure tourism and all-encompassing destinations.

"Countries are catching on quickly and trying to position

themselves as diverse tourist destinations, with more to offer than the typical 'sun, sand, and beach' model. Realizing this trend and recognizing a need helped me to secure the contract with St. Vincent and the Grenadines."

Turko sees her time at NAIT as a hands-on training ground that gave her a head start.

"At NAIT, you get a real taste for the industry you are about to enter, which really helps when you get into your job. It prepares you to hit the ground running."

"I was always a self-starter, but the many projects I completed during my time in the marketing program enhanced that, I think. It was that attitude that landed me this project."

— studenteditor@nait.ca

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— **Krista Turko**



Photo by Amanda Traikovski

Recent NAIT marketing graduate Krista Turko has landed a \$200,000 contract to produce a promotional tourism video for St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

I Volunteer!

Rm. E-133 Ph: 491-3966

Coming up on March 3rd NAIT is once again hosting our annual SS Bene. + NAIT Cruise, if you would like more details about this event please contact Shannon in E-133 the NAITSA Volunteer Centre.

NEEDED! Information Week Volunteers

The Student Recruitment Office is looking for student volunteers for the upcoming Information Week, February 5th-8th, 2007.

Your job is to provide a friendly, positive and warm reception to our guests. You will help visitors locate program information sessions and booths and provide information to students about your positive experience at NAIT if asked. Sign up sheet located in E-133 NAITSA Volunteer Centre.

Dickinsfield Amity House - is now recruiting volunteers to ad in tax preparation for their clients. Volunteers need computer and accounting experience, please contact Tracy Patience at 478-5022 for more information.

TELUS World of Science is now recruiting volunteers for their Gallery Guide/Interpreter positions. Volunteers need to be outgoing and able to draw visitors to the centre into conversation about the Gallery. Please contact Margaret at 452-9100 for all the details.

The Alberta Foundation for Diabetes Research is now recruiting volunteers to help in their reception/data entry area. A volunteer interested in this position would need to have good computer, organizational and communication skills. Please contact Denise at denise@afdr.ab.ca

TUITION TAX RECEIPTS

STUDENTS: The T2202A Tuition Tax Receipts for the 2006 calendar year will be made available on the Student Portal at www.nait.ca/MyNait in February 2007. Instructions are provided on line to assist in creating your NAIT login and printing your T2202A. **Please note: Tax receipts will not be mailed. Students requesting a printed T2202A form will be charged \$10.**

A good sport to Africa

By **ROBIN J. EGERTON**

In December of 2006, the Nugget brought you the story of one man's efforts to make lives abroad better. NAIT Athletic Co-ordinator Peter Stenstrom had a vision, and that vision was made a reality for the first time this past Christmas.

Stenstrom returned to his home of Kenya armed with masses of sporting equipment. The equipment had no further use here in Edmonton, but was welcomed with open arms by Kenyan youth.

The trip was such a success, that it may turn into an annual or bi-annual event.

Stenstrom thoroughly enjoyed the event. "I had a plan before I went, of some of the things I wanted to do," said Stenstrom.

"For example, because it was Christmas time, there was a food hamper drive so I included a ball with it, because the hampers go to the really poor people," he said when asked how he gave away the equipment.

He wasn't alone in planning and executing his vision. "My parents had actually made a bunch of connections, and people knew that the balls were coming. So a lot of community organizations and programs had stepped forward to make requests. When I went there, the groundwork was pretty much already laid."

The list of beneficiaries of Stenstrom's work is long, including orphanages, schools, and even



File photo

Peter Stenstrom, NAIT athletic co-ordinator, shows off some of the sports equipment that he took to Kenya over Christmas to help bring some seasonal joy to kids there.

community programs designed to reform drug-addled youth through sport.

"My brother-in-law runs a volleyball camp there too, so I gave him a bunch of volleyballs."

It seems that sport is healthy and thriving in the African country. Even more so now because of the help of one of NAIT's staff

members, who believes this is the start of a long tradition of friendship with our brothers and sisters across the planet. "The system can and will work if we put the effort into it."

Stenstrom would like to see this program cross-promoted with other NAIT programs and events, and encourages students and staff alike to get involved.

Stenstrom's idea to get the community involved by holding donation and fund-raising drives

has garnered local media attention. CityTV and CTV have both expressed interest in broadcasting future events, however, plans for such events are still in the developing stages.

Any students interested in donating lightly used sporting equipment are encouraged to drop it off at the Sports Equipment Centre on the basement level underneath the gym.

You can email Robin at e_uhporic@hotmail.com.



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

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The 2007 NAIT Cruise Needs You!



Volunteers are needed for the S.S. Benefit NAIT Cruise to the United Arab Emirates on Saturday, March 3, 2007. This annual NAIT corporate fundraiser needs individuals for duties ranging from setting up the event to monitoring the silent auction.

If you would like to help, please complete a Volunteer Registration Form at the NAITSA Volunteer Centre (room E-133). Your cooperation and support are greatly appreciated.

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Admin. Phone: 491-3917
Liaison Phone: 471-7613

The Aboriginal Liaison provides support and information services for all students and staff. The wide range of services provided include, but are not limited to:

- Academic/Career Advising
- Information on financial aide
- Personal support services
- Aboriginal Student Council
- Cultural Awareness/Elder support
- Social gatherings
- Referral and advocacy services to appropriate resources on campus or within the community.

Letters welcome

We want your views

Is something bugging you about NAIT or the rest of the world? Do you have some praise to dish out about the school or life in general? Get those thoughts into print. Keep them short and to the point. No more than 100 words. Hell, we're a newspaper not an encyclopedia. Give us a break! Submit your letters with your real name and contact phone number to: nuggetsubmissions@hotmail.com Don't sweat it. We won't publish your phone number, but we do need to list your real name. It's all good. Getting something off your chest is downright therapeutic. Trust us on that. Write us.

E-learning is coming to NAIT



By **ERIN MASTRE**
Student Issues Editor

E-learning is now a possibility for business students at NAIT, especially for those unable to come to campus. The first course being offered online is BLAW 161 Section WA, which is a course examining Canada's legal systems.

The course is running on a part-time basis starting Feb. 26 until June 15. In September, it will be available, along with five other courses from the business program, full-time. Another five courses will subsequently be offered in an online format in January 2008.

Helping to get things up and running are: Sam Fefferman and Ariane Arnould, both from the School of Business; Eleanor Frandsen, Dean of Technology and Curriculum Innovation (TCI); Garry Bridge, Dean of Applied Media and Information; and Steve Belenovic, also of TCI.

BLAW 161 is being offered online first since it is a basic

course required for accounting, finance, management, and marketing business diplomas. "This is not designed to be passive, but rather interactive," said Arnould.

"Teachers are always in touch with students, who will then be asked to engage in online discussions," he said.

So far, interest from students has been high, especially for those who live out of the city. They are excited by the idea of taking courses without having to leave work or home. The program has even received interest from those living overseas as well.

"The information delivered online is exactly the same information as that delivered inside the classroom," she added. This class, and those to follow will rely on a wide variety of multimedia tools designed to be user friendly.

"The structure of the course is such that all activities are done online except for mid-terms and finals. Those will be conducted at a convenient location for the individual, where the exam can be sent to a professional willing to supervise the student."

The schedule will involve the latest version of WEBCT. "We will try to promote a weekly pace so that everyone stays on track. We don't want to lose anybody."

New business Senator

By **KERRI WYSPIANSKI**

Hi, I'm Kerri Wyspianski, your senate representative for the school of business. We have recently taken on a new senate member to replace business senator Dan Czerwenka during his leave of absence. Please welcome Andrea Aylard, who, as someone who is very active in many other school committees, will be a great asset to the senate and the school.

During the year Andrea has

already made great progress by putting together a Business Council for the Tower. As the former vice president of student life and development at Lethbridge Community College I know she will be a great representative for the School of Business.

This month Andrea and I will be coming through the Tower to talk about NAITSA and the new Student Business Council. If you have any questions please email either of us at business.tower@hotmail.com

Do you have a main story for the Nugget? Maybe you just want to contribute an article.

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OPINION

- Editorial -

Commercial? Who cares? Celebrate Valentine's

Because this is the last Nugget issue before Valentine's Day, let's explore the holiday a little. This could be a diatribe about the ridiculousness of a day that tries to commercialize romance, but in the end Feb. 14 brings people together in a variety of ways.

Chocolates must be bought, flowers arranged, and if that special someone is special enough, maybe jewelry must be bestowed or whatever else gets the heart beating a little stronger.

According to the Greeting Card Association, there are approximately one billion Valentines sent each year. It's a Hallmark holiday, indeed. However, Feb. 14 has a long history with love – much longer than its association with Hallmark.

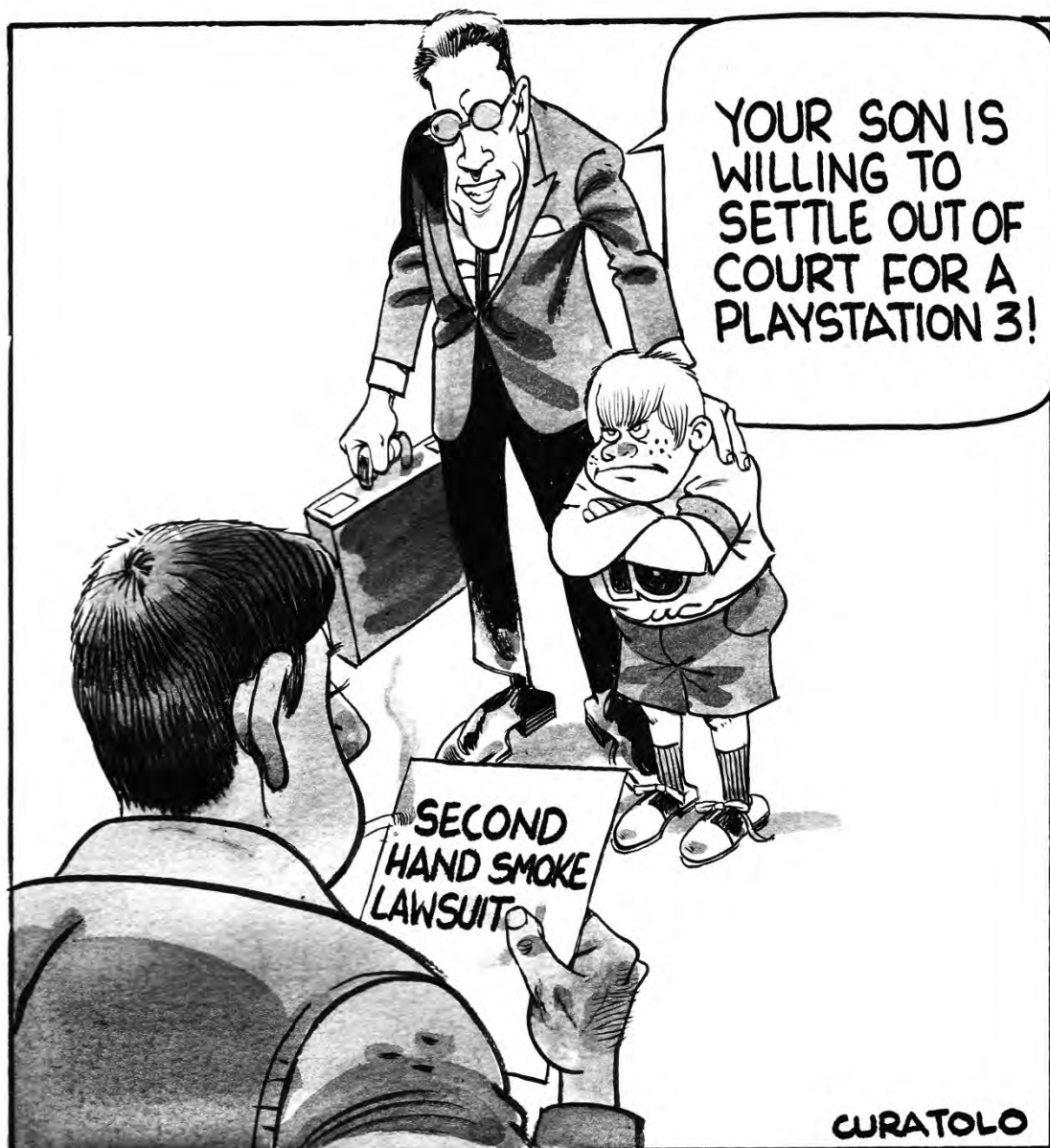
The day is named after two Christian martyrs, but historically the middle of February has been linked to love, and fertility especially. From cultures including ancient Rome, the Germanic tribes, as well as the Norwegians,

February, it seems, has been a time rife with rituals celebrating the sacredness of marriage and fertility.

Romance was introduced in the Middle Ages by the poet Geoffrey Chaucer, who wrote Parlement of Foules in 1382 to celebrate the marriage of King Richard II to Anne of Bohemia. It was the first time that St. Valentine's Day was connected to romantic love.

Now Valentine's isn't so much linked to romance as to friendship. In Japan, women give male co-workers gifts of chocolate. In Finland, the day translates almost directly as 'Friend's Day,' and many people here defy the romantic expectations of Valentine's by either complaining or boycotting it altogether.

While Valentine's may be a commercial ploy by companies selling cards and chocolates, one thing can't be denied: the day brings people together – whether it's through a shared romantic love, an expression of friendship, or a united revulsion.



We want your rant!

OK, this is an opinion page. We run an editorial cartoon, as you see.

We run a weekly editorial written by our student editor Stacey Douglas.

We'd love to run more opinions from students and staff.

Something bugging you about NAIT? Something you love about the institution?

Maybe it's as simple as fellow students being pigs in the lunch

areas or being inconsiderate in some other way.

Perhaps you'd like to see a new program or club or activity that the NAIT Students' Association might want to undertake.

Or maybe something's bugging you in the wide world out there – like politicians who are spouting BS or a lack of action on poverty, global warming or housing.

Send us your rocket! Keep your letters to less than

150 words and provide a name, e-mail address (if possible) and contact phone number.

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- Opinion -

Legal cocaine boosts energy!

By TRISTAN BONNCENT

What's up with the surge in energy drinks recently? Everywhere I look, I see someone chugging back a Red Bull or Monster.

Are people really exhausted to the point that they need medical ingredients to help them get through the day? Why don't they just go to bed instead?

I can see if you're pulling an all-nighter to cram for an exam the next day, but why are 12-year-olds drinking these? My brother never even goes to school, and he's constantly wired. He stays up all night watching Dawson's Creek on DVD.

It's not like they even taste good either. I've tried Red Bull, and it's like drinking Halloween candy. And not even the good Halloween candy, it's the stuff you still have at the bottom of your pillow sack at Christmas.

But on the positive side, there's nothing like going into the Mac's and asking the cashier if he has any Bawls.

The fact is that most energy drinks don't have that potent a formula. Most of them rely on high levels of sugar to trigger liveliness resulting in an eventual crash that leaves you feeling miserable and your teeth slimy. Often manufacturers will add tiny doses of a powerful stimu-

lant, but the amount of the add-ins are so small that any added boost is purely psychological.

And if you need something to keep you going, even the most powerful drink on the market right now – the aptly named Cocaine, which in the words of its creator "... is designed to burn and irritate the throat and sinuses in the manner of its namesake," has caffeine levels comparable to a standard espresso (not that

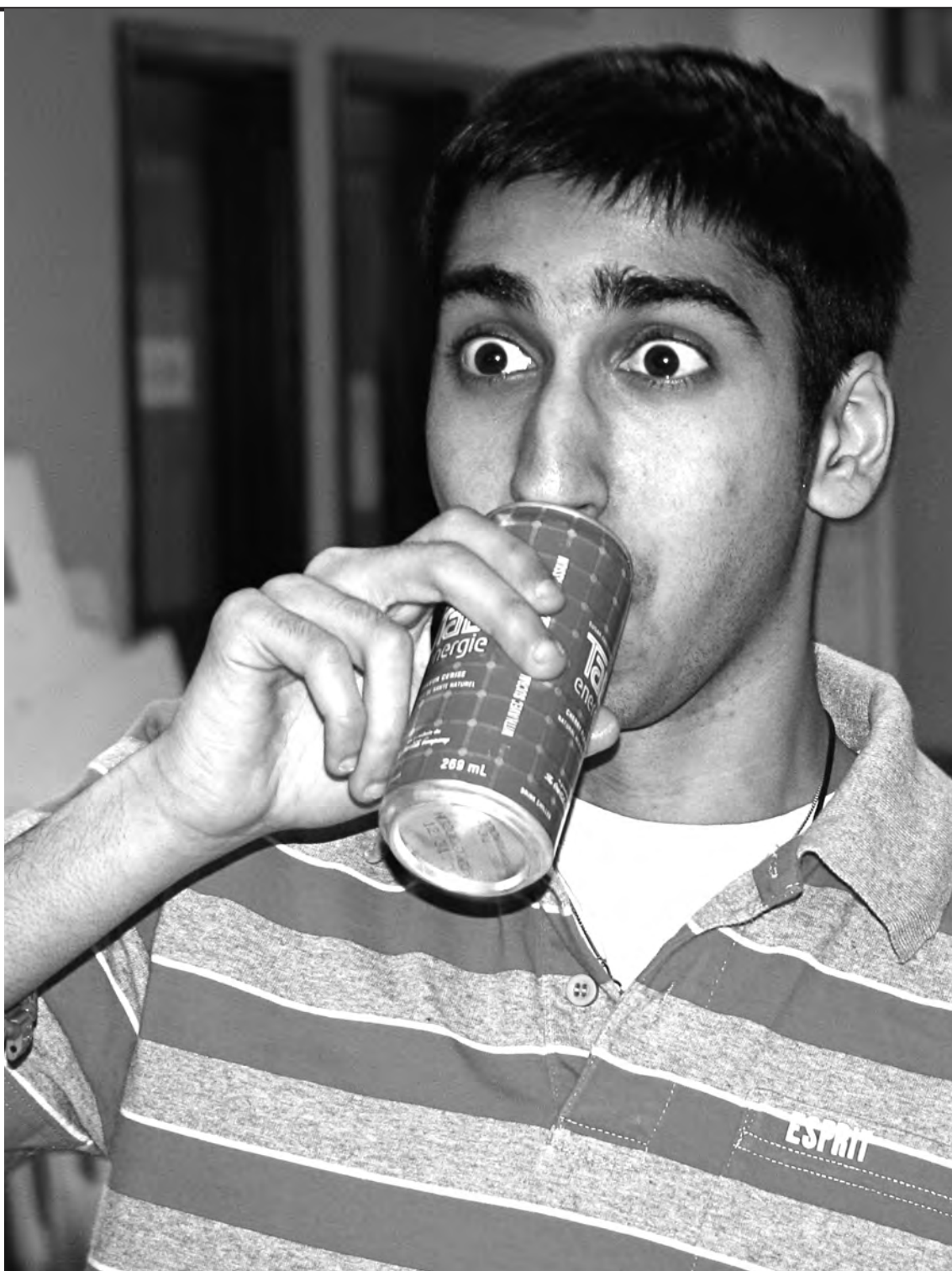
I'm condoning coffee). Energy drinks are banking on the desire to be alert and ready simply for accumulation of information, whether

that's cruising Wikipedia until 3 a.m., or staring into space for hours on end until you can actually smell colours and see through time. A "person on the go" who needs to stay active and doesn't have time to relax should just keep going far away from me until this marketing ploy dies.

If your life is so high maintenance that you can't sit down without millions of innocent people dying, maybe you should look into a new line of work.

So, unless you're at a LAN party or live in Japan, try to cut back on the juice. Now if you'll excuse me it's 7:30 p.m. and I'm exhausted, so I'm going to stay up the way nature intended by shooting heroin.

Are people really exhausted to the point that they need medical ingredients to help them get through the day? Why don't they just go to bed instead?



Amit Sharma gets a jolt as he tries a high-energy drink.

Wanna volunteer?

TELUS World of Science is now recruiting volunteers for their Gallery Guide/Interpreter positions. Volunteers need to be outgoing and able to draw visitors to the centre into conversation about the Gallery. Please contact Margaret at 452-9100 for all the details.

The County of Strathcona Family and Community Services is now recruiting adult volunteers for their "Rainbows" program. This pro-

gram assists children in dealing with what has happen to them and their family in the areas of death, divorce and separation. Volunteers are provided with extensive training, a police information and child services check along with references are required. For more information about this rewarding role please see Shannon in E-133.

The Royal Alexandra Hospital is now recruiting volunteers for the fol-

lowing programs: Meet & Greet, Newspaper Delivery and Aboriginal Diabetes Wellness Programs. Please contact Carol or Susan at 735-4430 for all the details!

The Association of Adult Day Support Programs is in need of volunteers to assist with monthly Bingo's. If you can spare four to five hours per month to help out this activity please contact Shannon in the NAITSA Volunteer Centre in E-133.

NAITSA CARPOOL REGISTRY

Students can use this service to search for a person to carpool with. It is completely FREE to use.

Go to www.naitsa.ca and follow the links to the registry.

Once inside the NAITSA website, go to "Current Students" then to "Services" and then to "Car Pool Registry". Then simply follow the instructions.

All of the postings in the registry are plotted on a map of the city for you. People who need a ride are indicated by yellow markers, and people who have a car are indicated by green markers.

To post in the carpool registry you will need to create an account. Don't worry, it's a simple, one-step process, and we never use your information for any other purposes. Once you have created your account, it's a simple process to add your posting to the registry.

If you have any problems using the carpool registry, you can e-mail us for help at: naitsa.services@whitematter.ca.

Wireless network being explored by Edmonton

By SHANT CHAKMAKIAN
Opinion

Does the City of Edmonton need wireless? The city is trying to answer this question lately as they look at such a possibility through the NextGen group.

Currently I have the pleasure of being able to attend some meetings of this city hall committee meant to give a voice to youth as it assesses the need, costs and technologies for such a scenario. Clearly Edmonton is not the only city looking at this possibility but it is not the only one asking questions either.

Vancouver is also examining such a prospect: "City staff has determined that it is impossible to move forward with a municipal wireless at no cost to taxpayers," says an administrative report filed in that city on Jan. 2.

Popular idea

Even though such a concept may not be free, it is a very popular idea within many municipalities.

"It is projected that US cities alone will spend more than \$3 billion in the next four years on public Wi-Fi deployments," says the same report.

Three billion over the next four years is serious dough, but why would cities want to go so far for just wireless Internet?

Well, a few things come to mind: First, it's convenient for users to go anywhere (or certain hotspots) and get access. Second, it can be used to help low-income neighbourhoods get Internet access "to bridge the digital divide." Third, it would attract tourists, and fourth it would provide more incentive to business and lower communication costs for the city itself.

So it sounds like there are a few good uses but there are also many drawbacks such as interference (anything that says 2.4 GHz can be game for messing up wireless coverage in a given radius, from door chimes to cordless phones) and legal liability. The city could be legally liable for its networks and as such could be sued when there are security issues, downtime and interference. (Not that private Internet carriers worry about that).

Questions

Certain questions need to be asked before such an endeavour can be undertaken, such as purpose, affordability, reliability, security and the type of coverage (ubiquitous coverage or tactical locations, such as parks and public centres. So these are some of the things being looked at currently.

As many wonderful technologies as there are out there, it could be a cost disaster for the city to take on the deployment and maintenance of this service on its own.

Why do something in house when company X can do the same thing for a fraction of the cost?

On that note, this endeavour would obviously have to be outsourced to another contractor. It is clear there are no easy answers

here and still many questions, but keep in mind it is doable.

Some Canadian cities have gone ahead with this idea, such as Fredericton, N.B. and Toronto Hydro Telecom. Other cities such as Vancouver, Coquitlam, Hamil-

ton and Edmonton are exploring this enticing prospect.

Information is available at www.wifiedmonton.ca. I look forward to hearing any input anyone might have. One thing is clear. No matter what direction this endeavour goes, the city is definitely looking towards the future.

Please feel free to visit my blog at <http://shantc.blogspot.com> or to email me any comments or suggestions at shant_c@hotmail.com. I look forward to your input.

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Astral Reflections



By TIM STEPHENS

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Aries March 21-April 19

Life is still upbeat, you're popular, and social delights abound! Accept every invitation! Love of a gentle, wise kind might come to you Sunday (unluckily) Monday pre-dawn (future marriage not indicated) and Monday morning (9 am to 10 p.m. MST) – stable, long-lasting, sexy and romantic. Time a "date" accordingly. If you're in love and discussing a deeper involvement, time the discussion, too. The same times apply for travel, starting a school paper, legal matters, etc. Be ambitious Tuesday/Wednesday, but start no new projects. Expect delays now to March 7.

Taurus April 20-May 20

A good former friend might appear before March 8. Until then, start nothing, particularly in networking, social or entertainment zones. Mistakes, indecisions and delays will occur through early March, so just grin and bear it, stay alert and enjoy love. You'll be popular and happy. You'll feel romantic, and you could well get a response! Love, sexual desire, far places draw you Sunday to Wednesday. Be hopeful, look to the future, but make neither firm plans nor promises. Your career is important Thursday/Friday – being dutiful will earn higher-ups' approval.

Gemini May 21-June 20

Life's bigger vistas – foreign places, far travel, other cultures, writing, love and learning – continue to enlighten and bless you. Tuesday night begins 22 days of delays, mistakes and "visits from the past." So don't start anything new and important, in any area. Instead, stick with past and ongoing projects. (One exception: don't try to edit or rewrite old material.) A former career role or duty might be laid on your shoulders – accept it. Higher-ups want to see you succeed. Sexual and investment desires remain powerful, especially mid-week – proceed cautiously.

Cancer June 21-July 22

You're feeling sexy, and someone is hot – sexy or argumentative. This could lead to fireworks, especially Tuesday/Wednesday – but whether they're ones you'll like, is anybody's guess! The same applies to business dealings: you want to venture, invest, change things, commit a partner, but the other person is either eagerly willing or defiantly not! Be diplomatic. And start nothing new now through March 7. (Watch for glitches, delays

and mistakes in projects already begun.) Legal, travel and learning, though perhaps delayed, bring you affection and gentle joys. Mysteries, desires Thursday/Friday.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Relationships, opportunities, relocation prospects, dealings with the public (one-on-one or one-on-millions) remain highlighted, especially Thursday to Saturday. But the very things you might have been anticipating or planning – intimacy, funding, contracts and deeper support – could start eluding you. In general, everything encounters delays, mistakes and revisions Tuesday night through March 7 – but hidden matters, funding, finances, intimacy – these especially crawl backwards. That "backward motion" seems to be accompanied with luck or affection. Be patient! And start nothing new. Romance, beauty, pleasure Sunday/Monday. Work, mid-week. Research wins. Life's exciting!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Work and health concerns continue to pile up. Push through these slowly and deliberately – you'll get things done, especially Thursday to Saturday morning. But fuzzy thinking reigns, now through March 7. Be alert for mistakes, expect delays and missed appointments, etc. Neither make nor accept promises for the duration – unexpected events or changes of mind will erode vows. A former spouse or associate might return, cause a swell of affection in you. If you're attached now, expect your partner to grow indecisive. Rest, be home Sunday/Monday. Romance surges Tuesday/Wednesday.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

This is your last week of romance, tender feelings, creative urges and speculative good luck. Enjoy it, especially Thursday to Saturday morning, when love and pleasure abound! (They abound within limits, for your mood is more friendly than intensely romantic this year.) Earlier, Sunday/Monday, friends and siblings, paperwork, travel and communications occupy you. Your home, and a question about a relationship's future, demand attention Tuesday/Wednesday. Now through March 7, start nothing important – work, machinery and health concerns are impacted by indecision, delays and mistakes. Stay alert. Buy nothing mechanical/electronic!

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Wrap things up on domestic, real estate, gardening, retirement and "territorial" concerns this week – especially Thursday to dawn Saturday. DON'T start a new project in these areas now through March 7, nor in anything important, including love, creative projects and speculative ventures. These (love, creativity, etc.) are lucky, sweet and rewarding, and will continue so through late March, but you shouldn't try to attain any new plateaus or start anything new. An old

flame might appear soon, causing tender feelings. This will be a good thing. Call, write, travel Tuesday/Wednesday.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Start nothing new through March 7 – delays, mistakes and indecision will prevail. Stick with old or ongoing projects. "Returning things" in family, home, real estate, shelter, gardening/agriculture, stomach and soul areas, can be rewarding and good. DON'T go house hunting; but if a realtor phones to say that house you always wanted is suddenly available again, grab it. A lost pet or estranged child might return. Your energy and charisma surge Sunday/Monday. Chase money (but nothing new! And buy nothing big!) Tuesday/Wednesday. Thursday/Friday is busy but relaxed. Rest in happiness Saturday!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Wrap up money projects. Avoid new spending through March 7. (You'd buy a lemon or unneeded item.) Avoid all new starts, for projects born before March 8 will be plagued by delays and mistakes. Stick with the ongoing, and remain alert – communications and travel schedules might go astray. Somehow these glitches bring luck – e.g., when you're stranded in Des Moines (or at your desk) a childhood acquaintance might wander by, or you're awarded a free hotel room or some enforced (non-guilty) relaxation! Your sexual magnetism remains strong, especially Tuesday/Wednesday.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your charisma, energy and luck remain high – especially Thursday to Saturday morning, when your requests will be favorably answered, you'll draw attention, and you'll make a good impression. Despite your high energy, an atmosphere of delays and mistakes enters, through March 7. Don't start any important ventures or projects before March 5. (You can successfully start a bit early, for various reasons.) Your main area of slow-down will be in money, earnings and spending. Buy nothing important; you'd land a lemon or unneeded item. Happiness Sunday/Monday. Rest, contemplate Tuesday/Wednesday.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

This is your last week of recuperation, weariness and "background activities" (meditation, red tape, hospital visits, planning, closed-door discussions, etc.). Next week, you'll burst out with heightened energy, charisma and luck! But now through March 7, you should avoid starting anything new – so save those planned projects or ventures until March 8 onward – your energy will still be high, and simple, direct action (March 8 onward) will get you to your goals! Meanwhile, despite delays, happiness visits, and people show you affection. A wish might come true mid-week.

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Uplifting words of wisdom

DR. BRIAN PARKER



Dear Sex Doc:

Okay, this is quite embarrassing for me, but it is killing me so I have to get it off my chest. Lately I've been having trouble keeping my dick hard when I have sex with my girlfriend. I never have problems when I masturbate. My dick is always rock hard. What the hell is happening to me? Do I need to run out and get ViagraTM? I'm only twenty-two. Please tell me that my dick will work again.

Penis Problems @ UBCO

Dear Penis Problems @ UBCO:

It's hard for me to know exactly what your sexual concern is without more information, but I reckon the problem in your pants is a direct result of what is hap-

pening between your ears.

You might be thinking that your dick is your main sex organ, but your brain holds far more power over your sexuality than your dink.

You could be suffering from what is known as performance anxiety. This problem happens when you become anxious about performing sexually. You might be worried that your stick is too short or that your left ball is twice the size of the right one.

If your sex-negative thoughts persist, there is no way your tool will be up for the job. Your dick works perfectly when you're all alone because your mind isn't wandering off worrying about that piece of toilet paper stuck in your ass.

And Penis Problems, I wouldn't suggest running off to the doctor to get that famous blue pill. I highly doubt it will solve your limp ways.

The only reason to use any of the PDE5 inhibitor pharmaceutical drugs like ViagraTM, LevitraTM, or CialisTM is if you have erectile disorder. Erectile disorder (ED) is the persistent or recurrent inability

to get or maintain an erection until the completion of sexual activity. Experts generally say that if you have difficulty more than 25% of the time, then it is considered a problem.

ED is not as common as most people think. A large study by Laumann et al. (1999) found that 11% of men suffer from ED. About a third of the cases are physical, a third are psychological, and a third are a combination of both.

Remember Penis Problems, all men experience erectile difficulties at some point in their life. I'm confident that if you relax, your limpy will become stiffy very soon.

But if your penis problems persist, please see your family doctor or urologist for help.

Dear Sex Doc:

I keep having this recurring fantasy about seeing my girlfriend have sex with my best guy friend. It really turns me on and now I feel that I want to experience this in real life. How do I bring up this fantasy with my girlfriend?

Peeping Tom @ BCIT

Dear Peeping Tom @ BCIT:

First of all, I wouldn't take this lightly. If you tell your girl you want to see her swap genital juices with your best bud, she might think you're wacked.

Besides thinking you're strange, she'll probably assume you want an open relationship or that you're really just into watching your buddy's tight ass move up and down on her.

But Peeping Tom, if this fantasy is really important to you, it is possible for you to bring this up with your gal. That being said, there are a few guidelines you should follow. One of the most important things is to have the discussion outside of the bedroom and not while you're playing hide the salami.

If you have open lines of sexual communication in your relationship, you could just tell your girlfriend your fantasy. Or, you could ask her, "what's something you would like to try sexually?" Then, you could tell her your fantasy.

However, since you asked the question, I'm assuming this is not possible. In situations like this, it is generally best to indirectly intro-

duce the topic. Say something like, "Honey, I read an article last week about guys who get off watching their girlfriends have sex with another dude. How do you feel about that?"

She might tell you you're a sick f**k, or she might jump at the opportunity to wrap her legs around your dude friend's waist. But, have you truly considered how this will make you feel?

These types of sexual scenarios are generally fraught with insecurities and often don't go down in reality as well as they do in your mind. Your gal friend might be very enthusiastic about riding your buddy's pony. Do you think you can handle that?

Like I mentioned, Peeping Tom, if this fantasy is so important to you that you would risk your relationship, then go ahead and tell her that you'd fancy seeing her dingle dangle your friend.

But, just like some things are better left unsaid, often, fantasies are better left as fantasies. You might just want to keep this one to yourself.

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- Grappling for a shot at the bigs -

A double ring play for local wrestling fans



By BRENT CONSTANTIN
Entertainment Editor

After my preview last week for Monster Pro Wrestling, one would expect that I went to the show this past Saturday to review it, and yeah I did.

But the oddest thing happened as I was leaving my office on Saturday night to go down to the Aviation Museum on Kingsway. I noticed a lot more people in the hallways than is typical for a Saturday night. Usually it consists of the cleaning staff and security guards. As well, there were a tad more garbage bags taped to the gym windows than I'm used to.

Curiosity piqued

My curiosity piqued, I went into the gym to find it completely transformed into a wrestling ring.

Turns out that every month or so, another local wrestling league, Prairie Wrestling Alliance (PWA), takes over NAIT for a night of spandex action. I spoke to PWA promoter Kurt Sorochn, who's worked in the past with WWE and Stampede Wrestling.

He pointed across the gym to PWA champ T.J. Wilson. "This was the last night he was able to do a show before he goes off to the WWE," Sorochn told me.

"We know it's not the best night to do it, with Monster Pro pretty much right across the street at the same time, but we had to put the event together at the last minute to accommodate T.J.," he explained.

When asked about a rivalry between the two wrestling leagues, Sorochn was quick to respond. "Go over to their show and then come back and see the difference. What would you rather watch - a bunch of skinny kids, or a bunch of skinny kids that know how to wrestle?"

The opportunity was too good to pass up. My friend and I hoofed it across the municipal airport runways to the Edmonton Aviation Museum for Monster Pro. The

show started about 10 minutes late - not until the champion Massive Damage flipped off the light switch, which I guess is the responsibility of the No. 1 wrestler.

The first thing I noticed about the show was how out of it the crowd was, except for one fat guy who would pick himself out of his Rascal Scooter long enough to scream 'Start the \$@#%ing show!'

I'm not sure what most of these people came to see, but it sure wasn't the ambiance of the old airplane hangar. The smell of hamburger and weed permeated the performance while we watched people built like monsters (I didn't know veins were supposed to stand out of a person's thighs like that) stagger around the ring.

It could have been that it was early in the show, or it could have been that the building wasn't above zero degrees, but the action in the ring wasn't really that fast paced. There would be bursts of action and then the wrestlers would just jump around and talk to each other.

About an hour into Monster Pro we were already back at NAIT, sitting in the bleachers that usually hold Ook fans, (or if you believe Nugget Sports Editor, Andrew Dunaj, empty seats, while the Oaks play). We watched as PWA put on one hell of a show.

Smiles on faces

The atmosphere was immediately different. Everyone seemed to have a smile on their faces, and even the wrestlers looked to be tongue-in-burly-cheek as they catapulted their bodies over the ropes and into each other.

Now this sort of show isn't for everyone - an example: My photographer used the words, "this is retarded" more than once. However, I think that if you're looking for some good family fun (I saw at least 30 kids at ringside high-fiving the performers) PWA seems to be the way to go.

The only question I have is, 'If this is at the NAIT gym, why don't we ever hear about it?'

Expect more publicity next time, wrestling fans, and then I hope to see some of your faces in the stands.

The only one who showed up from school that I recognized was the NAITSA table, and now I know why its legs are all wonky. It's because 400-pound men are being thrown on top of it.



Photo by Michelle Yarham

This month's instalment of the Prairie Wrestling Alliance took place this past Saturday evening at NAIT gym.

Performance previews

Go to Gogo and Johnny Winter



By **ROCK'N RODGERS**

After Cradle of Filth earlier this month, the city might be ready to take a metal break. This is the week to hit some mellower shows before Sworn Enemy and Lamb of God kick things back up a notch.

Who: Emmylou Harris
When: Monday, Feb. 12
Where: Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
How Much: \$63.60 at Ticket Master

Why or Why Not: With a career that spans from the late '60s to her latest release in 2003, *Stumble Into Grace*, Emmylou Harris is the perfect example of an artist that is right for this venue. Sure, seeing her at the Folkfest is cool, but an environment like the Jubilee will be more suitable. A respectable gig like this for 60 bones is pretty standard, and the people that pay for this show can afford it.

Who: Chantal Kreviazuk (with hubby Rain Maida)
When: Tuesday, Feb. 13
Where: Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
How Much: Low \$35.50 High \$45.50

Why or Why Not: This will be

- Review -

Strange sounds that don't stink

By **LIAM CRESWICK**

Like what you hear when your grandfather goes in the bathroom, there are some strange sounds coming out of this CD. But unlike the product of Grandpa's lavatory endeavours, this album doesn't stink.

Fronted by Damon Albarn of the Gorillaz, *The Good, the Bad and the Queen* has the same haunting, melodic, style of many of the more relaxed Gorillaz tunes. It's not just another Gorillaz album though, since this disc has its own strange, groovy tone.

The band, also featuring Paul Simon of the Clash, backs Albarn's languid vocals with a wide variety of instruments, including the cello, synthesizers, and violins. Tracks like *Kingdom of Doom* and *History Song* are prime examples, and are my personal highlights from the album.

It is incredibly interesting to hear all of these instruments and styles mixed together, and many musicians or open-minded music fans should be quite intrigued.

Unfortunately, there isn't much

another show that may be a little mellow if you're looking to get the best bang for your buck. Drink a few coffees before you go to stay awake and enjoy the price tag. Otherwise, it will be cool to see Rain at the Jubilee. He released a four-song EP called *Love Hope Hero* late last year and he might just play them all.

Who: Kardinal Offishall with George Shaw and Keshia Chante
When: Thursday, Feb. 15
Where: Shaw Conference Centre
How Much: Win to get in, or \$9.17

Why or Why Not: This show is the second of the birthday bashes for the radio station The Bounce. I think most people will say nothing can top Snoop Dogg last month, but just be glad the venue is the Shaw Centre. Disregarding the sound, this venue is a good size for the show and it makes for a hot ticket

Who: David Gogo with Johnny Winter
When: Friday, Feb. 16
Where: The Polish Hall
How Much: \$47 at Megatunes

Why or Why Not: I think any young person interested in the blues should take in this show. Seeing Canadian David Gogo at the Polish Hall, no matter the price, is an opportunity that one should not pass up. The fact that Johnny Winter, who used to have David Gogo open for him in the early '70s, is on the bill makes this gig so worth the price.

Who: Lascivious Burlesque Troop

When: Saturday, Feb. 10 at 9 p.m.

Where: Starlight Room

How Much: Tix \$10 at the door

Why or Why Not: This is a benefit show for Darin Wood, who was injured last year in a street racing accident (a passenger). He's now a quadriplegic and the money being raised is going to help out his family. The show is called *Understanding Love*. For 10 bucks, it's worth the good cause, and the eye candy that goes along with it. The Starlite is always a good time, but now there will be hot chicks dancing in their underwear. Sounds good to me!



Chantal Kreviazuk



Kardinal Offishall

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Artists breed fine comics

By LIAM CRESWICK

With shows like *Heroes* and *Smallville* topping the TV ratings, and movies like *Sin City* and *X-men: The Last Stand* busting the box office, it's no secret that comic book culture is gaining headway in the mainstream. There may be some of you interested in the comic medium, yet looking for stories not involving the spandex-clad and muscle-bound. Recommended below are some of the best non-superhero comic series available and it indicates their writers as well.

5. Fables-Bill Willingham

Famous fairy-tale characters like Snow White and the Big Bad Wolf are re-imagined as a community of "Fables" exiled from their magical homeland into our "Mundy" world. The stories are far less whimsical than those from which the characters are taken.

It follows these characters as they try to remain hidden in their secret community in New York City. It focuses on character development and drama, with mystery, thriller and action aspects thrown in too. The series has not yet finished, but the first 51 issues are available in eight volumes.

4. The Walking Dead-Robert Kirkman

This isn't your average zombie

attack story. This series follows an ever-changing group of survivors, struggling to stay alive (and sane) after the dead begin to walk the earth and eat the flesh of the living.

Pegged by the author as "a zombie movie that never ends," there are good zombie fight scenes and some scary moments, but the book focuses more on the characters and how they act in a given situation. They have to look for food and shelter, deal with their infected and insane, and keep order in a world gone to hell.

The illustrations are done in black and white, which is not only effective for the story, but also exemplifies that not all comics need to be coloured to be good.

Like Fables, the series isn't finished yet, but the first 30 issues are collected in five volumes.

3. Preacher-Garth Ennis

Not a book for the squeamish or easily offended, because Preacher is dark, violent, unforgiving, sacrilegious, and a whole lot of fun. Small town southern preacher Jesse Custer becomes possessed by the supernatural spawn of an angel and a demon, and finds himself with the ability to command any mortal to do what he tells them. The series follows Custer, his ex-girlfriend, and a surly Irish vampire across America to literally find God and make him pay for the suffering of humanity.

With an HBO style (i.e. blood,

sex and cursing) mini-series in the works, this series may not be for everyone, but with a strong stomach and open mind, the nine volumes of this series can be good nasty fun.

2. Y: The Last Man-Brian K. Vaughn

In this book, the world spirals into entropy as every male in the world is wiped out by a strange plague. Yorick Brown and his pet monkey are the only beings left on the planet with Y-chromosomes. While many guys are probably thinking how lucky this character must be, the world Vaughn creates is more dangerous than sexy.



Political groups are trying to use him, scientists need to clone him, and a group called the Amazons are trying to kill him.

Meanwhile, all he wants to do is find his girlfriend. Vaughn is one of the most prolific political writers in comics today, and this story is as full of political intrigue as it is drama and action.

This series also isn't finished, but the first 48 issues are collected in eight volumes. The book is planned to finish at issue 60.

1. The Sandman-Neil Gaiman

After being imprisoned for many years, the series' protagonist Morpheus, the King of Dreams, must re-establish himself as the ruler of the "The Dreaming" (the world that personifies dreams). The story is part fantasy, part horror and entirely unique.

This award-winning book is lauded as one of the best and most important ever in comics, and holds its own when compared to other English literary works.

The art is abstract, colourful and all-around amazing, as many different artists drew the series during its 75-issue run. It's a must read.

These books only scratch the surface of sophisticated comic series available. Other titles worth mentioning are *Strangers in Paradise*, *Bone* and *American Splendour*. Not to mention all the

great graphic novels – long comics written to be read like a novel – out there too.

Each volume contains a full story, or these series volumes can be read all together, like buying every season of a TV show on DVD.

Give the first volume of any of these series a try if you're looking for some out-of-the-ordinary reading.

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- Reviews -

Norah provides comfort food

By ALISTAIR WILKINSON

Sweet, wistful, and occasionally cynical, Norah Jones's new release, *Not Too Late*, further establishes her songwriter credibility, while maintaining her distinctive soulful style.

Don't be fooled, though, if music were food, this album would be grilled cheese and tomato soup, or whiskey and a hot bath.

Like comfort food, much of *Not Too Late* is simple, unpretentious, and reminiscent of times past.

But, who doesn't like comfort food?

Unlike Jones's first two albums, *Come Away with Me* and *Feels Like Home* (both from her current label Blue Note Records), *Not Too Late* is entirely Jones's own compositions.

The lyrics and music are unso-

phisticated and gentle, telling simple stories of hope and wry humour amidst sorrow.

It has a kind of last-call-at-a-blues-café feel.

But as is always the case with Jones's music, it's her velvet-smooth, heartfelt voice that is the centre-piece.

Without her distinctive blues/folk twang Jones's music would be indistinguishable from anyone

else's.

Fortunately, Jones sounds as mellifluous as ever.

Of course, that doesn't change the fact that her music is a big grilled cheese sandwich.

Enjoy it in moderation, or risk emotional obesity.



Bird and Bee groovy retro sound

By MARK RODGERS

On The Bird and the Bee's self-titled release from Metro Records, Greg Kurstin plays almost all of the instruments, while Inara George provides all the vocals. She does a good job weaving her silky smooth voice together with Kurstin's performance.

If you like female vocals, then this is for you. The CD starts with *Again and Again*, in which George's voice matches up nicely with an organ but then she kicks it up a notch with an upbeat happy feel.

Not a bad start, because the following song, *Birds and the Bees* reveals the disk's production value when the vocals are layered to create a jazzy tune that made me not throw it in the garbage after the first two songs.

The highlight of the CD is obviously track three, *Fcking Boyfriend*, where George sings of relationships

with a dark twist in the lyrics over light and fuzzy beats.

The whole album is set up with retro grooves like in track five, *la la la*, where the organ break is worth waiting for. Track four, *I'm a Broken Heart*, has a Beatles-like swing to it with the piano and horns that come in at just the right time. Then you hit track eight *Because*, and it has a dance feel to it with the



drum machine.

With groovy instrumentation and solid vocals, this CD may be worth your cash if you like a female singer and more of a jazzy sound.

Catch a sample at: www.myspace.com/thebirdandthebee.

With groovy instrumentation and solid vocals, this CD may be worth your cash if you like a female singer and more of a jazzy sound.

SPORTS

Ex-pro reaps NAIT benefits

By MARK RODGERS

When talking to Oaks' men's hockey goalie Kevin Dziaduck after their loss to Mount Royal last Friday, he seemed a little loose for having just let in six goals. Sometimes we forget what a grind it is to be a full-time student, and play a home-and-home series with teams in Calgary on the weekends. Kevin realizes the team has to keep things light and at the same time keep school marks up to par so they can have a successful season.

'Keep things light'

"I like to keep things light in the dressing room, personally," said Dziaduck when asked if there is a prankster on the team. He was reluctant to label anyone else on the team as a prankster and was quick to switch subjects to the upcoming playoffs.

"We need to win the rest of our games to finish top two at least," explained Dziaduck when talking about the rest of the season, and the fact that it will come down to the last few games to see who finishes where in the standings.

"After my junior career, I signed a contract down south with a team in Texas," he said when asked about his next step in hockey.

'Ruptured disk'

"I found that I had a ruptured disk in my back, so I didn't pass the physical and they couldn't let me play."

The hockey in the Central League is professional, but has no guarantee for the players in the system. In the ACAC, the players are left with a diploma after they are done with the league.

"It took me a semester to kind of balance my time. It's hard to get both in, but you just have to find time. You just have to keep up your work," says Dziaduck as he explains what it's like balancing

school and back-to-back games on the weekend.

"A couple of weekends ago against SAIT when we beat them here 4-3 it was a really rough game and we knew the next game was

going to be good down in Calgary."

Dziaduck is taking C and C Technology, which is a machinists program. He is moving on to the Geomatic Program, so he will

be in school for another two years. Having a chance to get a diploma and still play at a good level of hockey is something Dziaduck enjoys even though it is a tough grind.



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Kids again!

The 2007 NAIT Street Hockey Classic will take place Friday evening from 4 p.m. till 11 p.m. Over 30 teams are expected to compete in the Nest parking lot. Shown above is a scene from the last street hockey tournament held by NAIT in November 2003.

- Around NAIT -

Athletes of the week

Dale-Marie Cumberbatch Basketball



Dale-Marie Cumberbatch of the women's basketball team is this week's, Female Athlete of the Week. Having won the award three of the last four weeks, you might be asking yourself, is she really that good? The answer is quite simply, yes! In two games over the weekend, the first-year Digital Interactive Media and Design student registered 53 points, easily moving her into the record books as the ACAC, all-time leader for points in a season with 503 points. Dale-Marie has a complete game and is in the ACAC's top 10 in all statistical categories. With four games remaining, the Edmonton native will have plenty of opportunity to establish a record that may be untouchable. Congratulations, Dale-Marie, on an outstanding season!

Aris Nunez-Ruiz Basketball



The NAIT Male Athlete of the week is Aris Nunez-Ruiz, from the Oaks basketball team. Aris put together his best weekend of the year and was a monster around the hoop in powering the Oaks to a critical pair of victories over the Concordia Thunder.

A student in Wastewater Technology, Aris averaged 17.5 points and 9 rebounds per game and was a major catalyst in sparking the Oaks to rebound from a 21 deficit, in the third quarter to a one point win.

Aris Nunez-Ruiz, the NAIT Athlete of the Week, is someone the team will count on as they make their stretch run to the playoffs.

Ooks strike down Thunder

By ANDREW DUNAJ
Sports Editor

This past weekend for the men's basketball team brought up two options. One, get swept by Concordia and pretty much kiss the playoffs goodbye, or two, win both games in the series and have room to breathe.

Thursday night, the game was as intense as any good one should be. The air was tense with the play-off atmosphere but the Oaks were ready. Aris Nunez-Ruiz was the story of the game for NAIT in what coach Chuma Nwobosi termed his "coming out party."

Typically, Nunez-Ruiz is an unselfish player, so this was the first game where he actually started to play for himself.

"Aris finally showed the league what he is capable of," said Nwobosi. "He has been destroying guys in practice but feels guilty in games

when he takes too many shots," he said.

"We are encouraging more of a selfishness out of him because the team needs it from him."

Aris finished with 23 points and 12 rebounds to earn player of the game status in a 74-65 victory for NAIT. With the shift to the Concordia gym Friday night, the fans weren't prepared for what was to come next.

"They jumped on us early and often and didn't seem to be showing any signs of letting up," recalls Nwobosi.

"I was just praying for a fast death. Nothing we were doing was slowing them down."

Half time came and the Oaks had found themselves down 17 points. The Thunder pushed their lead to 22 points and it looked game over, right? Led by second-year guard Brent Vriend, NAIT launched an aggressive attack on both ends of the court and managed to trim the

lead to 10 to start the fourth quarter.

The teams traded baskets and foul shots and Arash Sharghi earned a late trip to the foul line to seal the game, and an unbelievable comeback win. The Oaks won by a score of 83-82.

There was an interesting note from this game. A crazy fan from Concordia ran and attempted to attack the referee due to a call that sent Sharghi to the foul line.

Next action is against the Augustana Vikings Saturday, Feb. 10 at NAIT.

In hockey, the men had the weekend off and the women suffered a tough 8-1 loss against SAIT.

In volleyball, the men lost Friday 3-2 against Mount Royal then 3-0 against the Cougars Saturday. The women got blanked 3-0 both nights by Mount Royal.

Next action for both teams is Friday, Feb. 9 against Grant MacEwan.

ACAC Standings

(As of Feb. 3, 2007)

| MEN'S HOCKEY | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Team | GP | W | L | T | OTL | Pts | GF | GA | |
| SAIT | 20 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 31 | 102 | 57 | |
| Mount Royal | 20 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 118 | 65 | |
| MacEwan | 20 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 79 | 66 | |
| NAIT | 20 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 105 | 77 | |
| Concordia | 22 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 86 | 86 | |
| Augustana | 20 | 3 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 54 | 107 | |
| Briercrest | 22 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 57 | 143 | |

| WOMEN'S HOCKEY | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|----|----|--|
| Team | GP | W | L | T | OTL | Pts | GF | GA | |
| SAIT | 20 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 27 | 78 | 48 | |
| MacEwan | 20 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 77 | 52 | |
| Red Deer | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 24 | 57 | 41 | |
| Mount Royal | 20 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 55 | 53 | |
| U of C | 20 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 35 | 58 | |
| NAIT | 20 | 5 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 45 | 95 | |

| MEN'S BASKETBALL | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|------|------|--|
| North Division | | | | | | | |
| Team | G | W | L | Pts | PF | PA | |
| Lakeland | 22 | 17 | 5 | 34 | 1706 | 1565 | |
| MacEwan | 20 | 16 | 4 | 32 | 1748 | 1440 | |
| NAIT | 20 | 11 | 9 | 22 | 1530 | 1495 | |
| Concordia | 20 | 11 | 9 | 22 | 1471 | 1412 | |
| Grande Prairie | 20 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 1541 | 1548 | |
| Augustana | 20 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 1548 | 1701 | |
| TKUC | 22 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 1489 | 1872 | |

| WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|------|------|--|
| North Division | | | | | | | |
| Team | G | W | L | Pts | PF | PA | |
| MacEwan | 20 | 18 | 2 | 36 | 1547 | 1167 | |
| Grande Prairie | 20 | 16 | 4 | 32 | 1424 | 1303 | |
| TKUC | 22 | 16 | 6 | 32 | 1595 | 1452 | |
| Concordia | 20 | 11 | 9 | 22 | 1342 | 1280 | |
| NAIT | 20 | 5 | 15 | 10 | 1291 | 1405 | |
| Lakeland | 22 | 3 | 19 | 6 | 1278 | 1624 | |
| Augustana | 20 | 3 | 17 | 6 | 1344 | 1590 | |

| MEN'S VOLLEYBALL | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|--|
| Blue Division | | | | | | | |
| Team | MP | MW | ML | Pts | GW | GL | |
| MacEwan | 22 | 18 | 4 | 36 | 58 | 26 | |
| Red Deer | 22 | 17 | 5 | 34 | 58 | 22 | |
| Mount Royal | 22 | 16 | 6 | 32 | 54 | 31 | |
| Grande Prairie | 22 | 12 | 10 | 24 | 41 | 39 | |
| Briercrest | 24 | 7 | 17 | 14 | 35 | 48 | |
| TKUC | 22 | 6 | 16 | 12 | 34 | 55 | |
| NAIT | 22 | 2 | 20 | 4 | 14 | 63 | |

| WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----|--|
| Blue Division | | | | | | | |
| Team | MP | MW | ML | Pts | GW | GL | |
| Mount Royal | 22 | 20 | 2 | 40 | 63 | 8 | |
| MacEwan | 22 | 20 | 2 | 40 | 60 | 20 | |
| Red Deer | 22 | 15 | 7 | 30 | 48 | 25 | |
| Grande Prairie | 22 | 10 | 12 | 20 | 37 | 45 | |
| TKUC | 22 | 7 | 15 | 14 | 28 | 49 | |
| NAIT | 22 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 24 | 59 | |
| Briercrest | 24 | 1 | 23 | 2 | 15 | 69 | |

Colts ran well in the mud

By ANDREW DUNAJ
Sports Editor

Could it be true?
The Indianapolis Colts have won the Super Bowl.
When the rain started pouring down in Miami, everyone started to doubt the Colts because they are an indoor-team and they might crack in the muck.

Instead, it was the other way around. Devin Hester, of course, started the game off for the Bears with a 92-yard kick-off return for a touchdown. That was the only fun Chicago had for the rest of the game.

Rex Grossman's evil side came out, throwing two picks. One got taken back for a touchdown, which sealed the deal.

On a side note, the Colts coach, Tony Dungy, is the first African American coach to win the Super Bowl.

Speaking for most fans, I would say that it was hard to dislike either coach.

During the week both had nothing but good things to say about each other, which really changed the total aspect of the competitive Super Bowl week.

The only damper came from the Bears' quarterback, Rex Grossman, who felt the pressure and started to blame the media for all the stress he received this season. When asked if he was overwhelmed, Grossman simply stated, "I'm not overwhelmed. I'm talking to you guys." Continuing on he said, "I feel you guys exaggerate things."

OK, Rex, OK. Why don't you go cry somewhere else about the incredible talent you have in being able to be the best quarterback one afternoon, and the worst thing ever on the field later that night.

Oilers still alive

The Edmonton Oilers are still alive, but still trailing Minnesota for the eighth spot in the playoffs. While I write this, the seven-game road trip coming up will define the Oilers' season. Once the Oilers screw up the road trip Kevin Lowe will finally be able to become a seller on the market and prepare for next season.

Oh, how furious the Oiler fans will be. I'm sure you all would rather see the Oilers make the playoffs this year and get swept in the first round, instead of building for next season and having three or four great seasons to come?

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Don't get me wrong. I hope that I'm totally off with these predictions and that Edmonton goes on a magical run again this year. Then again, that's as likely as the Edmonton Cracker Cats selling out Telus Field.

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- The dating scene for students -

Kim shows blind ambition

By KIM
VAN NIEUVENHUYSE

(Our courageous writer is launching a weekly column exploring the dating scene .rst-hand. This week she ventures into the scary territory of the dreaded blind date).

Dating can be scary, but it doesn't always have to be. This year I made a resolution to set my fears aside and put myself out there. Every week I will experience a new dating scenario. From the truly scary, such as a blind date, to the mildly terrifying – like dating a co-worker.

I hope I will soothe my fears and, just maybe, the fears of single people everywhere. Because I figure if I can do it, so can anyone!

Scary Dating Scenario #1: The Blind Date!

Blind date – the two words that strike fear into the hearts of single people everywhere. I have been very reluctant to accept my friends' offers to set me up with someone until I decided to do this column. Then I had to say yes.

It was arranged for a recent Thursday night. The guy is a friend of a classmate, and the setting was the Keg on Whyte Ave. My date, let's call him the Belgian, met me at school after my radio show (Latin Rendez-vous, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on nr92 – check it out!) and we headed to the restaurant.

I know dinner with a stranger can be rather intimidating. It's just the two of you, face-to-face, and if you have nothing to talk about, it can be awkward! Fortunately for me, dinner went very smoothly with only one moment of uncomfortable silence, for which I'll take

the blame.

He was talking, but my mind was wandering because I was thinking about what to write for this column and he asked me a question. I thought I had paid the minimal amount of attention needed to the conversation to answer, but I was wrong and he called me on it. Sorry!

We did manage to get past it though, and after dinner we went to the lounge for a drink (or two).

At the end of the night, which was much later than I had planned, he took me home and then ... Well, a girl has to keep some things to herself!

Overall date rating: B+

Other than the one moment of awkward silence, the conversation flowed easily. We even managed to talk about the Big Three subjects you should avoid on a date – religion, politics, and past relationships – with minimal conflict.

And although I did manage to spill my drink and say a couple of silly things, he didn't make me feel stupid.

So the next time a friend offers to set you up with someone, take a chance and say yes. You may just meet someone nice. I know I did.

Please join me next week where you can read all about my date with one of NAIT's Hot Singles of the Week.

Wish me luck!

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Harley-Davidson has gone hog-wild for Fairview

By ERIN MASTRE

NAIT's Fairview Campus has something no other NAIT campus does. What is it?

It's a state-of-the-art Harley-Davidson training facility, which has earned the reputation of being Canada's No. 1 motorcycle technical training centre.

The program started in 1980, initially as a Motorcycle Certificate program. There are now three types of training available, including a motorcycle mechanic certificate, Alberta motorcycle apprenticeship training, and the Harley-Davidson program.

In 1988, the Harley-Davidson specific program started after Trevor Deely of Deely Harley-Davidson Canada (DHDC) took note of the high calibre of technicians coming from Fairview. These same technicians were in limited supply across the country.

In talking to staff, there is a strong feeling of pride in both the institution and the students.

'So proud'

"We are all so proud of our students and their program of study in our No. 1 facility," said Louise Gillies of administrative support.

"Our shop features in-floor exhaust, wireless computer capability, an eight-station computer lab and laptop-to-bike connections via Digital Technician for remapping of the electronic control module. Students work on the latest bikes with factory tools and factory-trained instructors," she added.

The facility is full of equipment, from whole bikes to gaskets that have been contributed from the industry. In 1993 Trev Deely donated \$700,000 of his own money to build the permanent facility.

Recently, DHDC donated 10 complete bikes with spare parts, invaluable for hands-on training.

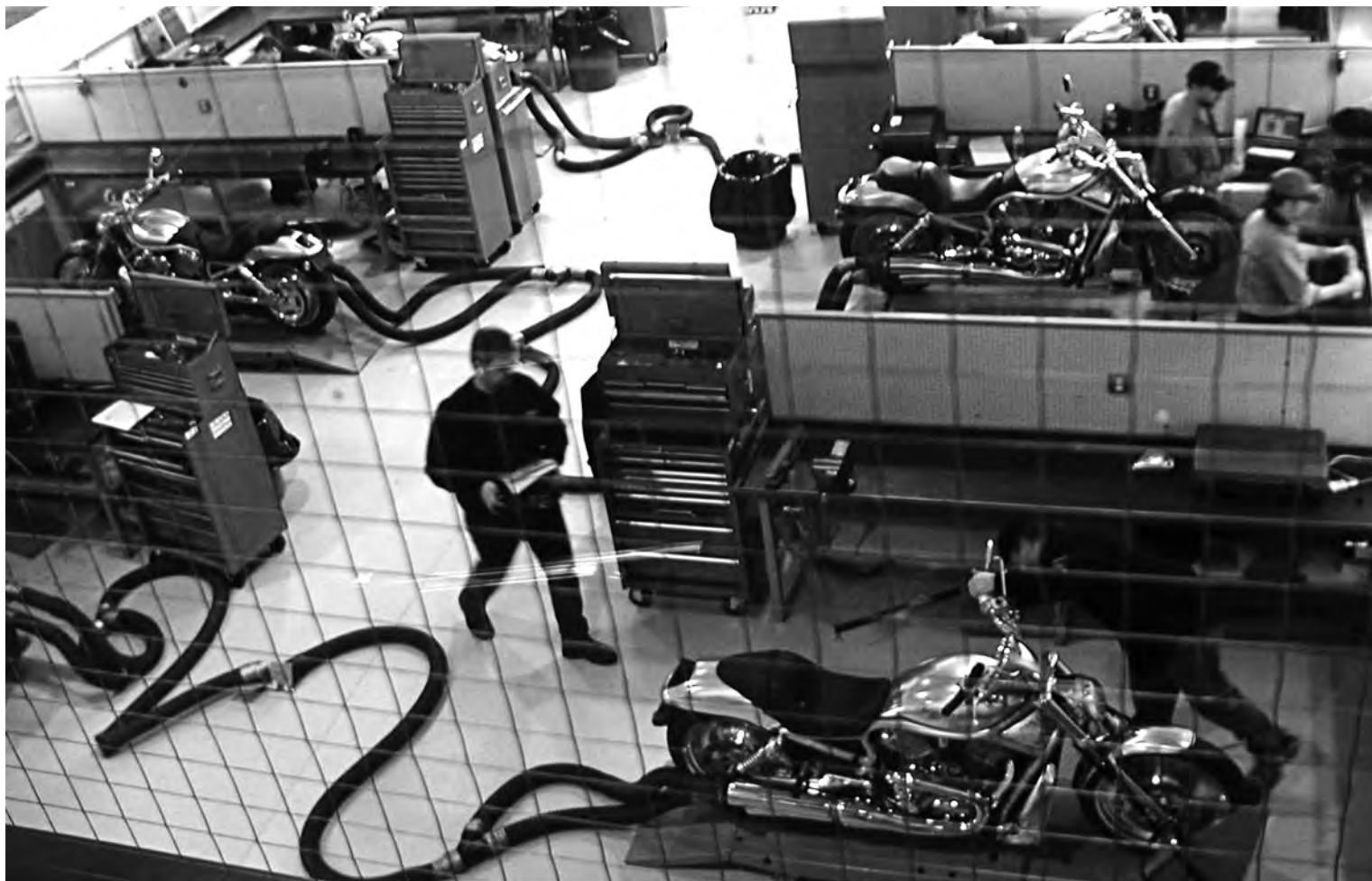
'Can't teach desire'

"The average age of students in our program is in the mid-30s because most have had a previous job and have decided they want to specialize in Harleys. We can teach the technical skills, but we can't teach the desire," said Gillies.

While the majority come from Western Canada, there are "usually one or two from Saskatchewan or Manitoba, and there is always one from the Maritimes," she said. However, students can also be in their 60s due to courses designed to upgrade factory training for those with years of experience.

There are typically waiting lists and the program's popularity has warranted a travelling classroom for a one-week training program, which spends seven weeks in Ontario and five in Quebec.

This year there is a Screamin' Eagle EFI race tuner course, which has never been offered anywhere other than the Harley-Davidson Motor Company facility in Milwaukee.



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Fairview College's state-of-the-art Harley-Davidson training centre is attracting students from across Canada.

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Miss Murder, don't be dumb. I submit all my entries in class, and my entries take maybe 30 seconds each. You write essays and submit them, and all you do is whine about one thing or another. It's like how you envy me and everyone else because we're better than you in every way. You need the hobby. But my goal has been reached, I wanted to get a rise out of some dumb ass who would get pissed off at what I had to say. And I did, hahaha, hilarious!

- Jeff

The Comic in the Nugget, Horsedog, has no humour whatsoever and the artist has no talent in the drawings. Don't get me wrong here, because no one has a freakin' clue what type of picture it is. My two-year-old nephew can draw way better than that.

- Nugget Boy

I could say that I'm looking for a relationship with someone who is romantic and caring, but I'll tell you the truth of what I'm looking for:

I'm a 20-year-old guy who is looking for a fun girl. I'm a gamer, who's addicted to World of Warcraft. I know how to cook, and I can cook pretty damn good. I am a nice guy and I am a bit overweight but don't let that steer you away from me, ladies. I'm a funny guy and cute. I may be quiet at first, but I will open up. My favourite movie is *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. I am into the kinky stuff in the bedroom, like bdsm. The lady I'm looking for is someone who is cute, or smoking hot. I can get along with anyone. E-mail me at jack_snaps666@yahoo.com, and send me somez basic info about you: Who you are, what you're into, and what program you're in. Also send a picture if you can (not required) but I'll send you one of me.

Sincerely,
- ????

OK, I give up on holding my tongue.

Nuggetboy: I respected you last year when you had good things to say, but now you're just a sad, sad

little image of your former self ...

Gangster of Love: Dude, she hasn't responded to you in the last six weeks that you've left your lame messages. Sorry buddy, but (say it with me guys) "She's just not into you."

Leomanes: I love "Highly Destructive Reptiles," but where the hell did it go?

It was the only comic that had talent, wit, charm, and interesting characters! And hell, it was funny!

To the writer of Horsedog: Please, for the love of all that is sacred, just stop. I can write it, for god sakes! At the very least please, like, use art rather than the same frame for all the panels every week!

To the writer of Rainbow Cat: Every week I make the mistake of reading your comic, hoping that you know it's actually funny. While you actually have artistic talent, you have to learn that not giving your audience a bad acid trip followed by an epileptic seizure is an admirable trait in a comic writer.

- Avionics Boy

Dear Crazy girl in the Tim Hortons lineup: When standing in line at Tim Hortons, who doesn't want

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- Rahim da Sule Man

If anybody knows where to find parking at 9 a.m. let me know.

Oh, and just so everybody knows, you're supposed to park between the two yellow lines and not on them. You're wasting parking spots for the rest of us.

- ?

Glad you like my truck Ford lovin' hotty.

- ?



By SHIRLEY TSE

What would you like to happen on Valentine's Day?



"I would like for my horoscope to be right. It says, 'good things will be coming!' (wink, wink) (To all lovely gentlemen – she's single!)

Alison Mettam
Radio



Possibly go out for a casual supper, and then sit on the couch and watch a movie.

Darvy Haines
Business Marketing



I would love it if Charlize Theron just came out of the sky, dropped onto my bed, and asked me to do things to her that no other woman has ever asked me to do.

Jon Janvaus
Computer Engineering



I would like a lot of snow, so that they close the school!

Kyle Ross
Heavy Equipment Technology



I would like to go to Sorrentino's, because the last time my boyfriend took me there I was sick and spent most of the night in the bathroom. I hope to go back, and this time I won't get sick.

Laura Brandon
Television



Aaron

shows his landscape

SINGLE OF THE WEEK



By BRENT CONSTANTIN

Hello everyone, and welcome back to another exciting instalment of the Hot Single of the Week. Over the past few weeks I've seen an unprecedented level of interest in being the Hot Single of the Week or contacting them. I've scoured the Nugget archives for some sort of correlation between now and some previous occurrence, and I've come up with nothing that can explain it.

Are people getting hotter? Are their standards for meeting someone lowering significantly? Are there really Nugget archives? The answer to all three is no, except the second point, which is yes.

But whatever the reason, keep those submissions coming. If you have no fingers to e-mail me with, you can stop by the Nugget office. We're trying to keep it open for most of the day, so ask for me by name. My name is Brent.

This week's hot single, Aaron, comes from the landscape architect program:

B: Aaron, what brings you here today to my lair of love?
A: I tried to contact one of your old Hot Single's of the Week, Christine, but she was so slow in getting back to me I thought I'd just try it myself.

B: Well, good thing you didn't Aaron. Chris recently disobeyed the height guidelines at the West Ed Waterpark, and her face was melted off on one of the slides. So it's lucky you didn't get stuck with her.
A: It's what's on the inside that counts.

B: Gallantly put Aaron! You are a classic gentleman. So what do you hope to get into after school?
A: Well, right now I own a landscaping business that's doing pretty well.

B: Hey, hey, how many lackeys do you have?
A: Employees, you mean? I have a few in the summer and only one right now. Do you want a job?
B: No thanks. I'm too physically weak for that kind of work, and let's just say I've had bad experiences with weed-whackers. Always use as directed, kids. So tell me about yourself, Aaron, hobbies, interests ...
A: I think life is my hobby.

B: Anything more specific?
A: Um ... hockey, video games – is that better?

B: Much. What are you trying to accomplish being in Hot Single?
A: I'd just like to meet some nice girls here on campus. That's pretty much it.

B: Any final thoughts for your back-page glancing audience before they move their eyes down to Horsedog?
A: Well I don't think you can really tell much from these articles about a person, so take a chance to get to know me by contacting me!

(You can pass along a message to Aaron by e-mailing Brent at: brent_constantin@yahoo.ca. You can e-mail him also if you're a guy or girl who wants to be an upcoming Hot Single of the Week. Any instructors out there dare to be featured here? Let Brent know).

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