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NAIT's Klaus Figueiredo dekes a Concordia defender during a game last weekend at the NAIT gym. For more basketball, see Sports.

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# NEWS & FEATURES

## NO smoking ... period!



By **CHRISTEN LONG**  
Issues Editor

Seeing students lighting up between classes, in the designated smoking areas, will soon be a thing of the past. As of July 1, 2009, smoking at all NAIT buildings, property, grounds, and on all satellite campus's, will be completely banned. The reaction to the announcement so far is mixed.

The controversial decision was announced Tuesday, Dec. 2. The Board of Governors voted unanimously in favour of the ban, stating in a press release: "NAIT's current policy, which was implemented in 2005, doesn't allow smoking within 10 metres of

entrances or air intake systems or within three metres of bus shelters. The new policy will not allow smoking anywhere on campus." It further states that this promotes a "healthy, safe, clean and respectful learning environment."

Student rep on the board, and a former smoker, Terry Chiasson says, "Our current clean air policies include stipulations that no smoking should occur near entrances, something that has not been respected. In addition to this, the butts associated with smoking are creating a real eyesore around campus."

But not all the students are happy with the news. Mike, a Heavy Equipment student and a smoker, says, "Over the age of 18, it is legal for anyone to go buy smokes from a convenience store. For them to cancel it ... No, it's unfair to every adult. Because it's a personal choice that we all make. If I smoke or if I don't smoke. If I buy it or if I don't." He adds, "It's just going to aggravate people

more than anything."

Rob, also in Heavy Equipment and a smoker, wonders: "What difference does it make if I'm six inches on the NAIT property or six inches off the NAIT property? The sidewalk is still public."

He predicts it will only create a bigger mess, adding, "You'll be that much further away from an ashtray." Ironically, he says it's the stress of school causing him to smoke at all, "Six months without smoking till I came back to school."

But Graham, an Occupational Health and Safety student and a smoker, seems more receptive to the ban. He says, "I think it's a good thing. I do. 'Cause this place is a mess with cigarette butts. People don't abide by the smoking areas or use the ashtrays provided. If the smokers can't put their butts away, then they lose the privilege." He adds,

"I wouldn't say I'm in favour of the ban, but what else can they do if the smokers won't put their butts away?"

Enforcement of the policy is another issue entirely. Rayne Kuntz, NAIT's media rep, says, "Security is going to be responsible for the enforcement. Beyond that, we have several months to determine how."



She says a committee will be responsible for coming up with the penalties and "the various scenarios over the next few months."

Kuntz also adds that the goal of the ban is not meant to be heavy-handed.

Also in the press release, "NAIT's new policy is not intended to take away people's choice to smoke, it is about promoting health."

But Kareem, a Business student and a smoker, believes there needs to be more of a balance to

the smoking policy.

"As much as they're trying to protect the rights of those people that don't smoke, they should also consider the rights of those people that smoke." He adds: "As an adult, and being a smoker, I expect that as much as other people's rights are being protected, I expect for me to be respected too, at the same time."

The ban leads to a lot of questions about what happens in the future. For instance, without access to ashtrays, will cigarette butts be an even bigger eyesore, piled up on the public sidewalks? And is NAIT going too far in promoting health, treading on the rights of students who want to smoke? What about those who support the ban, can it be realistically enforced?

Whatever the committee decides, it doesn't seem like there will be any easy solutions for when the smoking ban takes effect next year. But for students like Kareem, "It doesn't seem to be quite right."

## Smoking Q & A

Answers to some questions about NAIT's new non-smoking policy, set to take effect in July

### 1. What does the term "smoke-free campus" mean?

A smoke-free campus means smoking is prohibited in the institute's buildings, vehicles, or on any NAIT property.

### 2. When will the policy take effect?

All NAIT campuses will become smoke free on July 1, 2009.

### 3. Who decided to make NAIT campuses smoke-free?

The Board of Governors, which includes representation from NASA, AUPE and students.

### 4. Why did the Board decide to make NAIT campuses smoke free?

The decision was driven by the desire for a healthy, safe, clean and respectful learning and work environment for students and staff. It was also due in part to concerns brought forward by staff and students that the current smoking policy isn't working.

Additionally, it has been difficult at times to communicate the rules of our current policy: 10 metres away from the entrances and air intakes; three metres from bus shelters; and no smoking in court yards.

When the complete ban goes into effect July 1, 2009, the communication will be clear – there will be no smoking on campus at all.

### 5. Who will be impacted by the policy?

All staff, students and visitors to NAIT will be prohibited from smoking while on campus.

### 6. Are there exceptions to the policy?

Pipe ceremonies and smudge events within the EnCana Aboriginal Student Centre or other approved locations are ceremonial in nature and do not fall within the scope of this policy.

### 7. Will the details of the smoke-free policy be communicated before it takes effect?

Details from the smoke-free campus policy have been posted on the Respect NAITure website. A communications plan has been implemented to keep NAIT constituents informed.

### 8. Will smoking cessation services be made available to students and/or staff who desire it?

Human Resources will be responsible for helping staff and students with effective education and smoking cessation programs designed to assist those who currently smoke and wish to quit.

### 9. How will the policy be enforced?

Campus Security and Parking Services will be responsible for enforcing the smoke free policy.

### 10. Next steps?

A cross functional team will be struck to implement policy. We will have representation from a number of key areas including NAIT staff, students and union.

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# Winter festival for city



By **CHRISTEN LONG**  
Issues Editor

The sugar-plum fairies have finally stopped dancing in your head. But the massive credit card debts and those extra pounds on your derriere make the months after Christmas seem like the longest of the year. But as of January this year, the winter blahs will finally be replaced by the dazzling array of lights and sounds from the Winter Light Festival.

City council has already kick-started the funds: Edmonton is now hosting a 10-week long festival, similar to the famous Carnaval de Quebec. Instead of a snowman though, our festival's mascot will be 'Aurora' Queen of the Winter Light, representing the beauty and good will of the winter spirit. Aurora's design hasn't been finalized yet, so she may be making her first appearance as a silhouette of light, animated by projectors.

The "light and fire" themed fes-

tival will be fully up and running before the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, when the Olympic torch will be carried through our fair city. Tourists from around the world will have their attention focused on Canada, so the festival is expected to bring a huge boost to the local economy at a time when everyone is looking for a few extra bucks.

On Jan. 8, the fun begins with an opening ceremony at Sir Winston Churchill Square. There will be free outdoor activities all day, ending in the evening with a huge public party with music, food and entertainment at city hall. The festival runs till March 21, and "recognizes winter as a time of both darkness and light," according to its website.

Existing venues such as the Silver Skate, Ice on Whyte and the ever popular Deep Freeze will be partnered, with winter sports, music and other snow-related cultural and community events thrown in for good measure.

Unique to Edmonton are the campfires being set up along the

river valley, with events such as story-telling, blacksmithing and lantern parades. Event Co-ordinator Pamela Anthony is hoping "to experience the beauty of the river valley and our own natural urban environment."

## Edmonton is now hosting a 10-week long festival, similar to the famous Carnaval de Quebec.

On the sportier side, a free fun-filled day at Gallagher Hill is being planned for all ages, with tobogganing, tubing and snowboarding.

There will also be numerous skating and skiing-related events offered throughout the 10 weeks.

"The 'light' aspect will be an enjoyable alternative to Edmonton's premature night. With the 'fire'

side not only dispelling the winter's chill, but also banishing winter's potentially isolating nature with the "warmth of our shared humanity," Anthony said.

A lot of the new activities haven't been officially decided yet – owing to the fact that council is in the process of approving the carnival's final operating budget. But plans already include an evening "lantern parade" and events exclusively created by the Aboriginal community, such as the travelling "winter light lodge."

"Our goal is to make Edmonton the coolest winter city in Canada," Anthony adds. "I think it is, we just don't know it yet."

You can expect to hear more details from city hall over the next few weeks. The festival's temporary website is: [www.winterlight.ca](http://www.winterlight.ca).

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# Give speed dating a try

By **MACKENZIE MARSHALL**

When I saw a sign for NAITSA's sex and relationship week and noticed that speed dating would be an event, I figured I needed to try it. Whenever I think of speed dating, I always think of one of the funniest scenes in *The 40 Year-Old Virgin*. If it was anything like it was in the movie then it would be a lot of fun.

It wasn't exactly like the movie, in fact, it wasn't like the movie at all. I didn't see a breast fall out of a shirt, no one asked if I was "f\*\*\*\*\*g retarded," and no one told me they haven't been with a man in a while and asked if they could "tuck my sack back." Though my expectations weren't met, it was still fun.

Speed dating is a very unique experience, it's not like approaching someone at a bar because the other person can't walk away or say they have to go to the bathroom. For three minutes they sit and listen while you try to play yourself up without talking too much.

Depending on who's sitting across from you, the three minutes feels like it's too short or it feels like an eternity. I had a couple of instances of each.

The most important thing that I learned was to be confident. Sit down, have a firm hand shake, introduce yourself and lead the conversation – it's much easier if you do.

Play up your best points and ask a lot of questions to make the other person feel as though you are extremely interested even if you're not.

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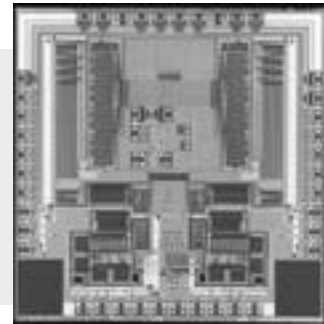


**Tech  
Talk**



SHANT CHAKMAKIAN

# Feeling Bold?



The BlackBerry has been a revolutionary device. Since its initial release, the it has gone from being a simple communication device to an extension of one's voice.

The BlackBerry Bold been the latest in the line of traditional BlackBerries, picking up where the others left off. This new unit comes with a variety of enhancements: a sharp screen for pictures and movies, Wifi support, GPS, a 2 megapixel camera and redesigned keyboard.

Every detail in this device is well thought out. One of the neat things I saw is that the device will increase display brightness as you walk out of a building into daylight; it even turns on the keyboard backlight when you walk through a shadow.

The keys have been reshaped to make typing easier and faster than previous models; the difference in ease of use is almost like night and day.

Being a first time BlackBerry

user, I put this device to the test and although I found many things to be very intuitive in how it operates, I found the Bold had some software issues that need to be sorted out.

The first one is a software upgrade that all Rogers customers need to do; it pertains to the battery life on 3G networks. Many previous users have commented that the battery life on the Bold is about one to three days compared to three or more on previous models.

Although a software upgrade is available for Rogers customers on BlackBerry's site, users will have to update it themselves and may still not notice the same level of battery life as in previous models.

I also found that, as with any other smartphone, the increased number of features adds to the complexity of the device, thus affecting its reliability.

As a result, be careful what software you install. It is recommended that you take the battery out of the unit at least once a week to reboot it and make sure it runs smooth.

Also there are many defective versions hitting store shelves like the one I purchased that had to be swapped for a complete replacement. Believe it or not, I'm so impressed with the device and how seamless backing up my data was that switching handhelds was almost as simple as changing socks.

Needless to say, this device has

changed my life. I can get all my e-mails in one device, watch YouTube videos, stay in touch with anyone and surf the Internet as if I were at a normal computer.

Having the ability to use GPS with Google Maps makes sure I never get lost. However, the internal GPS is a bit inaccurate and laggy at times. I would recommend using a Bluetooth GPS device for better results.

Another nifty feature is having things like MSN, BlackBerry Instant Messenger and Facebook at my finger tips along with a variety of other communication media. I find that the challenge is not to stay in touch, but to have the discipline to not waste time doing so too much. I strongly recommend using the silent feature on this device regularly.

In the end, I was surprised to see the evolution this product has gone through over the years, from being predominantly used by CEOs

to now being used by teenie-boppers for texting and everyone else in between. The design of this unit is made to conform to not just business applications but consumer multimedia applications alike, making it the "everything device" people can't live without.

Moving into the consumer market has been a big move for Research In Motion, as its subscriber base grew by 2.18 million users in 2008 to a total of 14 million.

So if you're feeling bold and would like to take your communications experience to the next level, try the Bold and see how it changes your life.

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# Shameful Shinerama story

By MACKENZIE MARSHALL

When a university makes national headlines, they've done something either incredibly amazing or incredibly stupid. In the case of Carleton University, the honour falls into the "incredibly stupid" category.

Last week, the Carleton University Students' Association decided to stop their annual Shinerama fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis, for a more "inclusive" disease. That's right, they voted to stop supporting the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation because they said C.F. is too white.

For more than 20 years, Carleton students have participated in the annual fundraising event, which is replicated at 60 university and col-

lege campuses across the country, including NAIT.

Wow. Now, I'm all for "sticking it to the man," but this is how they chose to go about it?

The motion, put forward by science student Donnie Northrup, proposed the dropping of Shinerama. In it, he declared: "Cystic Fibrosis has been recently revealed to only affect white people, and primarily men." It went on to say, "All orientees and volunteers should feel like their fundraising efforts will serve their diverse communities." The motion was passed with a vote of 17-2. I'm not sure where Donnie did his research, but his idea of C.F. simply isn't true.

Cathleen Morrison, chief executive for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, released a statement saying, "The rationale for drop-

ping Cystic Fibrosis as the beneficiary is not correct. CF is diagnosed just as often among girls as boys, although the health of girls deteriorates more rapidly." She added, "It is commonly considered an illness that affects Caucasians, but that includes people from the Middle East, South America, North Africa and the Indian subcontinent. "Caucasian," as we understand it, isn't just white people." Ms. Morrison concluded, "It includes people with a whole rainbow of skins."

## 'Playing politics'

Nick Bergamini, a third-year journalism student on the Carleton student council, was one of the only two students who voted to keep the fundraiser. He said this was a case of political correctness going too far. "They're not doctors. They're playing politics with this."

"I think they see this, in their own twisted way, as a win for diversity. I see it as a loss for people with Cystic Fibrosis."

Let's say, for arguments sake, that C.F. did affect only white males. Should it get no support? Breast cancer usually only affects women and prostate cancer affects only men. Should they get no support? Of course not! If you're looking for something that affects everyone, I think you're going to have to raise money to find a cure for the common cold.

If the CUSA (Carleton University Students' Association) wanted to be more diverse, why not rotate charities every year, or have more than one fundraiser? I wouldn't have a problem with that.

## Huge fallout

The fallout on campus has been fast and large for CUSA. They've issued apology letters to just about everyone, faced protests from students, and called an emergency meeting to reverse their decision. A petition is being passed around calling for the resignation of the CUSA president, Brittany Smyth and of Donnie Northrup. With all the negative attention, I don't know how they can both stay onboard. After making a decision like they did, I'm not sure I'd want to.

On Monday, the Student Union voted unanimously to rescind the motion. Smyth said the student council did the right thing and it's time to move forward. She also admitted there was a lot of "misinformation" in the wording of the motion to cancel the event.

Two councillors, Donnie Northrup, the originator of the motion, and Sean Maguire, have resigned their CUSA seats.

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# OPINION

— Editorial —

## Smokes ban too harsh?



**CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL**  
Editor-in-Chief

I found myself watching an episode of *Mad Men* the other night. People were smoking left, right and centre. It used to be the cool thing to do. Nowadays, we are all well aware of the effects of smoking, and yet some of us still choose to play Russian roulette with our lungs.

There once was a time when I was one of those people, a smoker like all the rest. Nowadays, I have mended my lung contaminating habits and moved on to a more suitable form of stress release, like yoga (I use the term yoga loosely, as it generally involves Wii Fit, and by generally, I mean always). It is a good thing that I did, if you have not heard already that all NAIT campuses will be non-smoking as of July 2009. I don't just mean indoors and within 30 meters of the buildings, I mean all NAIT property, indoors and out. That's no joke, but if you ask me, it's a little extreme. To be honest, it reminds me of junior high, but even in high school we had a designated smoking area. What's next, is NAIT going to implement an indoor-outdoor shoe policy?

### Not a pretty sight

I don't understand who thinks this is a good idea. This seems like a 'brilliant' plan that a non-smoker has devised. I've seen what people get like when they don't have their hourly nicotine intake, and it's not a pretty sight. To those who have not, imagine Oscar the Grouch after he's been kicked in the face. It's similar to that. To the educators at NAIT who will now have the pleasure of dealing with the nicotine deprived student body, my deepest sympathies go out to you all, as I'm sure we are the last thing you guys want to see Monday morning (the first being the inside of your eyelids if you're anything like me). To all the students who now have to deal with educators that no longer have the ability to sneak a smoke break between classes, you better get to class on time. My bet is they're not going to be in a good mood if you're late.

### How many students consulted?

If I were still a smoker, I would demand answers. This is a decision that is going to affect a large number of students. I wonder how many students were consulted in the decision making process? I wonder how much money NAIT is going to spend implementing, then enforcing, this new rule. I can't speak for the rest of the students, but if someone is smoking outside, even though it might stink, I could care less. The majority of students are here during the months of September through April, and let's be honest, throughout those months it's generally more comfortable inside anyway. Since those areas are already smoke-free, why can't the smokers have the outdoors? I don't want to condone smoking; it's a deadly and dirty habit. However, I'm a true believer in having the right to put in my body what I please, cigarettes or otherwise. I would love to hear some insight on this, and some opinions from the student body and faculty. Let your voices be heard. This is, after all, a student newspaper!



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# SPORTS

## Star and family man



By NAHREMAN ISSA  
Sports Editor

Cory Bell gets a special call roughly two times a week. No matter what he's doing, Bell doesn't miss this call. It's the most important person in his life on the other end. It's his son calling to talk to him.

Bell is not only an athlete and a student, but he's also a father. His son, Cory Jr., will be two years old in January. To put it in perspective, Bell has full-time studies (first year Business), practice every night and plays two games a week, all while trying to keep in touch with his son who lives in the U.S.

It's hard work, but it's something the 22-year old is prepared to deal with (he'll be 23 at the end of December). Bell moved here from the States, where he was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was later recruited

to North Dakota State College of Science, where he played one year with the team. The next year, he was transferred to Iowa Lakes, where he played two years with the team. It was there, when he was in his second year of schooling and captain of the basketball team when he found out he was going to be a father.

But even with that news, Bell managed to make it work. He worked it out with his team where he could travel back and forth to Minnesota to be with his child and his family.

Bell started playing basketball when he was five years old. He has played every year since, besides his senior year in high school. But basketball isn't the only sport Bell can play. His many talents include football and soccer. As far as Canada's national sport goes, hockey is something Bell is steering clear of, for now.

"I tried it but when it comes to stopping, I didn't perfect it," laughed Bell. "I was hit in



Cory Sr. and Cory Jr.

the face with a stick. I had a bad mouth injury. My mom stopped me from playing."

But right from the get-go, you know the soft-spoken player is not from this country. With a soft southern accent and his 'yes maam' reply whenever you speak to him, Bell stands out. But he's adjusting to life in Edmonton.

"I definitely like it here," said Bell. "I'm in the city, which feels more comfortable."

Bell is used to playing in small towns. At his last stop, he was playing basketball in a small town that only had 1,500 people. NAIT's campus alone has more than 8,000 people.

But as with any newcomer, getting prepared for a Canadian winter is on everybody's mind, but Bell can handle it ... sort of.

### From Minnesota

"I'm from Minnesota where it gets cold. But when it gets to a cold level, they are dressed fully. Canadians are still in summer mode."

One would wonder how a college sensation from the States would find his way north to our city. It all has to do with current men's basketball coach, Don Phillips. Phillips played high school basketball in Minneapolis. He still had contacts with the team and Phillips asked the coach there to help him recruit Bell.

As far as basketball goes for this season, Bell, the team leader in rebounds, is on the sidelines for the rest of the semester as he was injured during a game a couple weeks ago. Bell suffered a second-degree sprain on his right knee after someone fell on it awkwardly.

But basketball isn't the only goal he has for himself. Bell wants to incorporate his love of the game into a business setting. Having coached for many years, Bell is hoping to start his own company. He wants to set up youth basketball camps, which would travel throughout North America. This way kids can get a solid start to their basketball careers.

### Hard to leave home

It's something he wants to instill in his son. He wants to coach his son so he too can one day play the game at a higher level. Cory Jr. is a big part of Bell's life, and it was hard on him when he had to leave.

"I miss him day by day," said Bell. "It's hard because how do you explain to a one year old that daddy has to leave. That when daddy leaves he's gone for months."

But it's the several phone calls to his son that keep him going. And come this April, Bell will be welcoming another child. But this time it's a baby girl.

"I'm starting my own team," joked Bell.

As much as it's hard to balance all of this, it's a challenge Bell accepts head-on. With the help of his family, friends and teammates, Bell knows he can handle it all. The family man does it all for his son and future daughter.

### A new ACAC record every game for Dale-Marie

On Nov. 7 against Augustana, Ooks forward Dale-Marie Cumberbatch broke the ACAC record of 1,407 total points in a career, which was set in 2001 by SAIT's Lisa Ozcan (Erickson). Follow her progress as she sets a new mark every remaining game this season.



Upcoming games:  
Lakeland @ NAIT, Friday, Dec. 5

Scores 28 points against Concordia Nov. 29	<b>1,545 pts.</b>
Scores 21 points against Concordia Nov. 28	<b>1,517 pts.</b>
Scores 17 points against MacEwan Nov. 15	<b>1,496 pts.</b>
Scores 23 points against MacEwan Nov. 14	<b>1,479 pts.</b>
Scores 31 points against Augustana Nov. 8	<b>1,456 pts.</b>
Scores 26 points against Augustana Nov. 7	<b>1,425 pts.</b>

1,407 points:  
Former ACAC record

Scores 25 points against King's Nov. 1	<b>1,399 pts.</b>
Scores 25 points against King's Oct. 31	<b>1,374 pts.</b>
Scores 24 points against GPRC Oct. 25	<b>1,349 pts.</b>
Scores 31 points against GPRC Oct. 24	<b>1,325 pts.</b>
Scores 25 points against LC	<b>1,294 pts.</b>
Scores 36 points against CUCA	<b>1,269 pts.</b>
Scores 11 points against CUCA	<b>1,233 pts.</b>
Dale-Marie to start season	<b>1,222 pts.</b>

Dale-Marie Cumberbatch

Former record held by Lisa Ozcan (Erickson) SAIT



Photo by Raymond Ip

NAIT Ooks Dennis Ashworth takes a shot during one of two games against Concordia last weekend. NAIT lost both tilts 79-77 (OT) and 72-51.



**NAHREMAN ISSA**  
Sports Editor

# 2 minutes in the box

I hope you have the time of your life ... thanks to Green Day, this song will forever be played at graduations and goodbye parties for the rest of eternity. While it's overplayed in that sense, it still makes you feel a sense of sadness when you hear it.

This is what my 2 minutes is about this week. It's my goodbye as Sports Editor! Yes, after a year and a half of serving up a delicious, yet nutritious sports diet to

you guys, I'm off to do my practicum in January. This means that I must hand over the Sports Editor sash to my great assistant, Amber Tienkamp.

I know all six of my followers are very upset right now! But I'm still a student, so I promise I will still keep my 2 minutes and contribute here and there to the paper. This place was fun; I got paid to do something I love, which is reporting on sports and news in general.

There were so many great memories from this paper. Hey, because of this paper we got to go to Ottawa last year for the CUP Conference, where I got a first-hand look at reporting and some pretty good tips from the pros themselves. But my favourite memory from that trip was on one night, when I got to see the Ottawa Senators play, almost got killed by two guys who offered us a ride back to our hotel, and went to a gay bar to

check out a bunch of drag queens perform! What a night ...

But come this January, I'm off to a new adventure. Hopefully one day you guys will see me spewing off the latest trade rumours on Sportsnet, or going head to head with Maggie the Monkey on TSN picking which playoff team will win ... or, while definitely not as exciting, I could be giving you guys the latest in agriculture news. Yeah, I'm hoping my career does not lead

me there.

Sure, I can look hot in a cowboy hat and assless chaps, but I'd rather not do that!

It was fun reporting on the sports happenings around campus and in the city. Thanks to all the athletes, coaches and the athletic department for all your help.

Thanks to the readers, you guys rock! See you next year ... as a regular contributor. Man, this pay cut is going to suck!

## Council looks at arena proposal



**By AMBER TIENKAMP**  
Assistant Sports Editor

You know what reminds me of the Oilers and their tough reputation of Oil Country? A marigold. OK, so that's obviously a lie, but I'd like to point out that the marigold (which is Edmonton's civic flower) is the inspirational shape of the proposed new Edmonton arena. And it's not one of those cheap marigolds that you buy at Safeway or rip out of your neighbour's garden. The land alone that is needed for the arena costs an estimated \$20 million.

Gene Dub, the architect with this new design in mind, owns some of this land, which is located just between 96 and 97 Streets, and 102A and 103A Avenue downtown.

There are a lot of questions from Edmontonians, wondering who will be putting up the money for this new arena that will take three to four years to construct.

Dub is locally born, and is the mind that brought Edmonton its unique city hall glass pyramid design. Mayor Stephen Mandel has named six other locations as possible places for the new arena, but the one that Dub has proposed is not on that list. But, if Dub's location is chosen, there should be \$100 million coming from Daryl Katz, since he has already pledged that much if the rink is built in the downtown area.

Last Monday, Dub went before city council and proposed his idea (you can check out the video of the computer generated arena on Youtube – just type in “New Edmonton Arena”). It is estimated by Dub that it would cost roughly \$300 million to build the rink, that will be housed in three stories and anchored by office towers. It is proposed that this will surround the arena with restaurants and housing and make it seem more like a part of downtown Edmonton, rather than a solitary building. Witness

Rexall Place, surrounded by cement parking lots (by the way, when watching the video, I didn't notice any parking lots, perhaps they are hidden underground?).


The rink will be on the third level (can you say ice quality?), so there will be space underneath for traffic and pedestrians. I know this November hasn't been our coldest but we all know what the weather is usually like here. From what I have seen on the nifty little Youtube video, most of the shops are facing outside, and the building is really open with a few pedways. So how many people want to enjoy outdoor shopping in minus 30?

The idea is similar to that of the rink in Columbus, Ohio, which is active day and night because of the different activities that can go on in the arena and it's not just hockey

or concerts.

Really though, the idea was proposed for a new arena almost two years ago. If Dub's plan goes ahead, you can bet it will be stalled by the obvious issue of money, plus the fact that the building is estimated to take three to four years to build. By that time, who knows what the issues could be? Rexall has been what Edmontonians have known as the home of their Oilers and the fans and players have a lot of history in the building (it is the oldest Canadian home ice rink and the third oldest in the NHL). It will be tough to take the team and its support from a traditional building filled with memories to a completely new design, especially if it's with their tax dollars.






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CFL

# Coach Maciocia steps down

By **NAHREMAN ISSA**  
Sports Editor

The Danny Maciocia era is officially over in Edmonton. Well, at least his coaching days. After years of fan and media backlash, Maciocia is stepping down as head coach and will now focus full time as head of football operations for the team. Maciocia announced the decision at a press conference last Thursday at Commonwealth Stadium.

"It's time to move to the next phase of my football career," said Maciocia.

It's a decision that wasn't dictated by the wrath of many fans and the media, though. Maciocia said while the criticism got to him early, he managed to make it into a positive thing.



**Danny Maciocia**

"You understand it comes with the territory and you say to yourself, 'I'm in a place where people care, where people want to win.'"

But Maciocia dismisses suggestions he was stepping down as coach so he wouldn't get fired should the team's season go horrible in 2009.

"I could have done this last year," he said.

It's this place, Edmonton, where the 41-year-old Maciocia wants to stay and raise his three young daughters. He said when he got the job here in 2002 as offensive co-ordinator, he wanted to find a place and call it home.

It's the family moments that are passing him by that made him choose to keep just the management job.

"My nine-year-old has been playing soccer for three years. I've been to one game," he told reporters at the news conference.

"I'm not saying I'm going to be home every night for supper, but if I can make it two or three times a week, that will be two or three times more than I have for the last while."

When Maciocia was named the head coach of the Eskimos in 2005, he coached the team to a Grey Cup win. But the years after weren't so kind. The next year, the team went 7-11 and missed the playoffs. It was a first for the Eks, who had made the playoffs 34 straight years prior.

Things only got worse when in 2007 the team went a brutal 5-12-1. Many fans and media were calling for Maciocia to be canned.

CEO and team President Rick LeLacheur said the organization made a big mistake during that year when they failed to notify fans

the team was in the middle of rebuilding. LeLacheur felt that the brunt of the team's failure was falling solely on the shoulders of their coach.

But Maciocia said that he wanted to stick around for the 2008 season, because now it was personal.

"It was extremely important for me to get this thing turned around ... and I'm at peace with myself right now knowing we can turn this thing over (to someone else)."

After missing the playoffs for two years under Maciocia, the Eskimos rebounded in 2008, finishing 10-8 and losing to the Montreal Alouettes in the Eastern Final.

But now the hunt for a new coach begins. The top runners for the position are current Eskimos offensive co-ordinator Rick Worman, Saskatchewan's Richie Hall and the recently fired Doug Berry from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

VOLLEYBALL

# Women play hard in weekend losses

By **AMBER TIENKAMP**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Hosting the Grande Prairie Wolves Friday night turned out to be a challenge for the Oaks women's volleyball team. The ladies lost in three close sets at home, 25-22, 25-22 and 25-17.

Looking for a little redemption on Satur-

day afternoon, the Oaks played the Wolves for the second part of the double home game stand. The match did not start off well for the ladies as they went down 3-7 early, causing a time out to be called by head coach Keith Lundgren. The break didn't help the Oaks, as they went out from the TO and were called on the net to take the game to 3-8.

A missed serve from the Wolves seemed to give the girls some life. Katie Seys kept the fans' and the team's spirits up after yet another time out called by the team. Seys had a huge hit, followed by an ace on the next serve. The game was getting closer now with a score of 10-15.

The Oaks looked like they might make a comeback with some long rallies against the Wolves, which were finished off by the Oaks Noelle Kenny, who put the ball down on the opposite side to take the score to 11-17. Unfortunately for the Oaks, they received yet another net call ... then another ... and despite a great effort by Kenny, Grande Prairie won the first set 25-15.

NAIT came roaring back onto the court for the second set, taking their first lead of the day. Oaks Kate Bilodeau looked strong for NAIT, with some hard swings and the Wolves just seemed to lose all composure. The Oaks doubled up the Wolves 10-5 before GP's coach called a time-out. The break seemed to help the home team to keep rolling as Seys tipped one by the Wolves and from that point it was all Oaks.

Seys and Bilodeau, along with Kenny, kept the game

rolling and Grande Prairie didn't seem to stand a chance as the Oaks grabbed the second set 25-18.

With a win a side, the teams faced each other for the third set, and it was close the whole way through. Neither team looked to give in as there were several back and forth rallies with some great defence on both sides. Tied at 6-6, the Wolves put on a defensive show as they rallied hard with the Oaks, but the home team managed to come out on top, barely edging ahead and taking the lead, 12-8.

GP was never too far behind though, as their right side, Kacey Bowmen, kept the Wolves in it with several great back row attacks. NAIT battled through, never losing its lead until the end, when the Wolves finally won by two points, 29-27. Keeping things close and forcing a fifth set, the Oaks nudged past GP 25-23 in the next game, but couldn't hold on in the end, losing the fifth and deciding set 15-8.

The Oaks' next game won't be until Jan. 9 against city rivals Grant MacEwan, so be sure to come and check them out!

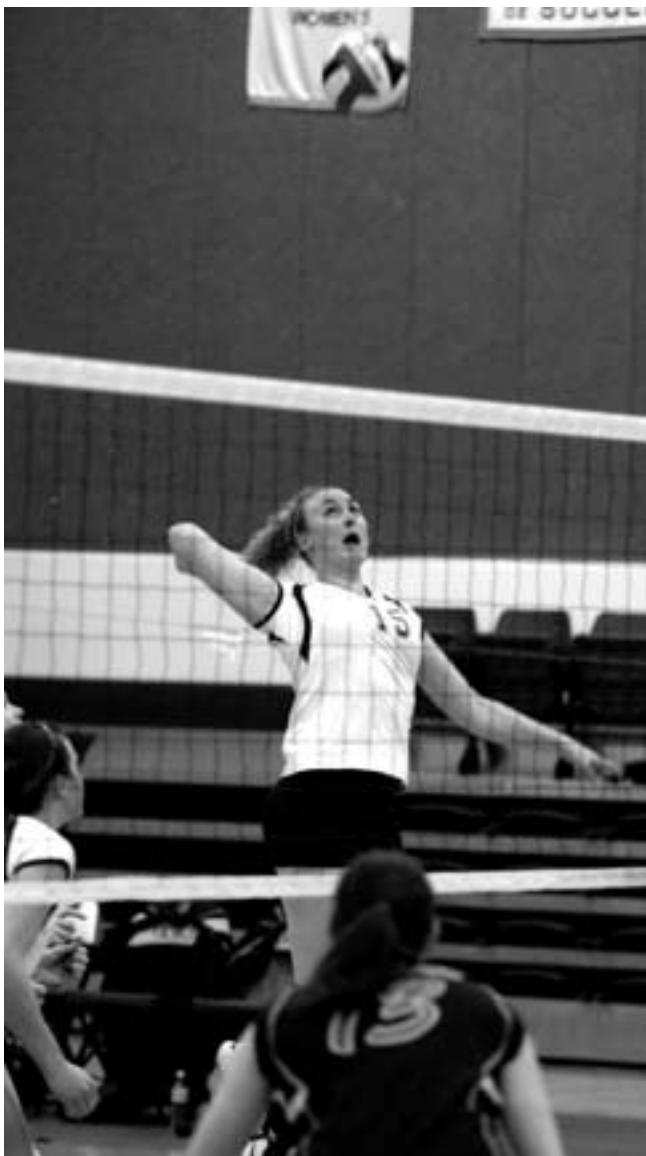


Photo by Brendan Abbott

**NAIT Oak Noelle Kenny gets ready to spike the ball during a game last weekend in the NAIT gym.**

## Athletes of the week

Nov. 24-Nov. 30

**Jordi Greilach**  
Volleyball



Jordi Greilach, a first-year dental assisting student from Barrhead, showed veteran poise beyond her years on the weekend as the Oaks volleyball team was handed two tough defeats by the Grande Prairie Wolves. Jordi had five kills and a service ace for the Oaks as they were swept in three close sets on Friday, and added four more kills in the rematch on Saturday as the Oaks lost a five-set nail-biter. "I was very impressed by Jordi's play," said coach Keith Lundgren. "She's been stepping up offensively and taking chances, and has made some big plays as a result."

**Bret Pepler**  
Hockey



Bret Pepler, a third-year Business student from Rhein, SK, had his name all over the scoresheet in the Oaks hockey team's victories over the Mount Royal Cougars this past weekend. In Friday's 7-4 win at Mount Royal, Bret notched a goal and added two assists, while in the rematch at NAIT on Saturday, he scored two goals and added another assist while being named player of the game in the 4-2 win. "Bret had a solid weekend," said coach Terry Ballard. "He's a physical player and when he gets involved physically, he finds his way onto the scoreboard."



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Carrie's voice captivates



AMBER TIENKAMP

Carrie Underwood saddled up and rode into Rexall last Tuesday night with opening band Little Big Town.

As cliché as “saddled up” sounds, really how else do you describe a country concert? The setup looked great and Little Big Town really used the whole stage to their advantage, including the double staircase and long catwalk out into the crowd.

If you have never heard of Little Big Town, they have a sort of modern and a little more country Fleetwood Mac sound to them. The band consists of four singers, Kimberly Roads, Karen Fairchild, Jimi Westbrook and Phillip Sweet. They all live in Nashville, and have been a band for almost 10 years. They put on an excellent opening act, and played one of their most recognizable and played songs *In the Boondocks*, as well as some slower “get those lighters out” tunes, that really got the crowd ready for Ms. Carrie Underwood.

Carrie came out on stage and the crowd rose to their feet. We clapped along and swayed to some of her best songs such as *Some Hearts* and *Wasted* (I did have to sit down eventually, though, as the people behind us decided the polite way to ask would be by hitting us in our backs).

In case you were unaware, Carrie Underwood has some amazing vocal talent. The show was def-

initely not the kind that you go to and walk out thinking how different the person or band sounds on the radio, or on their CDs.

This is Carrie's first solo tour (titled “Carnival Ride”) since winning American Idol back in 2005 but she has previously toured with great country music stars such as Brad Paisley and Kenny Chesney.

For the most part, she still comes off as a very down to earth kind of homegrown country girl, despite the three-minute video montage of all the great moments in her singing career playing on the big screen while she had a wardrobe change.

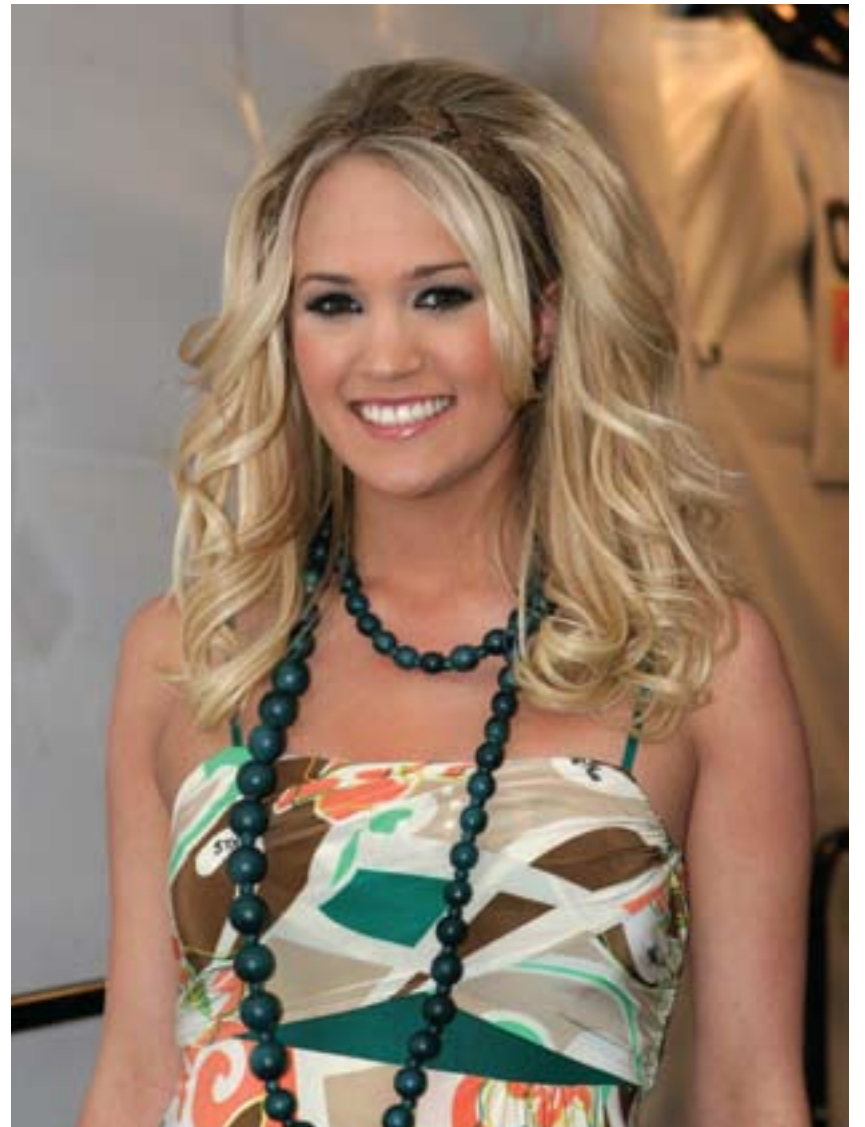
Carrie was even nice enough to pull up a seven-year-old girl from the crowd (dressed in a way too big Carrie Underwood T-shirt, of course), to sing along to her song *All-American Girl*. And how can you not like someone who does that? I swear you could hear half of Rexall go “Awwwww” (all except for the one drunk guy who didn't understand why he didn't get picked, even though he had the same T-shirt on as the little girl).

Since the concert I have heard mixed reviews, some people saying that she was boring to watch, and others that were blown away.

I thought that her voice definitely made up for any sort of stage presence flaw if there really was one.

She is only on her first solo tour, and she connected really well with the crowd.

If that is not enough, she had freakin' green lasers. If you don't like the way she looks (P.S.—She is gorgeous) then watch the laser show, because that stuff never gets old.



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Carrie Underwood

## A fashionista's dream ...



Photo by Leanne Truong

Some of the shoes on display at the Royal Alberta Museum.



LEANNE TRUONG  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Santa baby, if you're not feeling the economical pinch this year, how about giving me a pair of Christian Louboutin for Christmas? Although it might set the jolly old fellow back a good \$700, it would surely satisfy my obsession of owning a pair from the notorious shoe maker.

But who am I kidding? I'll probably get a pair of strippy socks instead ... and I'll be just as happy, as a student like me could use another pair!

I don't know about you guys, but my ritual for planning my outfit always works around the shoes I want to wear ... I love, love, love shoes and to me they are as precious as are cars to guys. It's still quite mind boggling how they are so pricey ... from Manolo Blahnik to Jimmy Choo, you're looking at an average price tag of \$600, but who can put a price on looking good?

I know you ladies agree with me and I know you men

agree when you see us wearing them! After attending the “Heights of Fashion,” an exhibit to commemorate the history of shoes over the past 500 years, I have much more respect for these necessities of our feet that have now become a luxury.

The event is being hosted by the Royal Alberta Museum, which displays 75 pairs of shoes that go as far back as the 1580s and come up to present day. The 75 piece collection is courtesy of the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto, and is going to be on display until March 8. The exhibit is simple and quite small, but for the shoe enthusiast, the presentation of classic shoes cased in glass box, shines through with beauty and nostalgia.

Among the collection is a '70s era knee high 14 cm platform boot adorned with stars, a sparkly laser blue and silver ankle boot, a metallic silver acrylic heeled pair of wedges, various Victorian styled boots, embroidered silk ballet flats from China, Roger Vivier red satin pumps, Pucci print platform pumps ... and a really pretty pair of Yves St. Laurent bronze wedges I'd love to get my hands on.

Overall, “Height of Fashion” was enjoyable for me and is a great way to kill time with some girlfriends ... the only setback, though, was that the exhibit was a little small. For, now ... I'll just keep on wishing for a pair of Louboutins and stay content with my Bebe pumps.



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# \$3.99 mix-tape



**BRYCE ALTHOUSE**  
Entertainment Editor

The other day I realized that I miss the early '90s. In fact, the exact moment I realized this was when I was eating a donair the other day and *Party of Five* came up on the televisions at Marco's Famous. I was reminded of a time when sitcoms were still formulaic and predictable, Christina Applegate was hot as hell and Jennifer Love Hewitt was still kind of "ugly pretty" (that's where you know she's kind of hot, but she has one thing wrong that repulses you ... in this case it was her '90s smile ... creepy). All of a sudden it came back to me – all that teen angst, lack of motivation/showering and plaid were a hallmark of a generation

that I missed out on because I was about six years old and too busy playing Road Rash II on the Sega Genesis (Greatest Game EVER).

But for all the trends (specifically plaid) that the fashion police, lumberjacks and butch feminists have taken away from me, there will be always be the music. So for this week's \$3.99 mixtape, I've assembled a full arsenal of material to take you back to the days when *The Simpsons* were good, you could buy Crystal Pepsi at the corner store, Pogs were the rage, *Beavis and Butthead* was what you tried to watch on the weekend, and chicks on TV wore jeans with ridiculously high waists. I think we need a grunge/'90s revival in our generation. Perhaps we don't need to copy the music but I demand to be empowered with that old teen angst, that hatred of society and a general state of apathy towards my surroundings ... oh wait, that's what those crazy scene/emo/MySpace kids are doing these days. Oh well, let's just reclaim plaid and make really loud music with cheap instruments.

(P.S. – For all you out there thinking that I was going to do a Christmas Mixtape ... I hate Christmas albums, so

you are SOL for now.)

1. Bjork – Army of Me
2. Soundgarden – Girl U Want
3. L7 – Shove
4. Hole – Drown Soda
5. Bush – Bomb
6. Crash Test Dummies – Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm
7. Nirvana – I Hate Myself and Want to Die
8. Mad Season – I Don't Know Anything (Yes, that IS Layne Staley on vocals for this '90s super group)
9. Pearl Jam – Even Flow
10. Silverchair – Tomorrow
11. Alice In Chains – Rain When I Die
12. Meat Puppets – Scum
13. Soundgarden – Rusty Cage
14. Primus – Jerry Was a Race Car Driver
15. Red Hot Chili Peppers – Sikamikanico
16. The Presidents of the United States of America – Lump
17. Blind Melon – No Rain

## Christmas spectacle – for good causes

By **LEANNE TRUONG**  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Since the winter 2001, Jerry Dolynchuk has been enhancing the Christmas season with some spectacular lights and displays outside his home at 9619 144 Ave. The famous Maise's Magical Christmas House honours his mother's memory, who passed away last year after suffering from diabetes for 25 years. Dolynchuk takes a month and a half to set up his display, which consists of roughly 200,000 light bulbs, dancing Santas and

snowmen, reindeers, stockings, Christmas trees, wreaths, sleighs ... you name it, he's got it!

But it's not all external; he also has some delightful window displays. Dolynchuk will light up his home and welcome visitors from 5 p.m. till 11 p.m. every day until Jan. 7, and it's free to visit. EPCOR even granted him his own power box so that he wouldn't blow out the fuse box in his neighbourhood. Each month's electricity bill is close to \$5,000, which he covers himself along with the displays, which totals

about \$40,000. He also accepts food donations for the Edmonton Food Bank, which is really scarce this year, so PLEASE remember to drop off a non perishable item if you happen to visit this amazing attraction.

Dolynchuk is also trying to raise money for Diabetes research and hopes to reach a goal of \$100,000. If you have some spare clothes, household items or cell phones, they are also being accepted for the Clothesline® association.



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## GEARS OF WAR 2

# A thrill ride on planet Sera

By KITA MURU

Gears of War 2 is the highly anticipated Xbox 360 title from Epic Games. Since its arrival, it has been curbstomping its way up North American shores throughout the month of November. Will it be the best game of an incredibly stacked 2008?

At its core, GoW 2 is a third person shooter which emphasizes using cover, weapons and tactics to see another day. The story continues the war for the planet of Sera between the humans and alien beings known as the locust. The locust have dug deeper and are surrounding Jacinto, the last basin of hope for the humans. Marcus Fenix, the protagonist from the first Gears of War is back, and alongside him is Dominic Santiago (who is searching for his wife), and the rest of Delta Squad as they fight the locust.

At first GoW 2 is a little slow, consisting of small gun fights. But as soon as the first act is finished it becomes a thrill ride. The world of Sera still maintains the emphasis on “destroyed beauty” from GoW 1, and you go to and inside different places, making the world seem fresh. The people you meet and the locust you face in GoW 2 are great, especially the awe inspiring Brumaks. The sound design isn’t memorable, but it is well done. And there are surprises as you play through the story as to how and why the locusts are getting even deeper than before.

On the gameplay side, there are tweaks to the cover system, though it still doesn’t prevent the occasional miscue. The squad and enemy AI is strong, but the weapons other than the long shot and torque bow are quite weak, though. The bosses you face are pretty intense (especially the new baddie, Scourge) and some of the moments you will have to see for yourself (specifically, a hands-on lesson in cardiology). The multiplayer will consume hours of your life, owing mostly to the new horde mode which involves up to five players taking on up to 50 waves of increasingly harder locust foes. If there is one thing that is bad about GoW 2, it’s the sections that aren’t “stop-and-pop” the method



of hiding, and shooting from behind cover. As long as it was just that, GoW2 would have been excellent, however Epic included some really horrendous vehicle sequences which will induce a morbid fear of driving in gamers and non-gamers alike.

Overall, Gears of War 2 is a really good game in the end, and it should appeal to you if you’re into online multiplayer shooter

games, have an Xbox 360, like Hollywood movies and want to see how a blockbuster game would turn out. But, this is one to avoid if you’re under 18, if you’re a bit sensitive to violence and gore or if you hate driving sequences in your shooters.



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Right now we're all buzzing about the upcoming Indie Night on Dec. 4. F&M and Wish are set to play, and not only that, but some of our good friends from RTA are teaming up with us to make this the best Indie Night yet! They've organized a ton of prizes for the occasion, including a guitar, Rock Band, and some studio recording time, all in the spirit of a ROCKIN' HOLIDAY SEASON!!

Also, check out our next Movie Tuesday, for those of you who haven't seen it yet (or for

the die-hard fans), here's your last chance to see the Dark Knight in theatres! On Dec. 9 at the Shaw Theatre, we'll be showcasing the latest Batman film as a part of our Movie Tuesday series (see ad on previous page). Free popcorn and water before the show!

Reading break plans have been finalized, too, and I guarantee that it's going to be great! We're hosting a bus ride down and four nights on the Vegas strip for only \$390. Tickets are already on sale, and will make a fantastic Christmas gift suggestion if your parents are hassling you for ideas!

For more info and to keep up with all the groovy campus activities, check out our website at [www.naitsa.ca](http://www.naitsa.ca) and sign up for our e-newsletter or join our Facebook group, NAIT Students' Association! Please join, tell us what you think, and send us all your random thoughts or questions, we love to listen!!

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**CHUCKLES**  
Comedian and relationship therapist Daniel Packard, a speaker at NAITSA's Sex and Relationship Week, enjoys himself during his show at the Nest on Thursday, Nov. 27.

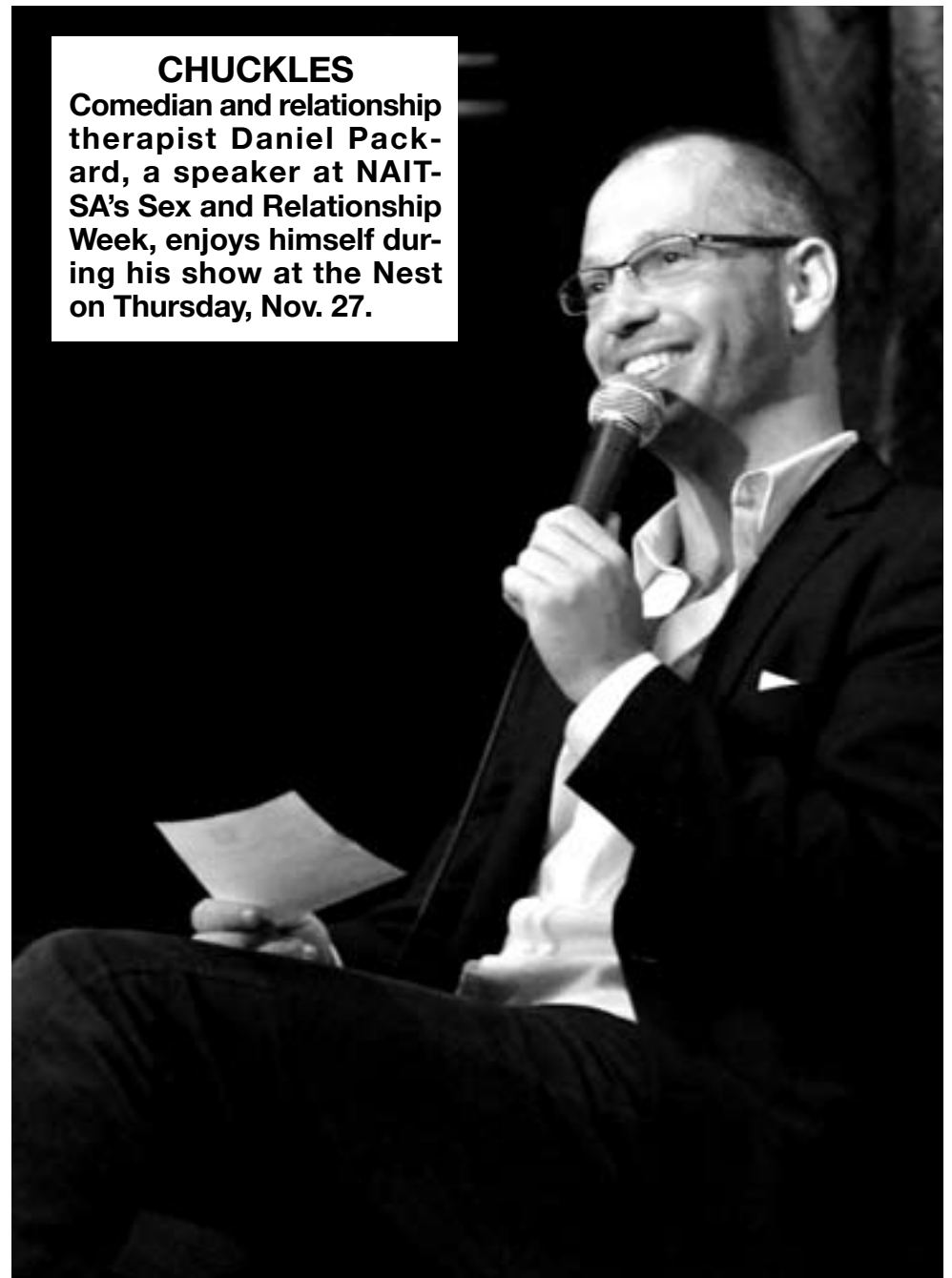


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## Upcoming events

**Bio Sci**  
Event: Nominate a teacher to get pie'd.

When: Thursday, Jan. 15  
Where: Common Market

**Forestry Yearbook**

Event: Christmas gift ideas  
When: Monday, Dec. 8  
Where: Outside the Fresh Express  
**Chemical Technology**  
Event: Cabaret

When: Friday Dec. 19  
Where: Union Hall

**NCIT**  
Event: 24-hour Gaming Event  
When: Friday Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. to  
Saturday Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.

Where: HP Centre, Third floor  
**Baker's Club**

What: Cookie Sale  
When: Dec. 8; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Where: South Lobby



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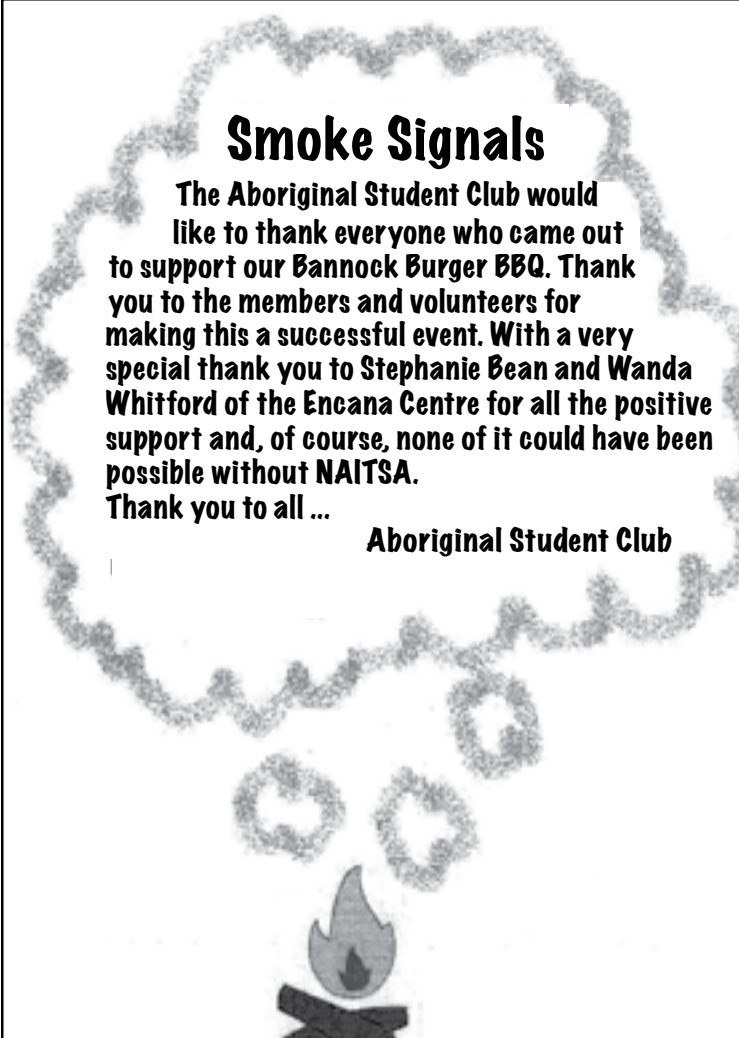
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The Aboriginal Student Club would like to thank everyone who came out to support our Bannock Burger BBQ. Thank you to the members and volunteers for making this a successful event. With a very special thank you to Stephanie Bean and Wanda Whitford of the Encana Centre for all the positive support and, of course, none of it could have been possible without NAITSA. Thank you to all ...

Aboriginal Student Club





STEPS TO SUCCESS

# Find your passion



**SHANT CHAKMAKIAN**

Passion can be a driving factor in life, influencing our decisions and helping us raise the bar to the next level. It is our passion that illuminates us.

Passion can be defined as a strong feeling or emotion, but I choose to define it as the core motivation to persevere and triumph in any situation. Without passion, everything would be mechanical because fundamentally we are moved by our will to do things.

We eat food to fuel our bodies, we use gas to fuel our cars and we pay for natural gas to heat our homes; but we often neglect what fuels our soul.

Everyone either is or at one point has felt they were forced to do something, or they weren't getting what they wanted out of life. Some live in a time of uncertainty, but in times of trial, it is one's strength of character that pulls them through any situation.

However, passion can be like a drug that is addictive in nature, volatile during use, it can deliver a high that

you need in whatever motivates you to succeed. That is why passion must be laced with reason and resolve.

With reason, one's passion moves from being mostly instinctive, unpredictable and emotional, and becomes a committed effort that is channelled effectively and properly. Allowing us to re-evaluate our steps as we move along, we are not as likely to get lost in the moment when we take a logically passionate approach.

To understand and communicate with someone, it is best to identify their underlying motive. Even the humblest of people have something that drives them: success, peace, wealth, love, pleasure, etc.

When the most basic of fundamental wills is identified, you have the ability to communicate and lead anyone on that level and to help even

move them towards their goals.

Everyone wants something and by isolating that, one can have the ability find the spark of passion and the root of desire.

Once you find this, you harness that energy to steer it in any direction you want to go. Channelled properly, passion can be the fuel in your life, while reason is the vehicle you use to take you there.

We are the product of our convictions, without them we stand for nothing and that is why passion, even in the most finite of quantities, is the root of what makes us who we are.

*Please feel free to visit my blog at <http://shantc.blogspot.com> or to e-mail me any comments or suggestions at [shant\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:shant_c@hotmail.com) I value and look forward to your input.*



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## TOP 10 TIPS

# Test taking strategies



**MARGARET MAREAN**  
NAIT Student Counselling

**1. Be prepared.** This, of course, is the most important strategy for exam success.

- While studying test yourself on an ongoing basis to make sure you really know and understand the material. Just reading and re-reading is the least effective way to learn. The Strategies for Success manual (available free in Student Counselling) outlines many effective study techniques.

- Doing mock tests not only assesses your knowledge, it also helps to decrease exam anxiety.

**2. Use your time effectively**

- Skim the entire exam first to get a feel for the length and weighting of questions.
- Budget your time and check periodically to make sure that you are on track, but don't get obsessed with the clock.
- Don't be disturbed about other students finishing before you do. Take the time you need to put in your best effort.
- Use any extra time to review your answers. When you review them more slowly you may eliminate careless errors or find that there is a better answer. When you complete a test you tend to relax a bit and you may find that some material you had forgotten comes back to you. Don't hand your exam in too quickly when you finish.

**3. Don't get hung up on difficult questions**

- If you are unable to work out a question, go on to the next one and come back to it later if time permits.
- When you come back to the question brainstorm everything you can think of about the subject. Often, by doing this, creative solutions will pop into your head.
- Try to write something down for every question.

**4. Manage your anxiety before and during the test**

- If possible, go for a brisk 5 to 10 minute walk right before the exam.
- Arrive early enough to be organized and ready instead of in a panic, but not so early that you have a lot of time to sit and worry.
- Don't talk about the test with classmates immediately beforehand. This usually

raises anxiety levels.

- Find some questions you know well to start with in order to increase your confidence.

- Regard a lapse of memory as perfectly normal; do not let it throw you into a panic. If you block on answering one question, leave it for awhile and return to it later.

- Use relaxation techniques such as deep-breathing, visualization or tensing and releasing exercises before and/or during the exam. Counsellors can help you learn effective use of these, and other, techniques.

**5. Make sure you are answering the question**

- Read each question carefully and completely before marking or writing your answer. Re-read the question if you are not totally clear on the meaning.

- Try not to read more into the question than is there, or to expect trick questions.

- Ask your instructor for help in interpreting a test question that is unclear or ambiguous. S/he will probably want to clear up the misunderstanding for everybody if the question really is confusing or misleading.

**6. For problem/formula questions**

- Write down hard-to-remember formulas, equations and rules before you actually begin working on the test problems.

- Identify the type of problem to be solved.

- Think about the process needed to solve the problem and outline your method.

- Underline key facts and then plug them into the process.

- Cross out facts once you have used them.
- Do your calculations carefully.

- Check to see that you have answered the question that was asked, and that you have used the correct units.

- Make sure to show all the steps in your work; you may get partial marks even if your answer is not correct.

- Take the time to write legibly and make your corrections, if any, as neatly as possible. Most instructors react subjectively to the appearance of papers to be graded, so let neatness work for you rather than against you.

**7. For short answer/essay questions**

- Read the question twice to make sure you are clear on what the examiner is asking.

- Underline key words to make sure you interpret the question correctly.

- Outline your answer, considering all points.

- Develop each point as it refers to the answer.

- Keep the weighting of the question in mind so that you can spend more time on the questions worth the most marks.

**8. For multiple choice questions**

- Anticipate answers before you look at the multiple choice selections.

- Read over all of your options and choose the best.

- If you must guess, keep in mind the following tips:

- Eliminate highly implausible answers.

- Quite often lengthy or highly specific answers will be the correct choice.

- Be aware of extreme words like

“always”, “never”, “only”, “must”, “all”, “none” and “completely”. These are often the wrong answers since there are many exceptions to rules. Answers including the words “seldom”, “generally”, “most”, “tend to”, “usually”, and “probably” are often correct, however never change an answer based just on these tips.

**9. Change multiple choice answers – but only if you are sure your original choice was wrong**

The popular belief that “your first hunch is your best hunch” is wrong. Research has shown that changes from wrong answers to right answers are at least equal, and probably improve your test scores. However don't change your answer unless you have a convincing reason to do so. And if you know that you have changed a lot of your initial answers to wrong answers in the past, stick with your original answer.

**10. Remember to give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done**

You have likely put in long hours and pushed yourself to the limit. Physically and mentally you will need some time to unwind and recuperate. Plan something to look forward to when finals are over.

And remember, counsellors at Student Counselling are available to help you with any academic, career or personal concerns that may be interfering with your success at NAIT. To book an appointment, come to Room O-117 or phone 780-378-6135. We're open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The staff at Student Counselling wish you all a wonderful, joyous holiday season.

– Ann, Debbie, David, Margaret, Megan and Hayley

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## NAITSA EMPLOYMENT

### Full-Time Events Co-ordinator

The NAIT Students' Association (NAITSA) is currently seeking a motivated individual with excellent communication/organizational skills to co-ordinate our campus activities. Major responsibilities include planning and execution of events and co-ordination of event staff, volunteers and promotions. Knowledge of the local music scene considered an asset. The NAIT Students' Association offers a competitive benefits/holiday package, RRSP matching programs and a unique working environment.

Closing date is Friday, Dec. 12, 2008. Submit a cover letter and resume to:

**Shannon Marshall**  
HR Advisor NAIT Students' Association  
Suite 4000, Room E-131  
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Fax 780 491-3989 or e-mail [ShannonM@nait.ca](mailto:ShannonM@nait.ca)

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## "Dumb Rules" Submission Form

Dumb rules getting to ya??? Just answer the following three questions, cut out this form and submit it to NAITSA VP Academic Lisi Monro (Room E-131) or check out the online submission form on the NAIT student portal at [www.nait.ca](http://www.nait.ca)

1. Description of dumb rule:

2. A specific example of why the policy or practice is dumb:

3. Suggested changes to the dumb rule:

All submissions must include your name and contact information. Your contact information will be kept confidential, and will only be used for clarification and follow-up purposes.

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## Classifieds

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The Alberta Student Film Festival 2009 has opened its call for submissions. To enter your film or for info, visit [asfilmfest.ca](http://asfilmfest.ca) or e-mail [asfilmfest@gmail.com](mailto:asfilmfest@gmail.com). The festival is open to student filmmakers from all over Alberta and across Canada, from any high school or post-secondary institution. Films can be any genre and any length. Hurry! The Early Bird deadline is Dec. 9 2008!





TIP OF THE WEEK

# Protect your identity



Identity theft is the unauthorized acquisition, possession or trafficking of personal information. It is also the unauthorized use of information to create a fictitious identity or to assume an existing identity. This is done to obtain financial gain, goods or services, or to conceal criminal activities.

Identity theft presents a serious threat to public safety. The impact of identity theft is felt by government, business and the public. The two major credit bureaus, Equifax and Trans Union, indicate that they each receive approximately 1,400 to 1,800 Canadian identity theft complaints every month.

Be vigilant. Protect yourself!

Theft of your identity can occur by internet, telephone, fax or through the mail. Everyone must be vigilant in protecting themselves against loss.

Be proactive in fighting identity theft.

Learn and use safety measures to minimize the chance of becoming a victim. Be wary of unsolicited e-mails, telephone calls or mail attempting to extract personal and financial information. Ask yourself if you need all of the identity documents in your wallet. Remove any cards you don't need and store them in a safe place.

Be careful about sharing personal information.

Provide personal information on the phone, mail or Internet only when you have initiated the contact or know who you are dealing with. Someone with your SIN or birth certificate can pretend they are you and make fraudulent financial transactions.

## **PAYMENT CARDS (CREDIT AND DEBIT):**

- Periodically check your credit report, bank and credit card statements. Report irreg-

ularities promptly.

- Don't lose sight of your credit and debit cards during transactions.
- Shield your PIN when using your debit card.
- Memorize all PINs. Do not write them on the cards.
- Change your PIN regularly.

## **MAIL:**

- Shred personal and financial information before putting it in the garbage.
- Protect your mail. Deposit outgoing mail in post office boxes and remove mail from your mailbox promptly.
- If you are unable to pick up your mail, have someone pick it up for you.

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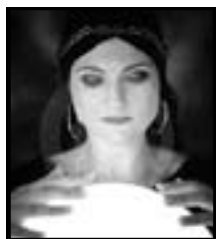
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    - a) Reporting Economic Crime Online: [www.recol.ca](http://www.recol.ca)
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# Your horoscope



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## **Nov. 27-Dec. 3**

(Warning: Nugget horoscopes are not written by an accredited astrologer; however, believe them if you like, as they are absolute and unquestionable.)

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

Finals are a few teeny tiny weeks away. I know it's your b-day period, and you just want to feel good about yourself, but trust me, you will feel much better if you can just get it together and pull off a miracle of 51% as your final mark.

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

Facebook will be the end of you. You hath been warned!

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

Treat yourself to a good movie and a nice dinner this weekend, as it is clear that no one else wants to be around you right now.

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

Listen up: Here's some great advice that will come in really handy this Saturday! To my lady Pisces': Drink till he's cute. To my guy Pisces': Drink till he's cute. Thank me later.

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

Just a heads up: Your car is about

to go kaput on you. You may want to be proactive and invest in a fire extinguisher. Just saying ...

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

It's time to re-evaluate your life here on planet Earth. You will find peace and purpose in your new hobby of playing the bagpipes for strangers. But unless you're Scottish, nix the kilt; that's tacky.

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

You put the "gem" in Gemini! I've always wanted to say that. In other news, you're going to have a pretty unfabulous week. Keep extra tissues close by.

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

Your moon is in Jupiter and that can only mean one thing: You need Chuck Taylors in your life. You really do.

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

As I peer into the scary mess that is your very near future, I must ask myself, dear Leo, why do you do these things to yourself? You knew she had a cold sore ... why??

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

Clearly, you didn't read last week's horoscope about your inability to judge the potency of a tiny mint. Your breath still stinks. Today is looking very promising to research other options. In fact, right now. Stop reading this paper. Go and have your tongue removed. Please.

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

Get ready for a tough week ahead. Savour this time now and use it to connect and get in touch with yourself. No, not like that. OK, yes like that.

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

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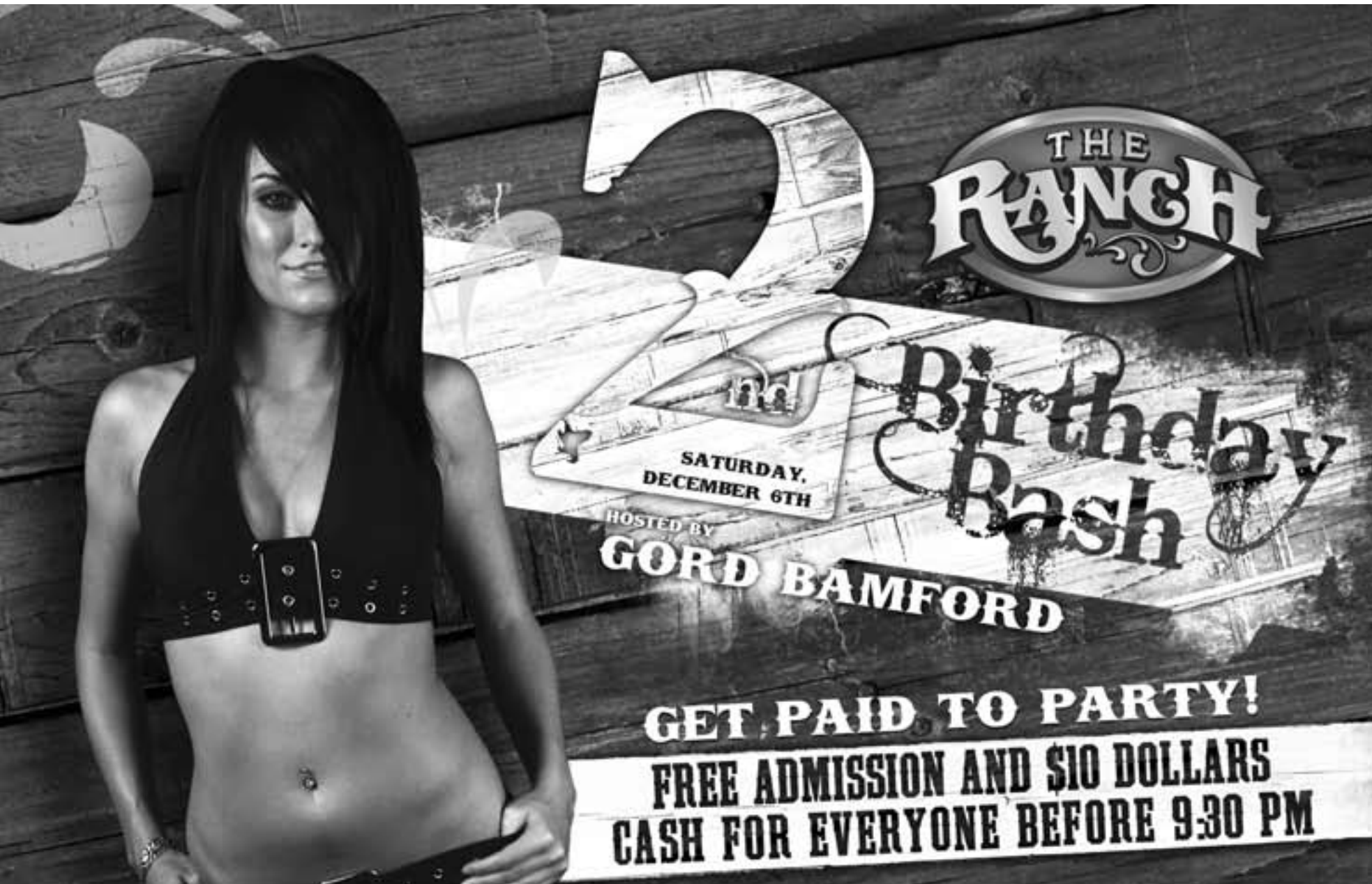
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