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## OOKS FLY HIGH

Men's hockey team faces  
SAIT in ACAC final this  
weekend. **Sports, Page 16**

### VOTE TODAY!

Check out the NAITSA election hopefuls on pages 10 and 11. Remember, these are your candidates, so cast your ballot.

### ROLLER GURLZ

Oil City Derby Girls Dee Vicious, left, Cheeky Chiquita, Sour Cherry and Trailer Trish are ready to take on the world. For story, see Page 12.

## THE NEST

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## Oilers Game of the Week at The Nest

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Wed. March 21	Colorado	7:00 pm*
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Thurs. April 5	Minnesota	6 pm

\* Indicates Pay-Per-View Broadcast





# NEWS & FEATURES

— Only program like it in Alberta —

## Woodworking an art



**ERIN MASTRE**  
Student Issues Editor

The Advanced Woodworking program at NAIT is the only program of its kind in the province. For the 22 students in the program, it is the perfect way to exercise their expertise while exploring their creativity.

The program runs for eight

months and will be starting its fifth year in November. Students are accepted based on both professional experience and the submission of a portfolio. They learn first-hand as well as computer drawing, and then are taught to hand carve.

A project in this program is not your run of the mill, average piece of furniture. The unique pieces look more like art and are then put on display every year at the local TU Gallery in June.

The show, called Fine Legs, Great Chests and Hot Seats, is completely student organized. "Students build their catalogue and then have to sell their work themselves," says Paul Roberts, Program Head for four programs, including Advanced Woodworking.

Having been an instructor at NAIT for 28 years, and a program head for nearly 10, he is still a man of few words. When speaking of his work, he is both passionate and modest. "NAIT is a great place to work and is always fun and interesting," said Roberts.

"We give our students a basis in traditional furniture so they understand the skills," he explains. "Then they start to explore their creativity and develop their own products."

When asked if Roberts has seen it all, he says that he is still continually surprised, "The imagination of the students is what makes it all worthwhile."

Starting off with a 'ball and claw' design, they then move on to craft a table. Everyone has the same basic design but embellishments are left up to the individual, allowing one table to differ from another. The last project is a chest of drawers.

Alex Paterson was a part of the first graduating class in the Advanced Woodworking Program and is also the owner of the TU Gallery. "I always tell people about the program to anyone who comes in and is interested in woodworking," says Paterson.

"The work of the students just gets better year after year. They are always coming up with new and exciting designs and styles. This is a wonderful venue to showcase the work of the students and the quality of the program," he adds.

Roberts, being an experienced woodworker himself, tells of how attached one becomes to the projects in which so much time, energy and effort has been put.

"It's never easy to let them go. It must be really hard for those just starting out to let go of their masterpieces. But at the same time, you won't make any money

hanging onto them."

For more information about the Advanced Woodworking program, visit [www.nait.ca/wood](http://www.nait.ca/wood) and be sure to check out the amazing array of student craftsmanship at the TU Gallery in June.



Detailed hand carving a feature of the program.



Photos by Erin Mastre

A chair with flair.

### Terry Cook Law Text Bursary

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## I Volunteer

Your official NAITSA Volunteer Guide

**NAITSA's GIV'ER** program cut off for this year's competition closes today, March 15th at 4:00 p.m. Be sure to submit your hours/donations in to Shannon in E-133 before then!

**Skills Canada Alberta** is hosting its annual **Provincial Skills Competition** on May 15th & 16th. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and take down and registration. For more information please contact Katie Lutz at 493-6625 or online at [katiel@skillscanada.com](mailto:katiel@skillscanada.com).

**KARA Family Resource Centre** is now recruiting volunteers for their River City Race on Sept 8th. This spin of the hit show "Amazing Race" needs volunteers to help with final planning details & event day activities. Call Liz at 478-5396 for all the details.

**Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation** is still looking for volunteers to assist with their Casino event on April 1st & 2nd at the Argyll Casino. Contact Cheryl at 452-1166 for all the details!



# Cuba trip eye-opener

By **ERIN MASTRE**  
Student Issues Editor

Before Reading Week the Nugget told you about a group of Petroleum Engineering students from NAIT travelling to Cuba. While originally intended to be an educational field trip to tour Cuban petroleum facilities, it also became a mission of good will.

Partnering with an organization called Not Just Tourists, the group of 32 students took with them an unprecedented number of suitcases laden with medical supplies for the developing country's hospitals.

"I recommend any other tourists, or students travelling anywhere, to get in touch with Not Just Tourists," said Jamie Coutier, one of the trip's organizers. "It doesn't cost anything and it makes a world of difference to those in need."

"On Day 1, we all got some cabs and headed to the first hospital for supplies, which was the paediatric hospital. We had two bags to deliver and a paediatric wheelchair. Everyone was so thankful. We got so many thanks," he said.

The group was informed that the wheelchair was not intended for one person, but would be used to move many children around the hospital. Thankfully, a friend of one of the students spoke Spanish and so communication with the Cubans went very well.

The second stop was an adult hospital also in dire need of supplies. Both were chosen as recipients of the medical materials due to their remote location and need.

In Cuba, to attend Petroleum School students must already have completed a five-year degree.

Petroleum School is then another two-and-a-half years on top of that explained Cloutier. "All the text and field books are in English. English is the most important thing."

NAIT students had an opportunity to speak to local students and they asked questions of each other. Information on Cuba's petroleum industry is very hard to find he says. "We really learned a lot from the whole trip. It was a great opportunity to ask questions."

After an 11-hour day of touring with an Edmonton-area-based company called Sheritt Gordon, students had a bird's-eye view of the entire petroleum process from the wellhead to pipeline to tank farms and even loading facilities.

Having lunch with real work crews also provided the opportunity to find out about the daily working

conditions. "Everyone we talked to really enjoys working in Cuba with the Cu-Pets (Cuban petroleum workers). They do not have any problems with them and are very hard working."

"I'm really glad we went. Our mission was accomplished, we learned a lot of new things, and everyone had a good time."

*Comments? E-mail Erin at [erniebern@hotmail.com](mailto:erniebern@hotmail.com)*



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*— Jamie Coutier, one of the trip organizers*

## Happy St. Patrick's Day

From the Nutrition and Food Service Management  
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All submissions must be accompanied by your name & student ID number

The opinions expressed by contributors to the Nugget are not necessarily shared by NAIT officials, NAITSA or elected school representatives.

## Letters welcome

**We want your views**

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



# Internet has changed our lives



**SHANT CHAKMAKIAN**

The Internet has been a changing force within our lives. Some people barely use it and some people can't go without it, but the bottom line is our world depends on it.

As much of a scary thought as that might be, it also is a comforting one. The sheer fact that the information and knowledge of the world is at our fingertips is empowering.

From Google to Wikipedia, the power of just about anyone being able to get information on the web is shocking. Anyone can be a TV star on YouTube and get their 15 minutes of fame. Anyone can buy anything, and a company can be started from home using eBay without having to actually have a physical storefront.

So how has the Internet changed our lives? Well, let's look at how life

was 10 years ago. People watched video on TV, most Internet connections were dial-up, and wireless networks were just a dream. Most households did not have a computer, let alone Internet. MSN didn't even exist yet, and eCommerce was in its infancy.

Forward to 2007, and most Internet connections (especially in Canada) are high speed. Wireless Internet is readily available in many places, and most households have a computer. Many people are moving away from watching conventional television and are downloading TV shows and movies, or watching streaming video off sites such as YouTube.

Products like Google Earth and Google Maps ensure that no one gets lost, and most people in our generation exist 'virtually' on sites such as Nexopia, MySpace and Facebook. Even consumer products like Coors Light have MySpace pages.

Blogs have made web publishing so easy that even the most basic user can start his or her own news site, or make a simple blog about something as trivial as socks, using Blogger.

As a result, our society has a more "do-it-yourself" attitude. The most important skill today is to know how we can learn and research anything.

Becoming a more connected society allows people from all walks of life to find whatever interests them and gives them an audience wherever and whenever they need it. It also gives us choice – the choice to choose where we get our information from and the freedom to make up our own minds.

Without the Internet, we'd be lost. Commerce, research and communication would be a pain, and people would have to go to libraries just to learn a small tidbit of information. As well, there would be less choice on where to get our information from and what to do with it.

At a technical institution such as NAIT there is practically no program here that does not use some form of electronic resources.

On that note, check out some of the resources I mentioned in this article and visit my blog for more useful tools and websites. Technology is like a sword and is only as powerful as the person who wields it.

Please feel free to visit my blog at <http://shantc.blogspot.com> or to email me any comments or sug-

gestions at [shant\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:shant_c@hotmail.com). I value and look forward to your input.

**NAIT CLUBS**

Cabaret tickets can be purchased from the NAITSA Office (Rm. E131).  
Raffle tickets can be purchased directly from the technology club.

**Construction Engineering Bubble of Doom & Beer Garden** at The Annex on March 22 at 3pm

**Landscape Architecture Technology 80's Party** in The Nest on March 22 at 4:30pm

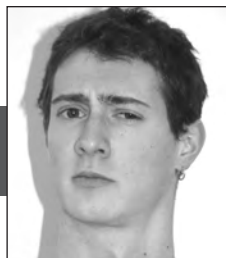
**Animal Health and Respiratory Therapy Cabaret** at Stonehouse Pub on March 23. Look for them selling on campus.

**Instrumentation Engineering Dodge Ball Tournament** - NAIT Gym from 11am to 7pm on March 24. Boston Pizza Gift Certificates as prizes!!

**Mechanical Engineering Battle of the Bands** on April 5 from 4:00 till close in The Nest

– Raves and rants –

# We should think of others first



**ROBIN J. EGERTON**

My discman broke down about a week ago. This is a major tragedy in my world, because now I'm forced to listen to the conversations of everyone around me, forcing an acknowledgement of our steadily declining intelligence.

The other day, I overheard an elderly lady telling a friend of hers that she thought the new Art Gallery of Alberta building was a "waste of money." She went on to say the money should be used instead to fix the potholes in the city's roads.

In an article published in the *Sun* on Sunday, March 11, the director of Edmonton's roadway maintenance stated that he won't put roadway crews on the streets to fix those potholes. It seems people are ignoring the recent law that requires drivers to drive at half the speed limit while passing emergency and maintenance vehicles. These "idiot critics" just don't seem to think a problem through entirely before bitching about it.

This kind of juxtaposition underlines the problem we have in developing this city's identity, and the kind of blunt and brazen stupidity that exists and opposes the development of it. Why do you think we couldn't even give away five free trips to Edmonton last year? Because tourists don't come for the roads, they come for the cultural experiences like art, entertainment, and music – the finer things in life.

Edmonton's identity is finally blossoming, but it's been tough. There are two opposing camps at work here, one that's happy to just keep its head down and remain oblivious to the real world and Edmonton's place in it – to keep things "the way it's always been," while the other battles ignorance and stupidity on a daily basis.

It's difficult to convince a segment of this population that these attractions are important for our city to develop if it ever wants a seat on the world stage. If Edmontonians want to compete with Calgary in any way, twice as much effort will have to be put into developing things that our city can be proud about, and that includes our attitudes towards others and ourselves.

I hear a lot of people vehemently defend their position that Edmonton is a wonderful city, but it's hard to find the things that make it wonderful. It isn't material possessions and money

that make a city great, it's the people in it and how they treat each other.

I don't see a lot of people who walk around and consciously try to make this city better by spreading joy or happiness on street level. Instead, I see the "Me first! Me, me, me!" attitude perpetuating the psyches of the general public.

## Get out to vote!

By **JULIE PHILLIPS**

The ground is beginning to thaw and colourful throngs of posters have been blossoming all over campus for the past week.

That's right, it's NAITSA election time. On every wall, cheery smiles promise to better represent you, the student.

You, reading this article. You, waiting in line at Tim Hortons, paying for parking, eating lunch near the Fresh Express. You, looking at all the posters. Or more likely, ignoring them.

I spoke with a number of students this week and asked, "Will you be voting?"

I noticed a few common responses. "I'm only on campus for a short time, so it doesn't really matter to me." Others said, "I'm only on campus for a short time, so my opin-

ion doesn't really matter." Still others said, "I don't know enough about it," and "What's NAITSA?"

I think some of us are missing the point and are looking in all the wrong directions when searching for an identity. Until we all start seri-

ously thinking about how we treat others and the interactions we have with the people around us, instead of what material possessions will put us on a pedestal above everyone else, our true identity will not take form.

NAITSA estimates that one in 10 students typically votes.

The student body representatives are being determined by 10% of the student body.

Why such a low number? Busy schedules. Laziness. Disinterest. Perhaps it is NAITSA's responsibility to better communicate to the student body what it is they do. If you're a student on campus you are paying a NAITSA fee, and it's time to step up.

My suggestion? Do some research this year. These students (the candidates) are going out of their way to support your campus life.

It takes a few minutes, but read the platforms, find someone whose ideas you identify with and find a polling station on March 15.

## EnCana Aboriginal Student Centre

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# OPINION

— Editorial —

## Is enough being done to battle gases?

"Friends, the era of empty rhetoric on the environment is over," promised Prime Minister Stephen Harper a week ago during a joint press conference with Premier Ed Stelmach. "We're taking real action that will produce real, tangible results."

During this time of unprecedented economic bustle and oil sands activity can we believe in a federal government that only a year ago offered transit pass tax breaks as its solution to climate change?

It seems the Alberta and Canadian governments believe carbon capture and storage is the answer to our changing environment. Carbon capture storage involves the collecting of carbon dioxide underground rather than releasing it into the atmosphere.

Apparently it is as simple as that. Store a gas that has wreaked havoc with our atmosphere in the ground, because carbon capture storage should reduce emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by 80-90%. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) believes that over 99% of carbon dioxide captured should remain underground for millions of years.

Some have argued that the announcements made last week were not enough to effectively combat climate change. Perhaps a \$15-per-tonne tax once emission limits have been exceeded by a company is more like a slap on the wrist. However, consider who is making the announcements.

It's a government that alienated environmentalists by its disregard of the Kyoto Accord. But now the federal government is investing \$156 million into environmental initiatives in Alberta, which will most likely be used in the construction of a pipeline transporting carbon dioxide underground.

Who is to say if it truly is the end of an 'era of empty rhetoric,' but at least there's not only discussion now but some action by both our provincial and federal governments.



## We want your rant!

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

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

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

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

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

areas or being inconsiderate in some other way around campus.

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

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

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# HP Centre to get facelift

By ERIN MASTRE

The HP Centre is going to get a facelift to its outer regions. While the building itself is recognized across Canada for the cutting edge technology it employs, the surrounding landscaping leaves a little more to be desired.

Monday's design class was not what second-year landscape architect students were expecting. Class instruction was interrupted for guest speakers Dr. Sam Shaw, NAIT President; Kevin Shofflebottom, Executive

## Chinese students celebrate

By ZHANG HENAN and YU YING

Spring returns and the world refreshes. The Spring Festival (also known as the Chinese New Year) has always been the most important day for every Chinese person to celebrate and to wish for the coming harvest and family reunion. On Feb. 16, the Chinese Student Association of NAIT (CSANAIT) and JLS Canada International Cultural Exchange Centre (CICEC) hosted a celebration of this great festival in the NAIT Business Tower. It was a first at the school.

Yu Ying, a recent arrival to Canada, says that the Chinese Student Association helps make the transition easier into a new country. "It is because of this celebration I feel so close to my country and family, even if I am alone here I don't feel lonely."

CSANAIT was founded in Oct. 2006 with a membership of over 180 and has held various activities to unite students, making an effort to enrich campus life and help students with their studies as well as integrating into Canadian society.

NAIT President Dr. Sam Shaw sent his congratulations. "It's my pleasure to celebrate Chinese New Year with all the members of CSANAIT. It is one of the most important traditional Chinese festivals, which not only reminds us of the profound Chinese culture and long history but provides an excellent chance for different cultures to know more about each other," Dr. Shaw said.

Mr. Wu Jianxin, Chinese Consul General in Calgary, also sent his best wishes.

"The NAIT international education office has done a great job for international students and for cultural exchange," NAITSA president Jon Hoffman said. "I appreciate the support from CSANAIT to NAITSA – especially to Mrs. Tina Zhao and Mr. Hao Su, president of CSANAIT, for their hearty and persistent devotion."

Assistant to the President; and David Janzen, Vice President Finance and Administration.

Dr. Shaw then introduced what would become the final project for the course, and ultimately the master plan to update the HP courtyards. He referred to the courtyards on the main campus as a key element for bringing people together.

"We want something beautiful and inviting that really brings people in, explained Dr. Shaw.

"The design should also speak

about NAIT's personality – its applied nature, the friendliness, applications in terms of plant material and something that celebrates the diversity of NAIT programs."

"The HP Centre is about Information Technology but it has always been about technology with a human touch," he added.

"NAIT is not about glitter, but functionality. Wouldn't it be nice for culinary students to pick fresh basil or to have a courtyard that tailors to health sciences students?"

While only the basics have been



Photo by Erin Mastre

**The HP Centre's new look will be designed by students.**

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# Aboriginal achievement awards

On Friday, March 16, the highly anticipated National Aboriginal Achievement Awards will come to Edmonton to honour some of the highest achievers in the Indian Country. On the same night, RezX Promotions will host its annual 'After Party' dubbed, "The 3rd Annual RezX VIP Party" short for "Very Indigenous People."

"VIP doesn't mean it's for important people only," explains promoter Chris Ross, "VIP means it's for 'Very Indigenous People' because we're important too."

## NAITSA planning new look

By STACEY DOUGLAS  
Student Editor

NAIT's Student Association is overhauling its image and plans to unveil a new brand in the next academic year.

"Currently, the NAITSA brand does not have congruency, is really old, and makes us look like a department of the institution," says Garth Crump, Vice President External. "We want to create a brand that shouts 'student.'"

Therefore, Incite Solutions Inc., a marketing company specializing in not-for-profit organizations, has been hired. "The initial cost of the project is \$15,000," Crump says.

The first step is to create a communication plan to help NAITSA better reach NAIT students and others.

However, implementing the plan may boost costs. Crump, the re-branding project leader, adds: "If the Communications Plan stated that NAITSA needs a better website, the cost for a new website is about \$7,000. If we create the website, then we pay that cost, but if we do not do the website we do not pay the cost."

NAITSA sees their re-branding as an important communication tool. "We need to be able to meet the needs of our students and the first way to do that is to be able to effectively and efficiently communicate to them," he explains.

According to the brand development plan, communication is weak at NAITSA. There are issues with reaching students, the satellite campuses, as well as the perception of NAITSA. It would like to be seen for more than just organizing parties like Oofest.

NAITSA expects that by re-branding it will improve communication with students by clarifying services offered and increasing access to information. Awareness of NAITSA should also create an identity that is easily recognizable. Crump feels that re-branding is crucial, because "with better communication we can lobby government, NAIT administration and create services and events that better meet the needs of our students."

Ross is inviting everyone to come out and enjoy a night of Aboriginal achievers, celebrities, and entertainers. The after party will take place immediately following the awards show at the Maverick Lounge (10229 - 105 Street) with doors opening at 9 p.m.

Since RezX Promotions has organized an after party to coincide with the awards the past two years, this year should be one of the best. When Saskatoon hosted the awards in 2005, RezX threw a major event featuring talent from Chester Knight and the Wind, Eagle and Hawk, and Eekwol.

The next year Vancouver hosted the awards, and RezX threw another

huge event with performances by Rezofficial, Sunday Skool Drop Outs, and appearances by celebrities Adam Beach and Jennifer Podemski.

With this year's awards and RezX VIP Party in Edmonton, Ross says, "This year's performers are the future of Aboriginal music. They're all young, fresh and up and coming!"

Recently, the stellar lineup of artists was announced and this year promises to be something else. Edmonton's own Advokit and Benny will open things up, and Vancouver's Kinnie Starr with Okalani will follow.

After that, Manik will bring his West Coast flavour of hip hop to the forefront as headliners, and award winning rap group REDDNATION will finish things off with a bang. It won't stop there, as DJ Hooligan and JMak will play the hottest hip hop and dance songs throughout the night to keep the crowd moving.

The evening's host and honorary emcee will be Calgary's own Cowboy Smith! Aboriginal celebrities, entertainers and staff from the awards have been invited as this will be another star-studded RezX event.

This year RezX has partnered with Brad Crowfoot of www.Nutly.net, to bring together some of the

best young Aboriginal talent in Canada for an event that should be mesmerizing.

Remember, this event only comes once a year, so you better get the hottest ticket in town to the hottest after party around! This event will also mark RezX founder, Chris Ross' twenty-seventh birthday, so of course you have to come out and enjoy a great night!

To purchase your VIP tickets:

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# Astral Reflections



By **TIM STEPHENS**

**MARCH 18 – 24, 2007**

## **Aries March 21-April 19**

Your energy returns in two stages: emotionally/physically Monday, and in productive, creative, luck-oriented and romantic ways from Tuesday night onward. Absolutely relax Sunday – your last chance for “bone deep” rest until July! Be alert Monday and Thursday, as life offers a choice between your ethics and your insecurity. It could be subtle – but stay strictly upright Sunday/Monday and Thursday, not even a “justified” sneak, peek, misdirection, grab, greed, fear reaction, control demand or other tiny sin. You’ll be glad, later, that you “reinforced your soul” with a “good choice.”

## **Taurus April 20-May 20**

You have some serious decisions to make, especially Sunday/Monday, affecting the deeper trends of your life, and the way you want your future to go. This might involve a dilemma. For example: your bright future lies down one path, but your sexual desires lie down another. Or, your future dreams pull one way, and your financial involvements, desires or obligations pull another. Answers come Tuesday – adjustment, change, might be necessary. Choose between prestige and security, career and home Thursday – or better, wait until Saturday to choose. Seek rest, quietude.

## **Gemini May 21-June 20**

A month of effort, long hours, of contemplating your accomplishments and worldly position, of interfacing with higher-ups, yields now to four weeks of happiness, entertainment, a lighter heart and socializing. Your popularity is about to soar, partly as a result of what you write (so send those friendly emails) or say to an “audience.” However, some important threads – mostly communications ones – will still exist from your ambitious actions of the past month – pluck one lingering from early/mid February. You might face an important relationship or relocation decision early week.

## **Cancer June 21-July 22**

A change might be due in your job or health, centering on Sun-

day/Monday and Thursday but the influence permeates the entire week. You might have to choose between earning and investing, or, simply, between short money and long-term money – choose the earnings, the short-term. Even though it might seem more restrictive or unpromising, this choice keeps a spouse or partner “onside,” and will prove more stable, practical. In health, less invasive procedures are probably better than surgery right now. Recent mellow feelings, understandings, yield now to ambition, “prestige urges.”

## **Leo July 23-Aug. 22**

Sunday/Monday, you might have to choose between mystery, lust, power or financial urges, and a more heedless pathway, the path of romance, creativity, self-expression – of joy. Choose joy over power – it has a bigger future for you. The mystery and lust of March fade Tuesday, to bring four weeks of mellow feelings, understanding, broad views, love, and possibly far travel, media or educational success. Philosophically, you’re starting to feel that all is right with the world. Someone/thing attracts Thursday: be friendly, easy-going, and neither suspicious nor gullible. Reject anger.

## **Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

The opposition against you comes to a peak Sunday/Monday, then will fade for a few months. Domestic, property or security matters are at the crux of the conflict. For example, your spouse might disagree with your choice of home, retirement project, etc. Partial solutions come Tuesday – nevertheless, you might have to make a choice, or enact a major change. If it involves an investment or sexual choice, make it Tuesday. Practice safety rules Thursday; don’t grow angry; enlist others rather than tackle chores or health matters alone. Major changes loom!

## **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22**

Though you worked hard the last few weeks, a streak of romance, pleasure or creativity, a lucky meeting, relieved the drudgery of work. Now the emphasis switches from work to relationship excitement, love, co-operation, opportunities, fame, perhaps legal or relocation themes. A romance could grow to the level of partnership. Intimacy and/or commitment loom even in minor situations. But first, a (perhaps covert) struggle with a co-worker or a dilemma about travel or communications needs solving Sunday/Monday. Usually, for

you, things resolve when they’re brought to the surface. Do so.

## **Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21**

A month of work and health concerns begins. But before it does, you have one last decision to make: it might involve romance, a creative project, a financial gamble, or the pursuit of a special, pleasurable vision – all which involve risk – versus hanging on to what you already have. My advice – hang on, for you haven’t met (since the 1960s) the love or project that’s worth major risk. You will, 2011 onward. (Risk now contains an element of dispossession – losing materially, gaining spiritually.) Diplomatically handle Thursday’s career or domestic “grind.”

## **Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21**

Your sluggish mood lifts – the weeks ahead emphasize romance, charming children, creative urges, speculative risks, beauty, games, vacations, pleasure. You’ll ride a winning streak! 2007 can be a time of big changes, of the end of frustrations – and the more confident you feel, the more wildly you could throw everything asunder!

(That will especially apply April 6 to May 14, when you might end a love affair, or turn your home into a lover’s den!) Somehow, you MUST force your own needs upon your environment. Best path appears Tuesday.

## **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19**

A change or conflict comes to a head Sunday to Tuesday. It’s minor, involving travel, communications or paperwork, but tackling it can free you for more significant action. That action, over the four weeks ahead, will probably lie in domestic, real estate, security, retirement, foundational or “withdrawal” zones. In the month ahead, examine your relationships and projects: withdraw from those that are stale or unrewarding; throw your efforts into those that promise growth. Be careful with finances, investments and sexual urges before Friday. Romance sweetens the next four weeks.

## **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18**

You can face two important choices this week. The first, Sunday/Monday, might be almost “invisible.” Look closely, and you’ll see a difference between your social desires, your optimism

– and your earnings capacity or urges. In 2007, it’s better to socialize and plan the future than to earn money. The second (Thursday?) pits your restlessness, your desire to travel, talk and learn, against someone’s insistence on work, dependents, worry and health factors (all of which threatens to hold you back). That someone will prove right, this time. Romance, pleasure Friday/Saturday!

## **Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**

You’ll slow down slightly through the weeks ahead, but your energy and charisma will remain nicely buoyant. You face a critical choice Sunday/Monday, in career, prestige, status, parenting or responsibility areas – you can either go your own way, or follow the directions of bosses and authoritative people. Authorities and higher-ups have the edge, so bend gracefully. This choice comes again, in a different guise, around Thursday – tackle a chore yourself rather than delegating it. The three months ahead bring a rise in earnings – plan now, act April 6 onward!

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-A voyeuristic view into Canada’s dorm rooms-

# People play with their toys



Dear Sex Doc:

*When I was a teenage boy I used to rub my dick on my favourite childhood teddy bear. When that got boring, I split the seams in the crotch and penetrated it. My mom found it, she must have known what I was doing with it (I think it was kind of crusty), and threw it in the trash. She never said a word about it. But, seven years later I still feel shame from that experience. Should I be so worried about this?*

**Stuffed Toy Stuffer @ SAIT**

Dear Stuffed Toy Stuffer @ SAIT:

No, you shouldn’t feel shame

or guilt about this. Pumping your favourite childhood (sex) toy is more common than you might think.

Most kids have used some sort of object to masturbate with. I’ve heard from numerous adults who had ingenious ideas for sex toy aids when they were growing up.

One girl told me that her most beloved childhood toy was Tickle Me Elmo. She told me she was pretty well addicted to sitting on that toy. She’d watch TV, eat dinner, and fall asleep on top of her vibrating Elmo. She was thankful (and lucky) to have understanding parents and rechargeable batteries.

Stuffed Toy Stuffer, it sounds like your mother might not have been that understanding. She probably should have talked to you, but that might have been awkward for both of you. Could you imagine her holding up your cum-filled Bernstein Bear telling you that masturbation is perfectly normal and natural? Maybe she just didn’t know how

to talk with you about it.

Most people think that youth don’t start to masturbate until they reach puberty. However, most youth masturbate as children, and some have even been found to masturbate in the womb.

Most boys aren’t as creative as you Stuffed Toy Stuffer. The majority of young boys just pull it out and play with it. Young girls, however, get their kicks off in many different ways. Lots of girls will masturbate by straddling an armchair or climbing a rope. They’re a little sneakier about it.

Now, if you were to tell me that you’re still pumping your love into a teddy bear, I’d tell you that you have a plushie fetish. And, believe it or not Stuffed Toy Stuffer, there are adult men who are still plugging their cherished squeeze toy.

I’m not sure whether the shame you’re feeling stems from the fact that you masturbated as a teen or that you used your childhood cuddle bear as a cum rag or that you were caught/embarrassed by your

mother. But, be assured that what you did is not sick or perverted.

Don’t worry about what you did or how you think your mom feels about it. I’m sure she knows you’re not ‘sleeping’ with plush toys now. And Stuffed Toy Stuffer, I’m sure your mother knows ‘boys will be boys.’

Dear Sex Doc:

*I have a gay male friend who just recently started to do drag. Does he want to be a woman?*

**Gender Confused @ Fanshawe**

Dear Gender Confused @ Fanshawe:

The fact that your guy friend wants to do drag most likely has nothing to do with him wanting to become a chick.

Gay men do drag for fun and entertainment. They dress in elaborate outfits and exaggerate feminine characteristics and stereotypes.

I’ve heard some do it because they get more attention from men. One young gay man told me he did drag because he is sexy, confident, and popular in a dress. However, when out of frock, he’s called ugly and pathetic.

If your friend wanted to be a woman, he would be considered transgendered or trans-identified. That is, he would think that he really should have been a she.

Studies differ, but it is estimated that up to 10% of the population is gay, lesbian, or bisexual, while only one in 10,000 individuals are thought to be transgendered.

Whether your friend wants to do drag or become a woman, it shouldn’t be anything for you to be concerned over. Be the most supportive friend you can to them.

And, I wouldn’t doubt that (s)he could give you some pretty wicked beauty tips.

**Dr. Brian Parker is a clinical sexologist and sex educator.**

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# CANDIDATES – NAITSA 2007

## PRESIDENT



**Mohammed Haymour**

**M**y name is Mohammed Haymour and I am currently in Business Administration Year 1. As most of you know elections are coming up and I am running for president. My main goal as president is to take every faculty in NAIT and make sure all their needs are met to the student's specifications and not NAIT's. What good is a school if students are not satisfied with what they are getting?

I don't know if you have heard of the five year plan but

this is going to be Mohammed's one year plan. In that one year, I am going to make it your most memorable year here at NAIT. What I plan to do is make school more interesting by creating more events that catch the interest of every student rather than just a portion of the students.

I have noticed that at NAIT there is a large number of students who don't really care to participate in school events. What I intend to do is do something that best interests those students while still keeping the interests of the rest of the students. What better way to do that then to ask the students themselves. I can't promise you anything but I guarantee you this, if you vote for me and I get elected as president you will never regret your decision.



**Kerri Wyspianski**

**Y**our new NAITsa-Kerri Wyspianski is running for president and eager to play a bigger role within NAIT. Currently in second year marketing and the Business Faculty Senate Representative, Kerri knows what representing the student body is all about. Main goal is to encourage and improve student empathy and to enhance the NAIT experience. What is there to gain from getting involved? There are many benefits in getting involved just to begin there is network-

ing experiences, learning outcomes and good times.

With all four current representatives leaving this May for new life journeys, there will be some big shoes to fill. Constantly getting involved where possible to learn the ins and outs of Naitsa, preparation is number one priority in the mean time.

Adding to what the current President (John Hoffman) has already done for NAITsa; I Kerri Wyspianski will make the promise to be more available within the school to see and hear what the students want. The most popular issues to work on so far are improvement on the maintenance in schools, parking alternatives, elevator courtesy, student funding, and improved communication.

Representing the voice of the student's fairly and effectively

communicating with the student body is number one.

Being at NAIT is about having fun and getting the most out of your education to enhance your future careers. You are at NAIT to better your future and make a career for yourself. It is up to you and your future NAITsa representatives to make that the most fulfilling experience as possible for you. You pay for that experience when you pay into student services; put someone in the Presidents position who will give you more bang for your buck.

NAIT students are so unaware of what is going on because we are all so wrapped up in our studies that we forget about what is going on within school. Let's change that and make changes. We need more awareness of what is going on in and around school with school sports, clubs, programs, and activities. Instructors also need to get involved more and be more aware of what there is offered to their students through. Communicating what is going on within NAITsa with the instructors is also a key priority when becoming a President.

We already have so many exciting projects and programs offered through NAITsa that just needed is more student awareness and involvement.

Another thing I want to introduce from NAITsa is a place to go to for business coaching and advice. A place with people you can talk to, to set you on the right path, such as finding out where to become incorporated or simply how to write a stellar resume.

I, Kerri Wyspianski as NAITsa President, would make student empathy my number one priority and will always listen to what you the student of now have to say, following through to enable your ideas to become a reality within the scope of NAIT's mission and values.

## VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT AFFAIRS



**Prince Thorpe**

**O**ne Goal, One Passion and there is only One Prince Thorpe. And that's me. The past year and a half that I've been here at NAIT has been the highlight of my life. By going to this school I have earned the privilege to encounter with some great people and to be taught by some of the best instructors in the world. As you may have notice, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology has students from different Ethnic groups, Cultures, Social backgrounds and different Religious beliefs. We may all come from different places but we are all here for the same reason. This is to get a better education and to improve our life and our future.

As a Vice President of student Affairs, I am devoting myself to listening to students, which is the most important part of this position. Being able to listening to students with issues, ideas, concerns, and knowing how to help, I will make an improvement in your life as a student. As a VP of Student Affairs, some of my role is to facilitating every student request, being a mediator between NAIT and the student body while maintaining a comprehensive knowledge of NAIT academic standard, the official liaison of academic council and government lobbying. Some of the things that I have learned in some of my classes here at NAIT, like Business Law and Critical Thinking is that with my determination and an attitude of hard work makes me the best Candidate for this position.

I believe that every student should feel welcome within the NAIT community and I also believe that every NAIT student deserves the very best education. As a VP of Student Affairs, I will demand that you received this. But if you want the best, on March 14 vote for PRINCE because am the best from the rest. It's that simple. Remember I only have One Goal, One Passion and there is always going to be One PRINCE THORPE. Vote Prince for VP of student affairs if you want to be heard.



**Lisi Monro**

**H**i everyone! So I've been trying to write this damn thing for over two hours now (I know, it's lame). I started off talking about how cool I think I am, and how many other people think that I'm cool, and that I want to do cool things and make friends with other people who also think that they are cool – and thinking that if I wrote a whole lot about how cool I was, that maybe you guys would think I was cool too

and then maybe you'd vote for me. But then I was thinking about how ridiculous that would make me look, and that it all would've been a huge lie.

So here goes... I have lots of ideas of what I think could make NAIT a better place to be, and I have a lot of ideas about what works right now. Here's the problem though - nobody REALLY knows what NAITSA is all about, or gives a crap!!!!

For those of you don't know what NAITSA is - it's your student voice. If we know what YOU want, if you tell us what YOUR issues are, if you tell us what YOU want from your post secondary experience - then what the heck, I can help you out. So in saying that, I'm not going to sit here and try to tell you what to care about, what my issues are, or why you should vote for me. Lets be honest - half of you don't read The Nugget (except for the grapevines) and the ones who are reading this probably haven't met me, and most likely don't care what I think!

Right now, NAITSA is a students association that not many students connect with. My main goal is to try and change that. The position that I'm running for is all about resolving student conflicts and listening to what students have to say. Sooo.... I'm not going to sit here and make false promises about how

I can magically make two more parkades appear, or talk about how important I am around NAIT (because I'm not), or how I think that I know what is best for NAIT students (because I don't) – but it's my job to find that out from you guys if I get elected! I'd love to help make NAITSA a place that students can come to and let me know how THEY feel and what direction their student association should go in, instead of the other way around.

So it'd be great for you to come down to vote on March 15th, bring your ID cards (otherwise they won't let you vote). I'm hoping to meet lots of people over the next week to figure out what's going on around NAIT ...I'll bring candy, you don't wanna miss it!



**Shant Chakmakian**

**M**y name is Shant Chakmakian and I would be honored and proud to serve this community as VP Student Affairs.

**I will deliver nothing less than my determination, dedication, leadership and integrity; while maintaining a strong sense of direction and vision.**

NAITSA is here to provide service and representation to students, powered by an amazing family of staff

and students dedicated to helping serve us all. I am dedicated to helping guide this family to carry out its mission in an effective and accountable manner as we find better ways to serve you.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve students as a Senator for 2 years and before that, on general council for 1 year. Governing this organization for 3 years has given me the foresight to see the vision and direction of where we need to go and where we've been.

**Con. ict resolution is key to this position and as Senator**



# 2007-2008 GENERAL ELECTION

## VICE PRESIDENT, CAMPUS LIFE



**Brent Constantin**

Greetings friends: Brentholomew A. Constantin here, attempting, in my ever humble way, to possibly coerce you into voting for me as VP Campus Life.

First off I'd like to finally put an end to the rumours that I'm a killer robot from the future. Can we move past that? I am not now, nor have I ever been, interested in the destruction of the human race. I love living people, so much more fun and less of a gooeey mess. Except of course for the corpse from Weekend at Bernie's, that guy was a body bag full of fun!

Bear with me, I get "serious" here:

NAIT's an environment where by the nature of what we offer here it's tough for a lot of us to get out to everything that's going on at campus, even if we wanted to. With a focus on practical education, most courses run a nine till five style schedule, and it's just not feasible for some people to take on a load of extra-curricular activities.

What I do think is vital though, is that people know what NAIT has to offer and connect them with what they're interested in. How many of you feel like you know anything about the school you're going to? Does it feel like a place that you have any investment in, or is it just an institution that you're attending

**I have always gone the extra mile to help students deal with issues the best I can.**

From tackling computer commons issues, to focusing on instructor performance by recognition of the strengths of current instructors and building on the weaknesses of others; working behind the scenes is mostly what this job is about.

**By electing me, you give me the ability to take a more direct and active role in helping you.**

Writing on the Nugget for 2 years now, has been a great opportunity to reach out to students, raise awareness and call for more involvement in the issues and life of this community.

Also adding to my knowledge base is 2 years of experience on Academic Council; which provided me very comprehensive understanding of NAIT's policies, procedures, guidelines and regulations.

It has also given me the opportunity to defend the need for many important programs to stay here at NAIT and also to understand and shape the direction of this institution's growth.

These experiences have also helped me develop sharp business skills and a great understanding of NAIT's administration, while developing relationships that will allow me to effectively help with student grievances and advocate for student rights.

Advocacy is also a very important part of this job and I am determined to forge and create relationships within the city, province and country to help better advocate for students thus helping enhance our institution and economy.

This community needs to come together under the right leadership. Just like the Ooksettes Dance Team and the Chinese Student Association; the expansion of clubs through great leadership adds diversity within this community. This corresponds with NAITSA's mission to help welcome special interest, general and international students alike.

**By lending me your vote you give me the ability to help ensure that NAITSA's values are executed in your best interests for the betterment and sustainability of this community.**

**So on March 15th pick the right man for the job. Vote for Shant Chakmakian for VP Student Affairs and give me the honor and ability to help you!**

for a couple years so you can get out and work?

If you're spending any amount of time here at NAIT why wouldn't you want to have a good time, and take advantage of the resources at your disposal? I know a lot of people are already heavily involved with additional activities in their individual programs, which is great, but for NAIT as a whole to start developing any sort of culture we need to all start getting rid of the departmentalization mentality in terms of student life.

The Nugget's a good example of something that brings the school together in regard to shared culture. Students on opposite sides of the campus can talk about something they saw in the paper on Thursday. It doesn't matter if it's good or bad comments, all that matters is that it gets unrelated people tied closer together, and we need more of it.

Above all though, take a long hard look at my picture. Memorized it yet? Good. Now if I come up to you in the hallway or lunch table over the next week, please, just humour me and nod politely to what I have to say, or, if you're in a hurry yelling "I'LL VOTE FOR YOU LEAVE ME ALONE" will work wonders in getting rid of me.

I really believe in serving on NAITSA, and so does my whole team.

I think that this position is a great opportunity to help students and the community of the school. I hope that you'll let me do my best by voting me in on March 15.

KISSES!

### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- There are four NAITSA Executive Council positions being filled in this election;
- You may choose to vote for a candidate in any one, two, three, or all four positions – You do not have to make a selection in every category;
- Please mark only one circle for each position;
- The candidate for VP External is running unopposed, and must receive more than 50% "YES" votes to be elected;
- Results will be announced in The Nest after 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 15th;
- Thank you for voting!

NOTE: Candidates' entries were printed as submitted.

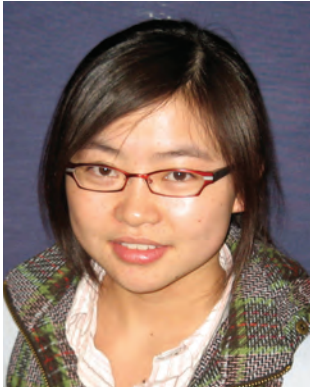
## VP, EXTERNAL



**Amanda Spearing**

Y our New NAIT SA! In 500 words or less we are supposed to explain why you should elect us specifically for the Nait Students Association ... that's a tall order, so here goes:

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**Min Liu**

Hello Everyone. My name is Min, I am second year student of NAIT, and I have been Edmonton for two years.

At very first beginning, I was totally a stranger to this country. I still remember the first day; I was told that if I take number 8, I can get off the bus wherever most of the passengers get off. I was lucky; I found NAIT, and become one of you. I had my eight monthes English study at ESL. I enjoyed the class, and I made my first friend there. I learned a lot from all my instructors there. By that time, I was depressed too. So, I try to talk with staff who woks for international students. I told them how I feel, and what kind of difficulties I have. They talked with me and helped me to salve my problems. Because I had all of my instructors, classmates, and the staff helping me; it made my life easier while I come to a foreign country.

In my spare time, I usually go to malls and try to talk with the sales people who work there to practice my English. I watch movies, and I read novels which my instructors recommended us to read. I went to gym and play basketball with my friends. I also listen to the radio on line, the one I always listen to is EZ ROCK 104.9, I like their music. The most valuable experience is that I try to be the volunteer for different communities. My favorite job is working as a face painter. I worked for the Heritage Festival, I worked with other volunteers to do face painting for children, some times for parents because they want to make their kids feel happy. I also learned how to be confident, how to deal with different people, and how to work as a team member.

In 2005, I became a part of the International Students Club. I met lots of students from different countries. Last year, I joined the Chinese Student Association. It was so much fun when you try to work for students, especially work for students who study in a foreign county without their family. They should enjoy their lives after they got their school stuff done. The other thing I learned is that I can get chance to show my idea to others; try to be a really good team leader.

Time flies, and this is third year I stay here. I enjoy my life in Canada, and enjoy study at NAIT, because now I have a lot of friends here, and they are nice to me. Thanks for somehow school is not that difficult for me and English study does not give me too much headache while I am learning. In the year of 2007, I wish everybody enjoys your life and stays healthy and happy.

elected positions who will give you more bang for your buck.

My name is Amanda Spearing, I am a second year Business Management student who is specializing in Human Resources. I am running for the position of Vice President, External, and my goal is to help improve communication within the main campus of Nait as well as the satellite campuses.

Communication with instructors about the many exciting projects and programs offered through NaitSA, and heightening student awareness of just what NaitSA offers is fundamental to what the new NaitSA overall goal is.

By acting as a link between the representatives and students of the satellite campuses and the main campus, I, Amanda Spearing, as the Vice President, External, would be able to assist the President and the executive council in representing the students through effective and open-minded communication.

As the NaitSA Vice President, External I would always be open to listening to student ideas on how to help improve the programs and services not only at the main campus, but also at the Souch, Patricia and St. Albert Campuses.



# ARTS & CULTURE

— Edmonton's only roller derby team —

## Roller derby girls bring on the pain



**BRENT CONSTANTIN**  
Entertainment Editor

Booze plus roller skates: it's something most of us only dream about (or not), but last Friday it became a reality at the On the Rocks fundraiser for the Oil City Derby Girls. While they were skating around selling 50/50 tickets, I chatted with a few of the girls about roller derby, recruitment and wearing spandex schoolgirl uniforms.

### Sour Cherry founder

Founded by Sour Cherry (all the girls have roller identities) in 2005, the Oil City Roller Girls are Edmonton's only roller derby team! It means that they usually don't have anybody to play, but it might not be that way for long. Roller derby's revival has been quietly spreading across North America.

There are already 30 leagues in the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) and northern leagues are beginning to emerge across Canada, including Toronto, Hamilton, London, Vancouver, Victoria, Montreal, Ottawa and Calgary.

Roller Derby is a sport that goes back to the dirty thirties, when it was more of a straight-up race around the track on a pair of roller skates. Today, it's been transformed into something almost completely different. The track is still there, but the focus is less on making laps, and more about full contact knock-downs by ladies in skin-tight outfits.

I guess it's the way most sports are going these days.

Group president, Hoochie Mama, told me that they recently had their first "bout" against the Denver Rocky Mountain Roller girls in December — a game they unfortunately lost.

"It was just good experience for us," Hoochie Mama says. "The more games we can play against inter-league teams the better we'll get."

Until then, the Derby Girls will have to make do with practising against each other, but these girls don't take it easy, even on members of their own team.

"You get knocked down a lot," says Short Stack'd, whose four-foot-nine frame was raised a bit higher off the ground than usual by her skates. "My ass is black and blue right now from falling onto the track. When girls come in, the first thing they get taught is the right way to fall. Considering how often you go down you can really mess yourself up if you land on your spine."

Despite the aggressive play style (or maybe because of it) the team boasts almost 40 members, and is looking for more.

### 'A good time'

"We're looking for any girls that want to have a good time," says Cheeky Chiquita. "We have women anywhere from 18 to 45 and they love it! It doesn't matter what you do. It's a great team environment and anyone that comes down to practice with us loves it."

"The best part is creating your character and getting to dress up," says Dee Vicious, "You get to go out onto the track and it's like you're a different person. I can't dress like this at work!"

"It's just an awesome way to let out some violence!"

If you're a lady with a bit of free time and the urge to bring on the pain you can join the Derby Girls by checking out their web site at [www.oilcityderbygirls.ca](http://www.oilcityderbygirls.ca) and sending off an e-mail.

Even though I can't play, I did get some valuable information. I now know a whole team of women that can individually beat the crap out of me.



Photo by Kerry Diotte

**Short Stack'd, left, and Trailer Trish ham it up for the photographer.**

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## — Performance previews —

# Furtado heads March concert



By ROCK'N RODGERS

Hey NAIT, I'm third semester radio student Mark Rodgers. I love going to live shows and if there was a choice between eating and buying a ticket, I'd go hungry. Take advantage of some lower-end prices now before we get completely dinged by The Police and Roger Waters later in the summer.

**Who: The Fray**  
**When: Monday, March 19**  
**Where: Edmonton Events Centre**

**How Much: \$25**

**Why or Why Not:** Out of Denver, the Fray formed in 2002 and their debut album, *How to Save a Life*, was released in September of 2005. The price says everything – a gig like this, with no opening band and taking place on a Monday, will bring out mostly hardcore fans. Twenty-five bucks is the right price but the venue may be ques-

tionable. It would be nice to see this show in a more intimate setting.

**Who: Underoath, with Taking Back Sunday and Armor for Sleep**

**When: Tuesday, March 20**

**Where: AgriCom Hall**

**How Much: Low \$29.50 High \$32.50**

**Why or Why Not:** Another mid-week gig, but a good warm up for The Taste of Chaos, which will be here in April. The price for this show is perfect for anyone who likes even just one of the bands on the card. The venue is rarely used because of the sound quality. However, I saw Sounds of the Underground there last summer and I found that, regardless of the sound, if it's a band you want to see (and if you get enough beer in you) it won't matter.

**Who: Nelly Furtado, Divine Brown, Saukrates**

**When: Monday, March 26**

**Where: Shaw Conference Centre**

**How Much: \$49.50**

**Why or Why Not:** Nelly Furtado is riding high right now with playtime all over the radio from her latest release *Maneater*. I thought this show would go down at the Rex, but the fact that it's

at the Shaw might make it worth the almost \$50 pricetag. It's nice to see artists bring more than one opening act, and the lineup for this one makes it an especially worthwhile ticket. For Canadian hip-hop fans, Saukrates will be a treat. He hit pay dirt with his first single, *Hate Runs Deep*, way back in 1994, before anyone could care what Furtado was up to. A good choice of opening artists and a good venue make this show perfect for the urban music lover.

**Who: Moneen, with Sparta and Attack in Black**

**When: Monday, March 26**

**Where: The Starlite Room**

**How Much: \$20**

**Why or Why Not:** The Starlite Room continues to put on killer shows for killer prices.

Even though we just saw Moneen open up for Billy Talent last month, they're such a killer show it's worth the repeat.

The boys from Alexisonfire plugged co-headliners Attack in Black on Much Music a while back before being added to the show, which is boosting the interest factor that much more. It doesn't matter that the show is on a Monday, if the hardcore fans will be out, the show should rock as much as they will.



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Nelly Furtado, here March 26 at the Shaw Conference Centre with two other acts, is an especially worthwhile ticket.

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— At the movies —

# Flick worth the money

By LIAM CRESWICK

The movie 300 is the first epic, popcorn flick of the year that's actually worth seeing. It's brimming with comic-book style, intense excessive violence and chest thumping manliness. It also sports an excellent theme and message.

When Leonidas, King of Sparta, is told to submit his land, water and will to the Persian ruler Xerxes, Leonidas tells him to go take a flying leap (with a little help from his foot), thus instigating the wrath of Persia's immense fighting force. With laws, politics and traditions insisting that he not go to war, King Leonidas takes only 300 of his best Spartan warriors to a narrow mountain pass anyway. He intends to protect Sparta, no matter the price.

Through heavy use of CGI, director Zack Snyder (Dawn of the Dead) employs an incredible style that looks like it was plucked straight from Frank Miller's graphic novel. The cinematography brings out the best things this film has to offer. Each scene has bright, repre-

sentational colour themes – brown/sepia for the battles, gray for the City of Sparta and light gold for Xerxes, among others.

Excellent camera angles put the audience shoulder to shoulder with the Spartans, showing everything that goes down as frankly and plainly as possible. Instead of the flashy camera movement used in many other action movies, 300 leaves the camera at the best vantage point and lets the amazing fight choreography and effects do the work.

Just like no one reads Playboy for the articles, you don't go to see 300 for a deep plot. But as it turns out, you will leave the movie with more than an urge to pick a fight. There is a great message about the importance of pride, honour and standing up for your ideals, fellow man and country. I usually groan when a movie's protagonist rambles on about keeping his honour, but I genuinely rooted for King Leonidas to stand his ground and not take anyone's crap.

There is a secondary storyline

about Queen Gorgo, Leonidas's wife, dealing with politicians back in Sparta. This is not particularly interesting, but has a purpose in the end. It also serves to pace the story, as two full hours of Spartan's whaling on Persians would have been too much for even the most indulgent action movie fan.

Gerard Butler commands the role of King Leonidas as well as he commands his warriors in the film. He's angry, aggressive and passionate, but never brutish or dumb. What makes Rodrigo Santoro work so well as the villain is his voice. His delivery is smooth and composed, yet forceful, and he doesn't slip into the usual menacing or cocky bad

guy routine. This is reminiscent of Philip Seymour Hoffman's role in Mission Impossible III (expect this movie doesn't suck).

Most of the actors do a good job with their character's fervent, engrossing monologues, but a few of the shorter lines feel somewhat cheesy and canned. The latter could be attributed to the close adaptation

of the comic book, where the lines don't sound as natural when spoken instead of read.

It's all about style in 300, and you've gotta see it on the big screen to really appreciate all the hacked off body parts.

★★★★☆



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## Borat producer comes to NAIT

For most, the name Ken Davitian may not ring a bell, but perhaps Azamat Bagatov means something to you. Tomorrow at 12:15 p.m., Borat's endomorphic producer will be making a guest appearance and speech in the NAIT gym.

Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan, recently released on DVD, was one of the biggest films of 2006, and co-star Ken Davitian is a big part of the film's success.

Davitian will be sharing anecdotes about his experience shooting the film with Sacha Baron Cohen, behind the scenes secrets, and will even show never-before-seen clips. He'll also be talking about his entire career in Hollywood, including roles in films like A Man Apart, to appearances in TV shows such as Six Feet Under, The Gilmore Girls and Boston Legal.

Davitian considers himself an overnight success after 40 years in

the entertainment business and it might be interesting to hear some of the stories he has to tell.

There will also be an opportunity for those in attendance to ask Davitian a question about his experience.

Though I doubt he has been touring across Canada in an ice cream truck, he has made appearances at other Canadian post-secondary schools like the University of Manitoba two months ago.

Should you be unable to attend the speech in the NAIT gym Friday, or just can't get enough Azamat, Davitian will be doing a general meet and greet (clothes on) with students at the Nest from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Both events are free for everyone, including non-NAIT students. So bring a friend and meet one of the few people in the world who can keep up with Sacha Baron Cohen. Chenquieh.

— CRESWICK

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# French Connection: Guetta - tonight

By ROBIN J. EGERTON

Oh man, Edmonton's night-life just keeps getting better! This week's treat is French superstar David Guetta. Guetta belongs to the new wave of DJs that combine sleek and sexy house with a dash of electroclash punch. Guetta's brain was particularly rewired when he heard a Farley Jackmaster Funk track on French radio in 1987. He taped the track, took it to a gig, and cleared the floor with it during one of his own sets.

Things loosened up a year later when acid house came to France and Guetta successfully promoted his own club nights. It was on one of those nights that he met Robert

Owens during the Chicago house legend's European tour in 1992. Guetta played Owens some of his own tracks and Owens picked one he liked enough to sing over. It was "Up and Away," a minor hit that lurked in garage DJ crates for the next four years.

Guetta's attitude of only producing good music while he's having fun kept him from releasing anything until 2001's Just a Little More Love. The track featured American gospel singer Chris Willis, who met Guetta while on vacation in France. Another slow burner, Just a Little More Love kept popping up in sets for the next two years, first in an electro version, and later in a pumped-up Wally Lopez remix. During this time

Guetta snuck out a bootleg remix of David Bowie's "Heroes," re-titled Just for One Day. Bowie gave the go-ahead to release the track officially and Guetta had a massive hit on his hands. Guetta featured the liberated boot on his first mix CD, F\*\*\* Me I'm Famous, named after Guetta's successful Ibiza-based party and released in 2003.

On the heels of his latest release, F\*\*\*\* Me I'm Famous Volume 2, and the global smash hit song Love Don't Let Me Go, Guetta will be in Edmonton and in action at Fever tonight. Tickets are \$20, and are available at Foosh, Treehouse Records, Ticketmaster, and of course, at the door of Fever Nightclub, WEM.



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David Guetta makes an appearance at Fever Nightclub.

# Women in film on display in city

By ALISTAIR WILKINSON

In honour of International Women's Day last Thursday, March 8 (for those of you who didn't know it, you should feel shame), NAIT's Shaw Theatre hosted the Women In Film & Television International (WIFT-I) Short Film Showcase. An engaging variety of stories ranging from the heart-warming to the bizarre, the showcase featured films by women from around the world.

The Edmonton showcase was part of a larger event. In each of its host cities, WIFT-I aired the same selection of films, with one exception: each chapter selected a local film-maker's work, to be aired in addition to the chosen international pieces. Yvonne DuBourdieu's documentary Family Life, about two parents with developmental disabilities, was Edmonton's choice.

Founder of ArtHouse Productions, VP of WIFT-Alberta and an award-winning producer/director, Yvonne was kind enough to speak about her work:

**How do feel about being selected?** It's great to have a chance to air a film for an audience – especially when that gives a work a chance for wider distribution. I enjoy making films that have a chance to make a difference – but I think that the hardest part of film-making is getting your work seen. Events like this are great for film-makers, and that's a part of what WIFT-I is about.

**Could you tell us a little about WIFT-I?** As an organization, WIFT-I is dedicated to creating equality in the Film & Television industries, not only for women. Even in the West, these are indus-

tries that are perhaps not as "equal" as you might like. Events like this one create a sort of support network for women film-makers, for the kind of stories that might otherwise never be heard. WIFT-I also attempts to help women acquire the skills and advancement to attain their goals at every level in the industry-through workshops and scholarships, amongst other things-locally, through WIFT-Alberta, and around the world. I think that the best thing WIFT-I does is to help prospective industry-members build confidence in themselves and their goals.

**How did you get involved in film?** I studied photography, to start with, and eventually made the transition to film. I've always been a visual person, so I found myself drawn to it as a way to create stories, or art. I wouldn't say that I'm artist, but I like to think that I'm

an art-maker. Now I can't prevent myself from making films.

**What's your next project?** ArtHouse Productions is just finishing Art Boys, a documentary about three local artists – their lives and work. We're editing it just now; hopefully we'll be done with it soon.

## Review

WIFT-Alberta's showcase featured no fewer than 10 films from around the world, varying in length, style, format and theme. Some that garnered the most praise, or at least the most comment:

**Ursa Dream (Director Kate Brown, N.M., U.S.A.)**

A revelatory animated piece, this child-like hand-drawn rendition of a dream relates a spiritual experience through narration. There is a frank, honest quality about this piece, not only because of the animation's sim-

plicity. The narrator has a "real" quality, as if the experience is recalled like a "lived" moment. As such, the work relates to the audience at a profoundly personal level.

**The Broken Hearted (Director Antoinette Karuna, Montreal)**

Keeping in tune with the increasing trend of creating fable-like films, this dialogue-free story is a work of beauty. At times severely unsettling, The Broken Hearted is visually compelling, a colour banquet, and a pleasure to watch.

**Exploding Buds (Director Petra Schroder, Munich)**

In general, the audience's

response to this surreal operatic coming of age fable was "What the #@\*% was that?" Any one looking for a very boggling film (and a confused laugh) should watch this film. Anyone looking for interesting substances to imbibe should consult the director.

There were, of course, other favourites, namely local Director Yvonne DuBourdieu's documentary Family Life and Toronto Director Renuka Jeyapalan's poignant film Big Girl.

For more information, check out [www.WIFT-A.ca](http://www.WIFT-A.ca) <<http://www.wift-a.ca/>>.

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## SPORTS

## Ooks storm into ACAC final



**ANDREW DUNAJ**  
Sports Editor

The NAIT Ooks have upset the Mount Royal Cougars in the ACAC hockey semifinal action to advance to the best-of-five finals starting Friday against the SAIT Trojans.

Player of the game for the Ooks was goaltender Kevin Dziaduck, who was thrilled after the game. "We just gelled as a team. The group of guys came together and we won."

NAIT took the series after a 5-2 win Saturday night at the NAIT arena. "No one expected to lose tonight," Ben Stokes said.

One question from the game was the refereeing that went on throughout. On the fifth goal for NAIT, Ooks captain Ben Stokes dumped Cougars defender Jesse Griffith, which led to a three-on-one break with Stokes, Duhamel and Ferrante, and a nice tick-tack-toe play for the goal.

"I guess he just should have been more solid on his skates. It's not my

fault he's weak," said the Ooks captain. The four game series victory may have come as a surprise for most ACAC fans. NAIT went 1-3 during the season against Mount Royal and were outscored 22-15.

"Come play-off time, it's a different season, everyone starts at zero-zero," Dziaduck explained.

NAIT is now flying high as a team and fully believes that they can truly contend and defeat SAIT and take the title away from them. "We're up right now. We are probably playing the best hockey we've played all year," Stokes went on.

The Ooks squad was the first team to hand SAIT a regulation loss during the season. During the season the Ooks went 2-1-1 against SAIT, and outscored the Trojans 23-18.

"The room is unreal and the team is excited. There hasn't been a championship here for awhile, so we are looking to finish and raise the banner," says Dziaduck.

NAIT'S number one line, which consists of Ben Stokes, Cedric Duhamel and Adam Ferrante have been nothing but on fire for the Ooks this postseason. Stokes leads ACAC playoff scoring with Duhamel in second and Ferrante right behind in third place.

"All year we've been clicking, we've just had some bad bounces, they're just going in for us. We're doing the same things, we're shooting the puck, going to the net, just working hard," says Stokes when talking about his linemates.

The team hopes that the fans will come out and pack the house and cheer the roof off for them, which would help lead them to a

championship. "We're gonna try and do the same thing we did to them during the season. We're a tough team, we're physical, so we'll just stay away from the dirty stuff and let our power play get goals for us," Stokes said.

Game 1 happens tomorrow in Calgary with Game 2 following on Saturday night at the NAIT Arena.



Photo by Andrew Dunaj

**Ooks forward Jeremy McKibbin heads for open ice as defenceman Mark Thomas carries the puck.**

## — Wide world of pro sports —

## Jen Heil flies high

Spruce Grove native Jennifer Heil ended her ski season by winning the world dual moguls title this past Saturday. The gold medallist from the winter Olympics in Turin reached the podium nine straight times this season with six of those being wins.

The only time Heil didn't end up on the podium was in Quebec. Jennifer fell on her landing and wound up in 11th place, giving some hope to her competition. "It's definitely been the season of my dreams," said the 23-year-old Spruce Grove native ...

In the AHL over the past week Oiler newcomer Robert Nilsson got his first taste of Robbie Schremp. "I loved it," Nilsson explained, "He is an incredible hockey player on the ice, and we get along so well off the ice."

In the first game, both these

players played on a line together and combined for six points. Maybe, just maybe, Oil fans do have something to look forward to in the future. Another question arising about the Oilers is:

will they win even five more games this year? How about three?

Without a doubt Edmonton will look to trade up and grab a Top-5 pick in this year's NHL Entry Draft. Let's just hope the Oilers don't have another bomb of a draft like they did in 1994.

For our friendly neighbours down south, pray that you don't have to face the Nashville Predators in the first round of the playoffs this year. The Flames have no ability to win on the road, and better hope that Kipper stands on his head and carries them this year. Without Kipper Calgary will fall fast.

So who's left to cheer for in the

playoffs then? I'm sure there are the die-hard Maple Leaf fans that seem to pop up all over the country, along with Sens fans, Canuck fans and possibly Hab fans. For most hockey fans the favourite has to be the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Who doesn't love Sid the Kid, Malkin, Stall and Marc-Andre Fleury? Most Edmonton fans will probably be taking the low road and cheer for what I'm starting to hear being called the Edmonton Islanders.

Please, Oiler fans, don't cheer for the Islanders just because some punk with a mullet plays for them now. He's just another hockey player in a business world that has moved on, and so should you.

This would be Edmonton's chance to show the world how we aren't a small hick town who fall in love with players and can't let them go. Move on Oil fans and forget, because the future will be much brighter than the past, right?

— DUNAJ

## Athletes of the week

Ben Stokes  
Hockey

Ben Stokes of the men's hockey team is this week's co-Male Athlete of the Week. Once again, Stokes has found a way to take his game to a new level. In the ACAC semifinal matchup between the Ooks and the Mount Royal Cougars, the third-year geology student dominated offensively, recording six points in two games and leading his team to two victories. Stokes is averaging well over two points a game during this playoff push, and is showing no signs of letting up as the Ooks look ahead to SAIT in the finals. Well done!

Kevin Dziaduck  
Hockey

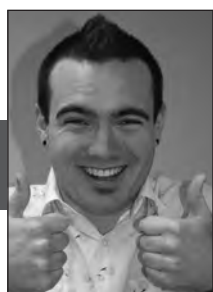
This week's co-male Athlete of the Week is Kevin Dziaduck, goalie for the men's hockey team. This is the second week in a row that the first-year CNC machinist has won this award. As you look at all the possible reasons for the monumental turnaround the Ooks have made since last season, you need look no further than Dziaduck. He has been a steady source of confidence all season, including the Ooks' current push into the playoffs. Over the weekend, Dziaduck backstopped his team to two victories, allowing only five goals. Sporting an impressive .955 save percentage, Dziaduck is sure to be on SAIT's radar as they prepare to face the Ooks in the finals.



# HOT

## SINGLE OF THE WEEK

# A prize, ladies?



**BRENT CONSTANTIN**

Here's a great joke for you: What do you call a Hot Single of the Week that likes to hang out on the roof?

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HAHAHA...haha...ha...ugh...

Wow...good thing I've never been funny, or else I'd think there was something wrong with my sense of humour.

Now that we've passed that train wreck, let's get to this week's super stud!

Sean Hoffman is in his first year of pre-tech before going into Heating and Ventilation next year.

He also wears glasses. Can you find his glasses? Circle

them. Good job!

**B:** Hey Sean!

**S:** Hello

**B:** Sean, why don't you have a special lady in your life? Relate to me what the deal is.

**S:** Well Brent, I usually date real bitches.

**B:** Why would you do that? Punishment?

**S:** No, I'm not sure. I think I just don't know they're bitches at the time when we start dating and then they surprise me with their bitchiness later on.

**B:** That's a horrible surprise! Like when you put on your pants and they have fire beetles in them!

**S:** Yeah, so I've had a bad run of luck.

**B:** So tell me about yourself.

**S:** Well, I'd say I'm pretty laid back and unique, and my friends would say I'm a huge goof ball.

**B:** And why are you hot, Sean?

**S:** Why am I hot? Well I think I'm not really hot in the traditional sense.

**B:** What's the traditional sense?

**S:** Hot on the outside.

**B:** So how hot are you on the inside, Sean?

**S:** Pretty hot!

**B:** Would you say 200° Celsius?

**S:** No, more like 200° Fahrenheit!

**B:** I think Fahrenheit is actually a little bit colder than Celsius ...

**S:** Oh ...

**B:** Well, how have ladies responded to your internal hotness?

**S:** Not well.

**B:** Any closing words, Sean?

**S:** Yes ... I'd like to increase responses to my article by offering a prize to the first person to contact me, they'll get a big—



Photo by Brent Constantin

**B:** Whoa! Slow down there Sean! If you give away what the prize is they won't respond. Gotta keep it a mystery.

**S:** Oh yeah. Good point. So e-mail me, and you'll get a mystery prize!

What could Sean's mys-

tery prize be?!? You'll have to contact him by sending your requests to [brent\\_constantin@yahoo.ca](mailto:brent_constantin@yahoo.ca).

That's the same e-mail for submissions too! Ladies, where are you? The guys are hogging this space!

— The dating scene for students —

# No possibility to be late on this date



**KIM VAN NIEUVENHUYSE**

Welcome back to my Excellent (?) Adventures in Dating. Every week I will explore a new dating scenario with a new date. Last week was The Older Guy, and this week is the Girl's Night In (alone).

**Date Scenario #4:** Girl's Night In (alone)

Okay, the real story is I just couldn't find a date for this week's

edition of the paper. But instead of just admitting I couldn't get anybody to go out with me, I tried to spin it as a planned event. It was nice, though. A little alone time is good for you and me. I was exhausted and after last week's date, I now know better than to go out when I'm tired and grouchy.

So I spent Saturday night on my couch multitasking, eating, watching T.V. and reading fashion magazines, and it was the best date I have been on lately. Sorry guys!

I didn't have to dress up. I didn't have to watch what I say. I didn't have to be on my best behaviour and I didn't have to spend any money. I went to bed early, got lots of sleep, and hopefully I won't be bad tempered for

my next date.

So now that I'm well rested, look out for a new dating story in the next edition of The Nugget.

**Overall Date Rating:** A+

I couldn't give myself a bad mark!

And remember, it's healthy to take some time for YOU. So the next time you are alone on a Saturday night, don't feel sorry for yourself! Give yourself a facial, read a magazine, or watch a movie! Just because you can't be with the one you love doesn't mean you can't love the one you're with — you!

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# NOTICE of NAITSA GENERAL ELECTION 2007

## POLL STATION LOCATIONS

Common Market  
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main stairwell  
Outside NAITSA Office  
Outside Fresh Express Cafeteria  
Outside Campus Reads & Needs  
Outside Bytes Cafeteria - HP Centre  
Tower - 1st Floor  
Souch Campus - Z130  
Patricia Campus - P127  
St. Albert Campus

**Vote Today ONLY**  
**March 15**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- There are four NAITSA Executive Council positions being filled in this election;
- You may choose to vote for a candidate in any one, two, three, or all four positions – You do not have to make a selection in every category;
- Please mark only one circle for each position;
- The candidate for VP External is running unopposed, and must receive more than 50% “YES” votes to be elected;
- Results will be announced in The Nest after 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 15th;
- Thank you for voting!

\*\*Note Full-time, part-time and Apprenticeship students are eligible to vote. Continuing Education students are not eligible to vote.



# THANK YOU FOR VOTING



Grapevines

Classifieds

Grapevines is a chance to speak your mind.  
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# Steamed about smokers

Does anyone know why pop costs \$1.75 from the vending machine and \$1.85 from the Common Market or the Fresh Express?

– Thirsty but pondering \*\*\*

Y’know what I love? When I step out the door for fresh air and get a cloud of poison belched in my face. Aaah, yes, and you know it’s spring when hundreds of butts blossom forth from under the snow. It’s so nice to see the tar returned to the road, because those butt holes supplied must be for something else, like measuring the pathetic diameters of your cig-sagging dicks. I don’t care if it’s windy, or if your cardio sucks so bad you can’t manage the five steps from the door. It’s the law. Suck it somewhere else!

– The Nazal Nazi \*\*\*

You’re cute. Trust me, you are.

\*\*\*

Only six more weeks of school and we’re done! Aw shit, that means

a summer job. Meh.

– Revelling in my mediocrity \*\*\*

Why is it Lady Ooks, but not Boy Ooks? It’s just Ooks for men’s athletics. For that matter, what the fuck is an Ook?

– Curious \*\*\*

When driving in the parking lot between the Jefferson Armoury

and NAIT can people act like there might be someone else on the road?

Yeah, the snow takes up a lot of space, but if we all stay on our side of the road everyone can get through.

– Road Rager

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**LIAM CRESWICK**

## With St. Paddy’s Day right around the corner, what do you consider your lucky charm?




I used to have a necklace, but then I got a new one. I guess this is my new lucky charm.

**Becky**  
Bio Science




A green condom.

**Chad**  
Petroleum Engineering




I had a lucky sock. I got it when I was a little kid.

**Hela**  
Bilingual Business Administration



My son is my lucky charm. I would be in the dumps without him.

**Meghan**  
PWT



I have a lucky bullet on my key chain. My dad made it for me.

**Landyn**  
Business Accounting

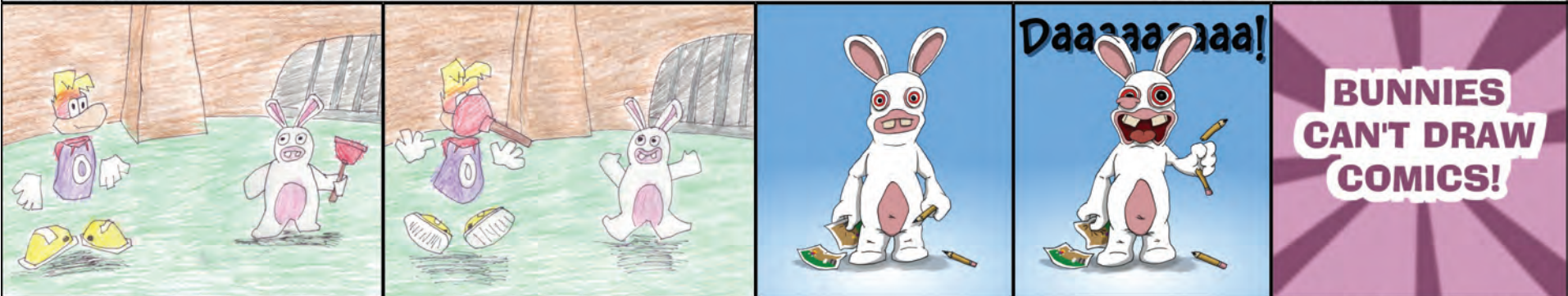


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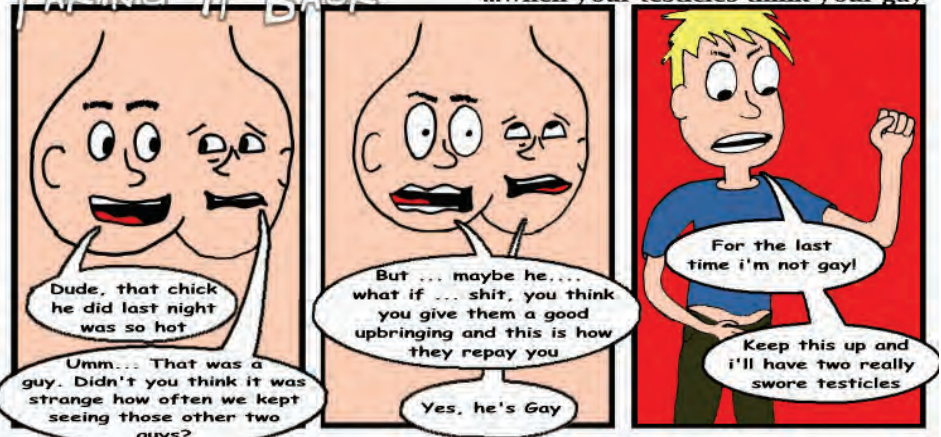
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TAKING IT BACK ...when your testicles think your gay



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