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Kimberley Krushel strikes her own pose last week at the print display and sale put on by NAIT's Photography students. The annual charity event gives budding photogs a chance to show off their talents.

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NEWS & FEATURES

Hefty tuition hike eyed

By RYAN FLAHERTY

If one were to conduct a survey asking students at NAIT to share their viewpoints on certain hot-button issues, one would find that there are nearly as many opinions on a given topic as there are students at the school.

However, if you were to ask them about tuition rate increases, the response would be nearly unanimous. With very few exceptions, most students would tell you that they are firmly opposed to having their tuition raised. Even if their current tuition is below average, students would still give a firm “no” when asked if they’d like to pay more.

Unfortunately, it looks like students at NAIT will soon be faced with that very prospect, as a plan is in the works to raise tuition rates at the school by up to 40 per cent over the next three years.

The catalyst for this potentially dramatic cost

increase is a \$2.3-million projected budget shortfall for the 2010-2011 financial year – a shortfall which in turn is projected to grow to \$7.5-million by 2012-2013. To put the 40 per cent figure in perspective, the proposed increase could inflate tuition rates by over \$1,700 to an annual average of \$5,424.

According to NAIT Students’ Association President Geoff Tate, the proposed changes would fly directly in the face of an agreement made only three years ago to keep tuition rates under control.

“The government made a promise to maintain the tuition cap increase at inflation for 10 years starting in 2006, and this option of bypassing the cap is the erosion of that promise only three years into its creation,” Tate said.

There are a number of factors influencing the sudden about-face seemingly being made by the

school. In addition to the budget shortfalls being forecast, the recent economic downturn experienced throughout North America has also had an impact.

Simply put, when the agreement to cap tuition increases was reached three years ago, the parties involved had no idea the nation’s economic situation was going to worsen so dramatically.

Despite the possibility of such a steep increase, Doug Horner, Alberta’s Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, reassured worried students that his office has yet to receive any such request by the school. He also emphasized the point that a 40 per cent increase across the board was extremely unlikely.

“What we’ve talked about is, where you have a brand new program, as an example, that you’re just bringing in, where do you establish the base for that brand new program as far as tuition goes?” Horner said.

Tate asserted that NAITSA would be closely monitoring any discussions about tuition rates.

“We will ensure that any increase proposal is met with a line of questioning that will determine what the increased value to students will be. We will also be as public as possible with any tuition

changes, ensuring the public taxpayer is aware of where their investment in post-secondary is going,” he stated.

Tate also encouraged students concerned about the prospect of higher tuition costs to ensure that their voice is heard, either by sharing their viewpoints with NAITSA or contacting their local MLA.

“Students have a stereotype above their heads of being apathetic towards government, but by communicating with our MLAs they will know that we have taken an interest in what they are working on,” he



Geoff Tate
Promise eroded

explained.

For now, students will simply have to cross their fingers and hope that NAIT is able to somehow mitigate their budget issues by some means other than a hefty tuition increase. Only time will tell, but for now it might be a good idea to start saving up a little extra just in case.

Power line fears



BRITTANY BLACK
Assistant Issues Editor

RETA (The Responsible Electricity Transmission for Alberta) called it the “mother of all power line meetings,” and it took place last Tuesday. Some 3,000 concerned citizens showed up with signs and banners reading *Bury the lines, not our children!* and *Power lines Make us Sick!*

If you’re a bit lost, a few issues ago, I updated you on something called the Heartland Transmission Project. If you weren’t at school that week or were attacked by H1N1 (the only logical reasons for not reading an issue of the *Nugget*) then here is a quick overview.

High voltage lines

The Heartland Transmission Project is the proposal for the high voltage transmission lines that will connect the Heartland region (northeast of Fort Saskatchewan) to already existing transmission facilities both west and south of the city. The project has been put forward because of the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO). They recently forecast a major increase in the demand for electricity in the Heartland region due to residential, commercial and industrial growth. Obviously, a project this large brings many concerns, many opinions and certainly many heated debates. Thus, the “mother of all power line meetings.”

At the meeting, a panel of experts addressed the crowd and shared the research they have done on the dangers of the lines.

“This is no longer a debate or a contro-

versy in science. It is well accepted, even by authorities who until recently were denying the adverse effects of this type of technology,” says Dr. Magda Havas of Trent University.

In short, some of these concerns include raised cancer rates, links to increased chance of getting Alzheimer’s, destroyed ecosystems, and a decrease in property value.

“The biggest power lines that are anywhere in the province are going in, and possibly right behind our home,” said Judy Weiss, a concerned resident.

“I’m concerned about the health of my family. I’m concerned about cancers that happen from this. I’m willing to do anything that I need to do as a citizen to fight this,” she said.

Underground preferred

Because of these risks, RETA wants the power lines to run underground. Heartland Transmission officials say that burying the lines would take much longer to construct and would cost anywhere from four to 20 times as much. However, citizens are worried about the studies and believe that the extra costs due to burying the lines are irrelevant.

John Kristensen, the VP technical of RETA says “we used to have sewer lines running above ground, we used to burn leaded gas. We’ve changed. All of those changes have cost society more money, but we do it to protect our citizens.”

Kristen Stolarz, a spokesperson from Alberta Energy told NAIT Newswatch that the concerns aren’t going unheard, and that “there needs to be due care at every point to make sure that the people who need to be talked to, are talked to and that the decisions are made carefully with consideration.”

A decision on how the lines will be implemented will not be made until at least 2010, and until then, RETA plans to keep fighting to bury the lines. For more information visit <http://retasite.wordpress.com/>.



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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Passersby take in the work of NAIT Photography students who had their work on display last week in the South Lobby during their annual print sale. The event is in support of the Rainbow Society of Alberta.

Bachelor auction hot

By: TAYLOR POLLMANN

If you weren't at the Nest this past Thursday, then you may have missed one of the biggest events of the current holiday season. Taking place right after the weekly Indie Night, the NAIT News Watch Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction was an enormous success. With over 100 people packing into the wing and beer filled atmosphere of the Nest, the spirit was full of joy and excitement.

The Bachelor Auction saw a total of seven guys and six girls auctioned off to support the fight against prostate cancer.

"I don't care who bids on me, cause at the end of the day it all goes to a worthy cause," stated Kiersten, one of the many excited bachelorettes of the night.

Trinity performs

If the auction was not enough, the rest of the night was burned away with the dramatic and mind-blowing performance of local mentalist, James Trinity.

While his performance enthralled the audience with his tricks of the mind, his biggest surprise was his dedication to the project. Many of the audience members were stunned to find out that he was performing without charge.

"One in four men get prostate cancer in their life, so that makes it a very important disease to fight," Trinity said.

The auction was headed up by six RTA students at NAIT. The leader of the tireless group was the *Nugget's* own Kathy Le.

"Without her I don't think this would have been possible," insisted Paul the D.J.

\$1,300 raised

"She was definitely the soul behind the body of this project," said one participant.

The night's events saw a total of \$1,300 raised going directly to the charity fund with over 100 people attending.

The fight against prostate cancer is not over, however.

"The fight never stops, it only gets stronger," Kathy said.

All donations will still be accepted by the group and can be dropped off at the Radio and Television office located in the V-Wing until the Christmas break.

So this holiday season, give the best Christmas gift of all – the gift of someone's life that may be saved as a result of a donation. Because that is the one gift that no one will ever forget.

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Is something bugging you about NAIT or the rest of the world? Do you have some praise to dish out about the school or life in general?

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Linda's TechTalk

Social site on the rise

**By LINDA HOANG**

Foursquare.

Avid social media users are calling it next year's Twitter.

Foursquare.com is a social networking application that is all about your location. It wants to know where you are, when you're there and where you're going next.

This is how my friend described Foursquare:

Stalking, there's [now] an app for that.

Ha.

To be fair, it is pretty cool that Edmonton made it onto Foursquare's exclusive list of cities worldwide that are allowed to use the network. There are only four other Canadian cities currently on that list.

Using Foursquare is also an interesting way to discover new places you've never been in the city. Users earn points and are rewarded badges when they "check in" to a location. You can

also become the virtual Foursquare mayor of a particular location if you have more check-ins there than anyone else.

"I like it because it allows me to virtually investigate my city," says iNews 880 reporter and Foursquare user Brittney Le Blanc.

Foursquare has "highly addictive game play that appears to have [its] users hooked," writes Pete Cashmore, founder of Mashable, the world's largest social media blog.

While Foursquare is gaining attention around the world and is starting to become especially popular among Edmonton Twitter users, I think non-social networking enthusiasts won't be too impressed with it.

Let's be frank. It does have a fairly creepy premise. After all, you're broadcasting where you are and when to strangers who can very readily show up at that checked-in location.

That being said, Foursquare users can also choose to go "off the grid" or hide their check-

foursquare

in if they want a particular location to be hidden, but still gain points for checking in there.

As with anything on the Internet, privacy is always a concern. Foursquare and other location-based social networks (because there are other, less popular ones out there), just seem to bring the privacy issue front and centre.

"People need to know when enough is enough. Maybe don't put your house address into the game," Le Blanc warns. "How much

you put out online is completely in your hands and people need to realize that."

Now I'm not one to go against what the social networking gurus are predicting will be a hit in the new year. As with any social network, there will always be those who love it, hate it and just don't care. Foursquare won't be any different in that regard.

For now, I'll just keep cautiously and irregularly checking in to different Edmonton hotspots and see where that takes me.

The Nest's new menu rocks!

**By MacKENZIE MARSHALL**
Issues Editor

You can't fault them for trying. At the start of this year, there was a brand new menu at The Nest. The menus were hard to understand and some of the prices were out of the range of most students' pocket books.

The Nest has listened to students, and changes have been made. They invited the *Nugget* staff for dinner on Tuesday night to show off the new, student friendly changes they've made.

One of the first things you'll notice is the newspaper menus are gone. The change was made because the newspapers didn't last as long as hoped and many people found them confusing.

In their place are new and simple to read menus. Each item is placed exactly where it should be, with a short and detailed description. Prices are displayed numerically in whole numbers, so if math isn't your thing, don't worry.

Salads and pizzas are available in full and personal size, and that means when Colleen and I go out for dinner before we watch the adult films she reviews, we can order the exact amount of pizza we need. A full one for me, and a half for her.

Another great thing about the new menu is

the prices. They're not as high anymore! The most expensive meal is the grilled chicken pizza, \$23 for a full one. The way-too pricey items are gone. You're getting a fair deal now. Lunch won't cost as much as some textbooks anymore, either.

Two daily lunch specials are available now. Soup and sandwich or a nooner pizza is only \$7. Don't forget that

breakfast is available, too. Why go through a drive-through on your way to school when you can now get a two-egg breakfast for the same price?

Thankfully, quality isn't sacrificed to offset the lower cost. The Nest has a red seal chef. All the food is prepared with homemade quality. It's not a line kitchen. The pizza sauce and many of the dips are made in the kitchen and

not in a factory somewhere. There are lots of options for sides, too. Have you ever had a sweet potato fry poutine? You can now, and it's actually pretty good. The Nest has a solid pub menu with all of the things you'd expect.

All of the changes are great, but it doesn't mean much if the food isn't any good. The *Nugget* team and I each tried a different dish. We had pizza, sandwiches, calamari, pasta dishes and enjoyed just about everything. If one of us didn't like something, it was because we don't like that kind of food, not because of the quality. The Nest really impressed all of us. The prices are good again, the quality has gone up, the staff is friendly and booze is cheap. There's something worth checking out there almost every night, whether it's an Oilers PPV game or Indie night.

Give The Nest a chance, and it will become the next place where everybody knows your name.



The student Senate – working for you

By SAMANTHA SILVA

Student Senate meetings take place every two weeks. I sat in on last week's meeting to see what goes on. If you're interested in what goes on, or how you're represented, you could find it difficult to follow the structure.

"It's up to the media to get the right information and provide readers with what goes on with the Senate," says VP Academic, Timothy Jobs. President Geoff Tate added, "Senate meetings can be pretty dry."

It's not that bad, and it's good to know what's going on. Here are some of the things covered in the last meeting.

VP External Tessa Cocchio says,

"all programs at NAIT assess their fees on a per semester basis." NAITSA has received several complaints that Applied Degree program students have had to pay the full membership fees for the semester, even if they have less than the four courses that make them full-time students.

NAITSA and the Senate have acted quickly to help undergraduate students, and have passed one out of two readings to stipulate that Department of Undergraduate Studies students should pay by the course not by semester. The cost would go from paying \$129.50 per semester to \$32.38 per course. So what does this mean to you? If a student had three courses and not four, they would

pay \$97.14.

However, NAITSA doesn't want students to pay more than they have to. So they have decided that if a student wants to enroll in five or more courses, then they will still pay \$129.50.

You may have heard that NAIT is considering an increase in tuition to 40 per cent.

President Tate said at the meeting that he doesn't like the tuition increase. With the

tuition consultation with the Senate and NAITSA coming, Timothy Jobs emphasized by saying

"whenever you're attending a post-secondary institution, you need to ask yourself if you're getting good value."

President Tate has been working hard to make something work with the ETS system. Since NAIT is not near any LRT stations, transportation has been difficult. NAITSA

has been trying to negotiate the contract to make it essentially "votable."

The Senate is working hard to get more student life activities. NAITSA's VP Campus Life says that there are "not a lot of events outside main campus at Patricia and Souch."

NAITSA is going to bring something like last year's comedian that most people enjoyed.

Students at Patricia and Souch campuses will soon get the chance to feel like they are a part of NAIT. There are other events that are happening, such as the New Year's Ski Trip to Kicking Horse.

For more information, contact NAITSA.

**Timothy Jobs**
VP Campus Life

OPINION

— Editorial —

Hissing over kissing



CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL
Editor-in-Chief

I know this may be a little outdated, but I feel the need to discuss the events of the American Music Awards. I missed the show last week, and didn't think to watch the clips until I heard about Adam Lambert, the contestant that took second place during the last *American Idol* run. For those of you who missed the show, like myself, please allow me to fill you in on some of the events, all right only one of the events.

For those of you who follow American Idol, you know all about Adam Lambert. Great singer, not so great complexion ... but I digress. During his first AMA performance Mr. Lambert shared an open mouth kiss with ... wait for it ... another man. The world went crazy! People were outraged and offended, commenting on and judging poor Adam.

Times have changed, haven't they?

Oh, did I mention he is gay? For those people that are unaware of this, gay men kiss other men. Fancy that. Are we not past this as a society? I thought it was OK for people to be gay these days. I didn't realize people meant others could only be gay in the comfort of their own homes. Dear god, people, times have changed (which is clearly evident, hello, there's a black president), homosexuality is accepted as a part of humanity now. Furthermore, it was only a kiss, and some innocent man-on-man gyrating motions. It's not like he was giving some guy oral sex on stage. They just simulated it.

Since then Adam has made a few television appearances and clearly said he does not regret his performance, and the only thing he would change would be to sing it better technically. Good for you, Adam, I agree. Don't let the bigots and the media chase you into hiding. If I were Adam, I would make sure my next performance was edgier, dirtier and exponentially more sexual. It's so funny how there is this double standard, when Britney and Madonna kissed on stage it was epic and sexy, but when a guy does the same thing (and I watched the kiss, it was not even that good) it's considered offensive. Frankly, I've seen more homoerotic things at straight bars. You know what they say, liquor is a closeted homo's best friend.

Give me a break

The other thing I find odd about this situation is people are upset with Adam because this all went down on network television and children could have seen it. Question, when children go outside and see two men kissing, what are people going to do then? Call the police and tell them lewd behaviour is happening on their block and the children have seen, please, give me a break. Have these people watched network television at 11 p.m. at night recently? I've seen things that are more sexual than a kiss and a simulated sex act. During the same awards show, Janet Jackson grabbed the crotch of one of her male dancers, and not a word was spoken about it. And whose responsibility is it to control what their children are watching on TV, the performers? No, it's the parent's. If you don't like what you're seeing on television turn it off or change the channel. I have digital cable, and I know these days you can apply parental controls to your television, so until you're using it to mediate your child's programming choices, deal with the outcome, silently.



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SPORTS

BASKETBALL

No. 1 soon for NAIT men?

By DOUG YEARWOOD

If the NAIT Oaks men's basketball team isn't ranked No. 1 in the country heading into the Christmas break, not only will many critics be surprised, but so will the team.

Over the weekend, the boys won both games against a well prepared Augustana Vikings, claiming victory 109-86 on Friday, and 110-65 on Saturday.

"We are in a good spot considering we should be going into the New Year ranked as the No. 1 team in the country," says coach Don Phillips, whose 11-1 Oaks boast the ACAC's most dominant offence, averaging 97.5 points per game.

Coach Phillips was afraid that the three days of rest he had given the team the week prior would

affect the men's performance on the weekend, and for the first half of Friday night's game it appeared he may have had legitimate reasons to feel that way.

Friday saw the Oaks get out to a relatively sluggish start in the first half, although they still led 54-39 against 3-9 Augustana. With some halftime adjustments, the Oaks settled into form, scoring an impressive 109 points and Shane Cox emerged as a threat both on the boards – collecting 10 rebounds – and on the scoreboard, cashing in with 18 points, eventually earning player of the game honours. The Vikings did not go down without a fight, scoring 86, and certainly gave

the team a chance to review and reset before Saturday's game.

Saturday's game saw a close first quarter, end-

ing 23-19 for the Oaks. It easily could have been the other way around, however, if it weren't for

an unbelievable defensive performance put on by Ryan Sherman, who posted four blocks and numerous rebounds. It appeared the men were reeling in the second quarter, lackadaisically running up and down the court, until Evan Eger sparked a momentous comeback, dropping three straight from the land beyond. The Oaks managed to score 36 in the quarter, and by day's end, the scoreboard read 110-65, Oaks. In the overwhelming victory, which featured some incredible displays of athleticism, the leading scorer again was Shane Cox with 21, but the strong play of Chris Neptune, who had 15 points and 13 rebounds, captured him the player of the game.

The No. 2 ranked Oaks now sit poised to take the No. 1 seed in the country going into the Christmas break, after the current

highest ranked team, St. Lawrence Vikings, lost to Fleming College over the weekend.

Phillips says: "What's important now is that we need to finish strong in our academics, stay healthy and work hard over the break to keep our skills sharp and keep our eyes focused on our overall goal of being CCAA 2010 National Champions. If we can do that, I will be extremely happy about the final results of this year's season ... regardless of the results."

If the Oaks keep on entertaining fans with skilled bas-

ketball like they have, and the wins keep on coming, at season's end those results might just be favourable to NAIT.



Evan Eger
Sparked comeback



Shane Cox
21 points

A triumphant return

By CURTIS BINKOWSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Dale-Marie Cumberbatch has returned from the injury shelf with a healed quad. She sits galaxies beyond all as the all-time ACAC points leader in women's basketball.

After missing much of the season due to the long-term injury, Cumberbatch returned to the Oaks' hardwood and the result was immediate. NAIT began the season with the big goose egg under the W column and racked up double digits on the bad side of the standings for an 0-10 start. However, they won their first game of the season at Augustana during the star's triumphant return. She picked up 16 points, four rebounds, a block and a steal in their 69-52 win.

Twelve games into last season, Cumber-

batch injured her knee. The injury was misdiagnosed and it turned out to be much more serious than originally thought – she had a torn quadriceps muscle. Remarkably, she played through the injury without realizing the severity.

Before last weekend, she spent nearly seven months off the court and away from basketball, except for the odd practice and exhibition game.

Cumberbatch was averaging nearly 40 points per game before the injury. Sick, wicked and ridiculous numbers like those are a rare sight in basketball leagues of any age and skill level.

Obviously, with an injury, fitness levels decrease. Since the injury, Cumberbatch has lost about 30 per cent of the muscle in her leg.

"She's a competitor and she works hard at

what she does," says coach Curtis Nelson, who went on to qualify that "she's a shadow of her former self right now."

When a coach considers 16 points, four rebounds, a block and steal a shade of one's capabilities, it means you have a special player.

The Oaks struggles this season haven't been easy to hide.

"When you lose your best player, if not one of the best players in the league, it's obviously going to hurt you."

The season is only half over. The NAIT basketball teams will take about five weeks off for some goose and a visit from Santa Claus before beginning their second half of the season in January. With their superstar back, perhaps the Oaks can salvage the season.



Photo by Brendan Abbott

Ook Dale-Marie Cumberbatch in action last season.



CURTIS BINKOWSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

5. SAINTS AND COLTS – For the first time in NFL history, two teams have begun the season 11-0. The only teams to go 12-0 in the Super Bowl era are the '72 Dolphins, '85 Bears, '98 Broncos, '05 Colts and '07 Patriots. Only the Colts and the Pats did not go on to win the Super Bowl.

4. PERRY POINT STREAK – Cory Perry has registered a point in 18 consecutive games. Last year, then-Boston Bruin Phil

Kessel had the longest of the season with 18. The NHL record was set by, of course, Wayne Gretzky in 1983-84 when the mastermind wizard picked up at least one point in the first 51 games. Gretzky once recalled a story about Game 44 in Chicago, a game he was held pointless until the final seconds. A fan had caught the Great One's eye with a sign about how the point streak would end that game. With a dying clock, the puck was given away by a Blackhawk and Gretzky picked up a point with two seconds left to keep the streak alive.

3. 0-17 NETS – On Wednesday afternoon the New Jersey Nets were one loss away

from becoming the most pathetic team in the league. They've started the season with 17 consecutive losses, one away from standing alone at 18. They now share the record with the 1999 Los Angeles Clippers and the 1989 Miami Heat.

2. BREES BREEZES BRADY – This week's monster Monday Night Football game displayed an outstanding individual performance. QB Drew Brees threw for 350-plus yards, five TDs, zero INTs and a 75 per cent-plus pass completion rate. That had happened only three times in history until Brees did it. The feat was accomplished three times by the

same person. Who? His opponent, Tom Brady (twice in 2007 and once this season).

1. TIGER BOOM – The world's most valuable athlete, Tiger Woods, alarmed the world last Friday when he crashed his Escalade into a tree near his Orlando home. The *National Enquirer* reported a story prior about a possible affair he was having. Woods released a public statement saying he is human and is prone to mistakes much like everyone else. Now TMZ is getting in the mix. Is anyone really surprised, though? This is what comes along with a globally recognized face and a bank account pushing nine zeros.

The Bink wrap ...



LANDON HOMMY

Give and Go

Foooooore!

Quick, am I talking about a) Tiger Woods "driving" it into the "trees," or b) Keith Ballard pulling out the wood on Vokoun's head?

If you picked either, you win ... another golf analogy! They've been all over the sports world this past week, forcing many to pick up their

ball and head to the clubhouse. If you were one of the few who played through, allow me to remind of you of some other friendly fire incidents (assuming, based on irresistible rumours, that Woods' wife caused the accident).

Hommy – Ovechkin, although wicked, has dished out a few too

many knee-on-knees so far in his career. What gives?

Olli Jokinen – Zednik's skate blade sure didn't give. That near-death experience gave me a new outlook on life and a fresh start. Too bad this season started out with a slump. I blame Richard.

Binkowski – This Pacquiao-May-

weather fight is going to be huge, but will it revive boxing?

Dany Heatley – Well it won't save Dan Snyder, I can tell you that. I dare you to handle a Ferrari at high speed. I dare you!

Unknown Redskin Circa '05 – And it won't save my buddy Ron Landry's balls either. I'm a sniper

with that paintball gun.

Pollman – Who's better, Drew Brees or Peyton Manning?

Billy Bob – Lance. Freaking. Harbour. If it weren't for coach Kilmer I never would've passed out on the line and got Lance hurt! Good thing ol' Johnny Moxon was there to save the day.

NHL season – one-third in

By **CURTIS BINKOWSKI**
Assistant Sports Editor

This year's NHL season is one-third finished and has consisted of Carolina's 14-game losing streak, a Crosby five-point game, injured stars, Detroit's 19 goals in three games, and most recently, a defenceman nearly reinventing the guillotine.

Keith Ballard of the Florida Panthers now knows what it feels like to club a guy in the face full swing, but not by choice. After an Illya Kovalchuk goal that Ballard felt was his fault, Ballard swung his stick at the post but missed, slicing his goaltender Tomas Vokoun in the side of the head. Vok-



Keith Ballard

oun needed a stretcher to leave rink. Whoops! What the hell were you thinking, Ballard? He feels bad enough about it, so no need to continue. Speaking of what the hell were you thinking, the world's best player, Alexander Ovechkin, has been suspended for two games after kneeing Carolina's Tim Gleason. It was Ovie's second time getting kicked out of a game for a questionable hit in a week.

Marian Gaborik had the league lead in points until Joe Thornton took over. Ever watch Jumbo Joe play hockey? His most effective move is shielding the puck from other players by using his ass.

Slovenia's only

NHL player is worthy of mention: L.A. King's Anze Kopitar is 22 years old and amongst the league's best. Speaking of youngsters, Matt Duchene and Ryan O'Reilly of the NHL's surprise team of the season, the Colorado Avalanche, are both making more than \$500,000 as 18-year-olds. Man, how freakin' sweet is that?

Steven Stamkos of the Tampa Bay Lightning owns the goal of the year so far by batting his own rebound out of the air while falling on his back.

The Carolina Hurricanes are the worst team in the league bar none. However, if you take away the first nine games of the season,

go ahead and slip those Edmonton Oilers right next to them. They've won only four of their last 18 games.

Dany Heatley has prospered in sunny California, helping the Sharks off to yet another conference leading start. Only the Blackhawks are ranked ahead of them in the power polls because of their 7-2 dismantling of the Sharks in the Sharks' building.

In the Eastern Conference, it doesn't appear that any team will get in the way of the Pittsburgh Penguins or the Washington Capitals, leaving us hope that we will once again see them collide in spring.

Athletes of the week

November 23-29

Dale-Marie Cumberbatch
Basketball



Dale-Marie returned from injury this past weekend to help lead the NAIT Oaks women's basketball team to their first win on the season Friday night at Augustana. Cumberbatch's 16 points, 4 rebounds, one block and 1 assist helped the Oaks post a 69-52 victory over the Vikings. Dale-Marie followed that up with a 23-point, 8 rebound performance the next night at home in the Oaks despite losing the rematch to Augustana. "Dale is one of the top players in the league," said NAIT coach Curtis Nelson. "Adding Dale to the roster just prior to the game put our emotions over the top." Dale is a fourth-year Bachelor of Technology student from Edmonton.

Chris Neptune
Basketball



Chris had a strong weekend for the NAIT Oaks men's basketball team, helping it to two convincing wins over the Augustana Vikings. The first-year Oak put up 13 points and six rebounds at Augustana on Friday and then followed that up with 15 points and 13 rebounds at home Saturday, earning him player of the game honours. "Chris has not only been an outstanding athlete, but he's also been a great person. He is starting to find his groove and show the versatility he can bring to a game," says head coach Don Phillips. Chris is in his first year of Personal Fitness Training and is from Toronto.

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VOLLEYBALL

Climbing the ladder to the top



Photo by Claro Cagulada

Ook Greg Mann, shown spiking the ball, has been an offensive leader on the men's volleyball team this year.

By TAYLOR POLLMAN

Adversity. That is what is currently facing the NAIT men's volleyball team. After high hopes, the team has begun the season with a record of three wins and seven losses, putting them fifth in the North Division. While this would keep many teams down with mixed emotions, the team's morale is high and the positive spirit is contagious in their locker room. "We are on the verge of realizing that we have the potential to be one of the top teams in the ACAC," states coach Simon Fedun.

While their record does not currently show it, the Oaks have actually been within striking distance in most of their games and have won two of their last six matches. With two of those losses coming in the form of heart wrenching battles this past week. Those last two matches were against a spirited Grande Prairie team, which could have easily resulted in two wins for the Oaks. The league is once again lead however, by last year's No. 1 team, the Grant MacEwan Griffins.

The team's recent turnaround can be partially attributed to the offensive antics of Greg Mann. With a North Division high of 132 total kills, averaging 3.67 a game, he is becoming a force to be reckoned with. Considering that the next highest total kills is 116, it is safe to say that Mann is the division's Mr. Offence.

The team's schedule for the current month will consist of a long layoff due to the Christmas break. The time will not be wasted, however.

"We are going to hit the weight room," said Fedun. After the break, the team will pick up where they left off and hopefully complete their goal of competing at the Provincials. The men's ACAC Provincial Championship is to be held this year on Feb. 26-28 at the loca-

tion of the No. 1 seed in the Southern Conference.

The lady Oaks, for their part, are on a mission that starts and ends with the Provincial Championships. As of the Christmas break, the lady Oaks sit in third place in the Northern Conference with a total of 10 points. This comes from posting a steady 5-5 record that sees only the defending finalists MacEwan Griffins and the Red Deer Queens ahead. After losing three of their first four matches, the Oaks have battled back with four wins out of their last six.

The team's success is largely due to the contributions of two players. Katie Seys and Tayler Smith have stepped up and provided the intensity the team needs to compete at a high level night in and night out. Seys, a fifth year player from London, Ontario has lit up the stats sheet with 120 kills, almost 30 more than any other player in the entire ACAC. While Seys is providing the offence, the defence is led by the digging ability of the five-foot-eight left side hitter, Smith. The Edmonton native currently sits fourth in the division with digs, averaging 3.38 per game.

Head coach Keith Lundgren is happy with his team's performance and says he is "proud of how these girls have progressed the program forward. Now at mid-point, we have more wins than we had all of last year."

Combine that with a team that is finally starting to gel at the right time and the fans could be in for a wild playoff run. The team may also have the perfect reason to perform in the second half of the season. With the host college of the provincials being the first place team in the North Division, the Oaks have a chance to compete in front of their home crowd. That may be all the motivation needed.



Finish for the ages

By GARIT BYINGTON

Big ups to all Roughriders' fans who showed up to school or work after their team's debacle last Sunday as Montreal won the 97th Grey Cup over Saskatchewan. With 10:52 remaining, the Alouettes came back from a 16-point deficit. The Alouettes' defence, led by Chip Cox, did fairly well all game considering how well the Riders' offence played. The Alouettes' offence only showed up for the second half but did just enough to squeak out a 28-27 victory. At half-time, the Roughriders had a 17-3 lead over the Alouettes, moving the ball effectively against the regular season's stingiest defence.

The players who were big all season for the Alouettes' offence came out on a mission in the second half. Anthony Calvillo threw for over 200 yards in the second half after a disappointing first half. Ben Cahoon and Jamel Richardson both had huge second-half touchdowns. After claiming pre-game that he was going to be an impact player, for the second straight year, Richardson had over 100 yards receiving. Cahoon, as per usual when he's playing in the Grey Cup, was given the nod for Most Valuable Canadian. Running back Avon Cobourne did what he's done all year, and did it fairly quietly due to Montreal's pass-first offence, earning MVP honours with his impact.

After Montreal shanked the would-be game-winning field goal, the Roughriders began toss-

ing their helmets and celebrating what was thought to be their fourth championship in team history, only to have the play called back due to a Saskatchewan too-many-men penalty. This gave the Alouettes another chance at Grey Cup glory. Montreal's kicker Damon Duval was able to hit the second attempt, completing the ultimate, worst possible emotion swing for any Roughrider fan.

"I guess that's what the CFL's about — a game like that," said Montreal Alouettes' centre Brian Chui.

The obvious irony, which nearly every Grey Cup article has focused on, is that all the pre-game talk was about Saskatchewan's help from the 13th man, their rowdy fans. Yet it was

their 13th player on the field that ended their premature celebration with a costly penalty, giving the Alouettes a second life.

"It just worked out that everybody missed it," Roughriders head coach Ken Miller said. "Even our fail-safe (four people counting) didn't prove to be a fail-safe in that situation."

The Roughriders claim that they will never disclose the culprit who was not supposed to be on the field, which is fine, but they should at least disclose the name to Duval, who owes the 13th man something, for keeping him from being the goat after his performance. The game was watched by a record 6.1 million viewers on television.



ACAC Standings

MEN'S HOCKEY										
Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts	
Mount Royal ...	15	13	13	1	0	1	76	36	27	
SAIT	14	11	11	2	0	1	87	39	23	
Concordia.....	16	11	11	4	0	1	71	45	23	
Augustana	15	8	8	6	0	1	75	73	17	
NAIT	16	8	8	8	0	0	79	59	16	
Portage.....	15	3	3	12	0	0	45	69	6	
MacEwan.....	15	3	3	12	0	0	40	84	6	
Briercrest	16	2	2	13	0	0	43	111	4	
RESULTS										
Nov. 25										
NAIT 6, Augustana 2										
Nov. 27										
MRU 5, Portage 3; Concordia 10, Briercrest 0										
Nov. 28										
Augustana 7, NAIT 4; Concordia 6, Briercrest 4;										
MRU 4, Portage 1; SAIT 10, MacEwan 2										

WOMEN'S HOCKEY										
Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts	
Mount Royal ...	12	7	7	3	1	1	35	27	16	
SAIT	12	7	5	4	1	0	32	30	15	
NAIT	10	4	4	3	1	2	26	26	11	
MacEwan.....	12	4	4	6	1	1	20	27	10	
Red Deer	10	3	1	5	0	2	14	17	8	
RESULTS										
Nov. 27										
MRU 3, NAIT 1										
Nov. 28										
NAIT 4, MRU 2; SAIT 5, MacEwan 4 (OT)										
Nov. 29										
SAIT 1, MacEwan 0										

MEN'S BASKETBALL												
North Division												
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA						
NAIT.....	12	11	1	22	1168	877						
MacEwan.....	12	10	2	20	1093	851						

Concordia.....	12	8	4	16	1065	883
Lakeland.....	12	7	5	14	985	929
Augustana.....	12	3	9	6	944	1046
King's.....	12	2	10	4	835	1066
Grande Prairie.....	12	1	11	2	749	1187

South Division						
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Mount Royal.....	10	8	2	16	893	719
SAIT.....	10	8	2	16	789	639
Red Deer.....	10	7	3	14	855	778
Lethbridge.....	10	3	7	6	801	857
Briercrest.....	10	2	8	4	770	986
Medicine Hat.....	10	2	8	4	741	870

RESULTS						
Nov. 27						
NAIT 109, Augustana 86; RDC 101, Briercrest 92						
Concordia 94, Lakeland 46; MacEwan 118, GPRC 56; Medicine Hat 89, MRU 84						
Nov. 28						
NAIT 110, Augustana 65; RDC 118, Briercrest 67; MacEwan 117 - GPRC 58; Lakeland 85, Concordia 82; MRU 105, Medicine Hat 83						

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL						
North Division						
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Concordia.....	12	11	1	22	917	589
King's.....	12	10	2	20	773	661
MacEwan.....	12	8	4	16	729	682
Grande Prairie.....	12	6	6	12	735	763
Augustana.....	12	3	9	6	744	848
Lakeland.....	12	3	9	6	720	834
NAIT.....	12	1	11	2	641	883
South Division						
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
SAIT.....	10	9	1	18	825	535
Lethbridge.....	10	9	1	18	788	638

Medicine Hat.....	10	5	5	10	636	702
Mount Royal.....	10	4	6	8	675	664
Red Deer.....	10	3	7	6	571	700
Briercrest.....	10	0	10	0	538	794

RESULTS						
Nov. 27						
NAIT 69, Augustana 52; RDC 65, Briercrest 62; Concordia 70, Lakeland 50; MacEwan 64, GPRC 48; Medicine Hat 54, MRU 50						
Nov. 28						
Augustana 83, NAIT 54; RDC 60, Briercrest 49; GPRC 66, MacEwan 57; Concordia 77, Lakeland 45; MRU 80, Medicine Hat 71						

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL						
North Division						
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
MacEwan.....	10	8	2	26	12	16
Grande Prairie.....	10	7	3	24	19	14
King's.....	10	6	4	24	12	12
Lakeland.....	10	4	6	16	22	8
NAIT.....	10	3	7	16	24	6
Keyano.....	10	2	8	8	25	4

South Division						
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
SAIT.....	10	8	2	27	11	16
Red Deer.....	10	8	2	24	11	16
Mount Royal.....	8	4	4	19	16	8
Medicine Hat.....	8	3	5	11	19	6
Briercrest.....	10	3	7	13	25	6
Lethbridge.....	10	2	8	14	26	4

RESULTS						
Nov. 26						
King's 3, MacEwan 0 (25-20 25-19 25-16)						
Nov. 27						
RDC 3, Briercrest 1 (25-20, 25-16, 24-26, 25-23) Lakeland 3, Keyano 0 (25-20, 27-25, 25-19)						

MacEwan 3, King's 2 (25-23, 25-20, 19-25, 9-25, 15-6)						
SAIT 3, MRU 2 (25-15 23-25 22-25 25-22 15-10)						
Nov. 28						
Lakeland 3, Keyano 2 (19-25, 25-23, 22-25, 25-16, 15-11)						
RDC 3, Briercrest 0 (25-16, 25-22, 25-12)						
SAIT 3, MRU 1 (22-25, 25-20, 27-25, 25-22)						

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL						
North Division						
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
MacEwan.....	10	9	1	29	12	18
Grande Prairie.....	10	6	4	24	19	12
NAIT.....	10	5	5	21	19	10
Lakeland.....	10	5	5	20	19	10
King's.....	10	3	7	14	24	6
Keyano.....	10	2	8	13	28	4
South Division						
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
Red Deer.....	10	10	0	30	4	20
Mount Royal.....	8	6	2	20	7	12
Briercrest.....	10	6	4	18	16	12
Medicine Hat.....	8	4	4	14	16	8
SAIT.....	10	2	8	14	26	4
Lethbridge.....	10	0	10	3	30	0

RESULTS						
Nov. 26						
MacEwan 3, King's 0 (25-20 25-18 25-19)						
Nov. 27						
Lakeland 3, Keyano 0 (25-18, 25-18, 27-25)						
MacEwan 3, King's 0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-23)						
MRU 3, SAIT 0 (27-25 25-17 25-14)						
RDC 3, Briercrest 0 (25-21, 28-26, 25-20)						
Nov. 28						
Keyano 3, Lakeland 2 (25-22, 25-19, 20-25, 21-25, 16-14)						
RDC 3, Briercrest 0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-20)						
MRU 3, SAIT 1 (25-20, 25-9, 25-27, 26-24)						

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ENTERTAINMENT

Adult film of the week

Gilligan's fantasy



COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

From the makers of *This ain't Star Trek* and *This ain't the Munsters* comes Hustler's porn parody *This ain't Gilligan's Island*, which follows the concept of the show *Gilligan's Island*, but with a small twist – a group of people find themselves stranded on an island but they are horny! What a concept! Directed by Anton Slayer, this all-star cast includes Anthony Rosano as Gilligan, Ryder Sky as Ginger and Rod Fontana as the skipper. The movie doesn't really follow the plot line of the original show but instead uses the same characters and puts them in compromising sexual positions.

If you ever wanted to see Gin-

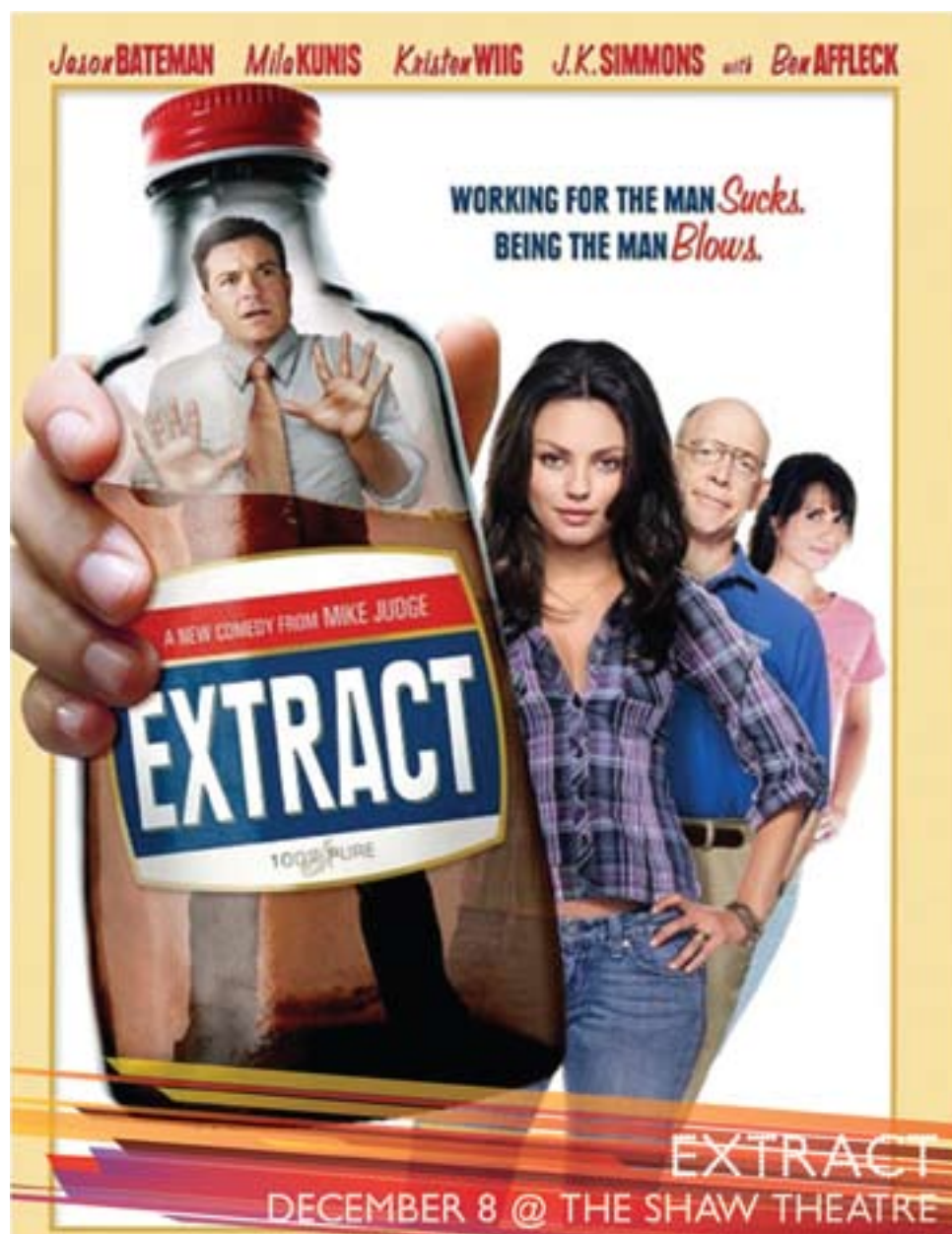
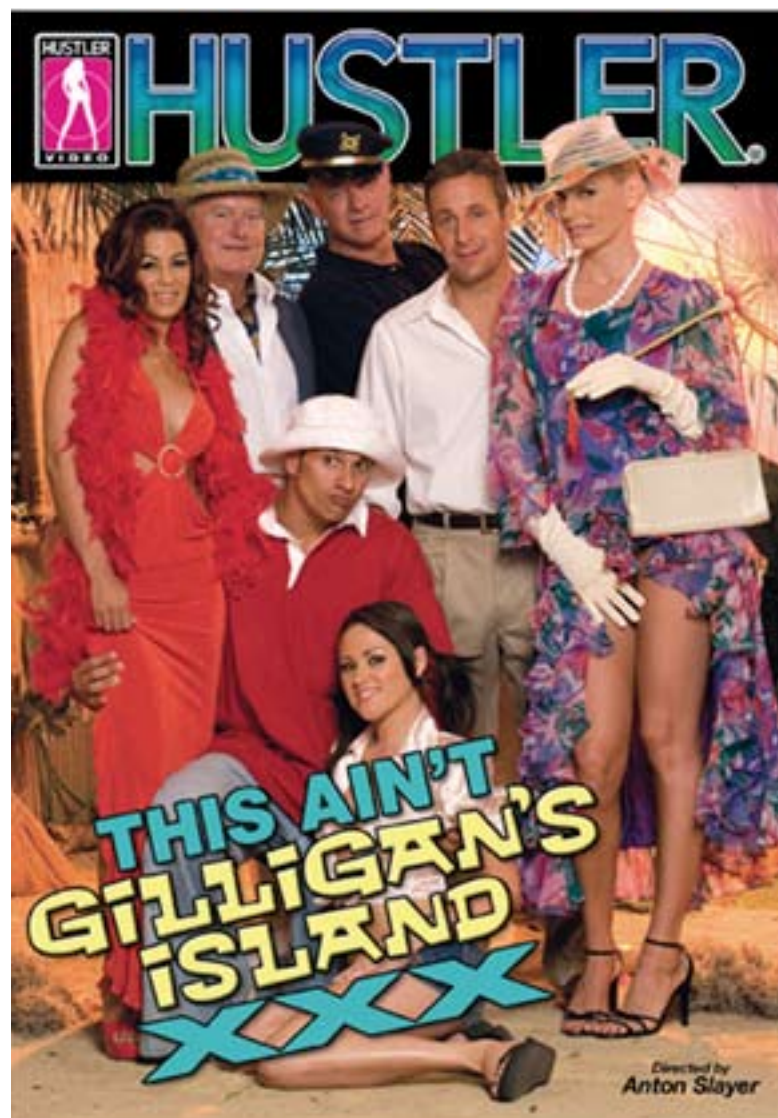
ger and Mary Ann get it on three-way style with Gilligan, this is the porn for you. The whole plot basically consists of porn stars successfully seducing the famous crew of *Gilligan's Island* and secretly taping the XXX jungle action. The movie starts off with a sex scene before the opening credits starts rolling, setting the mood and proving to its audience that *This ain't Gilligan's Island* is as legit as a porn can get.

The first four scenes consist of Gilligan, Mary Ann, Ginger and the professor being "seduced into succession by porn stars." Before I continue, let's take a moment to reflect on this situation. Imagine crashing on an island inhabited only by porn stars. Could you imagine the sexually transmitted diseases floating around? Forget about dangerous animals and lack of food, this unfortunate crew will have to survive by dodging the clap and hepatitis B!

Drew Rosenfeld, creative director of Hustler movies, states in a

reputable pornography website that "the sets and costumes were incredibly well done. The studio successfully re-created the perfect island for this parody. Also, I couldn't be more pleased with the performances from the cast. The chemistry between Gilligan, Ginger and Mary Ann was so intense that they couldn't keep their hands off each other even as the cameras stopped rolling." Yeah, right.

In conclusion, the film features some humorous scenarios and steamy sex scenes, but *This Ain't Gilligan's Island* does get a little redundant after awhile. Then again, what porn doesn't? If you're looking to fulfill some odd Gilligan fantasy you may have, then this will get your rocks off, but if you're looking for an awesome plot line and in-depth character development, you may want to watch the original series. This movie is definitely worth watching, but it's not one of my favourites. I give this film 3 out of 5 pearl necklaces.



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By ALLESANDRA BRUNI

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1. Fashion – Lady GaGa

2. Rich Girl – Gwen Stefani
3. Labels & Love – Fergie
4. Let's Go to the Mall – Robin Sparkles
5. Nan You're a Window Shopper – Lily Allen
6. Money, Money, Money – ABBA
7. Material Girl – Madonna
8. Fighter – Christina Aguilera
9. Survivor – Destiny Child
10. Big Spender – Adrienne Bailon
11. Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – Cyndi Lauper
12. Unstoppable – Kat DeLuna
13. All Dressed in Love – Jennifer Hudson

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

GTA IV just a little too short

By KITA MURU

In late April of last year, *Grand Theft Auto IV* was released to critical and commercial success because it was drinking the competition's milkshakes.

Considering GTA IV didn't tie up its loose ends, Rockstar delivered on their extra downloadable content exclusive to the Xbox 360, *The Lost and Damned*, and *The Ballad of Gay Tony*.



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The Ballad of Gay Tony follows the adventures of Luis Fernando Lopez, the guy who screws up the diamond deal in GTA IV, and has to find them for his boss: Anthony "Gay Tony" Prince. In GTA fashion, you achieve your goals by shooting, blowing up and/or running over anyone in the way, and of course, banging hookers ... lots of hookers. Luis also has to get his mom out of debt, help his friends drug deal on the streets and

keep the Ancelotti family off Tony.

Although you are Luis, Tony and the diamonds are the major attraction, however, the game fleshes out people previously mentioned in the GTA IV storyline, like billionaire property owner Yusuf Amir or Brucie's genetically superior brother Mori. Everyone is brought to life by well done and humorous voice acting in GTA fashion. There are new radio stations and songs just like in *Lost and Damned*, but there should have been more.

Gay Tony will feel similar to GTA IV and *Lost and Damned*, except for the mission structure being more varied, with some skydiving, drug dealing, tank operating and clubbing, Liberty City is accessible from the get-go with new

weapons and vehicles to commit more homicides with. The scoring system that comes up after each mission highlights specific tasks that were completed and allows you to replay each mission.

In all, it's a little too short and probably should have had more content to offer, but its tone is colourful and wacky like the first couple of GTAs, while grounded like the current ones. If you've played the first two, but haven't played *Gay Tony* yet, then it's worth a shot just to close out the story of GTA IV. If you're not a big fan of GTA, then *The Ballad of Gay Tony* won't change your mind.

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INDIE NIGHT

Experience versus youth

By RYAN FLAHERTY

A pair of acts with very different profiles hit the stage at last week's installment of Indie Night. Manraygun and Paul Cresey each provided their own twist on blues- and roots-inspired rock despite having very little in common demographically.

The five-piece Manraygun, prepping for the release of their new album *Everything Is Temporary* in a couple of weeks,

kicked things off with a tight, mostly banter-free set filled with bourbon-soaked barroom tunes that befitted the band's well-travelled membership.

Though the band is relatively new (*Everything Is Temporary* is only their second album), the guys in Manraygun have been involved in numerous other projects in Edmonton and elsewhere over the past 10-15 years. This blend of prior collaborations

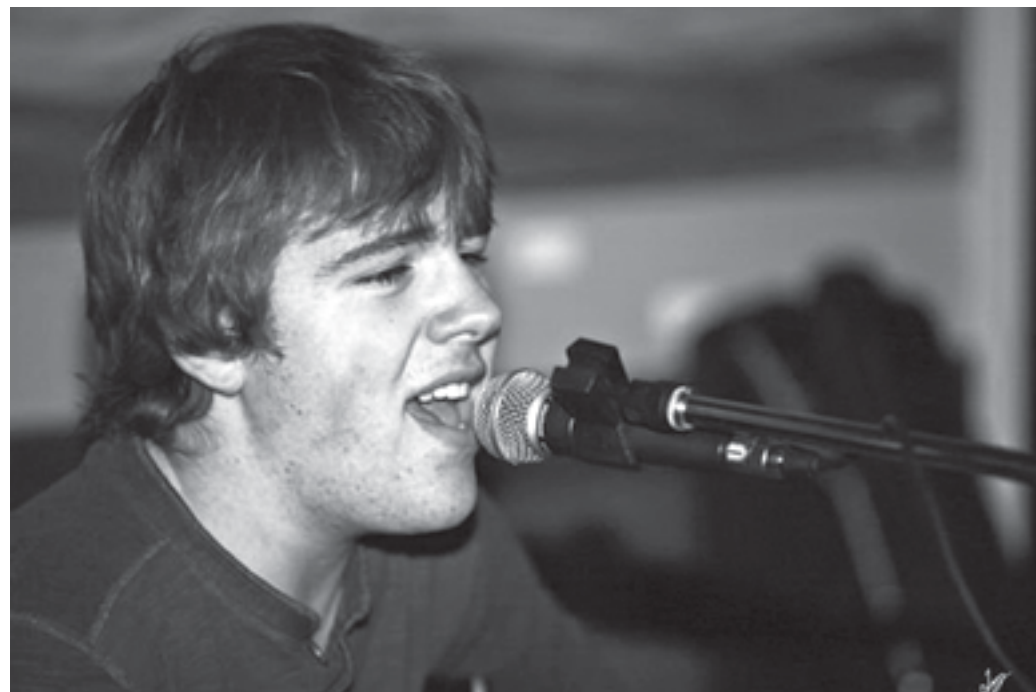
gives the group's tunes a variety of accents. From the ragtime blues-influenced set opener to murder ballads, Steve Earle-style alt-country, and even a little Bo Diddley beat, Manraygun kept their set moving at a steady clip all the while trying to urge those in attendance to have as good a time as they were.

On the flip side of the coin was the evening's second act. Only 19, Paul Cresey, a University of Alberta student who moonlights as a singer/songwriter, treated the audience to an acoustic set that revealed a performer whose voice seemed to belong to someone twice his age. The southpaw strummer



has already released two albums (*Piece the Picture* and *When Beauty Has Past*, which can both be purchased on iTunes or at Megatunes or Blackbyrd), and was recently nominated for Young Performer of the Year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Highlights of Cresey's performance included original songs "The Blues" and "Vodka Shots," the latter of which gave the singer the chance to show that his instrumental talents were on par with those of his vocals. Even when covering Nirvana's "Heart Shaped Box," Cresey's voice haunted with the sound of an experienced touring vet.

Despite taking a breather from gigs for the moment while he focuses on his studies, Cresey plans to continue to ply his trade in the new year, with an appearance on a new show on CBC expected in the spring. It's hard to believe that with a voice like his, Cresey's musical journey is only still in its initial stages.



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Paul Cresey

PB & J

By KATHY LE

Candy Cane Cake

It's finally December! What better way to welcome the Christmas season than with a recipe involving candy canes. Yum Yum!

The Stuff

- 1 pkg. (2-layer size) chocolate cake mix
- 1 pkg. (4-serving size) chocolate instant pudding
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 squares semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 18 small candy canes, coarsely crushed, divided
- 3 cups thawed COOL WHIP whipped topping

The magic

1. Heat oven to 350°F and lightly

grease 2 (9-inch) round baking pans.

2. Beat first six ingredients in large bowl with mixer on low speed just until moistened, stopping frequently to scrape bottom and side of bowl. Beat on medium speed two minutes.

3. Stir in chopped chocolate and 2 tbsp. crushed candy. Pour into prepared pans.

4. Bake 50 minutes to one hour or until toothpick inserted in centres comes out clean.

5. Cool in pans on wire racks 10 minutes.

7. Loosen cakes from sides of pans with knife.

8. Invert cakes onto racks and gently remove from pans.

9. Cool cakes completely.

10. Frost cake with Cool Whip and sprinkle with remaining crushed candy. Keep refrigerated.

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Radio rock-band roadie

By MARK SEREDA

NR92 radio show, *Bandwidth*, with host Rick Lopez, airs Thursday nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Talk about jumpin' on the bandwagon, this guy does it every week! He'll tell you everything you need to know about his favourite bands, from which city they're from, to which country they have an illegitimate child in. Sure, you could use the net to find that info yourself OR you could just type in NR92.com and have George Lopez's "cousin" tell you LIVE Thursday nights!

Mark – Hey Rick, what's your full name?

Rick – Richard Oswaldo Lopez-Quintilla. It's just the Spanish way of doing names. I don't use it often but it is cool actually having a 'Q' in my initials.

M – I suppose a guy named 'Quinn' would have that but anyways ... what's the name of your radio show?

R – It's called *Bandwidth*. I tried a few cool names, but most of them ended up having very un-clever word play. I wanted one that focused on the idea of bands ... *Bandwidth* came up ... and it also works 'cause bandwidths are involved with the radio world.

M – Bands are obviously the focal point, how do you tie that into each show?

R – Every show focuses on one band only. I offer listeners an hour and a half talking about one band, its history and why I like them. I generally choose my favourite bands, so there's a lot of alternative rock. Some aren't as well known and giving them that air time helps get their name out and lets the listeners learn a little bit about them.

M – What things do you do to maintain the flowing mane of rocker hair you're stylin'?

R – I pretty much don't wash it every day.

M – That's what must give it that authentic look.

R – My hair's really thick so I have to do a lot to it to get make sure

it's not fuzzy 'n' gross. I also use a flat iron to fix it up sometimes.

M – Wow, that must eat up a lot of time in the mornings. Changing lanes now, how do you feel about having a recognizably famous last name? ... and I mean Lopez ... not Quintrella or whatever your mom's maiden name was.

R – I used to get a lot of "Hey, are you related to Jennifer Lopez?" For a while, I said I was. I thought it would be interesting just to see how people respond. Things like, "I'm her long-lost nephew from Edmonton."

M – Mmm, Jennifer Lopez is still looking sexy, even these days.

R – I can't say the same ... that's my aunt you're talking about.

M – What ultimate dream do you hope to achieve coming out of the Radio Program?

R – I want to be a music producer, like I'd start off in radio first but then hopefully become a music producer for bands. I'm always around music, so why not make money producing it?

M – Do you have a message for the folks who are reading this article and to future *Bandwidth* listeners?

R – "Giddy up YO!" I think that could be my catch phrase if I didn't already steal it from my friend, but she won't know 'cause she doesn't read the *Nugget* ... but I mean EVERYONE should read the *Nugget*, though.

M – What's the biggest slipup you ever made on your radio show?

R – I accidently said that Dave Grohl drummed on Coheed & Cambria's album but it was actually Taylor Hawkins of the Foo Fighters.

M – What would you say if you heard a really good song and threw a swear in there?

R – Awh Shizzy that's a good song! Or ... Cheese Louise that was good!

M – OK, that's enough. Speaking of cheese ... I'm getting hungry ... this interview is over.



Rick Lopez

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Assist Entertainment Editor

Mountains of snow have not yet blanketed the ground and the temperatures are still quite fair for this time of year, but that hasn't tempered the excitement for the most anticipated time of year.

It's Christmas time! Many homes are already illuminated with colourful lights, Santa has made his first appearance in the shopping malls and traditional Christmas songs can be heard on the radio, all in an attempt to generate the Christmas spirit in everyone.

In addition to the gifts, family and friends, turkey dinner, eggnog and Santa, the Christmas season is incomplete without Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Although the story is mostly recognized in books and on film, the live play is a completely different experience, which everyone, in my opinion, must sample at least once in their life. The opportunity is available right now to the public as the adapted version of *A Christmas Carol*, by Tom Wood, is playing at the Citadel Theatre.

Wary

This is the second play that I've ever been to and since I thought the first one (the title will remain anonymous) was a complete bust, I was wary about how this Christmas tale would turn out. For a hefty \$90, I was seated in the second row to the right of the stage. The stage caught my eye first as it was bare, very small and nestled against a backdrop illustrated with a gift bow tie. The only question running through my mind was how they were going to depict this famous tale on such a cramped stage. At 7:30 p.m. sharp, the lights dimmed and the first scene opened with a young character sing-

ing a carol. Right from that moment on, I was carried into a land of wonderment and I was mesmerized for the next 2½ hours. Captivating and magical are the best ways to sum up the drama.

The costumes were detailed right down to the last stitch and the makeup and hair were impeccable. The ghost of Christmas future was a gigantic 20-foot dark demon, controlled by a camouflaged person, at the base.

The characters made you feel like you were taken back many centuries ago and reliving the moment from the side. It was like travelling in a time machine but not having to get up out of your seat. When the Christmas party scenes were acted out, I could almost taste the food. The scene changes were flawless and flowed like a graceful skater on ice.

Magical effects

Even though I was sitting so close to the stage, I could barely hear the shuffling of the stage props being moved around. The special effects and lighting were the magical part of the play and were fantastic. The ghost on the knocker of Scrooge's door actually came out of the door and looked amazingly real and the ghost of Jacob Marley appeared to fly.

The element that made the show a complete success was the characters, especially the grumpy Scrooge, played by Tom Wood. You could feel his pain and joy throughout the experiences he encounters from his past, present and future.

The other characters' acting abilities were just as astonishing and also allowed the audience to connect with the characters on a personal level. It was impressive to see even the youngest children maintain a professional composure on stage. Most of the actors assumed more than one role in the play, displaying the diversity of their talent. I would highly recommend *A Christmas Carol* to people of all ages. At the moment, final exams are the only thing on my mind, but after watching this play I can say that I feel one step closer to being in the Christmas spirit.



An accordion hero

By **ALEXANDER TOSTOWARYK**

Today I bring you a new segment to the *Nugget* called "Viral Video of the Week". Viral videos nowadays, thanks to the Internet, are a huge part of modern culture, media and general mass communication.

Viral videos can be hilarious jokes or pranks, enlightening pieces of art or creepy videos that generally should be avoided. Will I ever direct you towards videos that should be avoided? For now I would like to say no. But at the same time I will make no promises. So be prepared in the future to see life changing videos and videos so funny they should not be hidden from the general public.

The first viral video I bring you has been around for a little while now, but I wanted to make the first one I present to be something truly amazing, showing that with a little determination and practice you can achieve great things.

The video is called "Nerdy Kid Shreds on Accordion." As we all know, accordions are generally seen by the public as instruments for the polka and maybe at events like Oktober-

fest and that's about it. This young man chooses to do things differently. With his accordion he plays something that I never thought could be played on an accordion. The song he plays I cannot name for the life of me, but it is definitely one of the more intense and recognizable classical songs out there. This is the link: <http://www.break.com/index/nerdy-kid-shreds-on-the-accordion.html>

Please do not hesitate to check this video out because it gives a general feeling of accomplishment that even you can achieve anything you put your mind to. On a final note, if this kid was a virgin before this video I am sure he is no longer one anymore.



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Logan West plays a spoiled rich boy.

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Drummer wins \$500



COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

"I surprised myself a lot tonight, and I'll probably be spending my money on beer and groceries."

That's what Cillian Cross, a first year Pre-

Tech student said after winning the grand prize of \$500 for being NAIT's most talented student – well, at least until next year's talent show. Cross showed off his talent on the drums, taking a unique approach by turning his back to the audience, which he says gives the audience a chance to "see what I'm doing with both my hands and my feet. It adds to my performance."

Cross' performance was definitely entertaining, and made his mother, who was there in the audience to cheer him on, proud.

"I used to gather my girlfriends and get them to cheer Cillian on so loud when he was

in a band, we would get all the young girls to scream, too."

Cross says that he has been playing the drums for six years, but "it's only the second time I've played in three months, but I usually try to play every day."

This year's talent show featured a panel of three judges: NAITSA's very own Jill Peterson, Stephanie Bosch, an up-and-coming musician who's graced the stages of Edmonton's Folk Festival and Carlo Atienza, one fifth of

the dance group White Chocolate. The judges looked for four things in a performance: the level of talent of the student, the quality of his/her performance, level of preparedness and of course, the entertainment factor.

NAIT's Got Talent showcased a wide range of performers from singers to comedians to Japanese flutists. Some were fabulous, while others, well, could use a little work.

Some of the highlights included Curtis Wolfe, a young amateur comedian who shows promising talent. I always cringe when I see a new comedian on stage due to the high risk of being incredibly unfunny. However, Wolfe refused to be put under the "sucky" category and instead worked the audience in his favour. Michael Kearly was also a highlight of the evening, showing off his musical talent covering the Kings of Leon. His rendition of "Use Somebody" was almost as good as the original and earned the student a third-place medal, winning a cool \$100 bill.

In general, the show lacked in energy, the sound was a little quiet and the venue wasn't as packed as last year's talent show. It was also really hard to hear the judges' feedback, which is always the best part of any talent show. However, the show was extremely entertaining, and any student who has the confidence to go up on stage would get a gold star in my book any day.

This year's winner, Cillian Cross, now \$500 richer, says: "If I can do it, anybody can do it."

Amen.



Photo by Fe Maquinay

Cillian Cross

NAIT Children's Christmas Party

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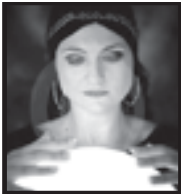
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Your horoscope



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December 3-December 9

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

Aries (March 21-April 19)

You will develop the ability to translate the barking of dogs. Not into English, though – hope you know Greek.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

First impressions are not your forte and the racial remarks certainly don't help your cause.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The journey of a 1,000 miles begins with a single step. It goes a lot faster if that step is towards an airplane.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Make a concerted effort to get to know your neighbors. You will need witness statements when your crazy ex shows up and lights a fire in your driveway.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Take time out to stop and smell the roses every now and then. You never know when complications from a sinus infection could take away your sense of

smell for good.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Though some of your friends may disapprove of your taste in music, stick to your guns. The world needs yodelers.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

An important financial decision is approaching. Perhaps now is a good time to abandon the "eeny, meeny, miney, moe," strategy.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Try to keep in touch with old friends. You never know when you might need a kidney.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Stop taking things so seriously. Do your-

self a favour – go home, pound a few shots and prank call your old elementary school teachers.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Just because your friends all say she's easy doesn't mean she is. The proper term to use is "sexually cosmopolitan."

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Inspiration can come from the most unlikely of places. Spend as much time as you can in the produce section of your local Superstore to improve your odds of finding some.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Sunny days are on the horizon. Now you just have to do something about your debilitating fear of sunlight.



TIP OF THE WEEK – FROM NAIT SECURITY SERVICES

Protecting your home



Your home is the most valuable asset you have and it is worth protecting. Here are some tips to help you keep your home safe.

At home:

- When in your back yard, lock your front door and vice versa.
- When in the home, it is a good idea to keep your doors locked.
- Consider keeping your blinds/curtains closed at night because people can see in.
- On vacation:**
 - Arrange to have your mail picked up and consider stopping newspapers.
 - Remember to have the grass cut, the leaves raked or the snow removed as necessary.
 - Use timers on a few lamps in rooms where the light will be noticed from outside the house.
 - Have a neighbour check both inside and outside the house every few days. Ask them to pick up items delivered while you are away.

• If you have a clearly designated outside parking space (as is the case in many townhouse neighborhoods), ask a neighbor to park their car in your space.

In your yard:

- Trim trees and bushes that could conceal burglars, specially around windows and doors.
- Keep your yard maintained to give the house a lived-in appearance. Cut grass, rake leaves, remove dead

branches and debris.

- Install outside lights to brighten dark areas around doors or windows.

In your community:

- Get to know your neighbors – residents should become familiar with the routine in their neighbourhoods.
- Be aware of strangers and look out for each other.
- Leave keys and emergency phone numbers with a trusted neighbor.
- Keep up appearances – a well-tended neighbourhood is less attractive to criminals and vandals.
- Get involved in crime prevention programs.

Information obtained from the Edmonton Police Service

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HOT SINGLE OF THE WEEK



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Krista Supervich, 21

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What: New additional meeting time (for those who cannot make Thursday noon)

When: Wednesdays starting Nov. 25 from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: NAIT main campus, Room E-115

NASS

(NAIT Architecture Students Society)

What: Pub Night

When: Dec. 4

Where: The Pint (109th and Jasper Ave.

NAST

(NAIT Association of Student Tutors)

What: Silent Auction for the Red Cross.

Cash donations and food bank items will also be accepted.

When: Dec. 9; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: South Lobby

CCR

(Caption and Court Reporting)

What: Pub Night

When: Dec. 18; Starts at 8 p.m.

Where: Hudsons on Campus

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What: Scrubs Down Bottoms Up Pub Night

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Where: Hudsons on Whyte

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