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NestFest – BestFest!

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WATER BIRD?

The NAIT Ook shows skills we didn't know it had during the NestFest wakeboarding demonstration. For more pictures, see pages 8 and 9.

Photo by Amy Bizovie

NEWS & FEATURES

— The Nest's school-year kickoff was a success all around —

Wakeboard me when it's over

By GEOFF TATE
Arts and Culture Editor

How About BestFest?!
NestFest, NestFest, NestFest ...
Where to begin?! Weather wasn't

great, but who can really complain?
Umm, how about the guys in their
shorts doing wakeboard tricks all
night in two gigantic pools of water
pumped from a fire hydrant?

Yeah, those guys seem to be the
only ones who can say anything.
With, of course, the exception of Ook
the Owl (nice toe side Raley with
an Indy grab, dude), but he proba-
bly deserved to get dunked ... what
a lippy owl.

As would be expected from such
class acts, Coors Light and the NAIT
Students' Association put on a hell of
a show Friday night, so make sure to
give any NAITSA staff you see an
explosive high-five and then go out
and buy a case of Coors Light with
them.

Another big thank-you goes out
to all the staff of the Nest and all the
volunteers that stuck it out until the
bitter end and made Friday night a
ridiculously good time.

On a side note, everyone that was
unreasonable intoxicated, give your-
self a pat on the back for not getting
caught in the wakeboarding winch;
that alone made Friday night a large
success.

However, the largest back pat
of the night is reserved for a Justin
Brouwer, winner of a novelty cheque
(hope you see the real one buddy,
you owe a lot of people shots) worth
a whopping \$3,500.

This story gets even better when
you find out how much he paid to be
here. Justin, a hard-working, second-
year apprentice, paid \$700 to attend
his program of choice, and managed
to go home with a profit of 500%.
Being perhaps the most intoxicated
person attending the event, it is a
wonder that he made it up on stage
and found his ID so quickly.

Alas, the same cannot be said for
the other individuals whose names
were called before Mr. Brouwer but
who didn't make it up on stage.

Obviously these people had other,
more important things to do on a Fri-
day night; things they felt were more
significant than receiving \$3,500.
And these are their names: Dun-
can McLeod, Terrance Long, Megan

Mackie, Martha Silva, Steven Van-
dyk, Jenn Simpson, Cliff Adams and
Shawn Clackett.

So be sure to point this out to
them if you go to class with any of
these individuals, and then make
them read it for themselves. And let
me know if any of them whip out
their gold rimmed monocles while
they are doing it.

Ten Second Epic, a good ol',
homegrown Edmonton band,
rocked the socks off of the Nest and
closed out a stellar night of musical
performances.

It was an excellent nightcap to
the whole NestFest experience. And
thank you to the Nest patrons for
showing me you don't need a whole
lot of room to start a mosh pit, just
an exuberant amount of alcohol and
a whole lot of heart. You guys truly
are the best.

**For Shant Chakmakian's take
on NestFest, see page 15**



Photo by Janna Van Dorp

Wakeboarder Dylan Miller impresses the NestFest crowd Fri-
day, Sept. 7 with his rail skills. More photos, pages 8, 9, 12, 15.

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100,000 portable ashtrays

MONTREAL (CUP) — The City of Montreal and a local environmental group want smokers to think twice before throwing their cigarette butts on the ground.

To make it easier, they're distributing 100,000 portable ashtrays.

Branded with the slogan "Save the Earth", the small plastic pouches are lined with a shiny, flame-retardant material and padded with an odor-eating sponge. They can hold up to seven butts, snap neatly shut and fit in your pocket until you can dump the contents into the next refuse bin.

"You can wash it with a little mild soap inside, very very cool," explained Robert Beaulieu, the executive director with the Pointe-aux-Prairies Ecoquartier, the environmental group that partnered with the city for the project.

Some have attributed the increase in discarded cigarette butts, especially around the entrances of buildings, to the ban on smoking in restaurants, bars and enclosed public spaces which was enacted in May 2006. The ban forced many smokers outside, where their remains are now causing an eyesore and, according to Beaulieu, an environmental concern.

"It takes 25 years for a cigarette butt to go back to the earth," Beaulieu said.

Marcel Tremblay, the man respon-

sible for citizen services with the City of Montreal, said that they have been working with businesses to increase the number of ashtrays and garbage cans outside. He added that all of the new receptacles include ashtrays.

The portable ashtray giveaway is part of a wider strategy from OperationMontreal.net, a multi-million dollar project launched by the city to clean up the streets.

Beaulieu said that it's also about publicizing the message of living green.

"This is a cool environmental way, with an environmental phrase, to show people how to do this stuff and how to do it right."

"Everybody likes to get involved in an environmental issue, the only problem is people don't have time and this is a very happy and fast way to do it."

The ashtrays are available at city offices and are being handed out to smokers on the streets until all of them have been distributed. Several smokers said that there aren't enough ashtrays around and thought it was a good idea. Others were less enthusiastic.

Jose Ruiz said that he already uses the regular ashtrays. "I don't want my

city to spend that money. Add extra trash cans and cigarette holder things. There's gotta be easier ways."

Others, however, pointed out that cigarette butts litter the ground literally feet from existing garbage cans.

But Marcel Tremblay is adamant the project will work as long as people have the right attitude.

"Do you love your city? You should keep it clean," he said.

"So one of the elements that destroys our city are the [cigarette butts]. So we hope that you'll change your attitude and basically throw it in and get rid of it where you normally should get rid of it."

Manufactured in China, each por-

table ashtray cost the city 40 cents, for a total of \$40,000 spent on the project.



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Universal hunt for coffee



By **GABRIELLE HAY-BYERS**
Student Affairs Editor

The best opportunity came my way today: a clear line to coffee in the Tim Hortons drive-thru.

This is where my first issue came into play. I was riding the bus. Now I suppose I could crawl up to the front of the bus and politely ask that we make a pitstop to curb my caffeine craving, but that would most likely result in my getting kicked off of the bus for stupidity. Besides, do buses even fit through drive-thrus? That would leave me with the option of compiling a group of like-minded individuals and forming

the shape of a car.

I tried this once in Kelowna and was told to leave the ticket window, so this may not be the wisest choice.

On a Monday morning, the most important item in my head isn't my accounting homework, it's "where is the nearest caffeine outlet?" So when one reaches school, coffee is the first thing on one's mind. However, it is 8:12 and I need to make it to some obscure part of the basement (from South Lobby, of course) within the next three minutes. Chai's is within reach, but my timeline constrains me. I am never late for class, except

for my first day when I thought that a supply closet was my destination and spent the next 20 minutes terribly confused. I bolt down the stairs to escape the scent of some lucky person's cup of coffee, which smells like it has the distinct possibility of being something-American.

When I reach my classroom, I think I'm safe – until my teacher (whom I love and do not hold ill will towards) turns off the lights to run a Powerpoint presentation. Now I think I hold very little hope of staying awake for a full hour, but I somehow succeed. However, my next class is

in a computer lab. Once again, I am royally screwed and getting very drowsy. Another hour passes.

Somewhere through my third class, we are offered a break and I finally succeed in getting that cup of coffee I think I so desperately need.

Van Huotte in the Fresh Xpress is my new favorite place for its convenient placement in the U section. Now I realize that I could have saved myself a lot of effort and pain by making my own coffee at home and drinking it before I came to school, but really, why? There are several opportunities every day for me to find a cup of coffee, I just have to capitalize upon them

when they arise. For now, though, I'm investing in a good reusable coffee mug. If I'm not drinking my coffee at home, I'll help the environment out a little bit by not trashing my paper cups three times a day. I may be a shameless consumer, but at least I'm attempting to be more eco-friendly.

Maybe I'll get good karma from that and get coffee earlier next Monday. Plus, the new Starbucks on campus discounts 10% on your order when you supply your own mug. Eco-friendly, and good for the cash-strapped student.

Turn your radio on!

NR92 and NTV are back and ready to inform and entertain for the new school year.

For the new students who have no idea what I'm talking about, NR92 is the campus radio station run by the Radio Broadcasting students and NTV is the weekly magazine show produced by the television students and shown on Access every Sunday.

NR92 plays all the new hits and

all the golden oldies. The NR92 DJs are also always doing live remotes from various places on campus. NR92 also has a variety of after-hours shows that feature many different types of music and topics.

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Last semester, there were concerts, a guitar hero tournament, a karaoke contest and many more. NR92 and NTV are great student outlets to stay informed about NAIT and also to have a ton of fun.

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Britney disappoints

By JONNY FIVE

Let me first apologize, dear reader. I am filing this story from my suite on the 32nd floor of the Palms Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas and it has taken forever to find my computer underneath this pile of dead hookers. That Jamie Foxx has a real dark side when he drinks.

You see, the *Nugget* sent me here to cover the MTV Music Video Awards and I may have gotten a little carried away. It's just hard not to when

you're surrounded by such classy fabulousness as the music industry!!!

The fun all started with the most over-hyped performance since ... well actually since she shoved her tongue down Madonna's old, leathery throat. The one and only (thank god!) Britney Spears. Britney started the show off with a greasy slurp as she trolled around the stage looking like a 54-year-old stripper grinding her heart out on a Wednesday afternoon.

One last hurrah?

She actually seemed less interested in her "performance" than all of us should have been and it really made me wonder if it's she who wants to make a comeback or if the people whose incomes ride on her ever-widening shoulders are just trying to parade the old girl around for one last hurrah.

You'll notice that I don't mention Britney's kids ... an omission that wasn't made by Sarah Silverman in her monologue following Brit's spectacle. Now don't get me wrong. When it comes to humour, I rarely exercise any limits. It just seems to me that calling someone's kids "mistakes" and comparing them to the lips of their own mother's vagina might be a tad too far. I also question, "What's next for Ms. Silverman?" When simple words cease to be shocking, how far will she go? Can we look forward to the day 10 years from now when she appears on the VMAs and sodomizes Ashley Olsen with a fire extinguisher? Oooohh ... how edgy!

New concept

The awards introduced a new concept this year by constantly throwing to numerous "VIP suites" in the hotel, where acts such as Fall Out Boy, Foo Fighters, and Mr. MTV himself, Justin Timberlake, performed to small crowds of people who were obviously sleeping with record company executives.

It reminded me of the scene in *Brain Candy* (the Kids in the Hall movie) where the main character is ushered from a party on the

main level of a mansion to one in the basement while being told that the upstairs party is fake to keep the unwanted people out of the real party downstairs. Every time the cameras cut to one of the VIP suites, it showed people far cooler than you having way more fun than you ever will.

The main awards stage looked like my grandma's nursing home Christmas play by comparison (not that a 45-minute version of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* by a choir that kept forgetting what day they were on was bad, grandma!)

Chris Brown and Alicia Keys

provided the only two performances of the night that brought any life to an otherwise vapid lip-synching contest.

The VMA's have always been the site of extreme drama and this was no exception. 50 Cent and Kanye West have competing albums dropping on the same day and this rivalry was alluded to when they took the stage to present the female artist of the year to Beyonce. I gotta say ... I was hoping for some gunplay to erupt so that maybe Ms. Bootylicious would catch one in the crossfire. What can I say, a boy can dream.

Sadly, this is not 1997 and everyone lived. Though there was some violence with Kid Rock but I promised Pam I wouldn't write about it ... she's an old friend.

As though it wasn't enough that Timbaland, Justin Timberlake, and Rhianna seem to be on every song on

Top 20 radio right now, JT and Rhianna were the evening's "big winners" each claiming two awards. The trio then took the stage for what I heard was a boring, impotent finale.

Fortunately I was playing hide and seek in a giant pile of blow with The Pussycat Dolls at the time and missed it ... though I did end up having a boring, impotent finale of my



Britney Spears
What comeback?


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Confessions of a Puck Bunny



OK, I admit it.
Yes, I'm a Puck Bunny. I love hockey players.
But before you judge me, I'll have you know I have never dated a hockey player, and most surprisingly, have never stalked one! But

I don't put hockey players on a pedestal. They are just like everyone else (except for the fact they can play hockey better than everyone else) But it is no secret of my love affair with the game, and the players. I love the way they look during the pre-game skate, skating around with no helmet, getting down on the ice to stretch. I love how they do their interviews topless with a towel over their shoulder, sweat dripping down their broad masculine shoulders.

Whenever I mention to anyone that I find hockey players sexy, I always get one of two responses. Most people respond with the usual disgust. "Eewwww. You like guys with no teeth?"

However, I do get the occasional response of, "Oh my God, they are sooo sexy." For the record, I don't really feel the "no teeth" look, but I am a sucker for a black eye! But see.

this is the part where I earn the “Lite” tag. For me, it’s not only their looks that turn me on. I love the game of hockey. Nothing beats an evening at Rexall Place. I get excited whenever the play crosses the blueline. I discuss strategies of the game with the guys around me. I scream at the refs when they make a bad call. I bitch about missed opportunities on the power play. Most importantly, I go to games wearing my Staios jersey, which I wear with pride. (And no, it’s not a pink girl jersey).

But while I’m discussing the game of hockey, I’m totally thinking Ales Hemsky can body check me anytime. (We know this won’t happen because Hemsky doesn’t body check. Staios on the other hand ...). So, whether I’m discussing Stoll’s, Moreau’s, or Reasoner’s stats for the season, I can also picture them as underwear models.

So I've decided. Seeing how I live for hockey, I should incorporate it as a career. I contemplated becoming a massage therapist for the NHL, but realized all the sexual harassment lawsuits against me would have me in court more than the arena.

The same also applied for Towel Girl in the showers. So I decided I would like to become a sports reporter. This way, I could interview the hockey players and coaches in the dressing room legally. (Legally being the most important word in that sentence).

So, where am I going with this? I feel that before I enter the Television program at NAIT to become the next Gene Principe, I should get this off my chest. To me, this is like an AA meeting. "My name is Nahreman Issa, and I'm a Puck Bunny (Lite)."

Wow. That felt good.



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Cam Bur participates in a round of men's basketball tryouts at the NAIT gym last week.

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NHL facing hard times

By **BRENDAN MILLETT**

Just two years ago, everyone thought the NHL was fixed. No more salary issues, no more teams running out of money. But if you do look at the current state, and where the NHL is headed in the future, we could soon be back to Square 1. Not only does the NHL face its own monetary issues once again, but the NHLPA has problems of its own. As unfortunate as it sounds, we could potentially see another lockout in the near future.

If you thought the money crisis in the NHL was over, think again. After witnessing a season of a fixed NHL, we soon saw the salary cap rise, bringing the Penguins into money issues almost right away, and although the team seemed to be on its way out of Pittsburgh, the city spent some well deserved funds to keep it there.

Another season goes by, and now we are at the present time. The salary cap has risen again, and the Predators seem to be without an owner, due to what else, money problems.

With the way the NHL is going with an increase in the salary cap, season after season, many teams will be up for sale, bringing up the issues that were there before the lockout. So what was the point of the lockout, if we still have the same problems as before? Who knows, but what we do know is that it accomplished nothing. Just when you thought the NHL had major issues, let's take a look at the NHLPA.

After the past lockout, the NHL made a promise to the fans it wouldn't happen again, and then Ted Saskin, the NHLPA president, was, according to some, illegally hired, immediately hurling the NHLPA into a slew of legal issues. After nearly two years as president, Saskin was given a paid leave of absence, but that still hasn't fixed any issues. The NHLPA is ready for another lockout. As Eric Lindros pointed out in an interview, the NHLPA is willing to bring the NHL to a standstill once again, and allow for another lockout. Does the NHL really feel it needs

to kill itself? By bringing up this in the interview, Eric Lindros may have killed the NHL by himself. Not only does the NHLPA already face a

mountain of legal troubles, but it now faces the issue of another lockout.

These whirlwind times have resulted in a case of being back

where we were before – with a troubled relationship between the NHL and NHLPA, and a growing partition between the NHL and its fans.

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FUN AND GAMES!

Coors Light waveboarder Brad Buskas, right, shows how it's done on Friday Sept. 7 at NAITSA's NestFest, while the NAIT Ook and waveboarder Dylan Miller, left photo, share some love during the Nest-Fest festivities. Below, Frosh Week tug-of-war contestants Mike, left, Peter, Dave, and Toufic give it their best.



Photo by Amy Bizovie



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Tuition winner Justin “McLovin” Brouwer, centre, and NAITSA Student Life VP Brent Constantin celebrate Friday with the NAIT Ook.

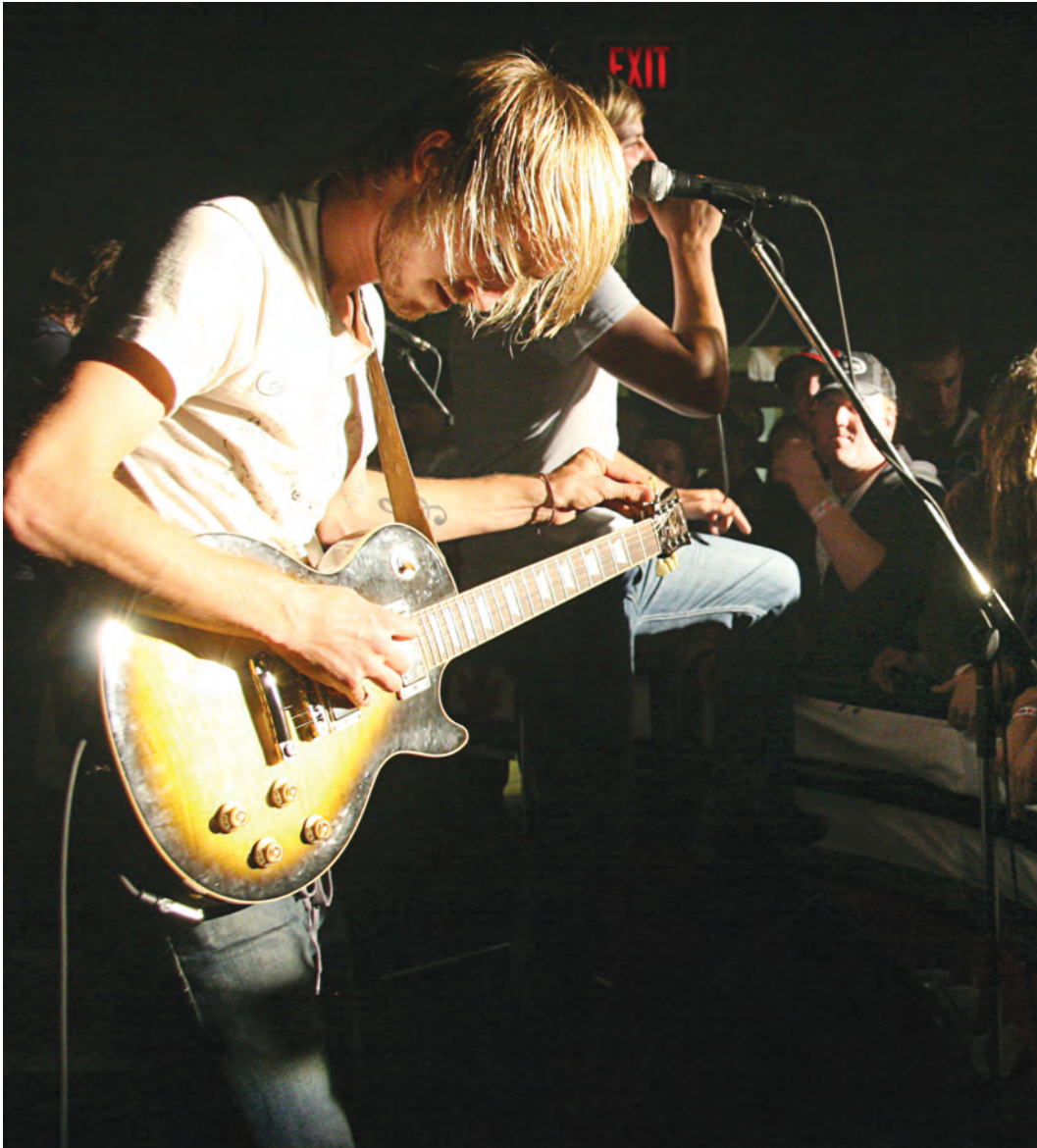


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Daniel Carriere of Ten Second Epic performs at the Nest last Friday.



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Cory Oates, left, and Jacques Vasseur engage in some robust jousting at NestFest.

The bliss of beginnings

By LADY LOVE

In the beginning of relationships, everything is always all good. At least, with me it is.

See, when I'm dating someone, I start them off on a clean slate. I give them an automatic A until they mess up and slowly begin to slip to a B, then B-minus. You get it, right?

Anyways, the guy I'm dating now is a total A+. He's just what I like. Tall, dark, handsome, you know. He's pretty laid back, calm, good sense of humour, strong but not too strong.

He constantly teases me about being a nerd and strange because of what I enjoy doing in my spare time.

I enjoy reading romance novels and watching *Desperate Housewives*, usually for hours at a time.

But lately we've been enjoying doing that together, it's kind of our thing right now. I think he secretly enjoys it because he's pretty outspoken and he hasn't complained about the hours of *Desperate Housewives* we watch.

But of course, in the beginning there are never any complaints. Like, when he asks me what I want to do, I really don't care what we do as long as I'm spending time with him. That's

how I always feel in the beginning. I always miss him and I'm always thinking about him.

So, I'll keep all of you up to date on how I feel. We'll see if his A+ has turned into an A or A-minus by next week.

Welcome to my love life, the door's open from here on in.



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NIC is a second home for International Students at NAIT. We organize friendly sports matches (soccer, basketball and bowling), cultural exchanges, a winter celebration, International Week and trips to the Rockies.

NIC is arranging for students to have a weekend tour to the breathtaking, majestic Canadian Rocky Mountains. Take a walk in downtown Banff and Jasper and discover all the candy stores, shops and coffee houses. The group will travel by charter bus, leaving on Oct. 5 at 7 a.m. and returning on Oct. 7.

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member. Two nights shared accommodations, one continental breakfast in the High Country Inn in Banff will be included. Fee also includes the entrance park fees to the National Park as well as a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain in Banff. Enjoy the beautiful scenery at magnificent Lake Louise.

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Where: Tent in Main stairway in the Annex. If you want to purchase raffle tickets after Sept 13, please contact jordanalczak@hotmail.com. Draw date is Sept 29 @ the Bridge Building Afterparty at the Canadian Brewhouse.

PGC (Petroleum Geological Chemical) Club

Event: Pig Roast and Beer Garden

When: Friday Sept. 22, 2007

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Where: The Dock in L Building (The Annex)

NAIT International Club

Event: Get to know NIC, food, fun, friendship.

When: Thursday Sept. 13, 2007 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Where: HP Centre Room W301

Const. Engineering Technology Club

Event: BBQ and Beer Garden

When: Friday Sept. 14, 2007 3 p.m.-10 p.m.

Where: The Dock in L Building (The Annex)

Shinerama Club

Event: Sign up for Shinerama Day (Sept. 22)

Where: Sign up sheet in Room E133 or visit the Shinerama Club in Room E128

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Stuntman: Ignition

Stunt driving is addictive

By LIAM CRESWICK

Finally, a game that let's you truthfully say "I do all my own stunts." The new game *Stuntman: Ignition* straps the player into the driver's seat of a stunt car and lets you tear-ass around a variety of movie sets.

The goal of the game is to hit all the marks the director shouts out as you drive from one end of the track to another. These include flying off ramps, burning 180s and getting up on two wheels in a handful of different vehicles.

If you miss too many of these stunts, you are forced to start the run again. Strangely, I found this game to be masochistically addictive, as I was compelled to keep trying the courses, despite my frustration on some of the tougher parts.

This sequel to the 2002 game *Stuntman* can be a real challenge, depending on your skill level.

Compared to its predeces-

sor though, the difficulty has been turned down from "really bloody hard" to only "fairly tough." The single-player career mode is very linear, but if free-style game play is more your MO, the game also offers some directionless courses. There is also a level editor similar to the one seen in the Tony Hawk's Pro Skater series.

The objects you use to create your custom course need to be unlocked though, meaning you have to go through most of the career mode before you can make a map worth playing. The multiplayer is fairly fun, but you will need to play split screen with a friend though, as the online play (on the Xbox 360 at least) was almost totally deserted only a few weeks after the game's release.

Simple, straightforward game play or not, the graphics and production values are very good. There are better looking games out there, but as a next generation title, *Stuntman: Ignition* holds its own graphically.



Supplied photo

The scripting and voice acting of *Stuntman: Ignition* are top rate.

The same can be said of the controls. Other racing games like Forza 2 certainly have more realistic and precise controls, but there is nothing to complain about in terms of handling and collision detection here.

The different levels of the game are in the styles of various types of movies, some clearly wearing their inspiration on their sleeve. These movie sets include Dante's Peak, James Bond and The Dukes of Hazard-esque movies. The creators picked a good mix of movies that

would include stunt-driving scenes.

The highlight of the game for me, though, was the scripting and voice acting. On average, most video games are pretty weak when it comes to voice-over talent, but that's not the case here. Each movie set you visit has a different director, and his/her character suits the movie they are paired with well. In the Dukes of Hazard-like level, for example, there were a couple of funny bits that made me laugh out loud; a rare feat for a video game.

Stuntman: Ignition is a unique twist on the racing genre. The game play is clean and entertaining, but also pretty straightforward and short. This, unfortunately, makes for very little replay value. That is not to say it doesn't achieve what it sets out to do though; make a fun, playable version of professional stunt driving. This is recommended as a solid rental.

Stuntman: Ignition is available on Xbox 360, PSP, PS2, and PS3.

★★★★☆

NAITSA SENATE ELECTIONS!

WE NEED YOU!!!

The Senate will consist of 18 elected student representatives from each of the nine NAIT schools (two from each school):

- § School of Business
- § School of Hospitality
- § School of Applied Building Science
- § School of Arts, Science & Communications
- § School of Applied Media & Information Technology
- § School of Electrical & Electronics Technology
- § School of Health Sciences
- § School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Technology
- § School of Resources & Environmental Management

Senate members are required to meet twice a month where current issues and problems around NAIT, as well as other post-secondary issues, will be discussed. Some important decisions are made at this level such as approving the NAITSA budget.

- Food and refreshments will be provided.
- Senate members will also receive monetary compensation for their time.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

INTERESTED?

Senate Elections take place Thursday, September 27, 2007. Come on down to the NAITSA Office (1111 1st Ave. (Dunsmuir Tower) and pick up your nomination form. Nomination forms are available from 4:00 p.m. on the Monday immediately preceding the election.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact: 1111 1st Ave. NAITSA President, (Darrin Wypianski) phone: 371-1000 ext. 211 or email: darrin.wypianski@naitsa.ca

*All successful candidates are required to attend mandatory Senate Training on Saturday, September 29th & Sunday, September 30th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

**There are two mandatory meetings for all candidates on Thursday, September 20 at 4:30 p.m. in X107 AND Wednesday, September 26 in X107 at 4:30 p.m.

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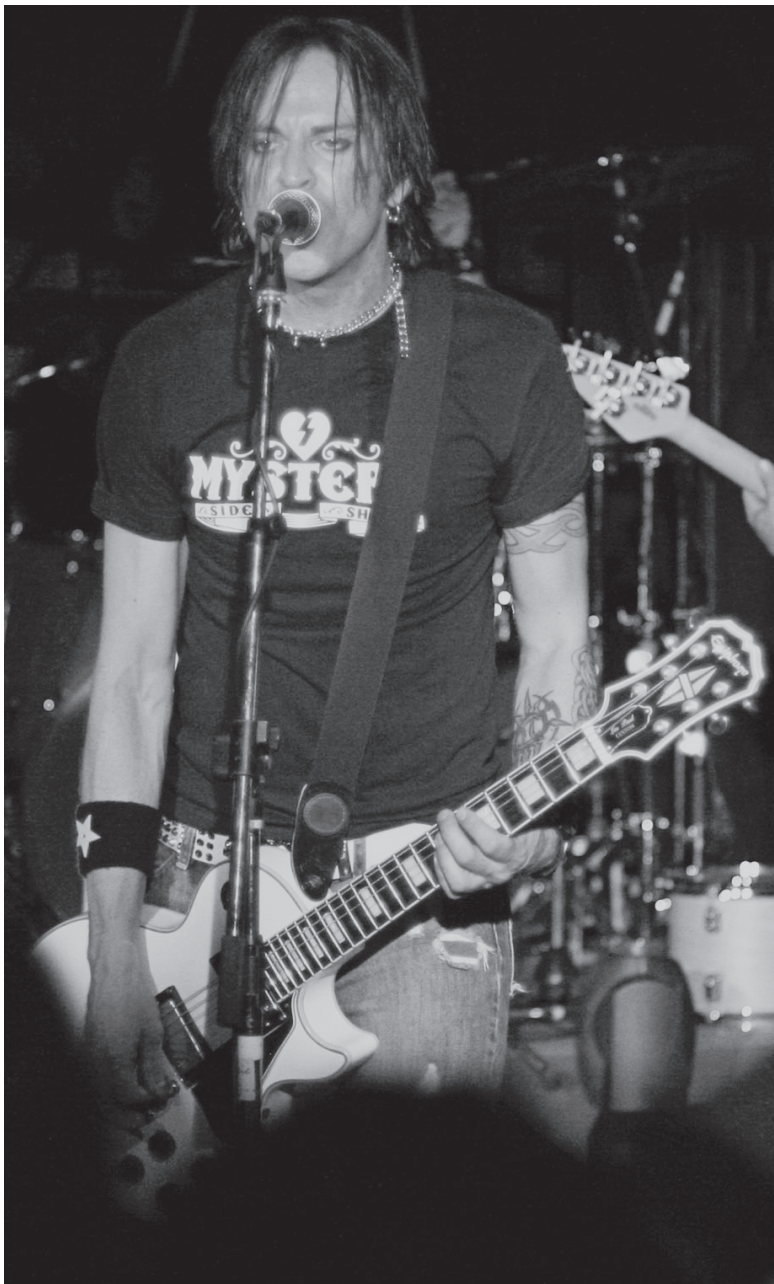


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Your horoscope



By JULIE PHILLIPS
September 13–19

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

Thursday is a very good day to begin projects. Take a long shower on Saturday. Smile more.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)

Try putting all your eggs in one basket. Don't call the

kettle black. Whatever you do, don't rely on clichés to live your life.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

Watch your temper. Be nice to your girlfriend/mother/bus driver/etc. Jerk.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Now is not a good time to be indecisive.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

You're awesome. Keep it up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

Study really hard for that upcoming test. It will pay off.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Good job on that crossword puzzle/Sudoku/word search.

Now it's time for a bigger challenge. You are ready.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Travel is in your future.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

You can't always get your way, Taurus. Learn to see things from another perspective, or at least manage to look interested while other people explain their side.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

Get your shit together.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

Your hair looks really great today. Trust your intuition this week.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)

Do something outrageous Sunday or Tuesday.

ROCKIN'

Jason Wilkinson of Superbeing, left, performs during NestFest last Friday at the Nest.

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Chaos quiet

By GEOFF TATE

The official update on Campus Chaos is that there is no official update on Campus Chaos.

It's still at the Shaw, it's still 18-plus years of age, and the city still wants it shut down.

The good news is, however, that it is still happening, and it's still going to be the coolest thing since last weekend.

I wish I had more to tell y'all, but getting anything out of anyone is kind of hard right now.

My guess is that once the concert

is over and everyone sees how good (or bad) it went, people will be a little more apt to discuss it.

But for the time being, one contact refers me to another contact, who in turn, refers me to another contact who finally tells me I should be talking to the first contact.

It's an awful, cyclic process (you know where it's at GTN 164) which sends me right round, baby, right round, like a record, baby, right round, round, round.

So until we meet again, my fellow Nugget enthusiasts.

REMEMBERING DAWSON COLLEGE

September 13, 2006



The NAIT Students' Association commemorates the 1 year anniversary of the tragic events at Dawson College with a symbolic wrist band. Available by donation only at the NAITSA office (E131), proceeds from the Dawson College wrist band will go to the Anastasia De Sousa Memorial Award Fund.




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BIG STEVE'S ROUGH LOVE

Tellin' it like it is

I caught her staring at me from across the bar. It was a particularly hot and sticky summer night. An occasional horse-shit smelling breeze provided some reprieve and the windows and wide front doors of the Dunder, Sask. hotel lounge and liquor store were opened wide. It was 1986. I was 18 and I was completely wasted. Her name was Phyllis.

Phyllis was in her late 40s with big blonde hair. The skin on her neck reminded me of a vagina. She smiled at me as she lit her cigarette and I pounded back another shot. Phyllis leaned forward in her seat and bought me another round. I motioned her over and we drank together for hours. I told her about myself, about my summer job and plans to get out of Dunder one day. She told me about her ex-husband and kids.

At last call, Phyllis asked me if I needed a ride. We stumbled to her Ford and she drove us to her house.

hips, which were wide from age and all of the births. I was so young, so excited but so drunk. I couldn't get it up.

I turned my face away, embarrassed, and wriggled out from under the broad. Phyllis looked at me and took my hand. "Honey," she said, "if I had a nickel for every time that's happened to I a guy I've been with, I wouldn't be hanging out in goddamn Dunder, Saskatchewan."

What happened next changed my life forever. Phyllis lit a smoke and sat facing me. Sensing my inexperience, she exhaled slowly and began to explain in filthy, vivid detail about sex. She looked straight into my eyes and spoke in a low and raspy voice. Phyllis seemed sad as she talked about the good old days, conjuring up decades of memories and experience. She told of her past – the naive flirtations of youth and back-alley blowjobs in high school. She told me

what she did to her boyfriends and what complete strangers had done to her. She reminisced about the men she had had, of the loggers, truckers and rig pigs that made her the weathered, boozy and battered bag of experience she now was. For hours I sat completely astounded. The things she told me aroused and sickened me. My stomach turned as she remembered her sins in horrific detail.

When the sun finally rose, she was finished. Phyllis sat back and closed here eyes. Warm and golden light filled the room as the birds sang. All around me, it was calm. When I left she hugged me goodbye and I never saw Phyllis again. Her story has haunted me ever since.

These days I make a living on the open road. Nothing but me and the old highway. Every now and again I'll come across a younger guy at a truck stop or a shitty bar in a shitty town someplace and we'll get to talking – just bullshit mostly, where we're heading, where we've been. After a few beers though, the stories get a little more interesting. Once in a while some punk will start telling me about some broad or about some rash or how it burns when he takes a

piss. Most of these guys have no clue what's wrong with them. Other guys just walk around sticking their dicks in whatever they can without thinking about all the shit they can catch. I feel sorry for these bastards. Obviously, they never met a broad like Phyllis.

I know it's tough. Nobody likes getting embarrassed and most of us don't want to admit that we don't know everything there is to know about sex. That's why I feel like it's my responsibility to share my gift, to help out all you young guys and

broads who haven't got a hope in hell of figuring all this shit out for yourselves. My combination of personal experience and the tales of a dirty cougar practically make me a doctor.

I ain't gonna feed you any bullshit. I ain't gonna sugarcoat what's wrong with you. I'll probably judge you very harshly. Big Steve is here to tell you the way it is – just like a dirty old woman did for me one time. It's called rough love.

E-mail your sex and relationship questions to bigstevesroughlove@gmail.com

NAITSA needs you!!

Poll clerks: Required for the upcoming NAITSA Senate Elections on Sept. 27, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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NestFest organizers, wakeboarders and the NAIT Ook get together for a group photo Friday.

A glorious time!



By SHANT CHAKMAKIAN

'Twas truly a glorious time had by all at NAITSA's first NestFest and if you weren't there, you totally missed out.

It was held in the Nest and as an outdoor beer gardens between the parking lot between the J and X wings, it was well-sized for the crowd. Even though it was no Ook-fest it had a tight, friendly, fun-loving atmosphere about it, as the Nest always does.

The entertainment was notably enjoyable, sponsored by Coors Light they set up a mini pool about 15 by 30 feet, at two feet deep. Why would they need a pool? Well, for wakeboarding:

They set up rails on the back of a semitruck and pull pro wakeboarders across the rails into a pool via a winch. Now the word I reserve for such an awesome form of entertainment is: knarrificcally spectacular!

Adding to the enjoyment was an inflatable gladiator pit. I tried it out sober and realized that this pit reverse engineers the laws of balance and intoxication.

What I mean is if you're sober (which I was) you barely have balance, however the guy I battled was more sloshed than the nation of Ireland on St. Patrick's day. In conclusion: I got owned, but it was totally

awesome and worth it!

NestFest also concluded the NAITSA tuition giveaway by announcing a winner. Surprisingly enough some of the people who were called at first to win their tuition for free weren't even there!

As a result, one of the apprentices won \$3,500, which ended up being enough money to pay for all four years of his apprenticing. This goes to show you, that staying involved in NAITSA's event and the campus life that thrives within this school totally pays!

Seriously, imagine the look on your parent's faces when they're complaining about you going out all the time and you tell them as a result you won your tuition: that's a Kodak moment!

After the beer gardens shut down, Ten Second Epic played quite the interlude as most of my instrumentation homies were on site to raise the bar on how the School of Electrical and Electronics has a good time! "E=MC Hammered," proclaimed Brad Eischen as he stumbled his way out of the Nest near the end of the night.

This is exactly why you all have to come out to NAITSA events, because it's not about how loaded you get at all (in fact most people were sober) but it's how much fun you have and the people you're with. Shinerama is at the end of the month, so I expect a high turnout.

Let's get out there and git 'er dun!

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Open House takes place on **Friday and Saturday, October 12th and 13th**. Classes are cancelled on the Friday for the event. Open House is one of the largest public relations and public information exercises we stage, and each year it brings in many thousands of potential students along with parents, friends, teachers and counsellors.

Several training sessions will be scheduled during the week of Monday, October 1 to Friday October 5, 2007. Attendance at one of these training sessions is compulsory.

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Open House

NAIT Open House Committee is now recruiting volunteers for that week-end's event! Invest your time as a campus tour guide, welcoming buses and helping all our visitors find the right room here at NAIT! Open House week-end runs Oct. 12 to 13. Contact Francisca Hoblak at 471-8457 to volunteer!

Study Buddy

Study Buddy is a volunteer tutoring program offered jointly by Edmonton Catholic and Edmonton Public schools. This program matches a tutor with an individual or group of students to assist them in their school work. If you are interested in this short-term volunteer role, please contact Marlee at 419-2677 for all the details.

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Panel 1: Heya Leomane! Not much but I was wondering something. Oh, hi Leanna what's up?

Panel 2: Now that we're stuck in this four panel format again what kind of jokes are we going to do? I don't know probably make 'teh funny' through violence and pain inflicted upon each other.

Panel 3: What! If you think I'm going to sit through another year of that you are insane in the mainframe! Plus, you know I'm a pacifist.

Panel 4: Right, I forgot about that. So, does that mean no one is getting hurt this year? Humph! I can't guarantee that. Damn it...

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