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TALE OF TWO CITIES

Is the downtown club scene giving Whyte Avenue a run for its money? The Nugget investigates. See story **Page 8**

NAIT SQUAD HAS DANCE FEVER:

NAIT has a dance team? You bet it does! This new squad of super-fit women made its debut this past weekend at the lady Ooks hockey game at NAIT's arena. You can look forward to seeing them at other events soon. See story in Sports section.

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NEWS & FEATURES

NAIT makes wish come true



Eight-year-old Garrett Langille was at NAIT's main campus Jan. 17 to pick one of eight dream playhouse final drafts created by students in the Architectural Technology and Interior Design programs. All 110 students in both programs participated in the collaboration between the Make-A-Wish Foundation and NAIT.

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By STACEY DOUGLAS

“It’s about the passion the kids put into the house.”

Eight year old Garret Langille thoughtfully paced in front of eight dream-playhouse designs submitted by students in the Architectural Technology and Interior Design program last Wednesday. He listened to each student’s reasoning behind their designs, but in the end it was Sarah Holm’s The Ice Box that he chose.

NAIT has partnered with the Make a Wish Foundation so that Garret, who suffers from Duchene Muscular Dystrophy, is able to play out his dreams in what will be an incredible playhouse.

Over 100 first-year students drafted a playhouse according to the likes and dislikes of Garret. From those designs eight favourites were chosen for the eight-year old from which to pick.

All attention was on him as he pointed at his favourite, The Ice Box – a playhouse designed to look like a hockey rink including its own TV as a scoreboard.

While his fohawk-hairstyle suggested an outgoing kid, Garret was wide-eyed but quiet – understandably overwhelmed by the number of cameras, microphones, and people surrounding him.

It was also a personal milestone for Sarah Holm, an interior-design student. “I wanted to design something that will be built. It’s one of my top 100 things to do before I die,” Holm said, explaining that she had created the list a year ago.

Bob Winterford, President of the Make a Wish Foundation, thought of NAIT as he was walking through

a mall.

“It was coincidental. I thought I’d come to NAIT who also do designs for Habitat for Humanity,” said Winterford.

“It’s about the passion the kids put into the house. It’s light years from something that would have no purpose,” he adds.

The design will be built in Garret’s backyard by NAIT carpentry students this spring or early summer. “Everybody wanted to take ownership so I let go and it’s wonderful,” Winterford said.

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I Volunteer!

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

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NEEDED! Information Week Volunteers

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

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Aboriginal alumni come together



By ERIN MASTRE

NAIT's Alumni Association has been getting NAIT graduates and faculty together for decades. Thousands of alumni now participate each year in events or activities in their area according to their Branching Out brochure.

The idea of getting alumni together is not new. Benefits include friendships and fellowships, promotion of pride and support for current and future students, as well as active participation in the community.

On Thursday, Jan. 18 NAIT launched its newest chapter of the alumni association especially for Aboriginal graduates. It was an evening of celebration spent over dinner at Ernest's dining room.

Sandy Sanderson, Director of Student Life was one of the speakers at the event. "In the early '90s there were eight to 12 of us that got

together. We would look at each other and say why are we here? We know we are Aboriginal, but why are we here?" said Sanderson.

"Something happened on the day you graduated from NAIT. You became a role model to members of your community," he added, speaking to a room of NAIT VIPs and graduates.

"We live in a society where people don't understand our culture. The key is to keep that knowledge going and with the Alumni Mentorship Program somewhere down the path you can spend 15 minutes with a student and say, 'I've been in your shoes.'"

The new chapter hopes to take on the challenges involved in mentoring, role modeling, professional development and other responsibilities as its membership grows. It will also promote higher education within Aboriginal communities.

There were many happy faces and speeches over the course of the evening. There were also traditional Aboriginal dancers who livened the mood and brought a feeling of culture to the room. In all, it was an evening of bonding, sharing, and laughing.



Graduates take part in dance and ceremony at the launch of the new Aboriginal Alumni Chapter on Jan. 18. The evening of friendship and celebration was held at Ernest's Dining Room on NAIT's main campus.

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NAIT's own Animal House

By ERIN MASTRE

For the 64 students in Animal Health Technology, NAIT's Animal Health Clinic provides a one-of-a-kind-environment, and invaluable hands on experience. Their patients are the furry friends of NAIT staff and students.

The clinic has been open for nearly 20 years. Services offered range from spaying and neutering to dental cleaning. Vaccinations are also provided for staff pets as they are typically returning patients.

"We are the only Animal Health Technology in Canada currently working on client animals," says Dr. Milton Ness, resident Veterinarian. "It is a unique and humane approach as opposed to working on colony animals."

Colony animals are those taken from places like the city pound or a local animal shelter as is standard practice in the industry. There are many advantages to using client animals, says Ness.

"We get to see more patients coming through the clinic. This helps to demonstrate realistic situations students will encounter when finished school. These animals also have a documented medical history students can look at," explains Ness.

In a typical veterinarian clinic there is not a lot of blood work carried out. "The added advantage to both client and pet here is that you get better physical exams than at a regular clinic just due to the way we organize our teaching," he adds.

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instruments, and perform other duties they would be expected to upon graduation. Each student is expected to demonstrate they can take blood 20 times."

Typically the NAIT clinic sees more cats than dogs but this year more dogs are being admitted. Students also have the opportunity to work on larger animals such as cows, horses, and pigs by going offsite to work at various stables and ranches.

Life can get pretty crazy at the clinic too. In the 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. admitting period sometimes up to 10 animals can be coming in. Discharge is after classes from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Typically it is the students under a technician's watchful eye performing these tasks.

The key to getting your pet in is to book your appointment early.



Photo: ERIN MASTRE

Holmes, a client cat at the NAIT animal health clinic.



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NAIT beefing up security

BY SHANT CHAKMAKIAN

Most people would agree a safe campus is as important as an institution that offers good education – and that's music to the ears of NAIT's security head.

"I started at NAIT at the end of July taking over security and parking," says Manager of Security Services, Ken Snider.

"What attracted me to come to NAIT was the institution's emphasis on security," Snider admits. Currently the department is undergoing a massive upgrade. The main campus, Souch Campus, Fairview, High Level and Peace River will all be included in a new beefed up security infrastructure.

"What we're doing is installing a system for setting up card access for after hours and camera systems," he explains. NAIT is also looking at

the possibility of setting up a one card system.

"From what I understand the intent of the card will have account information and could also be a debit card for expenses on campus such as food and books."

This system in turn could be used in the future to allow certain students after-hour lab access.

Such a move would be a sigh of relief for many. The new security upgrade will also allow staff to monitor other NAIT campuses across the province, and to respond to certain situations and emergencies.

Among other issues, parking has always been a thorn in the side of students and staff alike. Certain measures have been taken to help increase traffic flow as much as possible through the parking areas. However, the main issue is theft

within vehicles.

"When I first came here in July, during the month of August, theft was almost a daily thing and now it's more of a monthly thing. By putting the staff out there in the kiosk and looking for illegal parkers, it has lowered our crime rate to almost nothing."

Locker theft has also significantly decreased over the past few years, yet it still occurs. Many lockers that are broken into are generally sporting cheap locks. What students should be aware of is that sometimes, someone may be watching you put a laptop or other valuable possession in your locker and break into it shortly after.

Security at NAIT has been challenging for Ken and his team. Some students may recall the incident during the summer where a former student was hiding cameras in a vent above the stalls in one of

the ladies washrooms.

There has been some criticism as to why security did not find the second camera after Edmonton Police found the first, especially after it was found in the same vent of the same washroom. As the man was caught and the case is going to court, Snider was only able to verify that security was performing checks at the time of the incident.

"You're our best resource," says Snider of students, while referring to making our campus a safer place.

When you see someone who is acting suspiciously, or any other suspicious activity, report it to security, he says.

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Your
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Appeal it!

By ERIN MASTRE

Academic appeal is a serious matter at NAIT. Now that the first semester of 2006-2007 has come and gone, final course marks are in.

"We only have about three appeals per year due to the process we have in place," said Don Yurchuk Registrar and Dean of Admissions.

According to the NAIT Course Calendar, if students feel a mark in a given course is unsatisfactory they are advised to bring the matter to the instructor involved. Should the issue go unresolved, students should then speak to their program head or leader.

In cases where a whole semester's worth of work is in question, students are to go directly to the program head. If unsatisfactory results still prevail, the final resort is to ask the Registrar for a re-evaluation.

"If a student has an issue before they go anywhere, they should talk to the instructor. Some 95 per cent of issues are resolved before they even move to the Program level," Yurchuk said.

In instances where appeals do reach the registrar's office there is a re-evaluation fee.

Individuals with successful appeals have that fee refunded. Unsuccessful appeals are not refunded. When an entire semester is being investigated there is a review committee involving the Program Leader, one instructor not previously involved, and the student.

"Whenever we are dealing with an academic appeal we want to resolve the matter as quickly as possible before it escalates to higher levels," he explained.

Yurchuk also said that if deemed to change, marks do not go down they only go up.

"We want people, both staff and students, to take responsibility for their own actions. If marks are being discussed, go through them several times with an objective judgment."

If you are having trouble understanding a mark, talk to your instructor and go over the marking scheme together. At the very least you can see where you went wrong and how you can improve this term.

Comments? Please e-mail Erin at erniebern@hotmail.com.



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OPINION

- Editorial -

Questions raised on security

This was going to be an editorial about the safety of students who need to stay late at school, but have parked in the municipal airport parking lot. Since the shuttle buses stop running at 6 p.m. it means at least a 20 minute walk from campus for students who need to stay later.

Laura Brandon a student who has parked in the distant lot feels it's both a safety issue as well as inconvenience. "When it's January or February and it's -25C I hope somebody will give me a ride to my car, and also because it's unsafe."

However when conducting some research by logging on to NAIT's Student Services website and clicking on the Security & Parking link the web browser was directed to a financial aid page – three times! After clicking around for a little bit, and hitting Security & Parking under Departments and not Student Services it worked. Perhaps the website is trying to tell us something.

This is fitting, because it seems parking really isn't a service for students at NAIT. Recently the eighth level of lot B – the parkade – was annexed for staff parking. Driving by

each morning there are still empty stalls on the eighth level, but it's getting tight for students from the ninth level up to the 13th.

Continuing my research for student safety I discovered the Safe Walk program, and read a brief paragraph about being escorted to your car or bus stop when it's dark out. It was not mentioned if security officers were willing to walk 20 minutes to the municipal parking lot and back, or if they would drive students there.

"I thought Safe Walk was kind of inconvenient, and I'd feel awkward spending 20 minutes with two Safe Walk people walking me to the municipal lot," says Brandon who had heard of the program.

While safety is always an issue, what has been realized is that parking is no longer a student service. The Student Services Parking website is uncooperative, an entire level of student parking is given to staff without warning, and we're left with a 20 minute jaunt to our cars if the shuttle buses have stopped. Dare I say the Edmonton Transit System is starting to look good.



NAITSA passes on U-Pass

BY SHANT CHAKMAKIAN
Opinion

Does NAIT need a U-Pass? That is the question NAITSA executive and Senate have been asking over the past few months and the answer is, not yet.

What is a U-Pass? A U-Pass is essentially making your student ID become a universal bus pass. But as great as this sounds, it doesn't come free. NAITSA fees would increase significantly to offset such costs.

ETS service within the city is often not practical, nor is it convenient enough to warrant having 50% (or more) of the population using a U-Pass.

After careful surveying, NAITSA has found that most students are not in favor of such a prospect. However, working towards such a goal is an option that will be pursued.

Whether you take the bus or not you would have to pay for it – there is no opting out. Students generally aren't the richest demographic out there, and such a cost would have to be justified for them.

As it stands, only some students take public transit, therefore it is a cost not worth inflicting on everyone. However, NAITSA will be working with ETS to expand the level of service and infrastructure to make such an idea become a practicality.

At some point in the future ETS

hopes to be running high speed BRT bus lines here, and is also looking at implementing an LRT service. As this develops and usage becomes more common, it could be an idea worth pursuing.

As ETS expands, these solutions are a great way to offset the parking situation here at NAIT, which is often challenging. But until demand increases along with the capacity of the current infrastructure, we have to make due with what we've got.

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Astral Reflections



By TIM STEPHENS

JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 3, 2007

Aries March 21-April 19

Your popularity, optimism and happiness rise! This is a great year: many puzzles will be solved, you'll see the world in a more gentle and wise light, and you could easily fall deeply and profoundly in love. (Yes, you could wed, also.) This week and the next few, your romantic possibilities tend to arise from social gatherings, clubs, organizations, etc. You're ambitious, too, but bosses are impatient, testy, so exercise diplomacy. Sunday p.m.'s restless, curious, friendly. Lucky romantic, creative and learning passions build Wednesday night through Friday – plunge in!

Taurus April 20-May 20

Demonstrate your skills, reliability and eagerness to higher-ups, parents and important clients. They're willing to see what you have to offer in a long-term way. You have some good ideas now, especially about organization, systems, labor saving devices – you're thinking like an executive. Start early – things will slow down, mistakes enter, mid-February into early March. Now through February, don't be impulsive in legal areas. You might experience a dilemma between an attraction and your ethics. Chase money Sunday/Monday. Casual friends and travel bless you mid-week. Home, real estate succeed Thursday/Friday.

Gemini May 21-June 20

Love informs everything. Your view is broad and distant, your understanding increases. Higher learning, law, religion, philosophy, advertising, publishing, broadcast media, writing, teaching, cultural rituals and far travel draw you now, in lucky ways. If you're single and in love, sit down and talk marriage. Physical lust intensifies, into late February. Before March 8, don't be impulsive with finances or investments; act after careful deliberation. You're forming "secret hopes" but they will need "open action" to succeed. Your charisma soars Sunday/Monday. Ignore an early setback. Buy Monday/Tuesday. Travel Thursday/Friday.

Cancer June 21-July 22

The emphasis lies on mystery, investigation, lifestyle changes, and consequential action in financial, sexual, and health arenas. Opportunities arise that synchronize with this trend, through late February. For example, someone keeps "appearing" and making you feel sexy – and/or a business/career opportunity/situation arises. Realize that conditions are vola-

tile and others are impatient, even temperamental – act diplomatically and quickly, once you've decided what to do. A co-operative stance is essential. Start early on these, as mid-February will bring delays and mistakes. You'll learn things during this benevolent week. Money luck Thursday!

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Relationships assume center stage. You could fall in love. You'll attract admiring glances Wednesday night through Saturday morning. If you're married, your spouse grows vigorous, humorous and demanding – surrender! (His/her dreams could take you to lucky places, pleasures, and winnings.) Some Leos become single parents now – believe it or not, this ensures a loving, pleasurable future. Business relationships also bring luck and opportunity – if you don't demand to be the leader. Hard work is slated, through February. Start tasks early – mid-February will bring three weeks of delays and mistakes.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Tackle work (and any health concerns) in a full, broad manner. Mid-February will start a three-week slow-down, so begin any projects before then, get them well underway. Your romantic and creative courage grows powerfully now through February. You could be attracted to a verboten person (already married, etc.) or situation, so keep things honest and above-board. Again, with creative, teaching, speculative, pleasure, vacation and sports projects – all favored now – begin well before mid-February, or "set things up" for March 8 onward. You're hopeful, happy Monday-Wednesday, but retreat, rest Thursday/Friday.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Romance, creative surges, pleasure, beauty, hope and love, teaching and artistic success – these flow over you. Oddly, your ability to get along with someone important (to you, not to the world) sinks to a somewhat fractured, friction-prone level through February. In fact, your present winning streak could be the result of breaking from a restrictive person or situation. If you're happily married, avoid arguments, and turn your energy to home improvements, gardening, etc. Start any projects now, as mid-February will bring delays and mistakes. Popularity, happiness visit you Thursday/Friday!

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Pay attention to domestic matters, real estate, kids, home, retirement, nature, gardening, soul, stomach and security (even in business – e.g., establish your sales territory, secure your position). Nurturing your roots is more important than expanding your top end now. A paperwork, travel, communications, sibling-related or "office" project might have started recently or is looming before March – if you haven't started it yet, hurry, as mid-February will bring three weeks of delays and mistakes. A gentle person will compliment you soon

– he/she might have an "intense relationship" in mind.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Travel, communications, mail, distribution, office systems, telephony, casual friendships, sibling relations, details, reports and news media are emphasized, and favor you. Get things done, especially in these areas, because mid-February will bring a slowdown and will infect any new ventures (begun February 14-March 7) with inherent flaws. Money is flowing swiftly to you – and through you. If you save, staunch the financial bleeding, you could end up feeling affluent! Sunday/Monday brings a relationship situation – make up your mind about this person. Love, university entrance or far travel possible Thursday/Friday!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Start money projects quickly, as mid-February brings slowdowns and mistakes. Your sexual magnetism simmers now through February. A sensual relationship could begin – though it probably won't become a life-time love. (Besides, your life will change in huge ways next year onward, bringing new goals and likes/dislikes.) You might feel an urge to end situations now through February, or to establish a new "home base" (even in business). Okay, but deliberate first, and act calmly. Communications are affectionate, easy. Relationships excite Monday/Tuesday. An intimate or financial breakthrough possible Thursday/Friday!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Your energy, charisma and effectiveness continue high and strong! Use this great time to make new friends and join new groups, clubs, organizations, etc. (Though Aries and first names beginning with A or R might prove unsuitable right now.) But join early, as mid-February to March 8 will only support former friendships, groups. Your money picture improves this week through late March. A Leo might chase you: be flattered, not distant! Romance, creativity and risk draw you Sunday/Monday. Tackle chores mid-week. Opportunities, exciting meetings fill Thursday/Friday – a Leo impresses.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Lie low, rest, contemplate and plan. Protect your health and reputation. Though you're in recuperation mode, Venus sweetens your days – she brings pleasant interchanges and little sub-surface flirtations. Your money hopes grow now to late February, perhaps connected to a social group, a friend, or a planned public entertainment event or "showing." But either start ventures soon, or wait, as mid-February to March 7 will bring delays and mistakes. Sunday's sluggish, but Monday eve into Wednesday perks up your pleasures and passions. Slog through those growing chores Thursday/Friday. All's well!

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Dear Sex Doc;
I've noticed that my girlfriend isn't as 'in touch' with her genitals as I am with mine. I'm not just talking about the fact that she doesn't masturbate while on her own. She doesn't even seem to like her genitals. Why can't she love her vag as much as I love my dick?
Proud Penis @ SAIT

Dear Proud Penis @ SAIT;
This is much more common than you may think. Research shows that girls don't dig their precious as much as men love their tools. Twenty-two percent of women don't like the smell of their pink lady, while only 3% of guys think their wiener smells like stagnant Borneo swamp water.

Studies have also found that a lot of girls don't like the texture and amount of their pubic hair. A guy's genital image issues are centred around the size of their limp penis, cause no one can tell how big it really gets.

As a man, I can't blame you girls for thinking your genitals look 'weird.' Society perpetuates this myth, does it not Proud Penis?

When we compare slang words for penis and vulva it is easy to see that a guy's piece (dong, dick, stick, sword) is powerful. Slang for a woman's tender regions aren't so positive. Beaver, box, beef curtains, bearded clam, and the c word don't sound too appealing. As a male, I think it is important to note that it is mainly men who use these slang terms and the ones who keep these myths afloat.

There are some other reasons that us men find it easier to connect with our willys. Most men connect daily with theirs and we know that women (including your honey) do that a quarter less than men.

And Proud Penis, you've probably figured out that your tube is external whereas most of your girl-

friend's nether region is internal.

A boy gets to know his pee pee at a very early age. For all of you students out there who have seen a baby boy get his diaper changed you've probably noticed that the first thing little Johnny grabs is his junior. Why you ask? Because it is full of nerve endings and it feels good.

Boys also learn to touch their stick when they get potty trained. They become very familiar with their dingle-dangles by puberty. Weekly, they'll check themselves out in the mirror and see what's happening down there. Proud Penis, I'd bet a lot of money that your girlfriend has never taken a good look at her genitals.

Your girlfriend and her gal friends have been led to believe (by men) that their coochy is stinky. And, plenty of them buy into the douching routine. In fact, a study sponsored by Summer's Eve (hello) found that women have better genital image if they had control over their body's freshness.

So Proud Penis, I'm totally stoked that you love to stroke.

However, it is going to take some time for your lady friend to open up. Though these societal messages towards women's sexuality are losing momentum, many girls still subscribe to these social scripts.

It may take some time for your gal and her friends to stop worrying about being stinky or having an afro jutting out of their shorts. From the look of the locker room, men certainly don't seem to care. Maybe women shouldn't be so concerned either.

Dear Sex Doc;
Hey, Sex Doc! My younger brother has been storing the same condom in his wallet for 3 years. Is this safe? I've heard you shouldn't keep a condom in your wallet.
Concerned Older Brother @ University of Lethbridge

Dear Concerned Older Brother @ University of Lethbridge;
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Downtown gives Whyte competition

By JULIE PHILLIPS

It's Saturday night in Edmonton and there's nothing to do besides checking out the game at Hudson's, going dancing at the Globe, grabbing a pint at O'Byrne's, being seen at the Bank, seeing a band at the Sidetrack, checking out the Ranch for a two-steppin' good time, partying at the Stonehouse or the Druid if you're downtown, Fever or Dante's if you're in the west end, Lux for a martini, or maybe New City or the Roost for an open-minded experience.

So really, with all of that, how do you decide where to go?

Is there really a division between the north and south sides of the North Saskatchewan?

Does a vibrant downtown stem from a vibrant nightlife? These questions fuel my thoughts as I make up my mind to go out dressed fashionably, but not practically for the -21C night.

A friend invites me out promising "naked cello playing and condiments" so I make The Landing Pad my first stop of the evening.

After viewing several pieces in the avant-garde performance salon series Ce N'est pas une Pirouette, I can tell it's going to be an interesting night. After a mayonnaise-filled finale (don't ask) it's time to cross the High Level and hit the Ave.

We hit the Black Dog, hangout where fashionable hipsters mingle, sip pints of Grasshopper, and discuss matters with a backdrop of alternative music. Bouncer Cody Krahn describes the scene on Whyte as "a complete gong show."

The Attic and the Funky Buddha, like the Dog, are also attracting throngs.

A patron explains his philosophy on why he prefers Whyte Avenue. "There's like 40 bars on the Ave. You can go to whatever you want. It's very convenient, and you always see someone you

know. Its familiarity is what it is."

Funky Buddha bouncer Derek Banks figures what sets the Funky Buddha apart from other places on Whyte is there's "no attitude."

At this point, I've been harassing bouncers and random partiers for nearly 20 minutes and I'm freezing, so I thaw in the sophisticated Sapphire. Owner Casey Greabeiel believes Edmonton's changing. "It's becoming way more of a downtown city," Greabeiel says.

"In the next five to 10 years downtown has the ability to be a destination as downtown, rather than just one location," he predicts.

Juan Cortez, a University of Alberta student, makes an interesting point about Whyte Ave. "It's not really called bar-hopping downtown. It's more like bar-catch-a-cab-and-go-to-the-next-place," explains Cortez.

This distance between clubs downtown sometimes bothers people but not everyone agrees Whyte Avenue is the only place to party.

Steve Atamaniuk, a NAIT Radio and Television student, believes the downtown party scene is getting a lot better. "In the past maybe four years downtown has really exploded."

Starbucks employees Sarah and Garrett also figure the downtown is now the place to be.

"It's a hooch-fest on Whyte Ave," says Garrett.

"It's not even fun. You get everybody who's 18 and 19 strutting their stuff. It's all a show and you can barely talk to any of these people. There's way more to do downtown," he explains.

Sarah prefers an environment that's not a meat market. "You can actually hear people when you're talking, you can dance, and you don't get ripped off," she explains.

Sidetrack Cafe programs operator Leard Robertson figures the appeal of his place is that "we're a

live music venue. Live entertainment seven nights a week."

Audio engineer John Rubuliak thinks club owners downtown have to cooperate to grow the scene.

"Club owners downtown need to stick together rather than fight over business and try to bring more people downtown on the weekends," believes Rubuliak.

Matt Austin, Hudson's downtown manager, figures the main distinction between Hudson's downtown and Hudson's on the south side is the demographics.

"Downtown is an older crowd. More people who live in this area own their own condos. Nearer the university there are more rental



Even with temperatures in the minus 20s, the Funky Buddha was still lined up outside the door Saturday.

Photo's by Juile Phillips

properties," says Austin.

Mike Yasinski, president of Gateway Entertainment, has bars on Whyte and one downtown – Hudson's locations, the Union Hall and the Ranch.

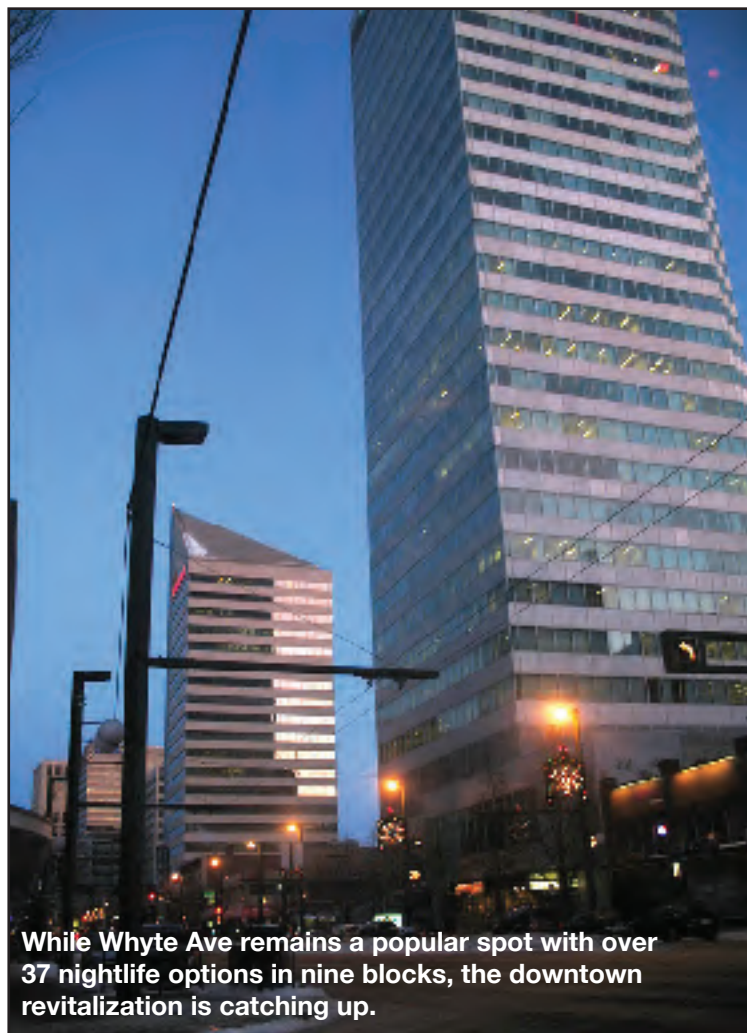
"The city is growing," says Yasinski who recently opened a Hudson's location downtown. "People are living downtown and staying downtown, but for the overall success of any area there have to be restaurants, shops, campuses, and the residents of the area are all considered. It can't be only bars," he observes.

Because it's close to the U of A campus Whyte Avenue will likely remain lively and popular while the downtown grows in popularity, say bar operators and patrons who were interviewed.

DJ David Stone sums it up this way: "As much as business and industry drive the economy nightlife defines the soul of a city. Nightlife is how we interact and express ourselves. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy as the saying goes."

Do you have opinions about Edmonton's nightlife? Contact Julie!

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While Whyte Ave remains a popular spot with over 37 nightlife options in nine blocks, the downtown revitalization is catching up.

A nerdy paradise for the gamest gamers

BRENT CONSTANTIN
Arts & Culture Editor

As a comic book nerd, video game nerds are my mortal enemies.

But with the Video Games Live concert at the Jubilee Monday I decided to put our differences aside to check out the show.

The first thing I noticed when I went inside was "Wow, the Jubilee sure is fancy!" and immediately after that, "Wow, there are sure a lot of weirdoes here."

Now don't get me wrong, the majority of the audience were normal folks who just happened to

like orchestrated video game music (if that makes sense), but a strong minority were dancing around the lobby dressed in costumes that don't translate into real life as well as they do for the video game characters they originate with.

A few weeks ago, when I interviewed Tommy Tallarico, the show's co-creator and video game composer, he described the event this way: "Something that when people see it they say 'I can't believe this exists!' When video game fans come to the show it's just an unreal experience." After seeing it, I agree.

The atmosphere was catered straight to the gaming crowd, with

a pre-show that consisted of Sony booths to try out some games, a guitar hero contest, and of course a costume contest, which explains the people dressed up (but doesn't excuse them).

Climbing up to the top of the Jube we found our seats midway through the first piece, a collection of arcade classics. Tallarico came out and welcomed us to the show, hyping the crowd up with the fact that this is "...the first video game concert in Alberta!" Who knew?

The iconic songs performed (Mario, Zelda) were definitely the highlights for me. Maybe I'm just not that hip and with it, but some of

their choices were just odd.

I swore at times I was was watching a commercial – especially with the big screen displaying game footage. The Halo 3 piece was just blatant advertising, it went on for maybe a minute tops before ending with the words on the display, Summer 2007.

I didn't pay for my ticket, but I'm sure those who did didn't go to be inundated with advertising. But, I digress...

The performances were stellar all around, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, and the Kokopeli Chamber Choir put on a great show.

It was just the music selection I didn't enjoy. A lot of the games

I played that were showcased I didn't recognize the themes from, which either says that I don't have the retention I did when I was 13 or most of the music they were choosing wasn't that familiar.

The show was an experience though, and I'm going out on a limb to say that, judging from the number of Nintendo DSs whipped out during intermission, most of the people in attendance aren't regular patrons of the Jubilee. But on the other hand, how often does the Jubilee have giant, motion sensor games of Space Invaders?

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- Hinder live in Edmonton -

Rock bad boys true to image



Lead singer Austin Winkler rocks out in Edmonton.

By KERRY DIOTTE
Nugget Editorial Adviser

Hinder is out to bring back the glory days of bad-boy rock pioneered by legendary outfits like Led Zeppelin, the Rolling Stones and Aerosmith.

That's evident given the Oklahoma City band's Vancouver-produced hit CD is called *Extreme Behavior* and features tunes like *Get Stoned*.

It's a case of speaking from experience on that topic seeing as how Hinder's official website (www.hindermusic.com) displays a prominent photo of tattooed lead singer Austin Winkler sparking up what looks to be a sizable bowl of bud.

Band members are renowned for encouraging female concert-goers to toss bras on the stage, inviting fans to party on their tour bus and bemoaning the fact rock 'n' roll bands in the '70s and '80s allegedly knew how to take things to the extreme better than most groups today.

"Rock 'n' roll back in the day, back in the '70s and '80s, that seems like when it was at its peak and everybody was having fun," bass player Mike Rodden told *The Edmonton Sun* recently. "Once the '90s rolled around, it turned into depressing, sad shit and nobody wanted to have a good time anymore."

Hinder's not falling into that trap as evidenced by the raucous, rowdy show the band laid down at West Edmonton Mall's Edmonton Events Centre Saturday night headlining for Econoline Crush and Black Stone Cherry.

Before the bad boys even took the stage they threw down a challenge to party raunchy and hard. Winkler's mike stand stood at centre stage adorned with a large collection of women's bras presumably culled from previous shows. A crew member pointed this out, urging females in the audience to add to the collection.

Once on stage the band reeled off one high-energy hit after another to a seething crowd of fist-pumping patrons who crammed the front of the stage. Women made up the bulk of the throng in the front rows, and yes, frequently contributed to the bra collection throughout the 70-minute set.

Winkler — who counts recovering sex addict Steve Tyler as an inspiration — bounded all over the stage frequently climbing on to risers to growl out the tunes as women gyrated and snapped cell phone photos of him.

The biggest applause was reserved for the mega-hit, *Lips of an Angel*, a song that goes well with the group's bad boy image since the lyrics tell of a guy having to whisper when making an intimate call to a former lover 'cause "my girl's in the next room. Sometimes I wish she was you ..."

That offering had many audience members buying into the nasty boy theme by singing along.

The sound was powerful but somewhat muddled, typical of a band playing a smaller room than it normally does. As cavernous as Edmonton's Shaw Conference Centre is, Hinder's sound was better there when playing this past fall's *Bear Bash*.

The audience of about 1,700 didn't seem to mind the sound especially when the band launched into *Get Stoned* for an encore. Fans sang those lusty lyrics loudly too:

"Let's go home and get stoned
"We could end up makin love instead of misery
"Go home and get stoned
"Cause the sex is so much better when you're mad at me."

After the sweaty show, a shivering chick in a tight-fitting dress could be seen patiently waiting in the parking lot outside Hinder's tour bus.

Apparently, when you're bad boys, the rock 'n' roll party never ends — and that's just the way they and their fans want it.

Politic Live album is an impressive effort

By JONNY FIVE

The sophomore effort from Edmonton hip hop group *Politic Live* is a pleasantly surprising mixture of club tracks, as well as lighter flavoured cuts. Their lack of sampling and their original music is a marked departure from today's average sample-filled hip hop.

The issue is being original and memorable lyrically, and the rhymes the members of *Politic Live* drop feel slightly generic.

Having listened to the album numerous times, I am struck by the realization that none of the songs

stick out in my mind as hits. A lot of them sound like Kanye West material, but they sound like songs off of Kanye albums that you skip through to get to the good stuff.

Travels with Akeem echoes MC's like Wyclef in it's Caribbean infused narrative tale of the unrealized brilliance of those we take for granted in everyday life, and stands as my favorite song here.

Overall, this album is impressive, but fails to be truly great by lacking the fire necessary to truly separate it from the crowd.

Give me Blackstar or Kanye any day. I know they produce great

tracks because I can remember them without needing to re-listen to the CD.

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Some good gigs in January

By MARK RODGERS

With only a couple of weeks left in January there have already been a wrath of good shows.

Snoop Dogg hot boxed Rexall on the same night Emily Haines chilled out the Citadel. Before that we saw Evanescence whip up the young crowd at Rexall, and Dierks Bentley please the country crowd at the same venue.

But what? There are still a few good shows left in January and there are more to come for the spring.

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

I will be breaking down live shows by week and letting you know if you should let the student loan ride on those concert tickets. If your cash is limited then I'll let you know if you should wait. Maybe you'll want to eat, or maybe there is another show way more worth your time and money.

Who: Billy Talent with Rise Against, Moneen and Anti-Flag
When: Tonight (Thursday)

Where: Rexall Place
How Much: Does not matter it's sold out. Otherwise Low \$24.27, High \$39.75

Why or Why Not: Four bands like this for the price is easy – they're your best bet if you're a fan of a good old rock show. What makes this concert worth your time and money is that most real fans won't be going for the headliner. The crowd at this show will be solid for almost every band. Rise Against may draw a more vicious swarm in front of the stage than Billy Talent.

Who: Casting Crowns
When: Friday, Jan. 26
Where: Shaw Conference Center
How Much: \$29.00 includes all charges

Why or Why Not: Christian pop group Casting Crowns began as a student worship band in Daytona Beach, FL in 1999. They are a part of Break Forth Canadian Conference, which is the largest Christian Conference in Canada. Tickets can be found through New Creation Ministry at 417-5082.

Who: Matt Mays
When: Saturday, Jan. 27
Where: Starlite Room

How Much: \$18.50/No Minors

Why or Why Not: With enough radio play of Cocaine Cowgirl, most people will recognize the name Matt Mays. The venue and the price are very suitable for this show, and not having any annoying minors is a bonus. If this is your bag, than twenty bucks isn't bad for a nice little gig.

Who: Papa Roach, It Dies Today
When: Tuesday, Feb. 1
Where: Edmonton Event Center
How Much: \$26.50/Day of \$32.00

Why or Why Not: All ages shows are necessary, and sometimes they can be fun. If you don't like all ages shows then maybe you should stay clear of this one. With death metal band It Dies Today opening, this show has potential, but if the funds are limited save your heavy metal cash for Cradle of Filth in February.

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NAIT has a dance team? Yes!

By MARK RODGERS

Who likes to dance? A select number of students here at NAIT liked dancing enough to start a team.

They enjoy dancing, but also need to get an education – a perfect match for a school that has sport teams but no cheerleaders.

Business student, Ashley Ozment has been dancing since she can remember, but she has been at NAIT only since September. She feels that the school needs a team to be able to compete at the 109th Street Challenge, and to bring up the overall vibe of our home games.

“Grant MacEwan at the 109th Challenge have their dancers there. I just thought to support our teams it would be fun if we came out and cheered everybody because NAIT rocks,” says Ozment when explaining why NAIT needs a dance team.

For the first while the team was not able to choose where they danced because the NAIT fitness coordinators let them know what games they wanted them to dance at. Being busy students, they were able to choose from which events they could fit into their schedules.

With the dance team consisting of a variety of students from Architectural Design to Baking to Business getting everybody on the same schedule is hard. Another



The first ever NAIT athletics dance team made its debut at the women's hockey game Jan. 20 at NAIT arena.

Photo by Michelle Yarham

challenge faced by the team is that Ozment and teammate Roxy are the team's choreographers, music coordinators, and costume designers.

The rest of the year is planned including a fundraiser at Cowboys on Mar. 24, which will help to raise money to hire a part-time choreog-

rapher for the next semester and take care of some of the costume expenses.

Auditions are also planned for next semester, and men are welcome because the team is not full even though they have eight committed students.

“We had a fundraiser in December, but the turn out was not what we wanted because it was after exams. But we really hope that people come out in March, just come out to the games. You're supporting your school, come watch us, come watch the games and have a good

time,” says Ozment as the team gears up for the rest of the semester that will include appearances at the 109th Street Challenge Feb. 9 and Feb. 17 both in the NAIT Gym.

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Athletes of the week



Karen Ng
Badminton

A second-year Accounting student, Karen comes to NAIT from Fredericton, N.B. In a critical match against Mount Royal, Karen defeated their top singles player, clinching the 4-3 win for NAIT. This is the first time in five years that NAIT has beaten MRC. Karen, who will represent New Brunswick at the upcoming Canada Games, has improved consistently throughout the year and now ranks in Badminton Alberta's Top 25. Karen qualified for the CCAA nationals last year but could not compete due to an injury to her doubles partner. Great weekend Karen!

The NAIT Male Athlete of the Week is Skyler Van Heukelom also from the badminton team. Originally from Vancouver, Skyler is a second-year Business student who is in his third year of eligibility. He's also played a year at Langara College and last year with the Ooks. Competing in all three events this weekend, he compiled a 6-1 win-loss record including an upset win over Mount Royal's top player. Thanks to Skyler's efforts, the Ooks finished second overall in the third ACAC badminton tournament. Skyler has a strong chance of qualifying for the CCAA nationals in mixed doubles.

Skyler Van Heukelom
Badminton

- Around NAIT -

Ooks badminton goes Hawaiian



By JORDAN RICHEY

You don't have to be a highly paid professional athlete to get to travel to exotic locations to compete.

Just ask members of the Ooks badminton team who recently returned from a competition in Hawaii featuring players from all over the world. NAIT proved to be world-beaters to boot.

Amid stiff competition, newly

acquired Ooks, Janci Templeman won the “B” singles and mixed-doubles titles, and scooped the “B” doubles consolation draw with partner Renee Au.

Just like professional athletes, the team had a chance to drink in the surroundings of Hawaii by tripping out to the North Shore, attending a traditional luau, snorkeling at world-famous Hanamama Bay and attending the Sony Open PGA event. Besides that they shopped

'til they dropped in Honolulu and chilled out on legendary Waikiki beach.

It's the fourth year the NAIT squad had attended the tourney since 2000. The team goes every second year allowing it to fundraise to cover costs. Unlike professional athletes, each player must pay their own air fare.

Price of admission steep for students

By SEAN SZOPA

With player salaries soaring and the desire for pro sports tickets heating up, attending games nowadays comes with great sacrifice. With escalating ticket prices, the real losers are the students. Ultimately, problems arise for student fans, who are hungry for a chance to witness live sports because of the all mighty dollar.

Here in the city of champions, the Edmonton Oilers are the only franchise associated with a world-class professional sports league. Statistics reported that after the 2005-2006 NHL season, more than half of the teams reported raised ticket prices.

Edmonton juiced up prices by 12.4 percent (the second highest in the league). Currently the cheapest ticket anyone can find is \$34, which is during the week up in the standing gallery. At the end of the day the average price of admission is \$101.31.

These numbers create nightmares for students who battle through various expenses just to get by.

Certainly some students have the ability to afford these outrageous prices, but in most cases the tickets grow more and more out of reach.

“Edmonton juiced up prices by 12.4 percent (the second highest in the league).”

“Tickets are too pricey, and a student who works one or two times a week can’t afford it,” says NAIT student Phillip Darch.

Currently many of the students who attend post-secondary institutions spend all of their money on tuition and book fees. Eventually these students are left with empty pockets and their chances of landing tickets become minuscule.

In early September, the WHL will welcome a new franchise, the “Edmonton Oil Kings.” With the departure of the Edmonton Ice in 1998 many people have not experienced the stimulation of junior hockey.

Benefits surface with the opportunity to witness excellent hockey by generous ticket prices.

“I would watch the Oil kings. Junior hockey showed promise in the past,” says Darch.

Many people do not realize the passion involved in junior hockey, and the quality has matured over the years.

Darch also adds that witnessing a junior game would be a pretty good experience. Overall, students will be able to manage cheaper ticket prices and also discover a new brand of hockey.

The question we must ask ourselves is how much is too much?

Many of the fans in today’s society are students. However, with the average ticket to an Oilers game being about \$100 the students will most likely have to stay home.

Welcoming a junior hockey team can bring some relief to the pressures of affording to go to a quality hockey game. But the meat and potatoes of ticket prices, is that if admissions rates continue to mount students will suffer!

Ooks sink Vikings

By ANDREW DUNAJ

As the playoff season looms closer the NAIT Ooks men’s hockey team seems to be gearing up at just the right time. The Ooks faced a team from Augustana that are winding down what is deemed to be a disappointing season for the Vikings.

The series started Friday night at NAIT where the game stayed close for a period but through the second period NAIT pulled away and ended up winning the game 6-1.

Notables from the game included Jeremy McKibbin who had two goals and an assist for the Ooks, and Matt Kirkpatrick who stepped in net and picked up the impressive win.

Saturday night NAIT was prepared for anything Augustana would send their way after the crushing loss the night before. Cass Johnson picked up two goals and an assist for NAIT, and regular goaltender Kevin Dziaduck made 25 saves for his 10th win of the year and the Ooks fifth straight.

The Vikings fought valiantly but to no avail with a 7-1 crushing from NAIT.

In women’s hockey action it was another installment of the 109th Street Challenge. It was a battle of the best versus the worst.

Friday night the action started off in St. Albert where the Ooks tried desperately to keep up with the Griffins, but fell just short 4-2.

Ashley Sochatsky for NAIT kept the pace in her charge for the top point getter in the ACAC with a goal on the night.

Saturday night behind Ooks fans, the ladies from NAIT gave Grant MacEwan a run for their money in a three all tie.

Fifth in ACAC scoring, Sarah Wanchuk kept pace with teammate Ashley Sochatsky with two goals and an assist Saturday night.

In men’s basketball NAIT was facing the worst team in the league in King’s College. Thursday night proved to be nothing difficult for the Ooks in an 83 to 69 win for NAIT.

On Saturday it took the Ooks overtime, but they still managed to get the job done against King’s 81-73.

The women had themselves a difficult weekend against King’s College. On Thursday NAIT played tough, but in the end came up short 75-70 in a heart breaker.

On Saturday with some usual starters sitting on the bench NAIT lost 79-67 for their fourth loss in a row.

In men’s volleyball the Ooks got blanked out this past weekend by Red Deer College to lose their 11th and 12th games in a row, thereby remaining in the cellar of the ACAC.

The NAIT women fought hard against Red Deer in volleyball this past weekend, but fell short in both games 3-1 and 3-0.

The two losses keep NAIT two points behind King’s College. It was another busy week in Ooks’ athletics, and expect more of the same this weekend. Especially in the tough battle the Ooks face in men’s hockey this weekend against Mount Royal.



The NAIT Ooks men’s hockey team took on Augustana college at NAIT arena Jan. 19 and came away with a 6-1 victory.

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Edmonton Rush Offensiveman Chris Gill takes on Colorado Mammoth defenceman John Gallant at Rexall Place Jan 19th. The Rush were defeated 16-9 in their third home game of the season.

By ANDREW DUNAJ

It's time for the annual all-star break in the NHL, and for the Edmonton Oilers the break couldn't come soon enough.

After winning two in a row, the Oilers had a chance to gain huge momentum into the break facing Calgary at Rexall Place. So what do the Oilers do? Try hard for the first period and end up down one after it.

Losing 4-0 in the Battle of Alberta really amplifies the way the season has been going. The Oilers are going to have to win around 70% of the remainder of the season for a chance to barely even make it into the playoffs this year.

Should the Oilers blow off the rest of the season? Should they trade away all their unrestricted free agents to make plenty of room for Kevin Lowe to work with this summer? Who knows?

In all honesty they probably will not do that because of the city they play in. Edmonton fans will destroy K-Lowe and the Oilers if they toss the season away. Edmonton fans need a reason to go watch their team play, and aren't a group to quickly forget things that are done to them.

Struggling on the road this year just means trouble for Edmonton. After the all-star break, Edmonton plays 18 of their last 34 games on the road including two huge road trips of six and seven.

The Super Bowl is fast approaching and finally Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts are going to the show. A slow start looked like the end for the Colts, but a strong second half finally gave Indianapolis the AFC Championship.

The Chicago Bears had Mother Nature on their side running over the New Orleans Saints at Solider Field. New Orleans players are used to playing indoors so the snow really hurt their chances.

Rex Grossman for the Bears played great and Chicago didn't have any turnovers all game, which was a great change for once.

The Edmonton Rush started off the season with a big win against Philadelphia at home, but since then they've suffered tough losses against Calgary and tied a record for the biggest loss in team history losing by seven goals against Colorado.

ACAC Standings

ACAC MEN'S HOCKEY

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Tie	OTL	Points	GF	GA	Home	Away
SAIT	16	10	2	3	1	24	87	50	5-1-2	5-2-1
Mount Royal	14	10	3	1	0	21	87	46	7-0-1	3-3-0
NAIT	16	10	5	1	0	21	86	65	6-3-0	4-2-1
Concordia	16	8	7	1	0	17	65	64	5-3-1	3-4-0
MacEwan	14	8	5	1	0	17	49	45	2-4-0	6-1-1
Augustana	16	2	10	1	3	8	45	85	1-6-1	1-7-0
Briercrest	16	1	12	2	1	5	36	100	1-5-0	0-8-2

ACAC Women's Hockey

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Tie	OTL	Points	GF	GA	Home	Away
MacEwan	16	11	5	0	0	22	67	43	6-2-0	5-3-0
SAIT	16	8	4	4	0	20	57	41	5-2-1	3-2-3
Red Deer	16	8	6	2	0	18	49	35	5-2-1	3-4-1
Mount Royal	16	7	6	3	0	17	49	44	3-3-2	4-3-1
U of C	16	4	10	1	1	10	26	50	3-4-1	1-7-0
NAIT	16	5	11	0	0	10	37	72	3-5-0	2-6-0

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Points	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak
MacEwan	16	13	3	26	1408	1166	5-2	8-1	W2
Lakeland	16	12	4	24	1235	1160	5-2	7-2	W1
Concordia	16	10	6	20	1175	1116	5-3	5-3	L1
NAIT	16	7	9	14	1209	1206	4-5	3-4	L1
Grande Prairie	14	7	7	14	1084	1059	3-5	4-2	W1
Augustana	14	4	10	8	1095	1186	2-4	2-6	W3
The King's Univ College	16	1	15	2	1088	1401	1-8	0-7	L12

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
as of January 13, 2007

North Division

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Points	PF	PA	Home	Away	Streak
MacEwan	16	14	2	28	1203	908	6-1	8-1	W5
The King's Univ College	16	12	4	24	1139	1035	6-3	6-1	L2
Grande Prairie	14	11	3	22	968	890	7-1	4-2	W4
Concordia	16	7	9	14	1039	1025	4-5	3-4	W2
NAIT	16	5	11	10	1031	1103	4-4	1-7	L2
Lakeland	16	3	13	6	911	1145	2-5	1-8	L3
Augustana	14	2	12	4	898	1083	1-5	1-7	L6

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
as of January 14, 2007

Blue Division

Team	MP	MW	ML	Points	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak
MacEwan	18	15	3	30	48	19	9-1	6-2	L1
Red Deer	18	14	4	28	47	18	7-3	7-1	W2
Mount Royal	16	10	6	20	36	25	6-2	4-4	W1
Grande Prairie	18	10	8	20	34	30	3-3	7-5	L2
Briercrest	18	6	12	12	25	41	5-5	1-7	W2
The King's Univ. College	17	5	12	10	24	41	2-6	3-6	W2
NAIT	17	1	16	2	9	49	1-8	0-8	L10

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
as of January 14, 2007

Blue Division

Team	MP	MW	ML	Points	GW	GL	Home	Away	Streak
MacEwan	18	16	2	32	48	17	9-1	7-1	L2
Mount Royal	16	14	2	28	45	7	8-1	6-1	W4
Red Deer	18	13	5	26	40	18	7-2	6-3	W5
Grande Prairie	18	8	10	16	30	39	3-3	5-7	L5
NAIT	17	5	12	10	23	44	4-5	1-7	W1
The King's Univ. College	17	4	13	8	19	43	2-6	2-7	L4
Briercrest	18	1	17	2	14	51	1-9	0-8	L1

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These women aren't snobs!

Getting all the "snobby" ladies! Dear Shmizzle a.k.a Super Nerd and everyone else who still thinks of Interior Design girls as snobs:

I am one of the few guys in the large class of IDT students and would like to shed some light on everyone's skewed views of how the ladies really are. Over the past semester and a half I have gotten to know nearly every female IDT student.

I personally know that none of them are snobs, in fact they all have amazing qualities and have reached out to me on many occasions. They have gone out of their way to get to know me better. Some may be more shy than others, but ask yourself this: have you made an attempt to talk to any of them? Or are you yourself too "snobby" to make the first move?

Personally, I can relate to them because on many occasions I can sense how uncomfortable they are when groups of six or more engineering students are standing at the open doorway to our classroom waiting for anyone to show some tits or ass ... really classy guys.

It's not just the guys in the annex either. Last semester, every Wednesday in the main building while waiting to get into our classroom a group of 30 or more guys would gather on the level above just to get a glimpse down someone's shirt.

If you guys had the brains or the balls to walk up to them and have a civil conversation with them instead

of calling them "snobs" under the veil of a newspaper posting you would be getting as much action as I am. Better luck next year guys!

Sincerely,
Design Pimp 2007

Dear Emogirl, I found this dungeon called the photography lab. Despite following the light that is your face I could not get through the epic maze and reach my goal of your love. However, I did leave a note for you on the bulletin board in the photography section. Please reply soon.

Love,
The Gangsta of Love

Don't be intimidated by my greatness.
-Jeff

Problem # 14: I was walking down the E- wing, only to realize a women with low cut jeans, nice pink string running between the cheeks, but there was one problem: it was one axe handle wide! Not cool!

- Nuggetboy

I am a single, blonde female seeking a single male, who is compatible with good friend 'Mary Jane.' He must be easy going and laid back. No drama, no minors, and no assholes. Anyone interested in hangin' out, and havin' some fun email me at: BBgirl_420@hotmail.com.

NAIT Clubs

Cabaret tickets can be purchased at the NAITSA Office (Rm. E-131)
Raffle tickets can be purchased directly from the technology club

Dental Assisting Cabaret at The Ranch
January 26

Construction Engineering Raffle Feb.2
(all around campus)

Personal Fitness Trainer Postural Assessment Feb.8 in front of NAITSA office

Biological Sciences Speed Dating In the Nest Feb. 8 at 7:00pm

Personal Fitness Trainer Valentines Bake Sale Feb. 14 in front of NAITSA 11:15am to 1:15pm

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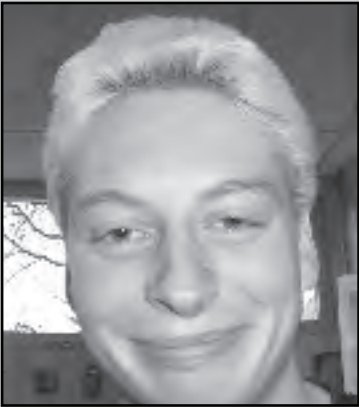
What annoys you the very most?



The crowded lunch rooms.
Tim Silk
First Year Apprentice Cap-
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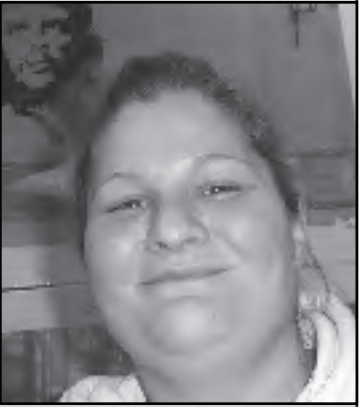
Nothing.
Mike Gabos
Instrumentations



External forces in the uni-
verse causing a natural abun-
dance in my mind, so I lose
touch with reality and engage
in impure thoughts and
deeds.
Percy Marshall



When people don't wash
their hands after they go to
the bathroom.
Valene Steeys
Civil Engineering Technol-
ogy



People that don't say 'excuse
me' or anything when they
bump into you.
Karen Thompson
Automotives Pre-Trades



Lucie



Lucie warms The Nest

By BRENT CONSTANTIN



This week's hot single's face may seem a little familiar to some of you, especially those of you that eat food. If you placed her as one of the Hostesses at the Nest then you're a cheater, because you looked down at her uniform! I said her FACE looked familiar, of course her uniform would! Why are you so disgraceful to everything I'm trying to build here? This is why we can't have nice things!

B: Hi Lucie.
L: Hello.

L: Sorry about that.

B: So what are you taking here at NAIT?
L: I'm currently upgrading my Bio and stuff to get into the paramedic program.

B: Don't worry about it. Tell me about working here at the Nest, is it a lot of fun to work at the campus bar?
L: Oh yeah, everyone that works here is so nice it's a blast. Plus it's 99 percent guys, so that's a plus.

B: Oh okay, sounds good.
L: Yeah except they recently changed the prerequisites so that I don't need to do this upgrading anymore.

B: Wow! I had no idea!
L: But other than that I really love it!

B: Well at least you'll know all about cell mitosis. That's knowledge that's invaluable when you're....rescuing cells...
So are you from the city Lucie?
L: Yeah I'm from Edmonton., I went to Ross Shep High School.

B: So tell me why you're hot Lucie.
L: You tell me. Didn't you ask me to do this?

B: Okay and—
L: Hold on a second...
Lucie leaves, to go ring out one of her tables

B: To avoid you punching me in the face maybe it's best that you tell me.
L: Okay, well I'm full of love and smiles... umm this is hard...I guess I'm just naturally sexy. And I'm mysterious, so if you want to know more you know where to find me!

That's Lucie! So either venture forth to the Nest, or e-mail me at brent_constantin@yahoo.ca to get in touch with her. And for all of you that would love to see a full page spread of yourselves on the back of the Nugget e-mail your details to brent_constantin@yahoo.ca and I'll try to get you in!

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