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**Faced with a loss of nearly \$100,000 over the last two years, the student bar is undergoing changes that it's hoped will see it back in black**

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# NEWS & FEATURES

## Nest loses, takes steps

By ERIN MASTRE  
Student Issues Editor

'Better late than never' describes NAITSA's attitude after the association's accountant was late in delivering financial statements for the 2005-06 school year. Feb. 7 marked its third and final attempt at the annual general meeting (AGM) for review of financial statements.

Two big money losers for NAITSA in the reporting year were student handbooks and the student bar and restaurant, the Nest. The Nest lost money for a second year in a row in amounts upwards of \$100,000. It is now up to Margo Saraya, the new operations manager, to turn things around for the campus hotspot.

### Make-or-break

The 2006-07 year has now become the 'make-or-break-it-year' for the Nest. However, student politicians say things have already begun to turn around. Returning students may have also noticed some major renovations there to help bolster attendance and give the place a new feel.

The Nest differs from regular restaurants as it only operates for two-thirds of the year, unlike most bars and restaurants. This makes it extra challenging to try and run a business, say student politicians.

"The new management really knows how to deal with general budgeting, staff pay, benefits, and other day-to-day operations", explained Garth Crump, VP External. He also detailed that there has been a solid and conscious effort to do better this year.

### Will stay open

Their efforts must be paying off, which means the Nest will be staying open, he says. "We are hoping to break even this year, but there is real potential for the Nest to actually make money," he stated, which he attributes to the renovations over the summer.

The handbook also did not fare well. Printing costs increased by six percent. It was also felt that some advertisers were moving towards online advertising, thus spending their money elsewhere with the hot economy.

But, as Crump pointed out, there can be a lot of confusion in reading the statements just due to the way the information is organized.

"Our auditors have changed how information is filed," said Crump.

"The printing and photocopying

section, for example, also includes the Nugget print costs and handbook expenditures. Basically everything printed on paper is grouped together and does not imply only photocopying or print costs."

A major surplus item for NAITSA pertained to the health and dental benefits available to students. It is a restrictive fund, meaning all fees charged and put into it are for health and dental only. It cannot be funnelled elsewhere and spent on something else.

"Roughly about \$6 is intended as a surplus from each student because health and dental is not real insurance. The premiums have to cover the amount of claims, and if premiums suddenly go up we do not have to automatically raise the price for students to cover losses from last year," said General Manager Chris Chelmick.

If students have questions, contact the NAITSA office in Room E-131. Given 48 hours notice, someone will be able to review the statements with you.

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— Garth Crump, VP External



Photo by Stacey Douglas

Patrons relax at the Nest yesterday. The student bar is looking to a brighter future after several years of losses.

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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.

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



# Women get technical

By **STACEY DOUGLAS**  
Student Editor

“The labour shortage is a national emergency, so everyone has to pitch in to help,” says Evangeline Rafols, the assistant to the Dean of Electrical and Electronics Technology, and the Women in Technology Coordinator. “For too long, women have been neglected and not involved in our technology market,” says Rafols.

Partially in response to the Alberta labour shortage, NAIT has created a position that focuses on supporting women in technologies, which grew out of the women in technology task force requested by Dr. Barry Calder, NAIT’s Provost and Vice President Academic.

“The new position is a result of a number of initiatives, and in terms of looking at the task force it falls in line nicely with student development,” explains Sandy Sanderson, the Director of Student Life who is in charge of developing the position.

The task force was requested during an Academic Management Team meeting this past fall, and its mandate is to research women in technologies and then develop initiatives to attract more to them.

“While the data collected needs to be verified, we’re finding about 11 percent of technology and engineering students are women at NAIT,” says Eleanor Frandsen, NAIT’s Dean of Technology and Curriculum Innovations.

“It is a similar situation across the country as well,” says Frandsen. “At SAIT women make up about 10 percent of the student population in these programs,” she says.

While both of the students I spoke with emphasized that their



**Megan Kowlakowski, left, and Lynne Robicheau look over some notes together. The two were part of the Women in Technology Task Force that met last December.**

instructors were not a problem, they did feel isolated at times in their classes.

“It is kind of like a boy’s club,” says Megan Kowlakowski, an instrumentation student.

“You’re with them all day and they do invite me out, but I just want to go home,” says Kowlakowski.

Another student agrees with the boy’s-club criticism.

“The male instructors with the rest of my class feel more comfortable without me there,” adds Lynne Robicheau, a network-engineering student.

“They say math is really fun,

but I don’t take it,” says Robicheau. “When I was in it, it was just math,” she says.

In December the task force held a lunch where 55 female students from different technology programs participated. “The interesting thing was that they all said they didn’t realize how many women were in the technologies,” says Frandsen, who is chair of this task force.

The discussion found the students were satisfied with their male counterparts and instructors, but more opportunities for networking would be appreciated. Other concerns included safety and

the development of programs like Safe Walk, easy access to daycare, as well as designing the curriculum to make it more relatable to women.

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# Canada a treat for Dutch gal

By **ERIN MASTRE**

While the NAIT student body is comprised of many out-of-towners, first-year Office and Records Administration student Lucia de Wildt brings new meaning to the term. She hails from, Assendelft, which is just 20 minutes from Amsterdam, Holland.

With limited space in Holland for her father, a devoted farmer, her parents moved the family to Barrhead, Alberta. Originally, de Wildt perceived it as “the middle of nowhere.” Her eldest siblings (she has four sisters and three brothers) stayed behind.

“In Holland, all of my friends and family were in the same city. Everything was very close and you could get anywhere easily,” says de Wildt. But, after being here for one and a half years now she says she is getting used to things.

When asked about culture shock, she laughs and says that country music ranks near the top.

“We don’t have that in Holland,” she says.

Is she a fan? “Not really, not yet.”

She doesn’t mind our winters, although they are much colder than what she is used to but she enjoys the snow. “I’ve been to the mountains and saw Jasper and Banff.

“They are very pretty and not like Holland, which is very flat.”

Finishing Grade 12 in Canada, de Wildt attended grades 7 to 11 in Holland where she focused on language. Fluent in both Dutch and English she also has a grip on French and German but is better at understanding them than speaking them. She also plans to add Spanish to her vocabulary.

“In Grade 7 (in Holland) your mark determines what level of schooling you get afterward. If you’re low, you have four years of study ahead. If in the middle then five more years, and the

highest marks indicate study at the university level for six years.”

After Grade 9, there are basically two options of study – either in biology or economics and their respective branches. “There is nothing in cosmetology or anything like that.”

One of the best things she likes about life here is that people seem more approachable. “If you have a question you can just ask people in Canada. It’s not like that in

Holland.”

She is now waiting for her sister to make the trip overseas and looks forward to seeing her.

In terms of the future, de Wildt also eagerly anticipates spending time with her boyfriend who has also immigrated to Canada but lives in Taber.

She hopes to remain in the country and is undecided if immigration work is her calling or if it is something else.

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# Working with what we've got

On Feb. 1, an article appeared in the Nugget regarding the state of our workout facilities at NAIT. Do we disagree with some of the concerns and comments made? No!

We would, however, like students to know that we are very much aware of the shortcomings of the current exercise centre. The reality of our current situation at NAIT is that much of our main campus is simply old, outdated, and in need of an overhaul.

To address this, NAIT has developed a very exciting and aggressive 10-year campus development plan that will see our existing main campus transformed. The recreation facilities are included in this transformation.

In the interim, we will do our best to address the existing concerns of our users within the limitations that exist. We certainly don't want students to feel they are entering a jail-type environment when they work out, and we are investigating ways to enhance the atmosphere of the existing centre.

The issue of overcrowding is a reality we will have to deal with, given the size of this facility for the volume of users it must accommodate. However, we have already begun to examine creative options for reducing pressure on this area over the next few years.

We aim to provide the most functional equipment selection possible to meet the needs of the broad population being served by the exercise centre. Given current trends towards functional training,

machines targeting specific muscle groups are much less of a focus in exercise prescription. They are certainly not essential to effective and safe training programs. While our equipment selection may not be as trendy and high tech as seen in many private facilities, it provides the user with what is needed to exercise effectively.

Students have access to expertise in exercise consultations and program development through our Campus Sport and Wellness department. Additionally, we have the advantage of working with the Personal Fitness Trainer program where students provide practicum opportunities in each fall semester. This represents a great opportunity for free personal training sessions to learn how to effectively exercise in any environment.

Currently, you may notice personal training students monitoring the centre during peak times as part of their course work. Do take advantage of their presence and feel free to approach them with questions. It can provide a learning opportunity for you and them.

We invite suggestions for improving our current exercise centre and services. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions or concerns.

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# OPINION

- Editorial -

## Awards shows getting mundane

Phew, it's over – for another year at least. Sunday's Oscars mean the award season of 2007 has unofficially come to an end. The only other really big award shows left are the Emmys which aren't until September and the Junos which are comparatively low-key to other award shows.

Really, is it possible to care anymore, anyway?

The Golden Globes started it off with a telecast Jan. 15 where everything from movies to television was recognized. Generally they give a hint of what to expect at the Academy Awards and other award shows over the two-month-long pat on the back that January and February have become for the entertainment industry.

During these two months there are the People's Choice Awards, the SAG Awards and the Grammys, as well as the press conferences announcing the respective nominees for each award ceremony.

Really, it's not so much the award shows themselves, because obviously celebrities need constant attention. An award show can be

turned off, but the hoopla of the award season is hard to avoid.

Granted, they're entertainers and their egos must be stroked, but the constant commentary on everything from their pre-award show preparations to what they're wearing to their speeches is too much.

There is no other industry in the world where self congratulation is more needed, whether it is someone's fashion sense or political agenda. It's not like they're saving the world – unless it's Al Gore and his environmental crusaders.

Perhaps it's time to create an award show for the rest of us with categories like Best Mechanic, or Most Pleasant Cashier ... maybe Most Punctual Doctor.

In everyday life this is what matters, and who hasn't practised a thank-you speech in front of a bathroom mirror? If only we could figure out a way to make it happen, then some of us little people might actually get to tearfully thank our friends, parents, husbands, wives, God, and anyone else we've ever met before in our life.



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# Andrea, Kerri – dynamic duo



Photo by Shannon Tams

Andrea Aylard and Kerri Wyspianski are bringing the voice of Business to the Senate.

## By ERIN MASTRE Student Issues Editor

Andrea Aylard and Kerri Wyspianski are a powerhouse team for the School of Business as both are Senate members. The Senate is NAITSA's governing body, formerly the General Council, and essentially the voice of the students.

It includes two members from each school at NAIT. Wyspianski is a Marketing student, and the veteran, having been a Senator for over a year now. Aylard is the newcomer, with one month on the job.

Both women are proud of their role in the organization and look forward to the work ahead. For Wyspianski, her toughest challenge is getting awareness out about the Senate and its role in student life.

"There is a lack of awareness about what the Senate does and

even about NAITSA. Sometimes it's easy to talk with people but they are often consumed with school work and just don't have the time," explains Wyspianski.

"I try to be as approachable as possible and talk to people when I can in the hallway.

"There is such a high turnover of students, it's hard to keep them in the loop, but I would like to see that everyone has a broad understanding of what the Senate does," she says.

Aylard feels she is still discovering a lot of new and different issues involved with being on the Senate.

"Realizing that we represent 14.5% of the vote each is a challenge, as is ensuring we make decisions representative of the Business student body," Aylard adds.

"I really think the only way to experience the institute (NAIT)

is to be involved. Not only does it look great on a resume but it develops you as a person too," she believes. Her packed schedule is evident as she is also trying to set up the NAIT Student Business Council.

"Being involved with so many things gives me a better understanding of what's going on so that I make informed decisions. I would like to see the Student Council set up and have something in place so that when I finish school someone will be able to take over."

Aylard will be transferring to the U of A to pursue her Bachelor of Commerce degree this September. Wyspianski hopes that students realize they can speak to both her and Aylard if they have questions or problems. For more information about the Senate see [www.naitsa.ca](http://www.naitsa.ca), under Student Government.

# Taxing time of year for students

## By ERIN MASTRE

It's that time of year again when one has to start thinking about filing an income tax statement. While it can be stressful, it doesn't necessarily have to be. Zoe, a client services manager and Evelyn Adams, the senior tax associate for a local H & R Block, have some helpful tips for students.

"When you are going to do your taxes the most important thing to remember are your T4 slips and of course the T2202 tuition amounts," says Zoe. "Otherwise, we won't be able to help you," she adds.

For those of you relying on public transportation to get around be aware that as of July 2006 you

may now claim amounts spent on bus passes.

"Because we live in Edmonton, you need to have both your receipt as well as the bus pass itself, because the pass does not have the price marked on it," explains Adams.

Out-of-province students need to be sure of where they are filing their return. "Just because they are going to school in Alberta does not necessarily mean they should be filing here," says Adams. "They must file in their home province."

This tax year is also the first that scholarships are now 100% tax deductible for full-time students. If this was your only source of

income over the past year, Adams advises that you still file.

"If you don't, carried forward amounts may be affected."

Education amounts can be carried forward to other years until needed. "It can be used against future income. For example, if you made \$50,000 and now owe \$2,000 income tax, those extra tuition credits can lower your income to

\$40,000 and actually minimize your payment.

Medical costs must exceed 3% of your net income to be included on a return.

"These include prescriptions, or anything prescribed by a physician, chiropractor care, dental visits, eye glasses, and eye exams but you need receipts for everything."

She adds that if you have lost

some of your medical receipts but attend a pharmacy on a regular basis, it is usually possible to obtain a printout of your record from the last year. In cases like these, some are better than none.

To help prepare for next year Adams says that it's best to set something aside, such as a large envelope or a hanging file for all your receipts.

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- 2) **NASS – 771 points**
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**Thursday, March 8, 2007**  
The Bistro, Engineering Annex (11:15 – 12:10 p.m.)  
Bytes, HP Centre (12:15 – 1:10 p.m.)

**Tuesday, March 13, 2007**  
The Business Tower, 8th Floor (11:15 – 12:10 p.m.)  
Natrium, Main Campus (12:15 – 1:10 p.m.)

**Wednesday, March 14, 2007**  
Fresh Express Cafeteria (11:15 – 12:10 p.m.)  
Common Market Cafeteria (12:15 – 1:10 p.m.)

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Photo by Stacey Douglas

This Cobalt is one of the vehicles entered in a “Tuner Challenge” contest that NAIT and SAIT auto body students are competing in, courtesy of General Motors.

# Slimmed-down student handbook paying off

By ERIN MASTRE

For those of you who remember the NAITSA student handbook from the 2005-06 school year you probably recall something a lot bigger and bulkier than this year’s. Streamlined from their 8½ by 7-inch size to a more manageable 8½ by 5 inches, with nearly 25% less material, the sleeker style has made the handbook more convenient and easy to use. As part of his job description, Garth Crump, Vice President External, wanted to change things up. Typically, the handbooks are a loss for NAITSA, and in 2005 they cost \$82,666. In 2006, with less content and an updated design, \$40,000 was saved. That’s a huge feat, considering 14,000 handbooks were printed. He feels the changes are paying off in other ways too, as he sees more students using them. “People

ripped out the front pages and the garbage was everywhere. This year, I haven’t seen anyone rip out the back section, because it’s not in the way,” said Crump. The back section contains mostly NAITSA information about who it is and what it does. “My biggest challenge was cutting down the content from previous years and reducing page content,” he explains. By sending user messages to handbook contributors, he found out what to include. Any extra and seemingly useless information was weeded out. Graeme Reed, Media and Production Designer, then came up with the layout. However, after reportedly going through three separate editing checks the handbook was still published with numerous spelling mistakes. Also absent was information from both the EnCana

Aboriginal Student Centre and Student Awards. “They were in the proof but somehow did not get inserted. As a result we try and run ads in the Nugget for them, whenever possible.” Trevor Hatter, a power systems electrician student, finds it pretty useful. “I use it all the time. It’s great to have a calendar handy but I wish it had more coupons,” explains Hatter. Specifically he would like to see more food coupons included. Some students said they use it only a couple times a week while others claimed they were too absent-minded to use it all. Then there were those who did not even know there was a handbook available, but thought it would be helpful to have one.

# Fine time for tuning

By ERIN MASTRE

Walking through main campus on Monday and Tuesday you may have noticed something new – say the addition of a 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt or two. The cars were part of the ‘Tuner Challenge’ pitting SAIT’s auto body students against NAIT’s. As part of an initiative from General Motors to showcase their new line of automobiles and demonstrate their commitment to the industry, a brand new 2008 Cobalt was donated to each school. Along with the car went a \$7,500 credit note for obtaining authorized GM accessories and \$5,000 cash for the purchase of even more bling. Auto body and apprentice students then set to work on their new project. Stipulations prevented the alteration of anything pertaining to emissions or anything that would nullify the warranty. As such, the motors had to remain intact. For NAIT and SAIT students the car represents a perfect venue to showcase their skills and talent. “We looked for volunteers and really let the students have an artistic licence after sitting down with them and brainstorming,” recalls Denis Guenette. “The premise for this is essentially bragging rights for the winner between the two schools,” he added. The interior of the car seamlessly complements the exterior body. Guenette proudly pointed out how the motor was completely removed so that the engine compartment

matches the exterior to avoid a clash of color. The Cobalt’s body panels were also carefully changed for a sleeker and sweeter feel. Many students came in during evenings and weekends. Most apprentice students are already back at work and unable to revel in the spotlight, explains Guenette. “It’s too bad they can’t be around to enjoy the finished product.” This is NAIT’s second Tuner Challenge after losing their first in 2005 to SAIT. The program was not run in 2006. “We are really hoping to get them this year. The students put in a lot of work.” Alongside the apprentice students was an auto body class. While on display at NAIT and then later at SAIT, observers will have the opportunity to vote on their favourite. The winner then receives profits from the online auction of the car for buying supplies, parts, and other needed items for the program. “If the car sells for \$20,000, it’s essentially the same thing as a \$20,000 donation from Chev.” The cars will also be circulating in local Chevrolet dealer showrooms showcasing the work of NAIT students and program capabilities. If you missed seeing the cars on campus look for them to appear at the Edmonton Motor Show March 1 until March 4, and then at the Calgary AutoShow March 14 until March 18 if you are heading down that way.



Photo by Erin Mastre

For Cy Dyck, a Carpentry student, the NAITSA handbook is key to staying



# Astral Reflections



By TIM STEPHENS

MARCH 4 - MARCH 10, 2007

**Aries - (March 21-April 19)**

Lie low, rest, contemplate and plan (plan after Wednesday, not before). You might spy an opportunity, or an attractive person or place, Monday into Wednesday noon. Yes, do pursue this, even if it's a new person, place, etc. - though you might not see it, this probably has "roots" in the past, light, subtle ones. Life holds various surprises, of a deep, almost "unannounced" kind, Wednesday night through Friday, in sexual, financial, lifestyle zones. **DON'T** invest. You remain attractive to lovers. In two weeks, recent friendly overtures will be returned.

**Taurus - (April 20-May 20)**

Hopes, social delights, flirtations and entertainment bring happiness. But romance meets barriers Sunday. (That romantic prospect might be finishing a major life cycle, so he/she wants to discover/build security before daring the oceans of love. This is so strong that you'll have to adapt, or leave.) Wednesday afternoon through Friday brings exciting meetings -- "workable" ones until 4 a.m. Friday, unviable ones after that. Saturday's deep urges will, eventually, disrupt present loyalties, ambitions, but lead to luckier ones. (Study these urges well: they contain your future.) Work succeeds all week.

**Gemini - (May 21-June 20)**

Continue to smile and do your best on career fronts. Certainty, assertiveness, even impulsivity replace recent delays and mistakes in career, legal, travel, media and educational zones. You can safely charge forward in these Monday onward, even though the "technical delay" doesn't end until Wednesday night. If love (sudden attraction) comes to you Monday to Wednesday, seize the moment! Your popularity is getting a nice, mild boost. A travel,

education or publishing/media dream might come true now through February 2008. Tackle chores - safety first! - Thursday/Friday. Saturday's attraction won't last.

**Cancer - (June 21-July 22)**

A wise, gentle, loving mood continues to flow over you. Recent delays end, especially in financial, intimate and health zones - however, you could be too impulsive/aggressive in these areas (to early April). Be steady; contemplate before acting. Your career prospects look good until late April - approach bosses before March 17 for the best results. April's career duties might involve moving large sums, planning future directions or aiding in big transformations. You can make very wise legal, educational, love and travel decisions this March/April. Pursue domestic, realty goals Monday-Wednesday.

**Leo - (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Recent delays and indecisions end, particularly in financial, sexual, relationship, relocation, public and contractual areas. These zones intensify through early April - love/hate or lust/anger situations could arise! So could, for some Leos, relocation overseas! Be careful, gentle and diplomatic. Well-meaning advisors and/or your own sweet outlook will aid you. Legal, educational, travel and cultural venues bring luck, mild joy until March 17. If you make a proposal in these areas (e.g., send a school application or issue a legal writ) the results should please you by mid-late April.

**Virgo - (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Your energy and charisma remain high Sunday, but problems persist on deep, perhaps hidden levels. Proceed cautiously. Chase money - even new money projects/ventures - Monday to Wednesday morning. You might land a great real estate investment! Recent delays and indecisions end. Short trips, communications, reports and paperwork fill Wednesday eve through Friday - take care in these, especially Friday. All week, open yourself to relationships and opportunities. Investments, sex and research reward

you through March 16. Work, health and machinery issues "heat up" through April 5 - investing in these is wise.

**Libra - (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

Though you're deeply in a work, machinery, service and health cycle, your heart is beginning to awaken in powerful ways. Romance, courage, open attraction, partnering urges, sexual desires - you're riding all these waves now through late April. Others treat you affectionately. Something significant could occur, whether a love affair starts or not! (And a love affair is not unlikely.) Recent delays end. Your charisma and energy rise Monday to Wednesday - you'll attract attention. Be careful with money and personalities Thursday/Friday - a "harmless move" could have disappointing repercussions later.

**Scorpio - (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

Delays and indecision end, especially in creative, romantic, domestic and real estate areas. (Technically, the period of delays, mistakes and "don't start anything new" ends Wednesday, but you can initiate projects Monday onward.) You're happy yet dissatisfied Sunday. Rest, contemplate, deal with government, and make applications Monday to Wednesday noon. Your energy and charisma soar Wednesday eve to Friday, but this will probably help you conquer problems rather than give you lucky wings. (You might impress a romantic prospect these few days.) Now to April 5, domestic friction is possible.

**Sagittarius - (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

The general emphasis lies on (and wise decisions occur in) home, family, nature, gardening, rest, hibernation, diet, soul and security areas. End stale situations, relationships; nurture fertile ones. Recent delays and indecisions dissolve now, especially in these areas just mentioned, and in travel, communications and paperwork. During the weeks ahead, a romantic note enters - sweet but slender until late March, then full, sonorous late March through April. Romance will blossom most readily with someone you meet in transit, or with whom you have a casual, quick conversation.

Happiness comes Monday/Tuesday!

**Capricorn - (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Delays and indecision end, especially in communications, travel, money, earnings and spending. In those last - earnings, spending - the pace quickens now to early April. More money than usual will flow to you - but if you don't save, it will flow right through you. Fight an almost unconscious urge to spend. Your home is comforting, beautiful, family affectionate, through March 17 - bask in it! This week and next could bring a proposal or new start, in real estate, family matters or gardening/agriculture, which becomes a larger, lucky project in April.

**Aquarius - (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

The main emphasis lies on money, earning, buying/selling, possessions, and casual sensuality. Weeks of indecision and delay end in these areas. Weeks of personal indecision dissolve now also. In the two months ahead, you can make some of the wisest decision of your life regarding

earnings, employment, purchases and possessions. Communications go well before March 17 - and a travel, communications or paperwork project you start in this period could become bigger, better in April. Your magnetism, assertiveness and will power rise now to April 5. "Wise love" possible Monday-Wednesday!

**Pisces - (Feb. 19-March 20)**

Indecision ends! You can now start important projects, ask favors, seek key interviews, and impress others. Your effectiveness soars. Others pay attention. Start nothing Sunday, sexual, intimate, health, financial, investment and lifestyle changes Monday to Wednesday noon, and everything else Thursday onward. (Careful Friday, though, when co-operation is lacking.) Chase career, prestige and business goals Saturday. Your money picture brightens through March 16 - income projects started before the 17th will yield benefits in April. Look after your physical fitness through April 5, but don't over-exert, nor seek violent confrontations.

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# Girls like boys – and toys

DR. BRIAN PARKER

**Dear Sex Doc:**

*I'm interested in using sex toys, but I don't know how to suggest it to my boyfriend. I just know he's going to take it personally even though I always tell him our sex is great. How do I bring the topic up with him?*

**Buzz Word @ UBCO**

Dear Buzz Word @ UBCO:

I always recommend that people don't talk about sexual concerns in the bedroom (especially after something goes wrong). Your boyfriend may assume that you need a toy because he isn't good enough for you.

Most guys think that sliding their dicks in and out is enough for their women. What most men don't know is that many women don't orgasm through penis-vagina sex.

You may want this toy to reach the big O or you may just want to turn your bedroom into a sexual playground. Either way, it's cool for you to want to use toys.

When bringing up the topic of sex toys be light-hearted and playful. I know you already tell him the sex is great, but reassure him that he is a stud in the sack. When he's all gushy, tell him you feel a toy will make sex that much better.

When it comes to introducing sex toys into a relationship it is best to start with something light. Before bringing a monster dong or vibrator into the relationship, you may want to use massage oils, edible creams, feather ticklers, or a sexual board game.

If you do want a dong or vibe, it is best to start with one that isn't shaped like a penis. There are many wonderful external vibrators on the market that don't even look like sex toys.

I don't think you'll have too many problems convincing your guy to bring a play toy into the bedroom. Most men enjoy spicing up their sex lives with toys. I'm sure he'll be ecstatic you want to explore them.

**Dear Sex Doc:**

*I have almost completely given up on trying to meet new girls around school or even out around town. I haven't dated in about three years now and I always seem to go for the wrong girls.*

*Everyone says that the right one will come along but I have been waiting three years for that and nothing has come my way. I just find it so hard to go up to a random girl who I find attractive and strike*

*up a conversation.*

*Please give me some tips on what I should do, thank you.*

**Losing My Patience @SAIT**

Dear Losing My Patience:

First of all, don't give up. If you lose faith in women you probably won't seem too attractive to any chick.

I don't think sitting on your ass waiting for the perfect girl to magically 'come along' is the best idea. You need to get out there, show your face, and meet some women. Come on, you're in school, buddy. There must be tons of girls you are interested in.

Most people fear approaching someone they are attracted to. You're no different there. It's perfectly normal to be scared shitless or fear rejection. But, if someone says no, it doesn't automatically mean they don't dig you.

That gal might already be in a healthy, happy, and horny relationship. She could also be focused on other things in her life. She might want to excel in the classroom more than in the relationship department. Or, she might not be interested in boys because she likes girls.

Yes, it is kinda creepy to run up to someone in the hallway and strike

up a conversation with them out of the blue. But, sooner or later, you're going to have to talk to someone.

You might want to join some social groups at school, which are more conducive to meeting people. But, please make sure it's something you're interested in. If you randomly choose something you suck at or couldn't care less about, you're going to look like quite the dork.

Other places on campus that are easier to meet people at are cafeterias, libraries and study halls. If you spot a girl you like, sit by her. Start a conversation about how cafeteria food sucks.

One of the easiest ways to meet

people is through friends. Have you tried tapping into your extended friend network? At least that way you can find out if she's got 50 cats living in her apartment.

Just because you say you always go for the 'wrong' girls doesn't mean you're fed up. You need to learn from your 'mistakes' and move on. And Losing My Patience, have you considered what it is about you that is attracting the wrong girls?

Remember, most relationships don't work. You'll most likely have to try a few before you find one that works out. But, remember to have fun trying.

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# ARTS & CULTURE

- The Producers -

## Classic Mel Brooks' shtick, and fabulous too



By BRENT CONSTANTIN  
Entertainment Editor

Ah, musical theatre, my love affair goes back many a year to when I saw Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat put on very badly by my junior high drama squad. It's been a long, rocky road between then and now, mostly due to my not seeing any musicals in that time period.

But what better chance to rekindle the passion than by seeing comedy god Mel Brooks' critically acclaimed, Tony Award winning *The Producers*?

### Skeptical at first

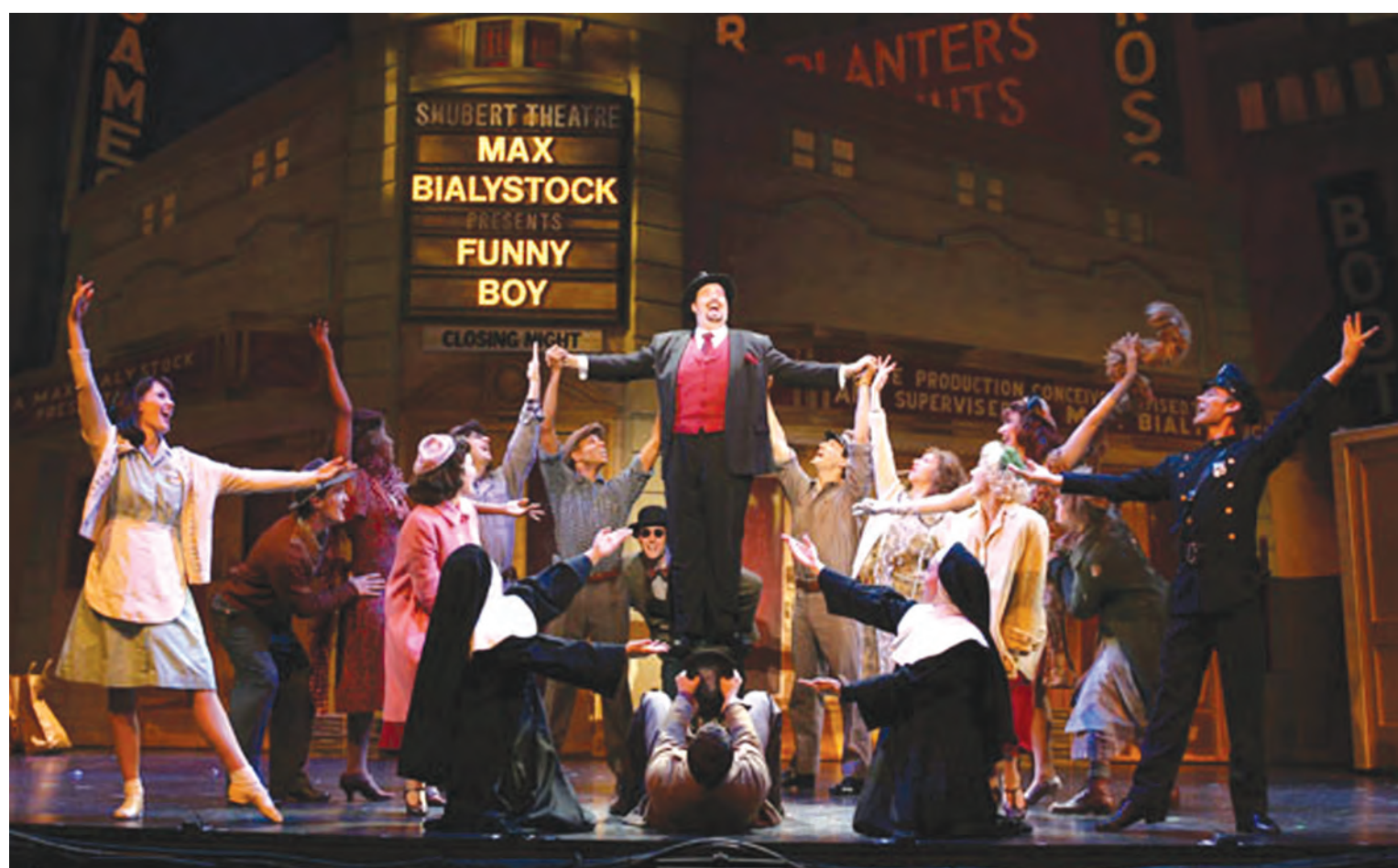
I was skeptical at first, I admit, when I walked into the Jubilee. Everyone was dressed much fancier than I was in my jeans and T-shirt, and few to none of the people in attendance had their mohawks coloured Fuchsia Flash. In fact, now that I think about it, I don't think I saw any mohawks at all!

My friend (who dresses only in shirts that come in packs of four) and I made our way to some fairly great seats, and for the next four hours we were somebodies!

### Hurt my eyes

The first thing I noticed about the theatre was how much it hurt my eyes to watch it. I think with practice I won't get such a headache, but I was watching like it was television. Trying to look at the entire stage, expecting to have the action framed for you isn't going to happen. Too many times I'd have to unfocus my eyes as the peripheral action became too much for me to stay locked on one actor.

Also, I wasn't sure if the people on stage were really singing or not. They weren't sweating that much, but they were really jumping around at some points. I think my



confusion comes from another musical I saw as a child, *Aladdin on Ice*.

In *Aladdin on Ice*, the "actors" didn't really say anything, they just sort of moved their heads extravagantly when the pre-recorded voice clips from the movie were blared over the speaker system. But at one point during the *Producers*, a mic must have gone out or something, because the sound kind of messed up. This gave me a new respect for the performers on stage – they talk really, really loud.

*The Producers*, based on the 1968 film of the same name, has been around long enough that I'm beginning to think that everyone has already seen this except for me. If you haven't had the chance, at least rent the 2005 film adaptation of the Broadway show (which makes it the movie of the musical of the movie), with the original stars Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick (who FYI also voiced Timon and the adult Simba in *The Lion King*).

The entire production was

fabulous. Every action, every word was exaggerated ten-fold on stage, so that even those in the back of the building felt like they were no more than 10 feet away.

Maybe I'm just sheltered, but the production values seemed incredibly high. The sets seamlessly fell into place with no down time and musical numbers were flawlessly executed. I was quite impressed by the mirror on the ceiling that pivoted outwards allowing the audience to see an aerial view of a troupe of dancing storm troopers in the shape of a huge, rotating swastika.

Plus it was funny. It was classic Mel Brooks shtick, if you've seen any of his other efforts (*Young Frankenstein*, *Space Balls*) you'll be right at home. The only problem is catching a lot of the jokes in the songs themselves, because the live orchestra did muffle out a few of the one-liners.

At the end of the night, I felt good. Then I found out that tickets had been selling for the performance at around \$70, and then I felt better.



Austin Owen & Jason Simon take over for Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick in Mel Brooks' 12 Tony award winning production, *The Producers*.



Roddy's a right royal ripoff

## Performance previews

# Roddy's a right royal ripoff



By ROCK'N RODGERS

Hey, NAIT, I'm third-semester radio student Mark Rodgers. I love going to live shows, and if there's a choice between eating and a ticket I'd go hungry.

The month of March is full of major shows. And as we come to the last couple of months of school, you might have just enough cash to take in the legend of your choice.

Who: **Lamb of God, Machine Head, Trivium, Gojira**  
When: **Saturday, March 3 doors at 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Edmonton Events Center**

How much: **\$37.50**

**Why or Why Not:** To see four bands for this price is always good. Lamb of God could be the most relevant metal band of the last 10 years. Machine Head will be a treat for anybody, and may have more fans than Lamb of God – at least in the older part of the crowd. The only down side may be that it is all ages, but such is life.

Who: **Propagandhi, Fractal Pattern, Corvid Lorax and In Irons**

When: **Saturday, March 3 starting at 5:15 p.m.**

Where: **Starlite Room**

How Much: **\$15 general admission**

**Why or Why Not:** The price is right for this show, especially if you like punk. It will be cool.

Propagandhi and Edmonton band Fractal Pattern will have a good following. Four bands will provide extensive time to sit down and chill. For those not into hardcore metal and a little less money in the bank this will be the show to pick.

Who: **Rod Stewart**

When: **Tuesday, March 6 show at 8 p.m.**

Where: **Rexall Place**

How Much: **Low \$54.75 High \$125**

**Why or Why Not:** If you want to go without food for the next week to see Rod Stewart, I commend you for being a hardcore fan. I find it hard to fork out this kind of cash for this show. However, the show is not aimed at folks like me. Look at shows like Taste of Chaos, where you get so many bands you don't know what to do with, and then

there's Rod Stewart, who charges over double the price and all you get is him.

Who: **Emerson Drive, Shane Yellowbird**

When: **Wednesday, March 7 doors at 7 p.m.**

Where: **Cowboys**

How Much: **\$24.95**

**Why or Why Not:** A show

like this is best at a small venue. Therefore, if you dig country, you can support local artist Shane Yellowbird at this midweek gig. With this venue, as long as the sound is good, the potential for a good experience is there.

The crowd should be hot because a show like this during the week brings out the hardcore country fans.



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Rod Stewart, coming to town on March 6, is a little rich for some tastes.

- Switchfoot -

## Fan-friendly band!

By ERIN MASTRE

In case you haven't heard of Switchfoot, let me get you up to speed. They've been around since 1997 and now have six albums under their belts. Originally considered Christian rock, they've bridged the genre to alternative and appeal to more fans now than ever before.

Their fourth album, *The Beautiful Letdown*, went double platinum after having four songs included in the movie *A Walk to Remember*. Now on tour for their latest release, *Oh Gravity*, Switchfoot played the EEC on Feb. 22. I had a chat with front-man Jon Foreman and back-up vocalist Jerome Fontamillas at West Ed.

Switchfoot has a reputation for being very fan-friendly in terms of music downloads and band activities, which has gotten you in trouble with Sony music. Where did the motivation for this come from?

**Jerome:** Downloads are a great way to bring our music to everyone. There is a big level of trust in the kid coming to our show and the music company, but I was that kid once. We have to cater more to that kid no matter what, because those kids are what it's all about.

After the huge success of *The Beautiful Letdown* what was the feeling in the band with the release of your next album *Nothing is Sound* – was there a lot of pressure?

**Jon:** I think that at that time with *The Beautiful Letdown* we didn't realize how big a number 2.5 million was. We had a beautiful ignorance that allowed us to make music without worrying about numbers.

Jon, where does the inspiration for your lyrics stem from and what do you do to cure writer's block?

**Jon:** I find the best cure for writer's block is a broken heart. Usually the songs begin with a broken heart and I start writing about things I don't understand – God, girls, sex, and politics. All the things you can't talk about with strangers but you can in a song.

There may be a lot of people out there who don't realize that Switchfoot has put out six albums. For the first-time fan reading this article, where in the discography should they start and why?

**Jon:** Definitely start with the present. *Oh Gravity* is a great place to start. It almost comes full circle early on, with a rawness that we intentionally kept in there. It reminds us of when we were 18 ... we have the polish and knowledge of the past 10 years.

In terms of other artists, what albums do each of you listen to?

**Jerome:** I'm pretty excited about the Police getting back together. The last album I bought was their *Synchronicity* album so my nephew could hear it.

**Jon:** It sounds weird but I don't really listen to a lot of music. Dylan (Bob) is pretty much my cup of coffee every morning but I'm enjoying the new Shins record. I'm also into a band called Phoenix from France, and I love Copeland who we're touring with now.

What's next for Switchfoot?

**Jon:** We have a bunch of stuff up our sleeves. Lately, I've been collaborating with Sean Watkins from Nickel Creek and we're putting some stuff together. But as far as Switchfoot, we're always changing.

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- At the movies -

# Haunted by a bad script



By LIAM CRESWICK

Ghost Rider is one of the most visually appealing comic book characters out there. Short of giving him a guitar, there aren't any ways to make a leather clad motorcycle-riding demon with a flaming skull for a head look any cooler. So it's safe to assume that a movie adaptation would yield a lot of exciting visual effects and action. Well it does, but the story isn't nearly as cool.

A motorcyclist named Johnny Blaze (Nicolas Cage) trades his soul to the Devil to cure his father's cancer, only to have his old man

die in a botched motorcycle stunt the next day-because the Devil is an asshole.

Years later, the Dark Lord returns to claim Johnny's soul, endowing Blaze with incredible power and forcing him to be his personal bounty hunter - The Ghost Rider. His mission; stop the Devil's rogue son Blackheart and his band of demons before they get their evil little hands on a contract worth 1,000 damned souls.

The movie (ghost) rides on its visual effects, and this aspect is certainly the strongest part of the flick. The CGI was incredible, not only in detail and realism, but also in action.

The scenes where Ghost Rider is whipping his chain or (literally) burning rubber on his motorcycle are fantastic. The scene where Blaze first transforms into Ghost Rider is awesome, thanks to the aforementioned quality effects and the great expressions by Nicolas Cage (who must have channelled his previous experience from Face

Off in having his skin stripped away)

Speaking of eye candy, the only thing hotter than Ghost Rider's skull was the gorgeous Eva Mendes as Blaze's long lost love, Roxanne Simpson. Unfortunately, the character lacked any real depth or focus, bouncing from in love, to apathetic, to angry and back again. Mendes falls into the usual action movie mould of the damsel in distress. The performance by Cage, however, was noteworthy. Cage's Blaze was amiable and quirky, but could shift gears to be serious and tragic when necessary.

Where the film crashes and burns is the story telling. It is paced very poorly, especially at the beginning. The origin of Ghost Rider, and the establishment of Blackheart as the villain were very rushed. The origin was also poorly done. The Devil basically tricks Johnny into signing a contract in blood by pricking his finger when he hands him the contract.

Ghost Rider fires off some

incredible visuals, effects and action and the actors do a decent job of their respective roles. The story, however, is rushed, poorly explained, and takes away a lot of what made the comics good. This

is the quintessential "leave your brain at the door" action movie, and I mean that in the nicest way possible.



## No thrill ride here

By LIAM CRESWICK

Breach is based on the true story of Robert Hanssen (Chris Cooper), an FBI agent who sold secrets to the Russians for over 25 years, and the young FBI clerk Eric O'Neill (Ryan Phillippe) who helped take him down.

There are a handful of scenes in this FBI thriller that tense the audience more than hearing the daunting snap of a rubber glove pre-strip search, but the majority of the film is pretty dry. Especially in the first act, the two lead characters just mumble to each other in poorly lit rooms.

We spend the first act watching Ryan Phillippe find out what we already know because this is based on a true story, and at the beginning of the flick the filmmakers use news footage to tell the audience that Robert Hanssen is eventually caught.

Once he and his FBI compatriots finally start gaining some headway on

their internal investigation, the movie does pick up a bit. The payoff at the end is not in seeing Hanssen caught, but in finding out why he did what he did (beyond monetary benefits). This is pretty interesting, but not enough to warrant a whole movie.

If there was anything about this film I found really interesting is was that all these events took place before September 11, 2001. The film shows the vulnerability and disorganization of some aspects of the defence branches of the U.S. government, and the comments made by the characters resonate with the state of mind the U.S.A. finds itself in today.

I did like the use of comic relief in this sometimes intense film. Instead of employing a "funny" character each member of the cast had opportunities to fire off one-liners at appropriate times, which worked well for the serious picture.

Breach does not succeed in its attempt to jump the audience,

throw them in a black van, and take them on a wild political thrill ride. It feels more like being on a stakeout, waiting around for something you know is going to happen. You aren't missing much if you skip this movie.



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Ryan Phillippe and Chris Cooper star in Breach.

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- The dating scene for students -

# Food for thought in dating



By Kim Van Nieuvenhuysse

*Welcome to my excellent (?) adventures in dating. Every week I will explore a new dating scenario with a new date. Last*

*week was the blind date, and this week it's a Hot Single of the Week!*

**Scary Dating Scenario #2:**  
The Hot Single of the Week

Every week, the good people at The Nugget highlight an available guy/gal as their Hot Single of the Week. I decided to take advantage of this resource and chose a fine specimen of hot singleness to go out with.

The gentleman of choice was a bit of a film buff, so a movie seemed like an obvious idea.

I tried talking him into seeing Alpha Dog ... oooh ... Justin Timberlake, but his tastes ran to something a little more avant-garde, so we settled on The World's Hottest Commercials playing at the Garneau.

We had an hour to kill before the movie started, so we went to a nearby café for a snack. The nice thing about a pre-movie bite to eat as opposed to a post movie one is that there is a time limit on the conversation.

If it's awkward or uncomfortable, at least there is a

pre-determined end in sight, but fortunately that wasn't the case for me. My Hot Single was easy to talk to and it was very comfortable to be with him. He was so relaxed that it was almost impossible for me to remain tense.

We talked so long we nearly missed the start of the movie, but we were able to tear ourselves away from the café. We made our way to the theatre, where we settled into our seats on the balcony and prepared to enjoy 70 minutes of commercials. After the movie, I had to go straight

home because I had classes the next morning, so my Hot Single escorted me home. What a gentleman!

**Overall date rating: A-**

I managed to not make a fool of myself this time and my Hot Single made me feel very relaxed and comfortable. Although no great romance developed, a great friendship just might.

So remember, the Hot Single of the Week column is more than a source of entertainment – it's a vast resource of potential romance.

- Rants and raves -

# The heart of a city, my city



By Robin J. Egerton.

Fact – Edmonton is growing at an unprecedented rate. It's a great time to be here, to feel the rush. The energy, to be a part of something reborn. People from all across the country are flocking to Edmonton and Alberta. "Everybody has good things to say," and "it's where all the jobs are," are two common phrases you'll get from people in response to the question "why did you move here?"

While all this flurry of activity unfolds before us, and new prosperity flourishes, a constant battle is subconsciously fought in our streets and offices. It is the battle of material wealth vs. social awareness. In a province as rich as Alberta, you can't really blame anyone for wanting in; personal

success is everyone's goal, but at what point does one's desires cast into shadow their awareness of the people around them? This is our present – a time of cultural revolution, and we are all playing a role, whether we know it or not.

It's a clash of values. While massive cultural investments such as the new Art Gallery of Alberta building get the green light from the city, so do new by-laws that enforce a "no-dispersing-of-bodily-fluids-in-our-public-streets" policy. Like we really need to be told, but I guess some of us do. At least we're catching up, and for that I am deeply grateful.

Still, I'm so sick of seeing people use the streets of this city as their own personal toilet. Do you know how hard it is to take pride in the city you live if you constantly see people hawking loogies and voiding their nose callously on the pavement, like it's a normal activity that everyone engages in? Bloody well stop it! Not only is it revolting and rude, it's damn disrespectful. It just

highlights the attitude of "it's me against the world – I'm the only person that matters in my world – and who cares what anyone else thinks – in fact, I'm going to spit on this guy's shoe just to show how serious I am!"

Edmonton should follow Chicago's lead. Recently, Chicago's mayor, Richard M. Daley formed an army of city workers – just average people who

need jobs – to go around planned routes of the downtown in four hours shifts to sweep up trash. It's a "beautification project" that works in a city of 4 million, so why can't it here? Sure, during the winter months it'll be impossible to find anyone that'll sign on, but during the summer it's more than possible, it'd be a great job for a lot of people. You'd get to work outdoors, it's pretty chill, you help

make the city look beautiful, and (here's the value added initiative for the city) it puts a presence on the streets. Crime goes down. Meth deals don't happen in broad daylight outside that pretty new art gallery anymore.

So, Mr. Mandel, whadya say?

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# SPORTS



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Dale-Marie Cumberbatch gets some air in a jump shot against Concordia recently.

## Rookie rewrites record books



By ROBIN J. EGERTON

It's not very often that a rookie athlete waltzes into a college division and promptly annihilates a number of its records, but that's exactly what's happening right here at NAIT. Eighteen-year-old basketball prodigy Dale-Marie Cumberbatch, who plays forward for our women's Ooks basketball team after only one season in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference has accomplished the following:

- Is No. 1 in scoring with 450 points.
- Is No. 2 in blocked shots at 1.46 per game.
- Is No. 2 in field goal percentage.
- Is in the top 10 for both steals and rebounds.

Cumberbatch has already broken the ACAC record for successful free throws – sinking 128, which beat the previous record of 120 set 16 years ago. At the moment, she

is less than 10 points away from obliterating the previous record set for most points and most field goals in a season.

But she isn't done yet. Cumberbatch has one more year of school and that means one more year on the team. That also means one more year to get even better.

"I don't think I've played to my top potential," Cumberbatch says. "I'm just getting back into the game again."

Cumberbatch played on the senior team during her high school years at Harry Ainley, and started things off with a bang there too, helping her team capture the provincial title in her first year. After graduating, she came to NAIT, and that's when things really took off.

The unusual part to all this is the fact that Cumberbatch's successes with the Ooks were relatively unexpected.

"It just clicked for me this year. When I was in high school, I wasn't really playing for myself. I was playing because other people wanted me to. But this year, I just wanted to enjoy myself both at college and with basketball and that's when things started

happening," she says.

It's a testament to the fact that when you pursue what you ultimately love, everything else falls in place.

Any skills she can hone in the next year will be extremely useful, especially considering the kind of defensive coverage the five-foot-ten forward is getting. Opposing teams resort to double and triple teaming her, all part of defensive schemes designed with her in mind.

It's a thing of wonder to watch an opposing team's defence just crumble as half the team swarms in on one offensive forward. It still doesn't really work. Dale continues to rack up 30 and 40 or more points per game.

The fact that the Ooks are sitting in third last in the North ACAC Division with six wins and 15 losses makes Cumberbatch's accomplishments even that much more remarkable.

So how does she feel about breaking all those records? "They mean nothing to me," she says. "I went to college to have fun playing basketball and to discover and enjoy the college life."

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- Around NAIT -

## Athletes of the week

Janci Templeman  
Badminton



Janci joined the team for the second semester and immediately made the Ooks badminton team stronger. Last week, Janci helped lead the team to an ACAC bronze in the team championships, and earned a bronze medal in women's singles and mixed-doubles, as well as a silver medal in women's doubles. She is the only woman to win a medal in all events. Janci, who hails from Regina, is currently in her first year of the Personal Fitness Training Program at NAIT and is looking forward to next season.  
Great job, Janci!

Ben Stokes  
Hockey



Team captain Ben Stokes turned it up another notch as the Ooks entered the ACAC quarter-final series against the Augustana Vikings. The third-year forward from Lamond scored four times as the Ooks opened the series with a 7-2 victory. He had two goals and one assist the following night in Camrose as the Ooks eliminated the Vikings. The former Fort McMurray Oil Baron will be counted on heavily as the Ooks tangle with the Mount Royal Cougars in their next playoff series. Well done, Ben.

## Push for the playoffs

By ANDREW DUNAJ  
Sports Editor

It was the first round of ACAC hockey action this past weekend and the Ooks were set to battle with the Augustana Vikings. The game was on Friday over at the NAIT arena. Ben Stokes scored four times and Cedrick Duhamel added three assists in an easy 7-2 win for NAIT.

Kevin Dziaduck made 32 saves in the Ooks net Friday night. Game 2 took place in Camrose Saturday evening, and the Vikings were on the ropes. The game was tight for the first two thirds, but five third-period goals from NAIT lifted the Ooks past Augustana 6-0. Dziaduck made 19 saves for the shutout and the win. The win advanced NAIT to the semifinals, starting this weekend against Mount Royal.

What started out as just being appreciative to be in the playoffs, turned into something more for the women's Ooks hockey team. Although they did lose this past weekend to SAIT in the semifinals,

NAIT did something most fans would have never expected. They won a playoff series.

The main reason for this was the god-like play of goaltender Kristen Sugiyama, who faced over 100 shots against Red Deer. She was outstanding and stood out as NAIT'S top dog. The Ooks' women's hockey team wrapped up an extremely successful season, and look forward to next year and pushing further than they did in 2006/07.

With the ladies out of contention in the ACAC basketball, the men had a weekend series with the folks down south for SAIT. The Ooks opened up Friday night in Calgary looking to spoil the party for the Trojans.

In an epic battle against SAIT, the Ooks managed to squeak out a tough 68-66 playoff road victory. On Saturday, the battle shifted to NAIT's gymnasium in a high-scoring affair. It was another close battle, but the Ooks stepped up and won 89-86 to advance to the

next round in the ACAC basketball playoffs.

With the playoffs well underway, volleyball action was also taking place. The men were forced to battle Lakeland College in the first round of the playoffs. The Ooks unfortunately were swept in the series losing both games three sets to two.

In women's volleyball action, the Ooks had to battle Lethbridge in the first round. The Ooks swept Lethbridge, winning Game 1 three sets to none, and game two three sets to one.

Moving on to the conference championships, NAIT lost their first game to MacEwan three games to none, and later lost to Red Deer three sets to one. The Ooks then had to battle SAIT for the sixth/seventh place game in ACAC volleyball action. So make sure you make your way to the NAIT arena for more men's hockey playoff action, and to the NAIT gymnasium for some ACAC playoff basketball this weekend.



- Wide world of pro sports -

# No gusher for the Oilers

By ANDREW DUNAJ

The trade deadline has come and gone and so has the Oilers' season. Unfortunately for Edmonton hockey fans, this year the Oil forgot that there was a hockey season and it will cost them a birth in the playoffs this year.

Kevin Lowe didn't make any adjustments throughout the year to plug the holes he had in his defence this season and Edmonton constantly struggled. The defence, though, wasn't the only problem. Plenty of players forgot to show up after promises of more than 10 forwards who were expected to score 20 or more goals.

But is blowing one season a bad thing? The Pittsburgh Penguins threw away around four years and now look where they are. Pittsburgh

is fourth in the Eastern Conference and with all the talent they now have, they could make a serious run to the Stanley Cup from the East.

The only danger of throwing away seasons in the NHL is losing the fan base. If your team sucks, who will want to go watch? Especially with the Edmonton Rush's growing popularity, and the newly acquired Edmonton Oil Kings, who will draw huge crowds at Rexall Place.

Speaking of Rexall Place, is it time for a new building? The halls at the Rex are narrow, everyone crams in and it's undoubtedly a very uncomfortable experience. Should the Oilers spend the estimated \$500 million on a brand new arena or just renovate the old one?

If Edmonton had built the new building, it would have only cost around \$150 million way back

when it would have been a great deal at the time.

Anyway, enough talk about the Oilers, who cares – at least not until free agency in July.

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Lacrosse action is starting to heat up around this town. After only one win last season, the Rush have managed three already and will make the playoffs this year, without question. So make sure you head out and support the Edmonton Rush in their playoff push this year.

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The NBA trade deadline vanished and nothing happened. The offers were too high and the asking prices were stupid. The Toronto Raptors find themselves five games up in the Atlantic Division and only a couple games back for the actual

lead in the Eastern Conference.

In the who-really-cares department, the Major League of Baseball is in spring training mode, and the Toronto Blue Jays look to be serious contenders this year after years of sitting behind Boston and the Yankees.

In closing, enjoy the rest of the NHL season watching Sid the Kid and Malkin work their magic in what is sure to be a wide-open playoff race.

**Kevin Lowe didn't make any adjustments throughout the year to plug the holes he had in his defence this season and Edmonton constantly struggled.**



Photos by Shannon Tams

A player, above, keeps his eye on the ball during the NAITSA Street Hockey Classic on Feb. 9. Earlier, below, he helps his goalie with his pads before the game. In all, 32 teams played in the tournament, won by the Bulldogs 8-7 over the Kakazakatians.



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Oddball  
drivers  
highlight  
golf show

By ANDREW DUNAJ

The annual Edmonton Golf Show took place this past weekend, and it left golfers and pros alike buzzing. With the oddly shaped Callaway FT-I driver looking like a sandwich, but still hitting like a dream, golfers should prepare for a new season with harder drive capability and less effort.

The show gave golf lovers the chance to try the latest, newest, and best equipment the major markets have to offer players. The old days included the same oval-shaped drivers, which everyone had but always complained about. At the golf show this year, drivers now were squared, as well as triangular, believe it or not.

The greatest thing about the brand new drivers is that they are affordable. These latest drivers run around \$500 dollars apiece, which in the golf world is extremely reasonable.



Another great part of the golf show was the free advice given by all of the pros that visited. C P G A M a s t e r Professional Alan Riley broke down the putting game into its simplest aspect, “Just get it in.”

R i l e y continued by saying that all golfers truly have no clue about what they’re doing in terms of putting. When a member from the audience asked Riley what he might do to take six strokes off his putting game, he responded by saying: “Well, get your first putt close, and then sink your second shot.”

With so many courses nowadays around the country, the golf show also allowed for patrons to pick their favourites early on and book now only four months away from the season.

And what would the golf show be without a little bit of gambling? A setup was provided for a black jack putting challenge. If you were able to beat the dealer’s hand of 16, you would be eligible to win a trip for four to P.E.I. and an amazing golf adventure.

The 2007 Edmonton Golf Show was again a classic and a nice refresher for golf fanatics like myself who are sick and tired of the winter weather this city brings.

**The unusual looking Callaway Ft-I driver.**

ACAC Standings

(Final regular-season results and playoffs)

Team	MEN'S HOCKEY							
	GP	W	L	T	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
xy-SAIT	24	16	3	3	2	37	123	71
x-Mt Royal	24	17	6	1	0	35	142	81
x-NAIT	24	14	8	1	1	30	119	90
x-MacEwan	24	14	9	1	0	29	99	86
x-Concordia	24	12	10	1	1	26	93	92
x-Augustana	24	3	17	1	3	10	64	132
Briercrest	24	3	18	2	1	9	63	151

**Playoffs**  
Feb. 22: MacEwan 3, CUCA 2 — MacEwan leads series 1-0  
Feb. 23: NAIT 7, Augustana 2 — NAIT leads series 1-0  
Feb. 23: CUCA 4, MacEwan 1 — Series tied 1-1  
Feb. 24: CUCA 3, MacEwan 2 — CUCA wins series 2-1  
Feb. 24: NAIT 6, Augustana 0 — NAIT wins series 2-0

Team	WOMEN'S HOCKEY							
	GP	W	L	T	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
SAIT	22	12	4	5	1	30	85	54
MacEwan	22	13	7	2	0	28	82	56
Red Deer	22	10	7	5	0	25	63	48
Mount Royal	22	9	8	4	1	23	59	58
U of C	22	7	13	1	1	16	41	62
NAIT	22	6	15	1	0	13	49	101

**Playoffs**  
Feb. 19: NAIT 2, RDC 1 — NAIT wins series 2-1  
Feb. 23: MacEwan 3, MRC 2 OT — MacEwan leads series 1-0  
Feb. 23: SAIT 7, NAIT 5 — SAIT leads series 1-0  
Feb. 24: SAIT 3, NAIT 0 — SAIT wins series 2-0  
Feb. 24: MRC 2, MacEwan 1 — Series tied 1-1  
Feb. 25: MRC 7, MacEwan 2 — MRC wins series 2-1

Team	MEN'S BASKETBALL					
	North Division					
	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA



Photo by Michelle Yarham

**Ook Cale Boleski takes a jumpshot over a Grant MacEwan player in the run to the playoffs on Feb. 16.**

xy-MacEwan	24	19	5	38	2070	1741
x-Lakeland	24	19	5	38	1865	1705
x-NAIT	24	14	10	28	1811	1761
x-Concordia	24	13	11	26	1766	1690
Grande Prairie	24	11	13	22	1852	1870
Augustana	24	6	18	12	1812	2006
TKUC	24	2	22	4	1622	2025

**Playoffs**  
Feb. 22: RDC 87, LC 83OT — RDC leads series 1-0  
Feb. 22: LCC 82, MacEwan 100 — MacEwan leads series 1-0  
Feb.22: MRC 81, CUCA 70 — MRC leads series 1-0  
Feb. 23: RDC 61, LC 59 — RDC wins series 2-0  
Feb. 23: NAIT 68, SAIT 66 — NAIT leads series 1-0  
Feb. 23: MRC 88, CUCA 67 — MRC wins series 2-0  
Feb. 23: LCC 89, MacEwan 103 — MacEwan wins series 2-0  
Feb. 24: NAIT 89, SAIT 86 — NAIT wins series 2-0

Team	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL					
	North Division					
	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
xy-MacEwan	24	21	3	42	1822	1404
x-Grande Prairie	24	17	7	34	1673	1587
x-TKUC	24	16	8	32	1764	1633
x-Concordia	24	15	9	30	1677	1575
NAIT	24	7	17	14	1566	1704
Augustana	24	4	20	8	1654	1901
Lakeland	24	4	20	8	1428	1780

**Playoffs**  
Feb. 22: MacEwan 90, MHC 59 — MacEwan leads series 1-0  
Feb. 22: MRC 68, CUCA 54 — MRC leads series 1-0  
Feb. 22: GPRC 79, SAIT 67 — GPRC leads series 1-0  
Feb. 23: MRC 72, CUCA 66 (OT) — MRC wins series 2-0  
Feb. 23: MacEwan 65, MHC 61 — MacEwan wins series 2-0  
Feb. 23: GPRC 68, SAIT 66 — GPRC wins series 2-0  
Feb. 23: LCC 83, TKUC 66 — LCC leads series 1-0  
Feb. 24: LCC 77, TKUC 70 — LCC wins series 2-0

Team	MEN'S VOLLEYBALL					
	Blue Division					
	MP	MW	ML	Pts	GW	GL
xy-MacEwan	24	20	4	40	64	28
x-Red Deer	24	18	6	36	62	25
x-Mount Royal	24	17	7	34	57	35
x-Grande Prairie	24	14	10	28	47	42
x-Briercrest	24	7	17	14	35	48
x-TKUC	24	6	18	12	37	61
NAIT	24	2	22	4	16	69

**Playoffs**  
**Feb. 23**  
SAIT 3, GPRC 2 (25-22, 25-22, 20-25, 20-25, 17-15)  
MRC 3, BC 1 (25-14, 23-25, 25-21, 25-22)  
MacEwan 3, LC 0 (25-23, 25-15, 25-19)  
RDC 3, TKUC 0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-12)  
**Feb. 24**  
GPRC 3 - LC 1 (22-25, 28-26, 25-23, 25-22)  
BC 3 - TKUC 2 (24-26, 25-15, 25-17, 22-25, 15-4)  
MacEwan 3 - SAIT 1 (25-14, 16-25, 25-15, 25-13)  
RDC 3 - MRC 0 (26-24, 25-20, 25-20)  
**Feb. 25**  
TKUC 3 - LC 1 (25-22, 25-18, 24-26, 25-21)  
BC 3 - GPRC 0 (25-22, 25-21, 25-18)  
MRC 3 - SAIT 0 (25-17, 25-18, 25-22)  
**MRC wins bronze**  
RDC 3 - MacEwan 0 (25-18, 25-22, 25-20)  
**RDC wins gold**  
**MacEwan wins silver**

Team	WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL					
	Blue Division					
	MP	MW	ML	Pts	GW	GL
xy-Mount Royal	24	22	2	44	69	9
x-MacEwan	24	22	2	44	66	20
x-Red Deer	24	15	9	30	49	31
x-Grande Prairie	24	11	13	22	41	49
x-TKUC	24	8	16	16	32	53
x-NAIT	24	5	19	10	24	65
Briercrest	24	1	23	2	15	69

**Playoffs**  
**Feb. 23**  
MHC 3, GPRC (25-22, 25-20, 19-25, 28-26)  
TKUC 3, RDC 0 (25-17, 25-23, 25-12)  
MRC 3, SAIT 2 (20-25, 25-18, 20-25, 25-13, 15-7)  
MacEwan 3, NAIT 0 (25-20, 25-23, 25-18)  
**Feb. 24**  
GPRC 3, SAIT 2 (18-25, 25-18, 25-21, 19-25, 15-10)  
RDC 3, NAIT 1 (25-23, 24-26, 25-16, 25-14)  
MRC 3, MHC 0 (25-9, 25-12, 25-17)  
MacEwan 3, TKUC 1 (25-21, 25-13, 19-25, 25-21)  
**Feb. 25**  
SAIT 3, NAIT 1 (27-25, 23-25, 25-22, 25-16)  
RDC 3, GPRC 0 (25-19, 25-21, 25-14)  
TKUC 3, MHC 1 (15-25, 25-21, 25-23, 25-19)  
**TKUC takes bronze medal**  
MRC 3, MacEwan 1 (25-16, 25-12, 19-25, 25-20)  
**MRC wins gold**  
**MacEwan wins silver**



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# HOT

## Like the gym? Call Alex

### SINGLE OF THE WEEK



By BRENT CONSTANTIN

Hello reader.

I'm going to use my powers of prediction to assume that you're a student here at NAIT. Am I right? No? How about an instructor? A staff member? Someone reading this on the bus? Are you a homeless person currently using our paper as protection from the elements?

OK, I've got it. It's 2012 and you've finally gotten around to cleaning out the lining at the bottom of your birdcage. Stopped for a bit of a break, huh? Hopefully there's no feces on my mug shot.

Well, whoever you are, welcome to Hot Single of the Week, where you get the chance to stare at someone for as long as you want without the possibility that they'll slug you one in the jaw.

This week you'll have the pleasure of looking at Alex from the Instrumentation Program, and, as an added treat, we've implemented "scratch 'n' sniff" technology into his picture.

Go ahead. Take a whiff.

He smells uncannily like a newspaper.

**B:** Hi Alex

**A:** Hi

**B:** So Alex, what are you looking for here? Love? Like? General ambivalent feelings?

**A:** I want my 15 minutes of fame on the back of the Nugget!

**B:** And you'll get it my friend! Except starting with this issue we're planning on moving the Hot Single to more of the middle of the paper. Sorry.

**A:** That's fine, people will still see me.

**B:** Actually, we've done studies that show that not many people actually open the Nugget. I've talked to people that seem to think we distribute a very thick double-sided flyer. But, tell me about yourself.

**A:** Well, a lot of guys in my class were encouraging me to do it. They kept saying "I'd do it if I were single!" So I did it for them, but mostly for me.

**B:** Hoping to woo a young woman's heart, are we Alex?

**A:** I don't know. I'd like to meet someone for sure – a girl who has some serious goals in her life, and knows what

she wants, and likes to go to the gym.

**B:** Is that code for "No fat chicks?"

**A:** No, I just like to go to the gym. I'd want someone that would come with me.

**B:** So she could be really fat as long as she came to the gym?

**A:** Yeah, it wouldn't matter. She wouldn't be fat for very long if she was always going to the gym.

**B:** Touché.

So why are you hot yourself Alex?

**A:** Umm ... that's sort of an ambiguous question.

**B:** I'm going to put down here that you're "difficult to work with."

**A:** I'm a guy who's pretty romantic and fun. I don't really know what else to say.



I just want to sound as witty as everyone else does in this article.

**B:** Don't worry Alex, you're holding the fort!

Contact Alex by e-mailing me at [Brent\\_Constantin@yahoo.ca](mailto:Brent_Constantin@yahoo.ca) and you won't regret it. He's a super nice

guy, even after I had to redo his photos on three separate occasions.

If you want to be the next NAIT Superstar Single get in touch with me at the address above, or come by our recently decorated Nugget Office right across from NAITSA.

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- Melvin  
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To CFPDude: how do you get your hair to stand up like that? It is so even and perfect! Maybe one day we can take you out for coffee and you'll let us touch it? We're still talking about the hair, right? We're not stalking you, we just want to be friends!

- Girls in front  
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Does anyone know how to use and install Linux wireless drivers on a laptop? I freakin' hate those rich-ass bastards at Microsoft who make shitty software that they don't support. Save me from Windows!

- benoitjolin@hotmail.com  
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Why is it people mostly comment on what they don't like about an organization? Here's my praise for today. NAIT, I love your microwaves. The thought of heating up my meal on what looks like a crust of vomit is truly appetizing. All those who feel like me should

come eat upstairs in the tower.

- Mr. Grosso  
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Hey you, the larger of the two clone girls ... skinny jeans aren't for you. I'm afraid I might be behind you in the staircase and get denim in the face from when your jeans explode off of you.

- Concerned Citizen  
P.S.: a bone in your nose would definitely complete the cave girl look you seem to be going for.  
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What's the deal with there being only one place to get the Nugget in the HP centre? If you hit main campus, you can't get through 20 feet of hall without seeing a Nugget box. Would it kill you guys to have another drop box in every wing?

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Ford-luvin' hotty: Thanks a lot for that message. Next time leave me a phone number or email address so I can contact you.

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I love, love, love the signs on elevator etiquette in the business tower. You know the half of it is it's common sense. But common sense isn't so common - go figure!

To the chump show who ALWAYS has his over-sized headphones on, no one cares if you spent \$400 on them. I don't want to hear some shitty Fall Out Boy song during my elevator ride. I'm sure you'll be as cool with your hearing aid on when you're 30. What's more enjoyable than stopping on every floor, and standing behind someone who reeks of BO the whole time? As much as the stench turns me on, please put on some deodorant. Being noticed for your BO may not be the best way to attract girls, but what do I know. Rant Done,  
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Peace Out.

- Tom  
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To the men's bathroom orchestra: Thanks again for that unpleasant THX preview of how unhealthy you are.

Really though, when you're trying that hard to get that shit out and making all that noise like you're a WWII casualty, that's when you realize that a visit to the doctor's office might not be a bad idea. So next time you're about to sit and take a crap, think about the poor guy who walks into the bathroom to take a piss, and has to listen to your agonizing and desperate moans. Because all in all you suck.

- The Burr  
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Problem #17: Avionics Boy: Yeah, yeah, keep talking and someday you might say something intelligent. As a failure you are a tremendous success. So sit down, give your mind a rest, because it obviously needs it. You're lucky that this ain't a trash-talking contest. If it was, then you're no match against me. You wouldn't even come close to making an appearance on Wilmer Valderama's show, because you don't have originality, delivery, quickness (we can ignore this one), and most important of all ... Sting. Obviously, you have none of the above. Listen, are you always this stupid, or are you just making a special effort today?

- Nugget Boy  
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Dear Emogirl: You probably noticed that I haven't written to you in the past two weeks. This is because I am breaking up with you. Our relationship is over. I'm a happy, hustling gangsta, and you're a depressed, suicidal maniac. It would never work! So this is my last letter to you, Emogirl. Farewell. I hope

you have a very depressing life!

- The Gangsta of Love  
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Sup sexy brown man, a.k.a. Rahim: I've been waiting forever for you to come out of the closet. I always knew you had a special flavour for the sausage. I love those super sexy, tight and revealing shirts you wear. They really accentuate your assets. You can take a ride on my saddle any day cowboy ... Go Flames GO. Or should I say, ... Go flamer GO. Holla back at me playa hater. I'd love to have a nice sexy man in my life too.

Yours truly,  
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Lover of the sexy brown man

I like how everyone seems so likely to believe what Gangsta of Love is saying. Have any of you thought that it was someone making up some bullshit? I bet even -Emogirl- is just a lame prank posted up. The funny thing is, all of you actually believe it, and post up comments about it. To all the people dissing the Horsedog comic lol cewell I got to admit the comic this week got me laughing.

To the people posting on the Grapevines, why don't you just be the hot single of the week? A better thing would be if you want to meet a girl so badly, why don't you go talk to one? It's not like they are going to blow you right off without even letting you start a conversation, and if they do then they aren't even worth talking to. Saying you're kinky in bed (lol) probably doesn't mix with the nice guy part, especially when you're looking for a hot girl \*hint hint\* Why would a hot girl choose an overweight guy who's as deep as a pond?

To the crazy girl comment: lol. I

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couldn't stop laughing after hearing that. Asking a guy if he's gay, and if he likes being butt-humped lol. Great to know there are some messed up people anywhere you go.



By MICHELLE YARHAM

## What happens when you eat a cupcake?



This explosion happens inside of me, everything else feels dull and muted by comparison ... because I have just experienced true bliss and being touched by God.  
**Evan Will**  
Photographic Technology



I usually get iceing on my face and my mouth gets a flavourful enjoyment ... you don't need to put the last part, people will laugh at me. (Sorry, Scott)  
**Scott Ironmonger**  
Business Administration



Little leprechauns run around in my head ... some of them escape.

**Mike Cristello**  
NAIT sports equip. desk



Excessive happiness!

**Alyssa Dereg**  
PFT



Well, you know, it tastes like a little gift wrapped from heaven ... well you know, it's really, really good. (You're right, Krystal, I do know.)

**Krystal Rehn**  
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