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TRAGIC CRASH CLAIMS STUDENT

Friends wrestle with grief
after NAIT student killed
crossing city street in his
wheelchair

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Ooks are so close ...

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Photo by Brent Constantin

Lawrence Daher was a student in computer network administration who was struck in a crosswalk and killed March 17.

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NEWS & FEATURES

— Crosswalk tragedy —

NAIT student struck down



By **STACEY DOUGLAS**
Student Editor

Classmates and friends of a NAIT student were struggling with grief and paying tribute to his life this week after 27-year-old Lawrence Daher died in a tragic accident on the weekend.

Daher was killed Saturday night when he was crossing a road in his wheelchair and was hit in a marked crosswalk at 34 Street and 44 Avenue. Daher began his studies in computer network administration this past fall and would have graduated this spring.

The crosswalk was marked by lines on the road but there were no stop lights or an amber flashing light at the location.

"He always had some surprises up his sleeves," said Robert Wilson, one of Daher's instructors.

"He always wanted to play me these videos of these really fancy wheelchair stunts and stuff."

Daher lived a full life in his 27 years, even though he was born with spina bifida, which kept him in a wheelchair, say friends. An accomplished musician, he played the cello, trombone and bass, and had graduated from MacEwan's jazz program. During his childhood, he lived with his parents in Switzerland and Poland.

While attending NAIT, Daher lived with his aunt and uncle in Mill Woods. Funeral arrangements were on hold until his parents, who are missionaries in Switzerland, arrived in Edmonton. Police say that speed and alcohol were not factors, but the investigation is ongoing.

His classmates had access to a counsellor Monday morning to help deal with their grief.

"Basically, he was a guy that



Lawrence Daher
Killed in south Edmonton

would come in every morning, and you'd see a big smile on his face," said Zach Durant who was a classmate of Daher's. "He just had a way to put a smile on everyone's face."

"He was just one of us," says Wilson.

The NAIT student attended the Evangel Pentecostal Assembly where he had played bass

guitar, cello and trombone during services. His father, Larry Senior, had been one of the church's former music pastors.

This school year, the popular Daher had appeared in a Nugget newspaper feature titled Hot Single of the Week.

He said in that article that he hoped to compete in the 2012 Paralympics in archery.

The crash was the city's third fatality of the year.

In a news release, police said that the accident occurred at 8:20 p.m. Saturday, when Daher and a 64-year-old female got off an ETS bus on the west side of 34 Street at 44 Avenue.

Police said the two began crossing 34 Street eastbound in a marked and signed crosswalk.

After crossing the southbound lanes of 34 Street as well as two of the three northbound lanes, police said, a northbound vehicle had stopped for the pair in the middle lane, but a Dodge Neon in the last northbound lane failed to stop and struck both Daher and the woman.

Daher received serious head, leg and internal injuries and was taken to hospital where he later died. The female was admitted to hospital with a leg injury. The 30-year-old driver was not injured.

Charges were pending against a Beaumont resident. His 28-year-old wife, also of Beaumont, has been charged with obstructing a police officer.

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— **Classmate Zach Durant**



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New students elected!



ERIN MASTRE
Student Issues Editor

Election time has come and gone at NAIT and a new Students Association is at the helm, and will soon be ready to take over from those currently in power.

Your newly elected President is Kerry Wyspianski and the first woman to assume the position since Diana McCall in 2002-03.

Brent Constantin is your new VP Campus Life while Amanda Spearing takes on the role of VP External. Lisi Monro rounds out the group, and will be the VP Student Affairs for the next school year. Voter turnout was still low with only 10.1% of NAIT's student body casting a ballot.

Getting ready

According to Jon Hoffman, current NAITSA president, there are many things that now must be done in order to prepare the new leaders for their new roles. "Right now, we are streamlining our job descriptions and focusing on making things more efficient," says Hoffman.

"The newly elected governing body starts at the beginning of April for a month of overlap with the current student body," he explains. "We realize they are full-time students and have given up a week of studies to campaign and they do need to catch up."

"I had a lot of fun and really enjoyed giving speeches," says Constantin, who had planned on running in the election since the end of last semester. "There's something to be said for people recognizing me around school – it's like being a superstar."

'Fell into it'

"It's nice to be interested, but there's no pressure to be involved," he says. "People are at NAIT first and foremost, to get out, and start working. If they're interested in the students' association, they should look into it. I fell into it myself."

Kerri Wyspianski says there are a lot of things she's hoping to do when in office. "Right now I have been talking to a few people looking at improving and increasing marketing of buses and car pooling," she explains.

"We are looking at the market

analysis on benefits of buses and car pools and how much that would save students."

When asked about voter turnout, she replies that she is concerned. "I thought it was going to be a lot higher, considering the number of people we talked to. I think people aren't aware of the difference they can make. Either awareness isn't as high or people have it on their shoulders that they're not going to be here next year."

Hoffman refers to the coming changes.

"We are really stepping up the process to make sure there is a comprehensive transition plan in place. In past years, it's been left up to each position to get new people up to speed," he says.

"On a career level, I have realized that if I want to do anything significant in life I need to do it with others and need to build a good team," says Hoffman after a year in the presidential role.

"At a certain point in your life you need to realize what you're good at, become confident in your strengths, and learn how to compensate."

"You can't be all things to all people."

Comments? E-mail Erin at erniebern@hotmail.com.



Kerri Wyspianski
President



Amanda Spearing
VP External



Lisi Monro
VP Student Affairs



Brent Constantin
VP Campus Life



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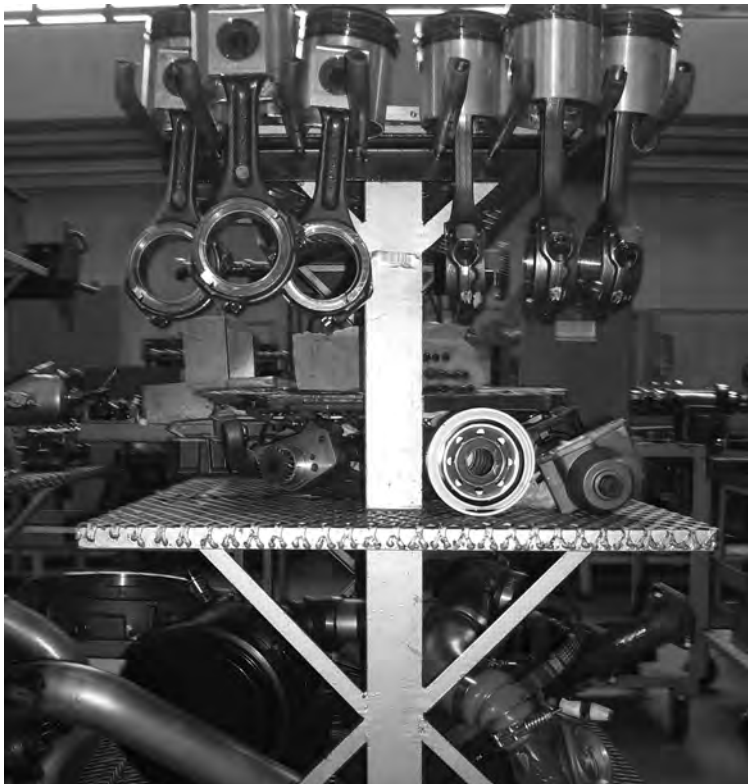
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Skills Canada Alberta is hosting its annual Provincial Skills Competition on May 15 & 16th. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and take down and registration. For more information please contact Katie Lutz at 493-6625 or online at katiel@skillscanada.com.

KARA Family Resource Centre is now recruiting volunteers for their River City Race on Sept 8th 2007. 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 and 2nd at the Argyll Casino. Contact Cheryl at 452-1166 for all the details!



A dismantled engine sits waiting to be reassembled. Photo by Erin Mastre

Program fills heavy-duty demand

By ERIN MASTRE

Doug Kroetsch, program head for Heavy Equipment Programs, knows three things:

1) His students are graduating at a very good time economically.

2) There are roughly \$3 million worth of tools available for their use at NAIT

3) His students will get about 1,200 hours of hands-on training by the time they graduate.

The full-time students cover all material contained in the apprenticeship program. There are two divisions. The first is off-highway applications and repair and the second is called on-highway.

A third certificate available after first year is in Trailer Mechanics.

"There is such high demand right now for people in this industry. Theoretically, we could run twice as many students through the program and still get them employed by the end," says Kroetsch.

The off-highway components deal with road construction equipment, from dozers to paving equipment to large-scale mining trucks. The on-highway components focus on the transport industry. It includes anything on wheels, including trailers.

Heavy Equipment students are kept busy the entire time they are in school. "For every one hour of theory there is a guaranteed one hour of lab time," he says, adding "we have a minimum of 50%, but in most cases we are running at 60% hands-on.

"We try to give them as much

hands-on experience as they can possibly get. It's a much better learning environment and they are then ready to hit employers with as many skills as they can possibly get.

"A vast majority of students are entertaining at least two job (offers). For some, maybe even four or five," says Kroetsch. A lab in this program is not your run-of-the-mill classroom, but are large shops filled with necessary tools and equipment designed to simulate real-life situations.

"Not all lab activities are exact replicas. We work on concepts and basic designs of equipment. In industry they might be different, but then students must apply the skills they learn here."

One assignment involves the complete dismantling of an engine block. The students then have to measure everything and complete an entire engine overhaul. The fun starts when putting it back together and starting it up again.

"Part of the requirement is that the engine needs to run when they are done. It's an exciting day, because the students have been together long enough that they become competitive. Very seldom do we have one that does not run.

"Essentially our students are prepared for as rapid advancement as possible in the industry. They are all capable of business management if they wish to go into that aspect when they are finished school, which is where we hope to see them if the choose that route."



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Fear not, Ookfest ready to rock on!



File photo

Ookfest creator Mike Anderson is leaving NAITSA, but he will continue to run the festival, one of Canada’s largest campus parties.

By STACEY DOUGLAS

NAITSA hosts one of the largest campus parties across Canada, Ookfest, but NAIT’s Student Association will soon be saying goodbye to the event’s creator, Mike Anderson, NAITSA’s Program and Events Manager.

Anderson will be starting his own production company, Bull Entertainment. “I will be producing music festivals across the country, speaker series, as well as putting together special events for clients,” Anderson explains.

However, he has offered to keep producing the event for NAITSA. “Ookfest is very near and dear to my heart. It is like one of my kids. I have watched it grow into this monster and I want to continue to watch it develop.”

When Ookfest began just under 10 years ago, according to Anderson, NAIT’s welcome party was a beer garden that saw about 150 attendees. Over the past decade, it has expanded to host about 8,000 people on the NAIT soccer field.

Anderson believes the success of the event is a combination of things, “The bands, the marketing, the good times and the customer service. It all intertwines within each other to make the Ookfest brand.”

Since 1998, Ookfest has boasted an array of rock bands playing on the NAIT soccer field from Wide Mouth Mason to last year’s headliner Metric. The event also expanded last September to include a 50,000-square-foot Extreme Sport Park.

An appreciative audience listens to the music at last year’s Ookfest.

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OPINION

— Editorial —

Tuition increase makes no sense

The federal government is investing in post secondary education to "... create the best-educated, most-skilled and most flexible labour force in the world," according to its budget released on Monday.

Finding skilled labour right now isn't difficult, it's nearly impossible, and NAIT, which trains many of Canada's skilled workers, is also suffering from the shortage. In another announcement Monday, the school is marketing the "NAIT Advantage" to attract employees. This is in reaction to a 150% increase in job postings over the past three years on the NAIT careers website.

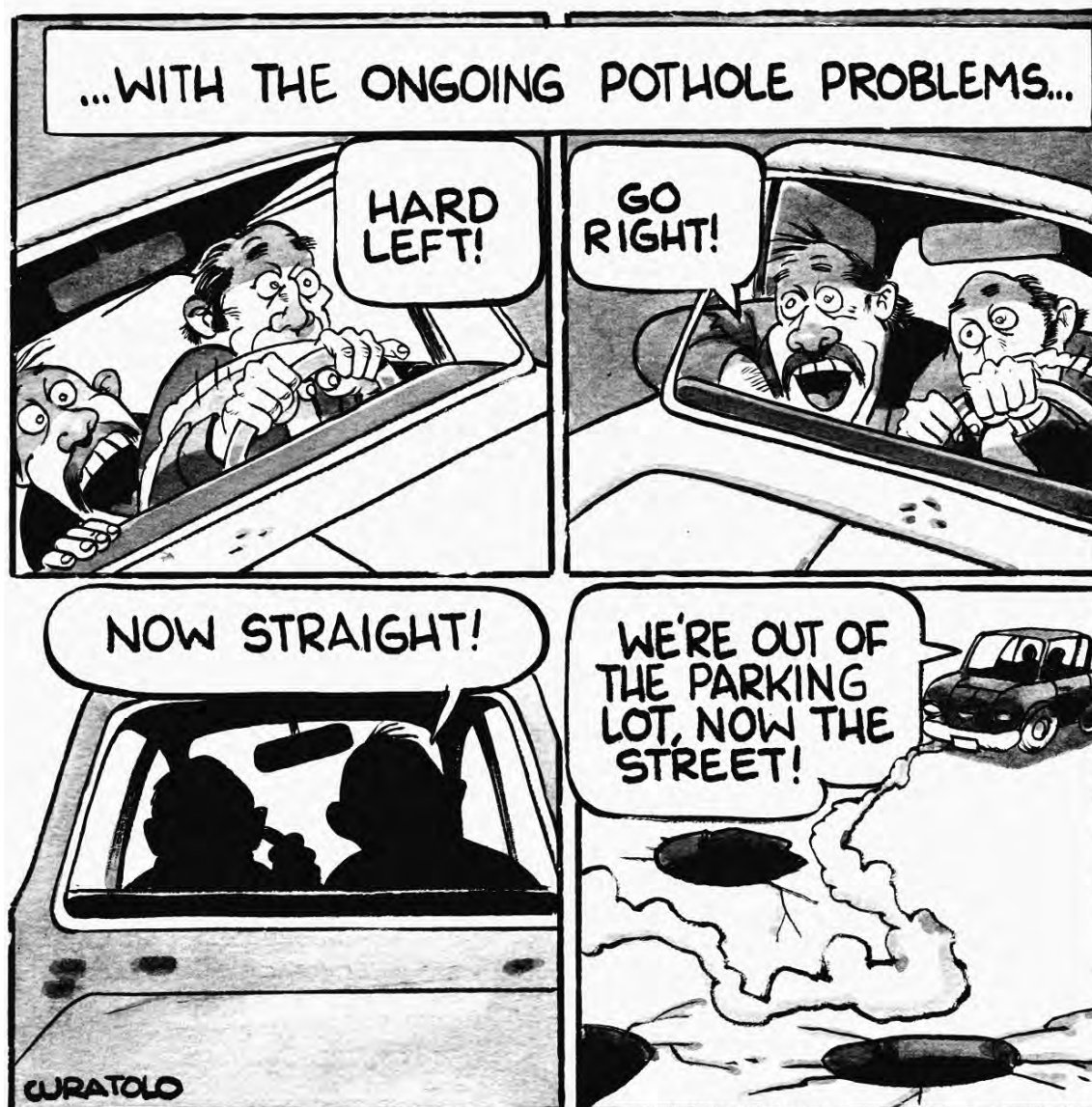
In another bid to meet the demands of the labour market, NAIT has a 10-year plan that was showcased in a video at the March 14 senate meeting. The plan will need \$1 billion to see it come to fruition, and three-quarters of it will have to come from government funding.

The federal government's injection of \$800 million into post-secondary schools and research initiatives in 2008/09 as well as other funding increases, can't hurt. However, this doesn't mean that there might not be tuition increases at NAIT.

In the same senate meeting, Dr. Sam Shaw, NAIT's president, presented the Alberta government's tuition fee policy as well as NAIT's projected tuition increase for the 2007/08 school year.

According to the presentation, the possible tuition increase is equal to the increase in the consumer price index, which is currently 3.3% in Alberta. This means tuition for 2007/08 will rise to \$3,521.70 as long as the budget is approved by NAIT's Board of Governors on May 7.

If the labour shortage is as serious as it has been made out to be, then government and post secondary institutions should be doing everything in their power to attract students. Education is key to the skilled labour market, and if tuition continues to rise it will remain impossible to meet the demands of this economic boom.



— Letter to the editor —

Fill potholes first, says city art lover

Re: "We should think of others first" by Robin J. Egerton

The Nugget Thursday, March 15, 2007

While I consider myself a supporter of the arts in Edmonton, I agree with the "idiot" elderly woman who finds fault with the

\$88 million price tag for Edmonton's new art gallery.

As a commuter, I have noticed the pathetic state of city streets this spring, and would rather see my tax money turned into asphalt instead of stainless steel.

Until West Edmonton Mall

burns down, I think the majority of tourists would like to be assured they won't have to pay extra for the Corolla they rented after crashing into a pothole on the way to the new art gallery.

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— **Raves and rants** —

The Alberta disadvantage

**ROBIN J. EGERTON**

I want people to know how living in this province really is — and be warned — I'm only speaking the truth. Alberta is the "promised land" right now, drawing in people from all across the country and the world.

However, it's anything but promising. In fact it's hypocritical. The catch phrase "the Alberta Advantage" is a myth — a fable conjured up by government, and perpetuated by the idiot populous that elected them. It's such a myth that it has become dangerous, especially so because it's protected by a bubble of denial.

It's the same bubble that people choose, whether knowingly or not, to live in every day. Let me break down some of the finer, more neg-

ative aspects of the Alberta Advantage that get conveniently missed on the tourist brochure.

We've got oil companies up north that are so desperate to keep the cash flowing they'll take any idiot with a Grade 9 education (or less, they're not really all that picky), and pay them \$95,000 a year to mindlessly rape the land. Then these same mindless zombies descend on our cities feeling that they've done the world a great service, and society and everyone in it now owes them one.

Our generation, and even the generation before us, seems plagued by a large core of stunted adults. "Men" that have the mental and emotional capacity of 16-year-olds (just because you have insurance and drive a friggin' truck like a teen that just got his licence doesn't make you an adult).

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Boys and girls, move the hell out of your parents' basements. Buy your own toilet paper, wash your own bloody dishes, deal with your own noisy neighbours, get evicted, do your own taxes, battle cockroaches out of your apartment and then you'll start to understand what it means to live an adult life.

This is a generation of "women" who have forgotten what feminism and intellectualism mean. They constantly seek adoration from others because they can't take the time to actually develop a personality with some depth, and would rather use their sexuality to give their lives meaning because "hey, it's easier than being smart."

The attitudes that exist in this younger generation of Albertans is one of self-entitlement, arrogance and oblivion to self-progression

and discovery, but without the soul, class, intellect, or even the cool to back it up. And that's just our youth.

Groups of foreign labourers are being recruited to Alberta, having been told that their airfare, rent and various other expenses will be covered — only to have those same recruiters deduct their wages for those same exact expenses, leaving them working for a dollar a day just like in a Third World country.

This is happening right under our noses, much like a recent bill which almost passed that would have allowed bars to hire kids as young as 12 to work in their kitchens, like a cantina in a mining community in Guatemala. How the hell is this progressive thinking? We're going backwards, for crying out loud!

What about education, you say? Sure, we've got some fantastic post-secondary educational institutions, but what about the damn kids? If their schools aren't being closed down to save money, then the teachers are striking to make more. The parents who use the schools as a friggin' day care aren't very happy,

because now they actually have to do this thing called "parenting" all the time.

The positive side to this is that these kids having had a month-plus-long break, might not end up shooting, stabbing, or clubbing each other to death in an effort to gain approval and acceptance from their 'friends.'

This is just the tip of the iceberg, and if this sounds normal, then a life in Alberta might be right for you. If you're not looking for a life with connectivity and meaning, besides working a job you don't really like but pays the bills, reproducing in your newly mortgaged house on the outskirts of town which came with a tombstone when you signed on the dotted line, and driving a car covered in crap that you'll be paying off for five years, move somewhere else.

May I recommend Europe, Australia, or the States? Take the plunge and travel. Leave all the material possessions and "friends" behind, learn something about yourself, and how the world really operates. I assure you you'll never regret it, and you may just never come back.

NAIT students have issues

**SHANT CHAKMAKIAN**

Wow, what a ride! I would like to thank everyone for their support during the election, from my thunder homies to my CNT crew to my biznass homeboys. From the Annex to the Tower to Souch campus, I love this community and that's why I ran.

I may not have won, but you chose a team of people who I know will do a great job and I'll hold them to that.

After having the pleasure of meeting all 1,752 of you (roughly 11% of the NAIT population) I got to sit down and hear your issues on how we could make NAIT a better place.

As a result, I have a black book with 26 pages of suggestions of everything from parking to the need for tidier bathrooms. Starting with this article, I will take your concerns to the right people hoping NAIT has the resources to address some of these issues.

Following are some of the issues that need attention here at NAIT:

- Parking is always an issue in

all post secondary institutions, especially at NAIT. "NAIT loses money on parking because we have a contract with the faculty on rates," says George Andrews, Vice President of External relations. Also, NAIT is on very limited land, so it ties our hands further in the quest for parking spaces.

- Microwaves are a common annoyance in that some break down, or more are needed in certain areas, or there are long lines during peak hours. The main problem is that many buildings need their electrical systems upgraded, which is under the bigger problem of deferred maintenance.

- Student spaces are needed as well. Sometimes student areas close abruptly and without notice, like the eighth floor of the tower or the North Lobby. As a result, hundreds of students are displaced or can't find a place to study. It is clear that more student spaces are needed as well as more tables and chairs in existing spaces.

- Instructional excellence is important for a good education. There are some amazing instructors here at NAIT, but there are also some terribly bad ones too. Instructional excellence needs to be encouraged, not just by awards,

but also by better communication between students and instructors.

Unfortunately, most of the instructor complaints I heard were from the School of Business. It is important for people to understand that if you talk to your instructor, then your program head and get nothing, go to the VP Student Affairs.

- Lab time is a big issue, academically speaking. Many students need more lab time and sometimes programs won't or can't provide it. This is an issue that affects all NAIT programs. The computer com-

mons may be a "general computer facility, but it is not a lab replacement," says Wayne Hoffman from TCI.

Licensing costs are very expensive, even with educational editions of software, so it is important to talk to your respective program head as a class to request more lab time for projects.

- Deferred maintenance is an issue that affects all post-secondary institutions in Alberta. Deferred maintenance is anything from leaky roofs to any facility that needs upgrading. "Currently NAIT is looking at \$75 million of deferred maintenance," says Dr. Sam Shaw, NAIT's President. However, NAIT

There are some amazing instructors here at NAIT, but there are also some terribly bad ones too.

only receives \$2.5 million from the province to address maintenance.

- A stronger community is vital for us here at NAIT. "I feel like I come to class and go home," explains Lejla Mehmedbogovic, a sentiment echoed by many students. Also, apprentices need to become a bigger part of this community and I think NAITSA needs to make that a greater priority.

- Better sports is another thing NAIT needs, from more Ouk pride and game attendance to a better gym. NAIT has been working with the city to renovate the sports buildings, which in turn should also spawn another parking lot in the soccer field.

- Satellite campuses feel forgotten. Everyone in the Annex can definitely vouch for this, but it feels like facilities have forgotten about your building. Adding to the problem, no one knows where the building is — I

saw a poster in the doc from 2001. Bottom line, you need a building that can serve as a good example for all the architectural design students.

Also, on the brighter side, NAITSA is increasing the priority of satellite campuses, which is why last year in Senate we motioned to create the position of VP External.

But at the end of the day, we can only accept what we have. Most people are satisfied with NAIT and the community here. Although we can always raise the bar, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else and many share that sentiment.

We are one of the best institutions in the country and we have some of the best people. That's why I think everyone should take the time to get involved and get the most out of the NAIT experience because it will change your life.

I know it's changed mine, and I wouldn't trade it for the world.

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NAITSA wants to extend reach

Stories by **ERIN MASTRE**
Student Affairs Editor

While events such as Info Week and the NAIT Open House are designed to be a showcase of NAIT students and programs to entice newcomers, the voice and presence of the Students' Association (NAITSA) is often lacking.

"NAIT does not actively look for NAITSA help in a lot of these projects such as Info Week and Open House. We are not sure why this is, however, it is a problem," responded Garth Crump, VP External.

Yet, every student attending this facility is required to pay the \$102.50 NAITSA fee per semester of study. New students coming in are paying those fees, not necessarily sure of the services they are receiving in return from their student association.

Crump hopes that outlook will change. "We would have liked very much to be involved in Info Week. The potential students who walked the halls that week needed to know what we were about."

Jon Hoffman, President of NAITSA and the rest of his team are

now taking a proactive approach. "We are actively taking more initiative to be a part of the external events at this school. It's important for us to make a good first impression with future students," says Hoffman.

"Right now, we are currently working with some NAIT departments and committees to become more involved in these projects, Crump added. "If NAITSA is not being asked to take part in these activities, then we are not expected to do anything, which is what we're looking into," he said.

Hoffman said NAITSA is "working very closely with Sandy Sanderson, Director of Student Life, on a committee to start a 'Week of Welcome.'"

"It's the first time NAITSA is taking on an initiative like this, but it's also important to build a foundation for the coming years," said the president.

"Our vision for the future is that NAIT students should feel welcome and connected with student life not just at the time of registration but even before they get here."

NAITSA's change in direc-

tion and a desire to pursue greater involvement in external activities could not come at a better time.

While enrollment in NAIT programs continues to rise, interested and new attendees are currently missing out.

As it is, these prospective students are not learning about their students association until starting classes in September and are then left to figure it out on their own during an already stressful time of year.

Comments? E-mail Erin at erniebern@hotmail.com.

Women have the tools to succeed

Well ladies, we have come a long way from the generation of Tupperware and Tupperware parties. Meet Tomboy Tools, the new kid on the block looking to take a big bite out of the do-it-yourself market by targeting the female sex.

Instead of having your friends gather around to look at plastic ware, imagine having everyone over to discuss your next do-it-yourself (DIY) project. These Tool Parties, as they are aptly named, allow you to try out tools and learn new skills with the help of a home consultant.


Started in 2003, the American company is making its way to Canada. Their head office in Winnipeg allows them access to both sides of the country.

What began as a group of women collaborating on home improvement projects has now blossomed into a women-run, for-women type company. They differ from major retailers in their approach to the female consumer.

They try to empower the do-it-yourselfers by using education as the first tool of choice. There is then an internal culture which provides a support system over the course of the project. Their goal is to see "women become confident and competent homeowners."

The tools are also ergonomically designed. For example, they fit women's smaller hands. They also have in-home workshops designed to provide a tell, show, do, feedback environment so you know exactly how to get the project done.

So guys, move over. We might be coming to a tool aisle near you, and very soon. Just to warn you, some of their tools are pink.



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A new name for your Nugget?

By ERIN MASTRE

For most of us, the Nugget has been the Nugget for as long as we have known it. This may change due to major administrative changes designed to reorganize the way the paper is both run and financed.

Currently, the Nugget is directly tied to NAITSA. For instance, our publisher is Garth Crump, VP External. Distributing the publisher role to more than one individual, such as a board, is one idea to provide separation between the Students Association and the paper.

The Nugget, especially within the past year, has done its best to remain focused and unbiased. We hope to continue that into the future and hope only to continue to increase the quality and penmanship of the content we bring to you.

Resources split

“Essentially, resources are being split between organizations. Some resources are being used by NAITSA and half by the Nugget. This limits the quality a little bit,” says Crump, adding, “We want to ensure the paper is good.”

“By separating resources and focusing them on the Nugget, it helps to keep it good. With a student paper it’s all about freedom of the press. It should not be governed by somebody who may or may not care about it,” he adds.

“That’s how it’s done with a lot of professional papers. For example, all universities are run like that.” While the administrative changes are only being investigated at this time, completely overhauling the paper and giving it a new look is also up for debate.

Must have readers

Because without readers, the paper would not exist. We surveyed students to get their Nugget thoughts and feelings.

“I’m pretty impartial either way so it doesn’t matter too much,” says Devin Racz a Millwright student who also professes to enjoy reading our new comic page.

“We do read quite a bit of it right when it comes out. The name doesn’t have a lot to do with it, but if you do change it, the name should be more relative to the school,” remarks Chris Petrukovich, also a Millwright student.

Many of the students surveyed about whether a name change would influence their decision to read paper said they did not care and would still read it.

Chris Meintzer, a Chemistry Instructor, feels otherwise.

“The only reason I read the paper is because it’s a student paper. If it’s not the Nugget we might not know what the student paper is. If there’s a new name you will have to promote it so we know,” suggests Meintzer.

“It’s about friggin’ time,” says Matt Sloan, Landscape Architecture student. “I don’t think the current name depicts anything to do with news or a newspaper. The Nugget

it reminds me of something that comes out of your nose,” he adds.

Do you like the way the Nugget sounds? Can you think of a more interesting name? Or are you attached to our little Nugget and wish to see the name stay on? Let us know. Up for grabs is a \$25 gift certificate from Lux Steakhouse and Grill and a couple of CDs.

Just send me an e-mail at erniebern@hotmail.com with your comments.



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Brandy Arndt, Alaina Maitland, Michelle Laliberte and Bradley Eaton are dressed up in their finest togas for a Forestry ski trip they took on Friday, March 16.

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Astral Reflections



By **TIM STEPHENS**

MARCH 25 – 31, 2007

Aries March 21-April 19

Your energy, charisma, timing and effectiveness surge! Charge forward, seek favors, start significant projects. It's never your last chance, but what's started this week has a better likelihood of succeeding than anything first started April 5 through July. Don't hesitate! Your popularity remains strong – even grows. Money's good. Secret information, rumors are true. Sunday might bring anxieties about your popularity, and finally you see real love's at home. Plunge into home, family and property fronts. Romance soars Tuesday, grows realistic Wednesday – have faith! Be cautious with work, tools Friday/Saturday.

Taurus April 20-May 20

Lie low, rest, recuperate and contemplate. Your popularity has reached a temporary low (until early April) so use this time to plan, fulfill old obligations, and clear your decks for later action. Sleep as much as you can, eat sensibly, pamper your health. You could sense something worrisome about your position at work or your dealings with parent-types Sunday – but later, you receive encouraging messages or data. Dive into domestic, property and security interests Tuesday and late Wednesday. Be skeptical of romantic, creative and speculative urges that arrive Friday/Saturday.

Gemini May 21-June 20

All 2007, you can reach some of the wisest decisions/actions of this decade, in parenting, career, social status, prestige and "renown" areas. In March/April, if these combine with far travel, publishing, writing, education, law, rituals, religion and compassion (e.g., parenting and wedding, or attending school for your career) you'll grasp the ultimate benefit of this influence. This week and next are your last chance for a while (until August) to form a brand new relationship, relocate to a new place, or make a "clean break." Chase money Sunday night.

Cancer June 21-July 22

The emphasis lies on your career, ambitious pressures, reputation, parenting and commu-

nity status. Despite Sunday's worries, these areas are favored by many factors, especially a growing work scene. Your energy and charisma surge Sunday/Monday – try to accomplish things before dawn Monday. Excellent money luck faces you Tuesday, and late Wednesday to midnight. Resist the temptation to dash off an email, or hop a train (etc.) Friday/Saturday – look twice, thrice, before acting. March/April enhance your wisdom, especially where legalities, education, culture or far travel are connected to finances or intimacy.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Lie low, rest and contemplate Sunday/Monday. You could be flaring up with giddy fascination over an unrealistic situation because you're skeptical about more suitable lovers/prospects. When we're afraid to commit to a realistic love, sometimes we plunge into a false, flaky, intense, absolutely unreliable attraction. Seeing clearly is a step toward feeling sensibly, and that leads to real love, opportunity and life. March/April bring wisdom about lust, marriage. Your charisma and energy soar Tuesday to Thursday – you'll win, especially Tuesday and late, late Wednesday! Money needs caution Friday/Saturday.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You face a month of deep changes, of commitments and new intimacies, of lust, sex, mysteries, secrets, research, health considerations, investments and financial consequences. Generally, all is well here – especially if your changes combine with a change of home, or soul, or of family "understandings." It's an excellent month (and year) for therapy and healing – and for pregnancies! But as always under Pluto's influence (1995-2008, for you) if you fight change, the results can be painful. March/April offer wisdom and good choices/actions in relocation and relationships – make a decision!

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Relationships, opportunities, negotiations, contracts, litigation, relocation, opposition and co-operation – these are important themes now through late April. You can solve almost any problem with talk, or with a short trip, email, or other communication. But realize others hold the aces, the essential power now. Be diplomatic, agreeable, eager to be part of a team. Read Leo message about unrealistic love – applies for the days centering on Sunday. Your career, reputation face benevolent aid Sunday, early Monday. Happiness comes Tues-

day to Thursday! Retreat, lie low Friday/Saturday – make NO secret agreements.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

The weeks ahead emphasize work, health, and service to others. Be humorous, willing and upbeat – your work this year almost MUST lead to a better income. March/April offers you one of the wisest actions/decisions in decades, in the areas of romance, creativity or speculative ventures, or in dealing with children. Where these combine with home or security (e.g., raising kids at home, speculating in real estate, creating in your garage) you almost can't make a mistake! A career door opens Tuesday to early Thursday: see it, knock, and enter!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Romance, creativity, speculation, pleasure, vacations, charming children – these face you during the weeks ahead. You're on a winning streak, and the more your enthusiastic, bubbling side emerges, the luckier you'll be. Don't dream of a trip far away (or a school program) Sunday – hopefully, you'll grab a better, more realistic one later. Mystery, lust, and good investments loom

Sunday p.m., pre-dawn Monday. Accept or seek love Tuesday to Thursday. DON'T do things for prestige or career ambitions this year (applies Friday/Saturday). Instead, focus on family, real estate, where wisdom resides.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Consider who/what still belongs in your life, is vibrant, growing, good – and who/what has grown stale, atrophied. Cut out the deadwood. Prune and shape your goals and projects, through the next few weeks. Money continues to rush your way (and possibly away, also) – but this will end in about ten days, so take advantage now. You might be a) worried about money/income, or b) overexcited about a money/income scheme Sunday. Be calm – focus on relationship luck instead. Larger finances, investments and significant personal, intimate situations arise luckily Tuesday to Thursday.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The weeks ahead are more busy than important – you'll be emailing, conversing, traveling, writing and dealing with siblings and many casual contacts. Your home and family will bring affection and comfort until

mid-April. You're already discussing and/or thinking through income and spending projects – this will intensify from April 5 to mid-May, when money will swiftly flow your way. Expand your earnings plans, NOT spending plans, for you'll be tempted to spend unconsciously, heedlessly. Work succeeds Sunday. Relationships excite and bless you Tuesday to Thursday! Make no commitments, investments, Friday/Saturday.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Chase money, seek a pay raise, and buy/sell during the weeks ahead. You can make wise decisions about your life in general, now and in April. Think "me," not him, her or them. Elements of spirituality, personality factors, relations with government, and obligations – all play a role, and all are blessing you at present. You might worry about these very things – and about debts – Sunday. But you'd be smarter to chase romance. Plunge into work and health affairs Tuesday to Thursday. DON'T promise, commit nor sign anything Friday/Saturday.

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— A voyeuristic view into Canada’s dorm rooms —

Her sex drive’s on vacation

DR. BRIAN PARKER



Dear Sex Doc:
My husband and I have been married for three years and a year ago had the cutest little boy. Since then, I’ve had many things happen in my life and to make a long story short, I have zero libido! Help! Please help! Mentally I’m there and I still find him very attractive, but there is no desire to have sex. Is there a pill or something I could take/do that would increase my testosterone levels? Please help me.
Zero Sex Drive @ UNBSJ

Dear Zero Sex Drive @ UNBSJ:
You’re really not alone. Most women don’t feel like hopping from the delivery room to the bedroom. I mean, who would feel like inserting a six-inch object in when a 20-inch

baby just came out?
As you are probably aware, Zero Sex Drive, there are many things that affect a woman’s sex life after childbirth. Shortly after delivery, the vaginal tissues are bruised and sometimes torn. If a woman needs stitches or an episiotomy, the entire vulva will be out of commission for some time.
A woman’s hormones will most likely be out of whack too. After childbirth, hormonal changes often result in less vaginal lubrication, making his dick feel like it’s made of sandpaper. And breast feeding can make the vagina dry up in a hurry, too.
Most often, women are exhausted not only from the delivery, but parenting as well. The emotional stress of parenting, whether this is their first or 10th child, can be overwhelming.
Zero Sex Drive, I don’t know about you, but most women I talk to after giving birth don’t feel too shit hot about their bodies. And we all know how body image can affect what happens between the sheets.
As I have mentioned in previous articles, sex drive is based on the amount of testosterone in an individual’s body. Post-delivery testosterone

levels usually return to normal about two months after delivery. However, it can take up to one year. Perhaps this is what is happening in your case.
You might notice your horniness factor surging back any day now. If it doesn’t return soon (and it is still bothering you and/or your husband), I would recommend checking with your physician.
Your doctor could put you on a testosterone gel or patch, which should get the sexual juices flowing once again. But before that, I would suggest trying products that contain L-Arginine. L-Arginine is an amino acid that has been found to improve sex drive.
You can find horny booster pills that contain it, but I’m not fond of herbal medications that promise to turn you into a sexual dynamo overnight. I usually recommend O’My Clitoral Stimulating Gel. Not only does it boost sexual desire, but it’s like giving your clit speed.
It generally takes time for a woman’s interest in sex to come back after having a baby. I would suggest you talk to your husband (if you haven’t done so already) about how you are

feeling. I’ve done many workshops with new dads and most men completely understand that their honey will be on a sexual hiatus for some time.
And Zero Sex Drive, when those tingly feelings in your genitals return, don’t be too quick to sit on his dick. Spend more time licking, sucking and slurping your way to intercourse. Use plenty of lubricant and try different positions that make sex easier for you.
Dear Sex Doc:
I am a huge fan of fondling breasts and have often wondered why I am so fascinated with them. Do you have any idea why men like to stroke the ladies’ boobies?
Joe Fondler @ MacEwan
Dear Joe Fondler @ MacEwan:
Golly, fascinated with titties? I’ve never heard of such perversion! Excuse me Joe Fondler, but have you ever asked any of your buddies if they’ve got a thing for boobs too?
I’d guess that pretty well every one of your straight guy friends (and most of your gay friends, too) would tell you they love the boobies.

There are plenty of reasons guys like tits. Nipples are directly connected to a woman’s genital nervous system. In fact, women can have breast orgasms. In one study of 213 women, 29% had experienced boob bliss at one time or another.
But Joe Fondler, the main reason you (and most other dudes) like breasts is because in Westernized cultures, boobs are sexualized. That is, in our society women must cover their breasts in public because they are seen as a sexual body part.
In many cultures, breasts are not sexualized. Mammary glands are seen strictly as a biological tool to feed babies essential nutrients they need to survive.
Now Joe, if you were to tell me you were obsessed with boobs, that you had to fondle them or you wouldn’t be able to get off, my diagnosis would be that you’ve got a breast fetish.
However Joe, you sound about as normal as any other guy out there who enjoys giving a girl’s boobs a rubdown.
Dr. Brian Parker is a clinical sexologist and sex educator

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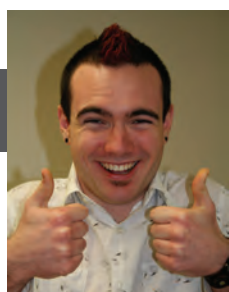
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ARTS & CULTURE

— Show based in Edmonton —

Tattoo hijinks on TV



By **BRENT CONSTANTIN**
Entertainment Editor

If you've ever wondered what goes on at a tattoo parlor after you've gotten "mom" permanently branded into your skin (and really, who wouldn't?), then I've got the program for you.

This summer, Big Daddy's Tattoos and Dragon FX go head-to-head on Access in a televised showcase for tattoo supremacy in the capital city.

Sort of in the same vein as shows like Miami Ink, but with more emphasis on competition, says Big Daddy's manager, and show producer, Trev, who adds that the whole thing started over a bet.

"We were trying to start a show with just our guys before we included the Dragon FX team," Trev says, "Then we were film-

ing and somebody said, 'I bet you a dollar we're better than those (Dragon FX) guys!' so we went over to their shop and that's how they got involved."

The as yet unnamed show will follow the goings on in both studios as they compete against each other in weekly challenges involving art and customer satisfaction cultivating in a year-end tattoo competition between the two shops.

With more than 10 years of history with one another, Trev promises that past rivalries will come up. "We've always been in steady competition with one another," Trev says, "I've stolen their artists, they've stolen my clients and vice versa. It's gone back and forth."

As two of the largest tattoo businesses in the city (with around 40 combined staff members) there won't be any shortage of entertainment, and, as Trev says, "There's always something going on in the shop. And I don't want to give anything away, but we've already started some practical jokes!"

Filming begins Monday at Big Daddy's on 118 Avenue and then moves Tuesday to the West Ed Dragon FX.



Photo by Garth Crump

Big Daddy tattoo artist Tattoo Pac works his magic on a customer.

— The Mikado —

Good fun, good cause

By **ALISTAIR WILKINSON**

Who doesn't love light comic opera?

Well, perhaps many people would prefer practically anything, but Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* is an outstanding example of the genre. On Sunday, March 18 at the Winspear Centre, the Beaumont Drama Society, in collaboration with the Stollery Children's Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, made a very noble attempt at this classic operetta.

All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

The cast of amateur performers includes several "Wish Children" in partial fulfillment of their wishes.

One would be hard-pressed to choose a more appealing production than *The Mikado* in which to make one's debut on stage. Set in feudal Japan, this musical comedy of errors was once, and still remains, a topical political satire (with a little selective re-writing). Engaging

melodies and witty lyrics let *The Mikado* stand as a classic.

In this particular production, a simple, austere set combined with elegant and colourful costumes of traditional Japanese design make the performances visually compelling. In the absence of an orchestra, the performers rely on an accompanying pianist; unfortunately, he must overcome the occasional detractor of a synthesized sound track.

As for individual performances, it's important to remember that this is an amateur production for a charitable cause. An occasional misstep or missed cue may be more easily forgiven than in a professional performance. Overall, the volunteers do a very entertaining job, and seem to enjoy themselves in the process.

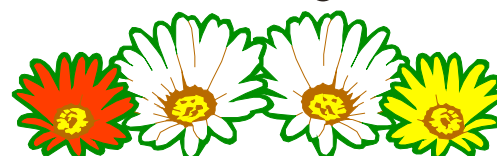
Gilbert and Sullivan make for excellent theatrical fare, and this performance of *The Mikado* is no exception, despite some shortcomings. It's for a good cause, and light entertainment well worth watching.



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— Performance previews —

Club dates make the scene



By ROCK'N RODGERS

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

It looks like there are a handful of smaller acts to end March, which is perfect if you don't like the bigger arena shows.

Who: Marianas Trench and Faber Drive

When: Wednesday, March 28
Where: Powerplant at U of A
How Much: \$15

Why or Why Not: Vancouver's Marianas Trench is doing an extensive Canadian tour with mostly all-ages shows. If you already know who these guys are, then the show is going to be killer. If you've never heard of them before then do yourself a favour and get

to the show for some good Canadian music at a great price. The all-ages thing always gets to me, but for this show it will add some energy that will make it worth the 15 bucks.

Who: DJ Champion with Malajube and You Say Party We Say Die

When: Thursday, March 29
Where: Dinwoodie Lounge
How Much: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door

Why or Why Not: Maxime Morin, a.k.a. DJ Champion, has been making waves ever since the release of his first album *Chill'Em All* (Saboteur Musique) released in 2004. He won the album of the year for the electronic-techno music category at the 2005 ADISQ. Champion is another Canadian act that is hitting the smaller venues, but still gets played on major radio stations. The price is perfect, as is the venue. With two opening acts, it'll be a good night out for the music lover.

Who: Soweto Gospel Choir
When: Tuesday, March 27
Where: The Francis Winspear

Centre For Music
How Much: \$39-\$44

Why or Why Not: The Soweto Gospel Choir mixes African gospel with traditional hymns, Jamaican reggae, American pop, and spirituality. This show may be a good gig to take your significant other to, or that family member who is into world music. The price is not excessive and the venue will be amazing

when it comes to sound. Some people may say, "why," but I say, "why not?" It'll be an interesting show put on by veteran artists, and something you'll remember for some time to come.



DJ Champion has been making waves since his first album in 2004.

Photo by Barry Russell

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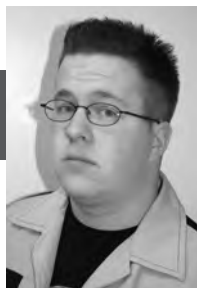
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— At the movies —

The Last Mimzy

Charming and engaging



LIAM CRESWICK

Apparently the kids in *The Last Mimzy* have never seen a public service announcement warning them not to pick up weird objects they find on the beach. However, here it turns out for the best, because instead of contracting hepatitis they develop strange abilities from the extra-terrestrial treasure they find.

The Last Mimzy, which opens Friday, March 23, is a charming and engaging science fiction movie aimed at families. It should entrance kids with its grand story, but it also holds its own with an adult audience. The effects are very impressive – going for style and simplicity over flash. And don't worry parents, there are no creepy Reese's-Pieces-eating alien puppets in this flick to give your kids nightmares, or was that just me?

Child actors Chris O'Neil and Rhiannon Leigh Wryn, who play Noah and Emma, respectively, are a bit tough to watch early on in the film. Fortunately, you can actually see their acting abilities develop over the course of the flick, and by the end are a pleasure to watch running around.

The performance highlight though was Rainn Wilson, better known as Dwight in *The Office*, whose role as Mr. White is funny, light hearted, and enjoyable. Mr. White is Noah's freethinking, new age science teacher, who encourages the children when their parents discourage their new abilities.

The Last Mimzy sports a nice message about the innocence and open-mindedness of children. This point is amplified for the adult audience by a well-written antagonist, a Home Land Security Agent (Michael Clarke Duncan) who investigates the family after the children's strange toys cause a blackout. This subtle theme about the fear and paranoia North America lives in today was a good, mature addition.

Unfortunately, there is another message geared to the older viewers that hurts the movie in a big and bad

way. There is a blatant, inexplicable, and improbable product placement for Intel that snaps you out of the film during the climax. This is the only hiccup of the film, but it's a

very big one.

Mimzy is a great science fiction flick that the whole family can get into. Though exposing your kids to good sci-fi at a young age may put

them on the fast track to a life of comic conventions and Star Wars action figures.



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Who knows what your kids might find on the beach?

The Premonition

Here's a Premonition – you won't like it

I've had many mornings when I wake up with no idea what happened the day before, but when it happens to Linda Hanson (Sandra Bullock) in *Premonition* she hadn't been drinking heavily the night before.

When Linda's husband Jim (Julian McMahon) dies in a car accident she is understandably distraught, but when she finds him downstairs drinking coffee the next morning she goes from mournful to paranoid. This continues for the rest of the week, and she needs to find out how and why this is happening because she may be able to save her hubby. On paper, this seems like an incredibly interesting concept, yet it's not executed well.

Despite what the promotion of this film would lead you to believe, *Premonition* only teases us with supernatural twists and shocks. This film attempts to mix the romance and supernatural thriller genres, but the latter is only there to facilitate the former. The cool, disturbing, sci-fi occurrences that surround Linda are, in one brief scene, explained away in an overly simple and nonsensical manner. This is done

so it can make way for a moderately interesting love story.

The film does end with a bit of a surprise, but it relates to how her husband dies and not the Ground Hog day experiences she is having.

While Bullock doesn't warrant any high praise for the role, I would say this is one of her better performances considering her

body of work. For a character who's depressed and questioning her sanity she was believable and emoted well. Her middle-of-the-road performance didn't hurt or help the film, and I can't help but feel that there are other actresses who would have filled the part better.

Premonition gears you up for an edge-of-your-seat supernatural thriller, but only delivers a ho-hum

romance flick. It is not worth the theatre ticket price, but may make a good DVD rental. If you have already hit the theatres to see this movie, then just cross your fingers

and hope tomorrow you wake up sometime last week.

– CRESWICK



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Julian McMahon and Sandra Bullock in TriStar Pictures' *Premonition*

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Cabaret tickets can be purchased from the NAITSA Office (Rm. E131).
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- 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!!
- PGC Beer Garden** by Maverick Brewery in the Engineering Annex on April 4 at 3pm – Maverick girls!!
- Mechanical Engineering Battle of the Bands** on April 5 from 4:00 till close in The Nest

— CDs —

Five Score

Relient K pulls out the stops

By CAB CALLOWAY

Carry this album with you. Hold it by your side. If you don't have it go get it. If you have not heard of Relient K you should feel that you are missing out on a major part of your life. If you can't tell I'm really, strongly in favour of this CD. With Five Score, Relient K continues their trend of putting out great albums with their own innovative sound.

In my opinion, this disk is a massive step up from their earlier work The Anatomy of the Tongue in Cheek. This is saying quite a bit

since I was every bit as spasmodically out of control for that disk as I am for this one. But what Five Score does have in common with their older efforts is that it's still another wicked record.

My Favorite track was probably Forgiven (Track 5). It has a perfect mix of piano and vocals that whisks me away into a tranquil dream land. The music is actually something that I can relate to! It doesn't come across as fake or phony.

Some people have labelled Relient K as solely a Christian band, (not that that's a problem!) but

they're so much more! They combine the sounds of Something Corporate, Good Charlotte and Anberlin. Even lead singer Matt Thiessen has gone on record saying that they don't care how they're labelled "We just sing about what we want to sing about," Thiessen says. "Which most of the time, is our faith."

It seems like the band decided to pull out all the stops for this release and incorporate everything they know into this one: Jazz, emo, gospel and rock. What a mix!

Go pick this one up before I explode, and let's rate it at 6 out of 5!



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Relient K has outdone themselves!



Junction's latest a dead end

By ALISTAIR WILKINSON

The worst kind of nightmare is the one where you end up doing the same thing over and over again.

Compared to the banal and repetitive, any kind of monster is preferable. That said, the new self-titled release from Toronto-based jam trio The Junction isn't exactly a nightmare, but it's close.

In many ways, this second CD is a rehash of their debut EP release, And With This Comes Tomorrow (also from MapleMusic through Universal Music

Canada). The new full-length CD contains three songs from their previous album amongst its 10 new tracks; most of them are indistinguishable from the rest. Although The Junction started as a jazz/fusion band, they claim to put no parameters on their music; they do not lie.

The Junction's claim to fame is as a live jam band; it's possible that the "live" energy disappears without the crucial interaction between performer and audience. In this case the producers (The Junction and Brian Moncarz) should have recorded a live show rather than in a closed studio setting. What-

ever their talents as live performers, none of The Junction's songs have anything to mark it as distinct from those of countless other bands. Except possibly the titles, but titles like "The Curtains!!! They Call!" only serve to raise hopes that are inevitably dashed.

The sort of emo/rock/jazz fusion sound the Junction produces is tolerable, but only just. Despite what the group promises, there are no positive emotions resulting from this bland repetition. Just a terrible, terrible weariness.

★☆☆☆☆

Evolution of Note

Abra Hill so-so

By TRISTAN BONNCENT

I'll admit that I'm not the best person to review music, because I'm way too easy to please. And for the most part, Winnipeg soft rockers Abra Hill meet my very broad expectations.

On their latest release, Evolution of Note, Abra Hill (Lisa Saunders, Vocals/keyboards; Andrew Morden, Vocals/guitars; Rob Wozny, Drums; Leigh Fischer, Bass) put together a wide variety of twangy numbers, that despite what they say all over their media info sound nothing at all like Metric.

The band's best tracks are definitely the ones Saunders sings on. She hasn't got much of a range, but she gets the job done. Where the music falters for me is in the lyrics, which range from contrived to just plain bad.

The accompaniment is definitely competent though there's nothing to complain about here, yet they're tight and have a different sound for every track with the variation between instrumental choices.

My favourite number wasn't even on the "focus track" list though. Up That Stair (6) is one of the few that use vocals a little more sparingly on the album, while on the opposite side I can't listen to Zachary (5) without wanting to fill my ear canals with candle wax.

I guess that most of what I've said are bad things, but like I said, I'm really easy to please. And something about music this independent makes me want to support it! Check out Abra Hill yourselves at www.myspace.com/arbrahill.

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— ACAC championship series tied 1-1 —

Ooks split with Trojans



ANDREW DUNAJ
Sports Editor

What could have been a very successful weekend for the Ooks turned into a split for the first two games in the ACAC finals due to a questionable goal in OT Saturday night. It started off Friday night at the SAIT arena for Game 1 of the championship. NAIT came out holding their sticks pretty tightly and looked nervous at best.

The stands were packed with fans, which was a huge change compared to the NAIT arena. Ooks forward Scott Taje talked a little bit about that, saying, "Anytime you have lots of people watch you play, it creates a great atmosphere."

NAIT was outshot terribly in the first two periods and outmanned physically, but managed to squeak out of the first two frames all square at two. "You have to give a lot of credit to Kevin (Dziaduck), he stood on his head most of the night," Ooks captain Ben Stokes said.

Taje couldn't agree more. "On the road, you got to be patient and our goalie played really well."

In the third period, the Ooks seemed to wake up, and the Trojans looked frustrated and started to take penalties.

"In the third, we were patient, they took a couple of penalties and our power play just clicked," Taje explained. Stokes had a little more to add: "They're a big, physical team,

and we're right there with them. We're evenly matched but we are a bit better disciplined."

After a busy first two periods, goalie Kevin Dziaduck talked about what he did to stay focused in a lighter third. "First catch my breath. Then just maintain focus and keep my head in the game," said Dziaduck.

When the dust in the third finally settled, NAIT had four goals in the period and a huge 6-2 win in Calgary.

"It was definitely a hard-fought battle. We just stuck with the game plan, that's for sure," Dziaduck added. Also a side note from that game was that the Ooks were playing perfect five-on-five hockey keeping SAIT off the board. "Five-on-five hockey – it's tough, it's playoff hockey. You don't score many goals, and it's a lot of power-play goals," Stokes said.

Game 2 Saturday night in Edmonton was a different story. The Ooks seemed to come out strong and played well by responding to every goal SAIT gave them in the third leaving them tied after 60 minutes.

"You've got to respond after giving up goals, and we did. But they just got lucky at the end there, and we fell short. Game 3 should be fun," NAIT forward Cass Johnson predicted.

SAIT finished it in OT with a 5-4 score. "We have to be more physical, play smart and just make smarter plays out of our own end," Taje said. As for Game 3: "We'll have the same game plan. We will play our game, which is how we got to play to win," Johnson explained.

Game 3 goes Friday at SAIT. Game 4 will be Saturday at 7 p.m. in Edmonton, and Game 5, if necessary, will be in Calgary Sunday night.

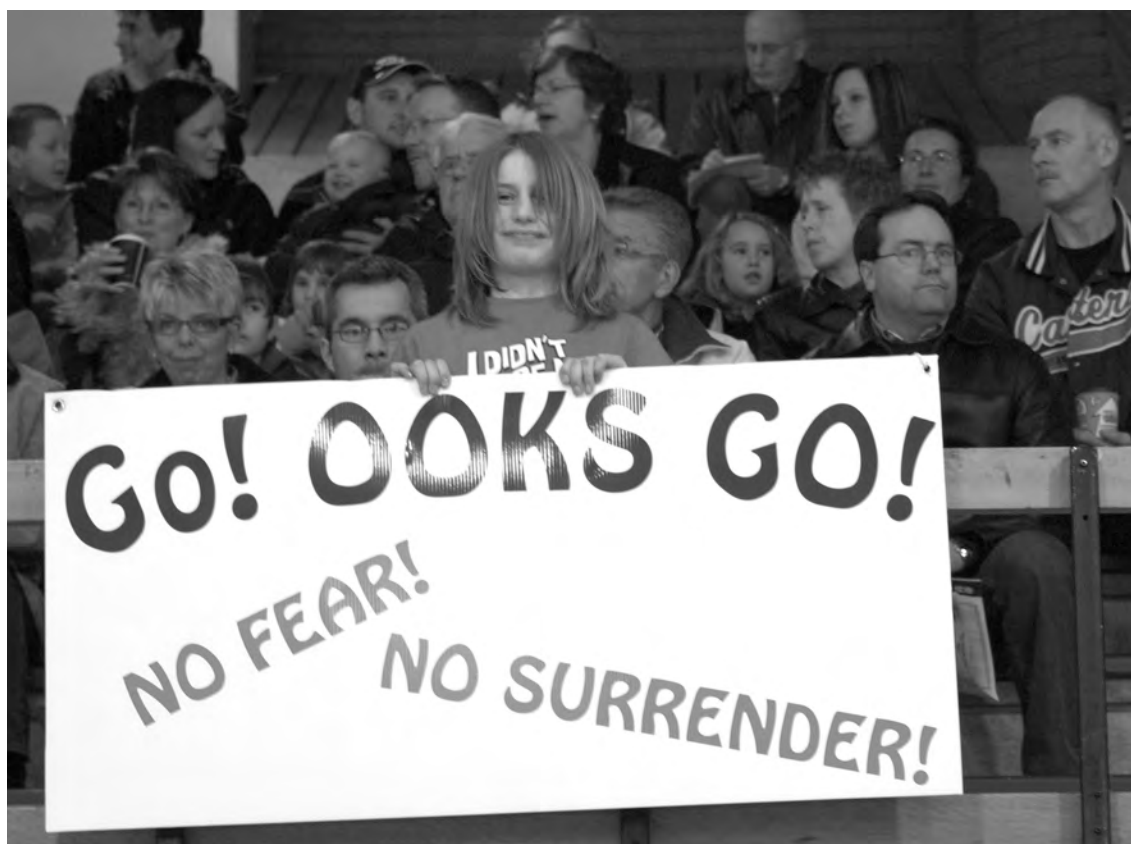


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This NAIT fan shows playoff spirit here during Saturday night's game against SAIT, but when it comes to fan support, SAIT has us beaten badly, says Mark Rodgers on the next page.

Athlete of the week

Scott Taje
Hockey



Scott Taje of the men's hockey team is this week's Athlete of the Week. In two games versus the SAIT Trojans this past weekend, the first-year telecom student led the Ooks offensively, scoring three goals. In Game 1 of the ACAC finals, Taje recorded a hat-trick, which included a critical third-period goal. Although he did not score in Game 2, he was a constant threat, forcing the

SAIT goalie to make some remarkable saves. As the OOKS look to pick up their first championship in over 10 years, they will be relying on the native of Wetaskiwin to continue his dominant play.



Photo by Andrew Blyth

NAIT forward Cass Johnson mixes it up with a SAIT player during Friday's game in Calgary, which the Ooks won 6-2.

— Opinion —

SAIT pride kicks our butts



MARK RODGERS

I left Edmonton around 2 a.m. not knowing what SAIT had in store for me, but that the drive was coming out of my own pocket.

After attending many Ooks games over the last two semesters, I was used to the way games were run here. You walk in with 10 minutes to go until game time and a few fans are milling about thinking to themselves, "I'm at the right place ... there is a hockey game here tonight?"

Atmosphere lacking

I'm not just talking about regular season games, because the playoffs are on and our arena has the atmosphere of a street hockey game.

This was my first time going to an away game, so I expected things to be different. I walk into the building an hour-and-a-half before the puck drops and I see signs all over the place. They were not the regular run-of-the-mill signs we see in our hallways. I'm talking about big, colorful signs that kick you in the eyes, and say our beloved Trojans are taking on the Ooks in the finals this weekend.

These signs don't just tell you when and where the game is, but

that you can catch the free fan bus on Saturday to Edmonton to see the second game. The school is spilling over with pride for their team and it shows in the game-day production.

As the game gets closer, I keep wondering how come our games don't have this feel. It would be nice to see more excitement in the school for our men's hockey team, but how do we bring our program up to par with our southern rivals?

Vibe during warmup

There were still 10 minutes left in the first warmup and the vibe in the place was stronger than when the Ooks beat out Mount Royal to make it into the finals. I saw a human mascot with a red-flashing light beaming from his head, and I know he is part of the volunteer production team.

Are the NAIT games lacklustre due to a lack of volunteers, or the fact NAIT has no passion for Canada's winter sport in a city with a rich history of passionate fans.

Things keep hitting me over the head telling me that we need to get things turned around back at home, because having beers in the stands is as Canadian as Don Cherry. SAIT had the same national anthem track as NAIT, but it actually consisted of real person singing – not just a grainy recording from a zillion years ago.

Who do we look at to improve the weak showing at the men's hockey game?

Is it NAITSA, the athletic director, or is it the fans who just don't care?



Photo by Andrew Blyth

NAIT Athlete of the Week Scott Taje scores one of his three goals Friday night against SAIT en route to a 6-2 Ooks win in Calgary.

Traders traded away

The top-ranked team in the Alberta Junior Hockey League is moving. The Fort Saskatchewan Traders are moving to St. Albert after this season.

Although the Traders are one of the best teams in the AJHL they still are only bringing in 400 fans a game in their home city.

St. Albert lost its team three years ago to the Spruce Grove Saints.

St. Albert has been waiting on this day for awhile. The town is ready to embrace the Traders with a new arena that seats up to 2,000.

After a lengthy board of governors meeting officials had decided

that it would be best for the team to relocate. Alberta Junior Hockey League president Craig Cripps said the people of Fort Saskatchewan will be sad to lose their team of nearly 30 years.

"Certainly St. Albert has a steep tradition with the Alberta Junior Hockey League, as had Fort Saskatchewan," explained Cripp.

"Certainly the Junior A hockey in the province and across Canada has changed as far as being a business.

"With that said, we are certainly looking forward to St. Albert once again joining the AJHL," Cripp said.

"Right now fans don't respect the fact that we have a hockey team like the Traders, Fort Saskatchewan resident Steven Lee said. "But they will realize how tough it will be to let them go once they've left."

After beating Fort McMurray in their playoff series, the Traders will now face the Okotoks Oilers in semifinal action.

NHL alumni from the Traders organization include Sheldon Souray, Richard Matvichuk, Paul Comrie and Dave Babych.

The team is expected to be in its new home for the start of the next season.

— DUNAJ

— Pro sports —

Eskimos' Hervey hangs 'em up

By ANDREW DUNAJ

After eight seasons that involved on and off the field fights, tears, joy, and championships, Edmonton Eskimo wide receiver Ed Hervey is calling it quits.

"I'd like to thank Hugh Campbell, Danny Maciocia, the entire Eskimo organization and the fans who made Edmonton a wonderful place to play and live," Hervey stated. Hervey played a pivotal role in both of Edmonton's recent Grey Cup victories in 2003, and most recently in 2005.

"My worst memory would have to be in 2002, when we lost the Grey Cup at home to Montreal. I just feel like we let the whole city down," Hervey explained. Hervey spent all

of his eight years in Edmonton making 476 catches in 115 games. He finished his career with 6,715 yards and 43 touchdowns. Ed was best known for his burning speed down the sidelines, and his ability to catch the deep ball.

"I'd also like to thank the many teammates I have competed alongside and the many friends I've met for allowing me to be a part of their lives. I'll cherish the memories of my playing career in Edmonton," Hervey said holding back the tears.

The two time CFL all star however has decided to stick around with the team. Danny Maciocia, Esko coach and director of football operations, announced that Hervey has accepted a position as Edmonton's West Coast scout and com-

munity relations assistant. In 2006, Hervey played in 17 games and finished second on the team in pass reception yards at 898 yards in 76 catches and three touchdowns.

"Ed is the only receiver I've ever seen that would go and talk to the offensive line to get them pumped up on the sidelines; no other receivers have ever done something like that," Maciocia explained.

"I'm sure in a few years Ed will be getting amazing offers from other teams, that's just how good of a person he is."

Hervey becomes another one of the Eskimos that fans have grown extremely comfortable with to exit the organization recently. Donny Brady and Singor Mobley were released back on March 12.



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Eskimo receiver Ed Hervey, who has announced his retirement, will be missed by fans and teammates alike.

— Boat and RV Show —

Something for everyone

By SEAN HOFFMAN

The Edmonton Boat and RV show at Northlands AgriCom provides fun and excitement for all ages. With a wide variety of displays, equipment, and games almost anyone can find something that floats their boat.

Displays ranged from hunting and fishing getaways to taxidermist services. With tons of stuff like quads, dirt bikes, boats, guns, wakeboards, and clothing, you should have been able to find something you enjoy at the show.

Feel like fishing or maybe firing off a few arrows – it was all there. Or you could have entered a guitar hero competition and shredded some licks.

Are you looking for adventure? There were vendors waiting to take you on your next great trip. Don't know where to go? Then how about Saskatchewan? Not your cup of tea?

Does Africa sound better? You can book a trip to go on a safari and hunt for animals you have never even heard of before.

If you want your prize to hang on your wall you will need a taxidermist, and these guys can make a raccoon look ferocious. The stories these guys can tell you will keep you entertained for at least five minutes. After a while, I started to feel

bad for all those cute little critters and I had to leave.

Do you like big, shiny machines that go fast? This show has all sorts of power, sail and fishing boats as far as the eye can see. If you hold your tongue right, you can even sit in most of them. Need something to do with that boat? Try wakeboarding, because every major wakeboard manufacturer is there waiting.

So you don't like boats, eh? Well how about quads and dirt bikes? There are plenty of variety to check out. One group brought a gun collection going back to the nineteenth

century.

Maybe you're thinking there's nothing for your girlfriend to enjoy. Well you're wrong – how does lingerie sound? That's right, camouflage lingerie for all her hunting needs.

To keep kids of all ages busy they had set up fishing games, rock climbing and an archery range, all of which was supervised fun. I was most tempted by the guitar hero competition. Most of the kids performing have probably never heard of the songs they were playing, but they sure kicked my ass.

I got to see lots of cool toys for big and little boys, and I had lots of fun. I think I will make an appearance again next year, and I encourage everyone to do the same.

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Photo by Sean Hoffman

A boy enjoys the rock climbing wall in the family fun area.

— Golf —

PGA course the big winner

By SEAN SZOPA

Once again, the course had the upper hand over the weekend as players struggled for pars and birdies at Bay Hill. It marked the first ever Arnold Palmer Invitational, a tournament with great honour and distinction.

Tiger Woods ended a rollercoaster weekend with a tough finish after putting two balls in the drink and finishing with a 76. However, Vijay Singh was attacking pins and making putts from everywhere and carded a final round 67 to capture his first win at Bay Hill and first Arnold Palmer Invitational. Both Canadians made the cut in the tournament, but Stephens Ames had a top 10 finish and Mike Weir battled the elements

and finished well back.

This week, the big guns are back and ready to tackle the Blue Monster. The third World Golf Championship is going to be contested for this week as the players compete for the CA Championship crown. With only a couple weeks left until the Masters, players are looking to get into form.

Defending champion Tiger Woods is looking to rebound after an interesting week which looked somewhat like a Phil Mickelson round. These two players have had great history here. In the 2005 season, they bashed heads as they battled against each other in one of the greatest duels in golf.

Tiger won that year and then won once again in 2006. Weir enjoyed

success here in the 2000 season, after winning the title and making it his first big splash on the PGA tour scene. This season, however, Mike has been having his difficulties. With zero top 10s in the first six events, he stands way back in the FedEx standings and money list.

The Doral Golf Resort and Spa is a tough par 72 with water looming at every tee. The purse is huge, with \$1.35 million going to the winner. There is no holding back this week on the PGA tour as everyone hopes to be conquering the Blue Monster to grab one of the biggest purses of the year. Will we see another Tiger and Phil duel? Will someone jump up and make some noise for themselves? And can Weir create some magic and win a second title?



The Blue Monster at Doral may look amazing. But it could prove deadly for golf's best this weekend.

— Fashion Week —

City designers in the spotlight

By JULIE PHILLIPS

After returning to Edmonton from a life in New York and abroad, Sandra Sing Fernandes was shocked to discover Edmonton had no forum for emerging designers to present their work. This is part of what inspired her to open the warehouse-style Planet Ze Design Studio on the south side, and begin Edmonton Fashion Week in autumn 2005.

Now in its fourth season, Edmonton Fashion Week continues to provide an atmosphere for local choreographers, dancers, hair and makeup artists, fashion designers, photographers, models, visual artists, and DJs to collaborate, explore and entertain.

"I think it's a great lineup this season," says Sing Fernandes. "A lot of Edmonton people are involved which is what we want. Our focus is always Edmonton."

'Really talented'

"Our designers are really talented here. We've been able to give them support, give them some energy, give them some shows," she continues. "Hopefully we can keep them here, but we have to have something going on."

Sing Fernandes has been happy to "get something going" in Edmonton, but says it has been challenging to fit into an arts community that she sees as still being very conservative.

"Why don't we get creativity going," she suggested. "That's what you're supposed to be talking about. There's so much here, there are so many great people."

Sing Fernandes believes that Edmonton Fashion Week is beginning to catch on, and is

excited to be providing a venue for young designers to showcase their designs while connecting them with longtime Edmonton designers, Canadian designers, international designers, and the community.

Stanley Carroll (longtime Edmonton designer) and Sandra Sing Fernandes will open the week on Friday night, Dex, Delicious and Urban Behavior on Saturday, followed by the very successful Salon Sunday, where hair designers have a chance to showcase styles outside the confines of a traditional fashion-focused show.

Strong shows

Monday is the Emerging Designer Contest and Cheap & Chic Stylist Contest, the night Sing Fernandes is most looking forward to. Tuesday and Wednesday will feature six emerging local designers, and on Thursday, March 29, Nokomis, Morse Code and Betsy Johnson all promise a memorable closing night of strong shows, tons of fun and incredible fashion.

Edmonton Fashion Week takes place from March 23 to March 29 at Planet Ze Design Studio, just south of Whyte at 10055-80 Avenue. Shows start at 8 p.m. nightly, doors at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$5 in advance through Tix on the Square (reach Tix on the Square at 420-1757 or drop by 9930-102 Avenue). A weekly pass is \$20 in advance, \$40 at the door. Check www.edmontonfashionweek.com for the full lineup.

"Where you get the guts and the balls of a town come from the youth and the people who are doing something different and breaking the rules. Doing something that's more cutting edge,

and then they'll grow up and do more interesting things."

— Sandra Sing Fernandes



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Model Dana Huget flaunts a Betsy Johnson dress at Planet Ze Design Studio Tuesday during a fitting for Edmonton's fourth biannual Fashion Week.

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SINGLE OF THE WEEK

Lady Ook is lookin' for love

By BRENT CONSTANTIN

Have you ever woken up in the middle of a burning building dressed like a circus clown, and covered in Nyquil-soaked copies of Dharma and Greg DVD sets?

Neither have I, but I can imagine that it would be one of those times you wouldn't want to remember.

If you're an especially loyal reader of Hot Single of the Week (and I hope you are) you never actually look at the photo until I officially introduce the person. Usually it's in the third or fourth paragraph, after I've blithered on for a while about something that has nothing to do with the main article.

So, having said that, please now look at the picture. You may notice something a bit odd about the person in the photo – she's wearing a beret. Don't be alarmed, though, it comes off.

This week's Hot Single is the Lady Ook. Hailing from the storage closet in the Campus Sport and Wellness office, she has spent many years entertaining sport fans – first as the Ook, and then after some discreet surgery as the Lady Ook. After a brief absence from the public eye to concentrate on her family life and write a series of short stories on the back of beer bottle labels, the Lady Ook has returned with lovin' on her mind.

B: So tell me a little about your last relationship.

LO: Well, after I took some "me time" off from NAIT, it freed up my position on campus until I returned, so they

hired the Ook (NAIT's current mascot) and we met each other during a swim meet.

B: So it was love at first sight?

LO: We had so much in common! We both loved team spirit, we both had no peripheral vision, and neither of us really cared for changing our facial expressions.

B: So where did things go wrong? It sounds like a match made in heaven.

LO: Well, during a trip to donate our pellets for dissection in fourth grade science classes, I noticed some changes in the Ook. He seemed distant, more withdrawn. While the kids were still removing their first mouse skull from our dried excrement Ooky had left! With the ... the ...

B: It's OK if you need to cry, get it all out, it's healthy. So who was he with?

LO: It was that Grant MacEwan Griffin slut!

B: Yowch! I don't even think the Griffin is female ...

But obviously, you've recovered, and you're ready to move on.

LO: That's right, Brent. I've realized that I'm a woman that deserves better, so I'm putting myself back on the market.

B: And what kind of man are you looking for?

LO: I'm looking for someone that can appreciate what a real woman has to offer. I may be a little older, but I sure make up for it in experience!

Plus I love to fuck.

B: Any words to men out there who may be intimidated by the concept of dating a huge, colourful owl mascot?

LO: Well I'm pretty quiet, I usually do all of my communication through exaggerated pantomime, so you don't have to worry about me talking too much.

B: Well that's always a plus, and hey, you don't wear pants either!

So if you'd like to see where things might go with you and Lady Ook, give me an e-mail at Brent_Constan-



tin@yahoo.ca.

And if you want to be the Hot Single, get in touch with me soon! We've only got a couple issues left before the

end of the year. If you've been putting it off, there's almost no time left, so do it, or forever regret what could have been!



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— Dating adventures —

Painful date doesn't rate



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 Girl's Night In (Alone), this week it was St. Patrick's Day.


Date Scenario #5: St. Patrick's Day
Oh! My! God! I must be cursed or something, because last week I couldn't find a date and this week my date cancels on me at the last minute!
Here's the story. A friend of a friend invited me to go on a St. Patrick's Day pub-crawl with him and his friends. It sounded like

so much fun I agreed to go. I was going to bring one of my friends along, so it wouldn't be just me and a bunch of guys although that doesn't seem too bad of a situation.
Anyway, St. Paddy's Day rolled around, and I'm getting ready to go out. In the middle of putting on some eye shadow the phone rings. I picked it up and it is my date calling me to tell me he couldn't go out. He sprained his ankle Friday afternoon and it was still swollen and painful.
Now, don't think I'm heartless. I understand that he's injured and can't go out, but did he really think if his ankle was still horribly painful in the afternoon it would get miraculously better by the evening? And couldn't he have called me earlier to let me know? I did appreciate the phone call, but not 45 minutes before we're supposed to go out!
Overall Date Rating: F
Thanks for cancelling on me buddy! On the bright side – at


least he didn't stand me up!
If there are any dating scenarios you want me to explore, please e-mail suggestions to kfv10@yahoo.com. Please, keep it clean!

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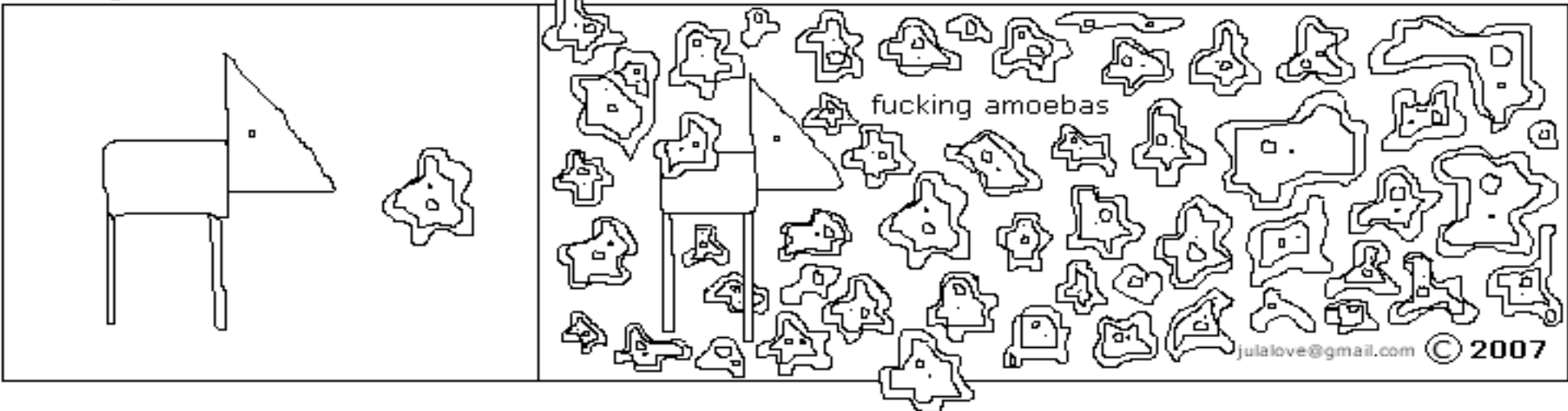
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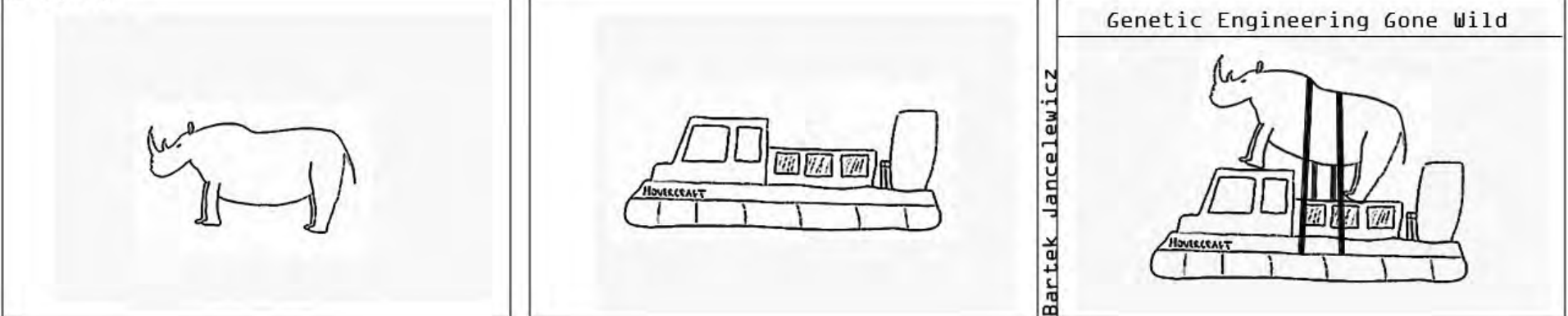
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Mechy Guy: I've managed to get a few of my girls to come to the beer gardens. We only request that those hot guys that were with you come as well. Maybe we'll come to the after party and tease you boys a little more.

— Towr grl

Problem #18: The Computer Commons Front Desk

What the hell's the point of hiring these people at the front desk when they don't know how to fix your problems. Every time I ask them a question eight out of 10 times it's "I don't know." And they call this a technical school ... how sad.

— NuggetBoy

Jeff where are you? I miss your words ...

To the perpetual non-smoking bitches:

My first question is: is there

nothing better to complain about other than the smell of smoke around this campus? If it comes down to toxicity, I wonder if you stop cars on Jasper Avenue to complain about the car pollution that is far worse than any smokers' exhalation. Or, for that matter, do you bitch out the lazy people who use remote car starters in the summer? So, you want five feet of clearance from the smoke cloud at the entrances. In a perfect world, I would like to have clearance walking through the tower lobby where the elevators are instead of trying to maneuver my way through a crowd of self-involved teenagers. Get off your high horse, non-smokers, and bitch about something with some validity instead of stroking your own egos.

— Signed your grim reapers
buddy

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— Shaggy

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Liaison Phone: 471-7613

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

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

It's time to find employment



STACEY DOUGLAS

With the semester coming to an end, what kind of summer job are you looking for?



Anything that pays \$17 an hour.

Nick Stansky
CNT



I think I might monitor computer labs.

Xin Qi Wang
Business



I already know. I'm going to be a carpentry assistant.

Angela Lautner
Legal and Real Time Reporting



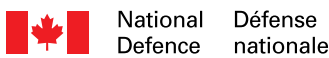
A job in the Chemical Tech. field.

Hazel McKay
Chem. Tech.



A kitchen cook.

Dave Redman
Pretech



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* Les cours admissibles au programme d'études subventionnées comprennent : ordinateurs et information, communications ou systèmes de régulation — électronique, télécommunications ou technicien en systèmes d'information électroniques — ordinateurs, génie des réseaux informatiques ou technicien en télécommunications — communications sans fil ou technicien de réseaux informatiques sans fil — communications ou ordinateurs, technologie du génie — technicien à l'entretien et à la réparation d'automobiles — entretien d'avionique de bord ou programme de technique du génie (avionique).



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