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NAIT Ooks Cyril Ashworth takes a shot during the fourth quarter of a game against the MacEwan Griffins last Friday in the NAIT gym. The Ooks went on to win the game 71-60. Full story, page 8.

\$125K for NAIT

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NEWS & FEATURES

Project gets major boost

By JEFF CUMMINGS

A faculty researcher from NAIT is hoping to create a new technology that can test air quality instantly – something that could save lives in the event of a chemical attack or an environmental accident.

In order to do that, NAIT is one of two technical colleges in the country to get a \$125,000 grant from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council for the research. It's a grant usually given to universities, like the University of Alberta.

Dr. Ron Currie, a senior faculty researcher with NAIT's Chemical Technology Program, says current technologies are often too slow to measure air quality and it can be complicated.

"As a researcher, I view this as a tremendous opportunity to learn," says Currie, who will be heading up the research project.

Currie says NAIT's research will help develop a new technology that will analyze samples that have a very wide concentration in range, and can do it very quickly.

The new technology could involve testers or workers in Alberta's oil and gas industry carrying hand held, toaster-sized devices – like tricorders from the fictional Star Trek

universe – that can test air quality much more quickly, says Currie.

Currie's team of researchers, who have already developed a prototype, created a column apparatus that can be used in gas chromatography, an analytical chemistry technique that's used in a variety of industries to vaporize and separate mixtures into their component compounds for analysis.

Currie's prototype has greater capacity and is much more efficient than traditional ways to measure air quality, and it's cheaper, he said.

"We've removed the huge oven that is usually part of the gas chromatograph," says Currie.

"We are using an innovative heating approach so we will be able to heat faster, cool faster, and it will require little energy to cause the temperatures needed to separate the components.

"We have to heat to bring everything into the gas phase."

Stuart Cullum, an executive director for NAIT's home of applied research and development, says the grant and Currie's research are a perfect fit for the technical institute.

"NAIT's success in this competition is significant," said Cullum in a release.

"The program is highly competitive and successful applications demonstrate strong scientific evidence, as well as a clearly identified and well-described potential market.

"This is recognition that colleges and technical institutes can be competitive when it comes to research."

Currie's idea could mark "a significant advance in exciting technologies" that "could lead to excellent commercial opportunities," say NSERC reviewers who added the prototype could benefit companies in many sectors.

For more information on the project, go to www.novanait.ca.

Like your teacher?



By RYAN FLAHERTY
Issues Editor

What makes a great teacher? The question has nearly as many answers as there are students at NAIT. For some, it's a person who encourages active learning. For others, it might be someone who gives prompt feedback. Still others may say that a good teacher is one who respects the diverse talents and learning styles of their students and accommodates them accordingly.

Whatever the reason, the NAIT Department of Teaching and Academic Development is asking students to nominate the best teachers in their respective programs for an Instructional Excellence Award. The awards are handed out each year at Convocation ceremonies, and are given to one teacher in each NAIT school.

First year

This is the first year that instructor excellence is being acknowledged on a separate platform from other annual awards given out at the school. Alison Lewis, co-ordinator of curriculum development and faculty support at the DTAD, explains that the school wanted these particular awards to have a bit of a bigger profile.

"The awards used to be part of something called SHINE, which rewarded a number of different kinds of achievement, but this year NAIT decided to make the instructional awards a stand-alone category," she says.

"They wanted to promote the idea that teaching excellence is something that is really important to recognize."

The DTAD has employed a number of strategies to encourage students to submit nominations. These include a poster campaign, handbills, campus-wide e-mail messages, and a particularly creative idea which brings back memories of elementary school.

"We've even used fortune tellers," Lewis explains, showing off one of the classic folded paper contraptions. Instead of picking colours and numbers, however, students choose from attributes like "motivates" or "inspires," and inside the flaps there is information about the nomination process.

Motivates

Radio and Television Arts instructor Jeannette LaBrie was an award recipient last year. She says that the recognition motivates her to continue striving for self-improvement. "It feels great," she says. "It's very rewarding to know that you are affecting students in a positive way and it makes you want to keep trying to provide more opportunities for them to be successful."

Lewis says that so far, response to the promotional blitz has been positive. "Every time I go to food services, the rack for the nomination forms needs to be refilled," she points out. "It's great to see."

A significant number of nominations have already been submitted, but nomination forms are still available at all program offices or any food services outlet and can be dropped off at the program office of the nominated instructor. Students can nominate almost any instructor for an award, though there are a few exceptions, which are listed on the forms. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Jan. 29.

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Eco-air compressor



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Darryl Weflen is the winner of the novaNAIT Technology Commercialization Challenge. His air compressor's environmentally friendly technology won him \$10,000 in novaNAIT services, which will be used to develop a sound marketing strategy for his company, Airworks Compressor Corp.

By SAMANTHA SILVA

Having a great idea can take you places.

Local businessman Darryl Weflen has proven this by being awarded \$10,000 from NAIT for his great idea.

Weflen, president of Airworks Compressors, won \$10,000 last month after entering the novaNAIT Technology Commercialization Challenge, which encourages innovators and entrepreneurs to submit their research and ideas. NovaNAIT emphasizes new discoveries with practical applications, which is exactly what Weflen's idea embodied.

Invented

He invented an environmentally-friendly air compressor.

"The product was developed to operate on trucks and equipment that are powered by compressed natural gas," Weflen said. "The existing product was for diesel power equipment, but customers in the United States had an interest to move towards a compressed gas vehicle."

Not only can Weflen's eco-friendly compressor run the preferred fuel of compressed gas, but it can run three others including gasoline, propane, and e85. E85 consists of 85 per cent of ethanol and 15 per cent gasoline. However, compressed gas is cheaper and works more efficiently.

Weflen has already designed his air compressor to be different than most. Since other companies' products require the air compressors to be powered by a truck engine, his invention has a separate engine to reduce the amount of fuel and resources required to work, thus greatly reducing green house emissions.

At the forefront

"(My company) is at the forefront of anti-idle technology for fleet and service vehicles," Weflen said. "(We are) developing products that are designed to conserve energy, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and increase productivity while reducing costs for our most valuable asset, our customers."

Although the air compressor will be used in the United States first, Weflen plans to use novaNAIT's research support and prize money to develop the eco-air compressor market for Canada.

The novaNAIT Technology Commercialization Challenge is held annually.

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FOR ALL FULL TIME STUDENTS: Important Health and Dental Information

The opt out deadline for the NEW students starting in the winter 2010 term is Jan. 29, 2010
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For students who started in the fall 2009 term and missed that deadline to opt out:
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Letters

We want your views

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

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NAIT class is one big family

By GRAHAM McCANN

The stress of school can get to any student, but for some that's just the beginning. Angela Knight, a NAIT Medical Lab Technology student, has a husband in Afghanistan, family in Ontario and, on top of that, is 30 weeks pregnant. However, her tightly-knit classmates are not going to let her go it alone.

"As more and more people were finding out I was pregnant, everybody wanted to take part in the pregnancy," says Knight. "Even before my husband left, they offered help, even if it was just a hug."

Communication difficult

Opportunities to connect with her husband Jeff are difficult to schedule. Sometimes they communicate every day of the week, but other times she has to go two weeks with just one e-mail.

With Jeff away, Knight would be alone in Edmonton – if not for her classmates.

She moved here from Toronto, where her family remains, and her husband left for Afghanistan in October.

"Emotional [problems] are huge. You go home and there is nobody there and you have to deal with pregnancy and the stresses of school," she says.

Knight's classmates are impressed with how she's handled the situation. "She's really independent. She doesn't like to take a lot of help. She actually offers to help me instead," says Katherine Jones, Knight's friend and lab partner.

However, Knight's independence does not keep her classmates from doing everything they can to lend a hand.

Small things help, like when two classmates came to her home with food and kept her company.

Also, as Knight's pregnancy progresses, Jones said she does everything she can to help her in the lab, like setting up and putting away the equipment.

"Christmas was very different for me this year, it was the most emotional," Knight says.

However, she adds that she never felt depressed about Christmas because of the atmosphere in her class and the bonds shared with her classmates.

She brought a small Christmas tree to the classroom and the class had a gift exchange.

Knight and Jones say they've been told by a number of NAIT staff members that theirs is the most unique group of students they have seen.

"It wouldn't change if she wasn't pregnant, it's a very close class and we take care of each other. We bonded together," says Jones.

Everyone concerned

Jones adds that if someone doesn't show up for class, everyone is concerned and someone calls the missing person to see if they are alright.

The class has even started a baby pool, with classmates betting on the sex of Knight's child as well as the exact time and date of birth.

A military veteran herself, having served in Bosnia among other places, Knight is anxiously awaiting Jeff's safe return.

"I can't wait for him to get home," she says. "My husband is taking parental leave, and I am going to give birth and finish school."

Knight is grateful for the support she has received. "I really appreciate my class. I really want my class to know that they are wonderful individuals," she says.

Knight's baby is due March 27.

A Fair chance

NAIT's Career Fair gives students an edge in job search

By NICOLE de CHAMPLAIN

In today's economy, students may find it a challenge to get a job after finishing their programs here at NAIT. What a lot of students don't realize is that there are many people right here on campus that are ready and willing to help students along the bumpy path we call life. At NAIT, much is done to help make students achieve success after graduation.

A Career Fair scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 26 will give students the chance to speak directly with representatives of leading organizations about a variety of employment opportunities available to them. It's a great way to learn about potential career opportunities in a particular field of study.

The Career Fair does not focus on specific NAIT programs; rather, it is beneficial for all students. A variety of employers will be available to meet all students' needs. The employers come on an invitation-only basis and are from companies that have already shown interest in hiring NAIT grads.

Military, banking, engineering, and health care companies are just a few examples of the 80 different employers that will be attending the event. The representatives will be able to answer students' questions

and help them with any career they wish to embark upon. They will show students what jobs are available, how to apply for them, and the specific requirements that need to be met for each. They will also inform students of the benefits that they could receive in their chosen field.

A free resume consultation will also be provided the same day, giving students a chance to perfect their resume and cover letter in order to effectively communicate their skills and expertise to employers. Human Resources representatives will be on hand to critique student resumes for no charge. It's a chance you won't want to miss out on.

"It is a great opportunity for students because they don't have to seek out employers individually, they come to you," said NAIT Stewardship Co-ordinator Jody Fath.

Students attending the Career Fair will also be eligible to enter a draw for one of two interview wardrobes, worth \$400 each. There will be one draw each for male and female students.

The Career Fair will be held in the gym and the south lobby.

Check out www.nait.ca/careerfair.htm for additional information on what type of booths will be set up.

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MP defends PM's decision

By KATHARINE HAY

I would bet that a year ago you'd be hard-pressed to find 100 people in Canada who had heard the term "prorogue." Now the word has become satirical gold for political cartoonists and Rick Mercer alike. And as varied as Canada is, so are the opinions on this break from sitting in Parliament.

Laurie Hawn, Conservative MP for Edmonton-Centre, said he doesn't look at the break as a vacation.

The notion that this is a holiday is just silly," said Hawn, adding that it's easy for Canadians to get mad at politicians. During the prorogation of Parliament, Hawn says he is still working in his constituency, and even invites students to come down and visit to discuss any concerns with him.

"I had a Town Hall [meeting] about [proroguing parliament] on Tuesday the 14th ... and am more than happy to come and speak at students' events," he said.

Hawn also pointed to the extensive budget consultations that the government is doing as a reason to spend time out of Ottawa.

"We don't need to be sitting to get work done," he explained. "Government work is still happening, it's just not happening as visibly."

Critics of the government, however, say this is just another show of how democracy in Canada is dwindling. Linda Duncan, New Democrat Party MP for Edmonton-Strathcona, called the prorogation of Parliament "one more death knell to democracy at the federal level." Duncan stressed that all government bills will have to be re-submitted after Parliament resumes, including the Conservative Party's justice bills.

"Stephen Harper," said Duncan, "ran on this platform of openness, transparency and grassroots and now he's stopped his own agenda by proroguing Parliament," Duncan said.

Duncan also spoke about the public out-

cry – particularly through an anti-prorogation Facebook group with over 160,000 members – as proof that Canadians are simply not happy with the prime minister's decision to prorogue Parliament.

Despite the criticism by Duncan and other opposition members, Hawn suggests that not a lot is being lost by proroguing Parliament, pointing out that only 23 working days are actually being lost.

"With technology, I can get as much done whether I am in Ottawa or Timbuktu," he said. He added that even though potential legislation brought in by the Conservatives is automatically "dead" and has to be re-entered, opposition bills are not.

Parliament is scheduled to resume again on March 3, with a new session and throne speech, which is expected to lay out the economic and social priorities the government has come up with since Parliament last sat in Ottawa.



whoami-whoareyou.blogspot.com
Laurie Hawn
Not a vacation

NAITSA gives \$30,000 for bursaries

By KATHARINE HAY
The Student Senate

In an effort to keep students more informed about student government affairs, this week I bring you the first installment of a new feature centred around the nuts and bolts of the NAITSA Senate.

I'll fill you in on the details of Senate meetings, and let you know about all the important discussions and decisions that these people face on behalf of the student body.

First and foremost, what is the NAITSA Senate? According to their website, "The NAITSA Senate is composed of 18 students, elected to represent each of the nine schools at NAIT. They meet on a bi-weekly basis to discuss issues that concern NAIT students."

Various reasons

Reasons for being on the NAITSA Senate are as varied as the students representing you. There's the altruistic "I want to do good" reason, and the "I want to pad my sweet resume" reason, among others. For me, it would be the free food. Never attend a Senate meeting hungry, as my craving skyrocketed while enjoying the aroma of pasta throughout the proceedings.

But enough about the food, because at 5:02 p.m., it was business time.

With no presentations to be made this week, Senators had a short meeting with three issues of note. First, the official welcome and approval of Crystal Bergeron, who beat out nine other candidates to become the new senator for the School of Health Sciences.

Money for bursaries

Secondly, a motion was passed to contribute \$30,000 to NAIT's Department of Advancement to fund grants and bursaries. The money will be divided into 56 bursaries worth \$500 each, and an additional two worth \$1,000 each. Any NAIT student can apply for these bursaries. They are based mostly on financial need, and applications are reviewed by a NAITSA committee.

During question period – which is conducted in a much more mature fashion than in Ottawa – Vice President Academic Timothy Jobs answered questions about identifying and meeting with political allies in the Legislature as the unveiling of Alberta's latest budget swiftly approaches.

On a lighter note, Vice President Campus Life Bryce Althouse reported that the New Year's ski trip to Golden, B.C. was

once again a success for NAITSA. Although apparently what happens in Golden stays in Golden.

Finally, President Geoff Tate, along with Jobs, met with representatives of NAIT regarding tuition increases and – more importantly to Tate – the potential cuts coming down the line as NAIT attempts to balance its books. Members of NAIT administration will be presenting to the Senate

information about tuition and expenses on Jan. 27 and Feb. 10.

NAITSA Senate meetings are held every other Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Check with the NAITSA office for each meeting's time and location. Your Senate rep's information is available at www.naitsa.ca, and they likely wouldn't mind if you approached them about issues near and dear to your heart.

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Linda's TechTalk

Inventing the future



LINDA HOANG
Assistant Issues Editor

Three-dimensional television, computer-equipped cars and game gloves.

This is only a tiny glimpse into the new technology that was announced at the annual Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last week.

Over 20,000 new products from more than 2,500 electronics companies were introduced at the CES, kicking off the next decade in tech with a bang.

From the most inventive to the downright pointless, the products revealed at the CES have got the world buzzing.

Here are just some of the inventions that you should be seeing over the next few months.

1. 3-D TV

Major TV manufacturers Sony, Samsung, LG and Panasonic have unveiled their upcoming lineup of advanced 3-D television monitors. No longer an enticing feature solely kept

in the movie theatre realm, 3-D will be coming to a home theatre near you, and soon.

2. Internet car dashboards

As if drivers aren't distracted enough in their vehicles, car companies like Ford Motors revealed a lineup of new car dashboards that will come fully functional with on-the-road access to Facebook, Twitter and online streaming radio. Kind of cool? Yes. Dangerously distracting? Extremely, despite reports that all the functions will be hands-free.

3. Glove game controller

The Peregrine Gesture Glove will let you game like you've never gamed before. Peregrine reports that the innovative glove gives "a more immersive user experience." With a simple touch of two fingers, players are promised a faster-than-ever gaming experience.



geeky-gadgets.com

Glove game controller. Faster than ever?

4. The "unbreakable phone" (that broke)

Dubbed the "unbreakable phone," Sonim, the maker of the world's toughest phones, presented their latest "built-for-life" XP3 Quest Pro at this year's CES. CNET.com writes that the phone survived being dropped 14.5 feet onto a concrete floor and having a nail hammered into its screen. Downside? The phone's screen actually did end up breaking after quite a bit of torture by a BBC reporter. Also, built-for-life or not, the unbreakable phone is pretty bulky and ugly.



FreedomLab

A 3-D television monitor

5. Transparent laptops

The Huffington Post reports that Samsung revealed a semi-transparent laptop at the CES. You can essentially see through the laptop monitor. Definitely an eye-catcher but really, what's the point?

6. Other themes and notable tech from this year's CES

There's green technology in the form of hydrogen-gas batteries and solar-chargers; a ton of upcoming e-readers; touch-screen tablet style computers; the introduction of Sprint's 4G wireless mobile network and much more.

All in all, the revelation of all these technologic goodies brings me nothing but excitement. I'm excited to see these gadgets rolled out in Canada. I'm excited to get my hands on them. And I'm excited for the tech talk to come, thanks to these newly announced electronic innovations.

Wildrose Alliance Party primer



Politically Speaking
By **RYAN FLAHERTY**
Issues Editor

Don't look now, but Alberta's political landscape is in the midst of some big changes. That growing rumble you may have heard over the past year or two is the steadily increasing momentum of the upstart Wildrose Alliance Party, which threatens to wrestle power from the grip of the Progressive Conservatives, who have held it for nearly 40 years. Many Albertans feel it's a matter of when, not if, the Alliance takes over the premier's office.

But where did this party come from? And why has it grown in popularity at such a rapid rate? Here's a Coles Notes history to bring you up to speed.

The Wildrose Alliance was formed in January, 2008 after two small conservative parties, the Wildrose Party of Alberta and the Alberta Alliance Party, agreed to merge. The two parties felt that since they shared similar political ideals, they stood a better chance of challenging the Conservatives in the March, 2008 election by banding together. The

party's only sitting MLA, Paul Hinman, was appointed as its first leader and the Wildrose Alliance was off and running.

Like many infant parties, the Alliance experienced its share of growing pains. Their president resigned, and pre-election polls indicated the party had the support of only six per cent of voters. In fact, what many experts perceived as a growing backlash against the ruling PCs never translated into results at the polls. The Conservatives actually increased their number of seats in the Legislature, Hinman narrowly lost his seat, and some felt the Wildrose Alliance would take the hint and fade into the background. Instead, the party spent the next year or so building a comprehensive platform and strategizing about how it could drum up support throughout the province.

Last April, Hinman announced he would step down as leader, stating he had always intended to serve on an interim basis. At the party's leadership convention in June, three candidates announced their candidacy; and in October, former Canadian Federation of Independent Business provincial director Danielle Smith was elected. In the meantime, Hinman won a byelection in the constituency of Calgary-Glenmore, and suddenly the Wildrose Alliance was back in the game.

Since Smith's election as leader, support for the party

has grown at an increasingly rapid rate. In early November they had already risen to 28 per cent support in the polls, and by year's end they had overtaken the PCs with 39 per cent support. Just a couple of weeks ago, on January 4, Smith announced that two sitting Conservative party members, Rob Anderson and Heather Forsyth, had crossed the legislative floor and joined the Wildrose Alliance. The party now holds more seats in the Legislature than the NDP, and has up to three years to continue building momentum before the next provincial election.

Smith's vision is that of a "mainstream, big tent, centre-right" party which is a credible alternative for conservative voters.

Upon being elected, she said: "Every 30 or 40 years, we get tired of the government that's in power and we sweep them out and we look to a new alternative. I think we have an opportunity to catch one of those historic waves."

It's too early to say just yet, but she just might be in that proverbial right place at the right time. The interesting thing to see will be this: if the Wildrose Alliance party does indeed get elected in the not-too-distant future, what impact will it have on the life of the average Albertan?

Stay tuned, folks. This one's just getting interesting.

Next week: Doin' the Cabinet Shuffle.



Danielle Smith
Right place, right time?

OPINION

— Editorial —

Lessons via Haiti



CHRIS CARMICHAEL-POWELL
Editor-in-Chief

Every few years there is an unfortunate event that shakes the world in ways we least expect. In 2001, we stared terrorism in the face with the attack on the World Trade Centre. New Orleans fell victim to a hurricane that left thousands homeless, hungry or dead. Most recently, rating 7.0 on the Richter scale, an earthquake of massive propor-

tions ripped through one of the world's poorest nations. To date, this devastating disaster has left over 500,000 Haitian people without shelter, an additional 72,000 dead, and a country without food, electricity or running water.

Nations from around the world have flooded Haiti with monetary support, and countless governments have provided manpower to help with relief efforts. As of yesterday, \$210 million has been donated to the Haiti relief efforts, and the number is growing daily. Churches, schools, communities, governments and individuals have all united to help a country in need.

Miracle baby

Tuesday night I was watching the news as they pulled out a baby that had been trapped in the rubble for five days. Immediately health workers from three different countries surrounded the young girl, who was no larger than my arm. The child was placed on medication and given something to re-hydrate her, and she lived. Imagine losing your child under a ton of debris and five days later having a foreign health worker tell you that your baby girl has been found and she's going to be OK.

That's amazing! In a time of mourning I find it inspirational to see the world come together to resolve an issue that doesn't affect everyone. Too many times these days we hear about war and terrorism. It is nice to hear about unity for a change. It's nice to recognize that sometimes empathy and compassion can extend beyond our borders and reach out to a place that has next to nothing. The only return on investment people will see is the satisfaction in knowing they did something to help a cause — that is true generosity.

On the other hand, it's upsetting to know it takes a disaster of such magnitude to create an international response. Imagine the change we could make on the international stage if we always allocated resources in such a way and focused on a problem that didn't reside in Afghanistan for once.

What does it take?

According to the United Nations, world hunger could be solved at a total cost of \$30 billion. I understand \$200 million is a far cry from \$30 billion, but if the world can produce \$200 million in only seven days, who knows what could be done in a year. Crises are happening every day, every moment, in every country. People in our very own streets are freezing, hungry and dying; what are we doing to help that cause? Why is it necessary for a country to fall apart before society is willing to acknowledge a disaster? Disasters, both big and small, are still disasters, it shouldn't matter where, or how, they happen.

A 7.0 on the Richter scale is going to shake up any country, big, small, rich or poor. Disaster response programs are now becoming common in our culture, but it's not the same everywhere. We're blessed to live in a country with a solid infrastructure and stable government. Let's not take this for granted. We get so caught up in our daily lives that we forget how important it is to lend a helping hand to people who need it. It doesn't need to be in the form of money to Haiti, but I think it is important for the people who reap the benefits of our society do something to pay society back. When you go home tonight look in the mirror and ask yourself — what have I done lately?



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SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men back on track

By DOUG YEARWOOD

This weekend was circled on the calendar at the start of second semester for the NAIT Oaks men's basketball team.

Going into the past weekend's action, NAIT (13-3) only had one win on the MacEwan Griffins (10-4), with Grant Mac having two games in hand. For coach Don Phillips and the rest of his boys, the weekend almost could have been considered a must win.

The Oaks looked great right from the get go, showing a hard work ethic and quick ball movement throughout the game's entirety. MacEwan's star guard, Greg Frankson was held to only six points when he and the rest of the Griffins squad was sized up against the very formidable NAIT Oaks.

Leading the charge for NAIT on Friday was Shane Reece, who dropped 13 points while collecting nine rebounds. Dan Perepeluk was limited to only 18 minutes of playing time but was still able to put in an honest effort on both sides of the court.

He put seven points in the bucket, with two of those coming off a monstrous dunk, and also grabbed six rebounds. The Oaks were able to finish off the Griffins 71-60.

Saturday was another toughly contested game that saw the NAIT men's team come out on top of MacEwan's in their own barn. Despite shooting only 30 per cent in the first half and being down by eight, the Oaks rallied triumphantly in the second half, dumping 51 points throughout the remainder of the competition.

Chris Neptune put forth a strong game and was able to win the Player of the Game award after posting an impressive 17 points

in 25 minutes of playing time. Cox, who is averaging 15.9 points per game, also had a stellar game with 16 points and four rebounds.

The past weekend has now re-identified the Oaks as the powerhouse in the ACAC, placing them atop the division (and No. 10 in Canada), and if things keep rolling the way they have, no one will be surprised to see a first round matchup with Lethbridge (currently sitting fourth in the South).

"Though we are happy to be back as the No. 1 Team in the ACAC North division, we cannot start to smell the roses before they

blossom," said Phillips.

"It is gratifying to see us regroup, refocus and respond to the second semester challenges of a very tough league."

The boys now look forward to next weekend's games, when they go on the road to take on a struggling Grande Prairie men's team. They then return home on the 28th to fight the Lakeland College Rustlers in the usual home and home series.



Photos by Jamie Anderson-Reid

Ook Rodel Grenaway shoots against the MacEwan Griffins Friday at the NAIT gym.

Athletes of the week

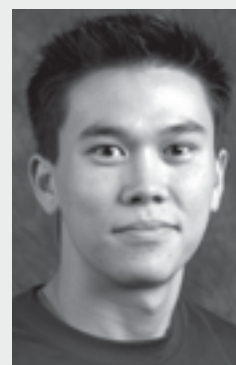
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Katie Seys
Volleyball



Katie was a true leader on and off the court this past weekend and helped lead her team to two victories over Briercrest. She had 33 kills, three stuff blocks, four service aces and 22 digs in the two matches and was selected player of the game in both matches. "Katie showed tremendous leadership, which helped us win two on the road," said head coach Keith Lundgren. Katie is a fifth-year player from London, Ontario and is in her second year of the Dental Technology program.

Joey Vandervet
Badminton



Joey is proving that he is among the top college badminton players in the country and this past weekend was no exception. Joey teamed up with partner Sinead Cheah and they won their sixth consecutive college mixed-doubles tournament dating back to last season. Joey, a second year Ook and defending mixed-doubles national champion, also finished second in men's singles. "Joey continues to win tournaments for us and is turning into a real team leader," said head coach Jordan Richey. "It is scary to think how good he could become." Joey is a first year Medical Radiology student from Brantford, Ontario.



The action is hot under the basket Friday.

BADMINTON



NAIT photo

Romulo Yamsuan during last weekend's tournament at Concordia.

WOMENS VOLLEYBALL

A lofty goal

By **TAYLOR POLLMANN**
Sports Editor

The lady Ooks volleyball team at NAIT is planning on winning a medal at this year's ACAC provincial championships, which is conveniently being held at cross-town Grant MacEwan University.

The tournament takes place Feb. 26-28 this year.

"That's the plan, our goal is to medal and that is what we are going to do. We are on the right track," commented head coach Keith Lundgren.

If the team was to medal at this year's edition of the provincials, it would be the first team in NAIT women's volleyball history to achieve the honour.

The team now sits in the freshly formed North/South Division that saw the top teams from each conference siphoned into the Provincial division. With everything starting from the get-go again, the team has already stated the win/lose ratio they would like to finish the season with.

"Eight and two is what we are hoping for our record and that is the mindset right now," said Lundgren.

The team will try to reach their lofty goal behind the raw offence of Katie Seys, a standout fifth-year athlete and Dental Technology student from London, Ontario.

Seys sits first in the division in kills with an average of 3.53 kills per game. Kimberly Bolin also sits sixth in the division in kills with two per game. The defence isn't too shabby either as Tayler Smith is third in digs with an impressive 3.38 per game.

The Ooks hit the hardwood on Jan. 22 and 23 as they face Keyano who currently sit fourth in the division. The next time fans will actually be able to watch the Ooks play however, is Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. against Lakeland College. NAIT students are able to get in free to all Ooks home games and are only charged around \$3 at away games. This is a great opportunity to see a high level of volleyball in the city at an economically friendly price.

Taking a swing at the standings



TAYLOR POLLMANN
Sports Editor

Over the holiday break, NAIT's badminton team travelled to Hawaii to compete in the Honolulu Open during the first four days of 2010. The change of scenery seemed to do the team some good.

Fresh off their trip, the NAIT badminton team returned to competition in top form. This past weekend at Concordia, the team put forward a strong showing and finished second in the tournament, right behind the hosting Thunder.

However, they sit in first place in the ACAC standings with a commanding lead of 601 points, compared to the second place Thunder with 525.

Individually, the team's members performed just as well.

NAIT's Joey Vandervet and Jonathan Chang finished second and fourth respectively in the men's singles. The women fared

the same as once again Natalie Neumann and Sun Yang finished second and fourth. The most impressive result, however, was the tag team doubles squad of Jonathan Chang and Romy Yamsuan.

The pair finished first overall in the men's doubles and have positioned themselves perfectly to compete for the ACAC Championship and are considered by many as the favourites to win it all.

NAIT's coach Jordan Richey was especially pleased with his team's recent success.

"The team was faced with some adversity this week and the coaching staff was pleased to see how the players responded," he said.

Next on the team's calendar is the singles ACAC Championship and Nationals qualifying in Red Deer that takes place Feb. 6 and 7.

"While they didn't win the tournament this weekend, the team remains confident heading into the final two tournaments," Richey commented.

Let's hope that this holds true, as NAIT will try to once again to earn another banner to hang from the rafters and take their place in the proud history of NAIT athletics.

On completion of the ACAC Championships, the Nationals will be hosted this year right on NAIT's main campus.

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Canada speeds toward gold



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Jeremy Wotherspoon

In a sport that has had a long-standing tradition of excellence in Canada, a medal in Vancouver would mean significantly more. In the first Olympics held in our country since 1988, the Canadian Speed Skating Team is gearing towards finishing on top of the podium. Leading that surge will be two familiar faces from past Olympics – Cindy Klassen and Jeremy Wotherspoon. Klassen, a winner of five medals in Turin, will aim to get back to world-class form after suffering an injury that took her out of training for a year and a half. This task should be made easier knowing that the entire country will be behind her. Klassen is already the most decorated Canadian Olympian ever!

Jeremy Wotherspoon is aiming for a breakout Olympics that will forever silence the critics that surround him. The pride of Red Deer will aim to win the gold medal that has evaded



Cindy Klassen with the five medals she won at the 2006 Olympics.

him all these years due to various setbacks and injuries. Clara Hughes will also be fighting to defend her gold medal from Turin in the 5000m and maybe even earn her first medal in the 3000m.

Two skaters that are looked at as the future and the present of Canadian speed skating are Christine Nesbitt and Kristina Groves. Nesbitt has experienced a banner year on and off the ice and has a legitimate chance of walking away with the gold in three of the four events in which she is entered. Groves will also be a contender at the Games, as she won a whopping five medals in the 2008 World Championships. It may be asking a lot however, to expect the same results while competing on the

World's biggest stage. Combine that with the pressure of racing in front of her home fans and you may see a drop of in her medal count.

Experts are saying this may be Canada's strongest speed skating team ever sent to an Olympic games. If this holds true, the team could be extremely helpful in putting Canada closer to their goal of "owning the podium." Combined with the raw skills of the athletes and the determination to become the first Canadian to ever win a gold medal on home soil, we could be in for two weeks of pure excitement. Speed skating starts Saturday, Feb. 13 at the games and concludes two weeks later on Friday.

Unknown world

By **LYNDON SUVANTO**

When someone tells you that they play team handball, you probably have not heard of the sport, let alone the world that's within the sport. Though uncommon in Canada, team handball has grown massively in the past decade.

From humble beginnings as an "underground" sport here in Canada, the expansion and advancements in team handball are impressive. In April 2010, the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association will be introducing team handball on a two-year trial basis. This will allow the sport to emerge "out of the basement" and hopefully begin to reach the level it currently occupies around the world.

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The Edmonton Team Handball League has also been expanding with men's and women's leagues, and divisions in both senior (all ages) and junior (U-21). The introduction of club teams from Onoway, Calgary and Saskatchewan have allowed the next generation of Canadian handball players to emerge. Locations where the games take place include Commonwealth Stadium, the University of Alberta and Strathcona Chris-

tian Alliance Church in Sherwood Park.

More than just a game

Besides the thrill of fast-paced competition one finds in the game, the relationships that develop among people within the handball realm are very strong and friendships created may last lifetimes. The easy ability to meet people and the overall welcome feeling in the handball world is something you may not experience elsewhere. Though some strong rivalries do exist, the handball community tends to treat one another with respect.

In Alberta today, the possibility of travel is very high. Several teams, both male and female, have travelled across the globe meeting new and exciting people, seeing sights one could only imagine and gaining personal skills and experience along the way.

The connection to the handball scene is also apparent at NAIT. Several current and former Alberta provincial team players have studied at NAIT, including Ryan Klause, an Instrumentation Engineering Technology graduate. Who knows, some of your friends may currently be in the system, all you have to do is ask.



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ACAC Standings

MEN'S HOCKEY											
Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts		
Mount Royal ...	20	17	17	2	0	1	101	53	35		
SAIT	20	16	16	3	0	1	122	51	33		
Concordia.....	20	13	13	6	0	1	92	63	27		
Augustana	20	10	9	9	0	1	87	93	21		
NAIT	20	9	9	10	0	1	95	74	19		
Portage	20	6	6	14	0	0	70	90	12		
MacEwan.....	20	4	4	16	0	0	57	123	8		
Briercrest	20	2	2	15	1	1	49	126	6		
RESULTS											
Jan. 15											
MRU 5, NAIT 4; Augustana 3, Briercrest 2 (OT); Portage 4, SAIT 3; Concordia 9, MacEwan 4											
Jan. 16											
MRU 6, NAIT 4; Augustana 4, Briercrest 0; SAIT 5, Portage 3; Concordia 8, MacEwan 2											

WOMEN'S HOCKEY										
Team	GP	W	RW	L	OTL	TIE	GF	GA	Pts	
SAIT	15	9	7	5	1	0	39	37	19	
NAIT	15	8	7	4	1	2	42	35	19	
Mount Royal ...	14	7	7	5	1	1	37	34	16	
Red Deer	15	5	3	7	1	2	27	26	13	
MacEwan.....	15	5	5	8	1	1	25	38	12	
RESULTS										
Jan. 14										
RDC 4, SAIT 0										
Jan. 15										
SAIT 3, RDC 2										
Jan. 16										
NAIT 3, MacEwan 1										
Jan. 17										
NAIT 7, MacEwan 2										

MEN'S BASKETBALL							
North Division							
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
NAIT	16	13	3	26	1457	1165	
MacEwan	14	10	4	20	1224	998	

Concordia	14	10	4	20	1222	1025
Lakeland	16	10	6	20	1374	1250
Augustana	16	5	11	10	1291	1395
King's	16	5	11	10	1176	1365
Grande Prairie	16	1	15	20	945	768
South Division						
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
Mount Royal	12	9	3	18	1048	849
SAIT	12	9	3	18	919	794
Red Deer	12	9	3	18	1034	930
Lethbridge	12	5	7	10	978	989
Briercrest	12	2	10	4	922	1165
Medicine Hat	12	2	10	4	873	1047

RESULTS						
Jan. 14						
Lakeland 98, Augustana 82						
Jan. 15						
NAIT 71, MacEwan 60; RDC 77, Briercrest 74						
King's 78, GPRC 73; SAIT 76, MRU 75						
Lethbridge 94, Medicine Hat 66						
Jan. 16						
NAIT 76 - MacEwan 71; King's 97, GPRC 54						
RDC 102, Briercrest 78; MRU 80, SAIT 54						
Augustana 93, Lakeland 85						
Lethbridge 83, Medicine Hat 66						

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL						
North Division						
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
King's	16	14	2	28	1031	860
Concordia	14	13	1	26	1075	682
MacEwan	14	10	4	20	863	793
Grande Prairie	16	8	8	16	969	995
Augustana	16	5	11	10	997	1110
Lakeland	16	3	13	6	957	1122
NAIT	16	1	15	2	845	1181
South Division						
Team	G	W	L	Pts	PF	PA
SAIT	12	11	1	22	987	640
Lethbridge	12	11	1	22	971	784

Medicine Hat	12	5	7	10	782	885
Red Deer	12	5	7	10	677	791
Mount Royal	12	4	8	8	780	826
Briercrest	12	0	12	0	629	900

RESULTS						
Jan. 14						
Augustana 70, Lakeland 51						
Jan. 15						
MacEwan 74, NAIT 59; King's 61, GPRC 48;						
Lethbridge 93, Medicine Hat 73;						
SAIT 76, MRU 54; RDC 57, Briercrest 51						
Jan. 16						
MacEwan 66, NAIT 52; SAIT 86, MRU 51						
King's 57, GPRC 50; RDC 49, Briercrest 40;						
Augustana 82, Lakeland 71;						
Lethbridge 90, Medicine Hat 73;						

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL						
Provincial Division						
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
Red Deer	4	4	0	12	3	8
Mount Royal	4	3	1	11	6	6
SAIT	4	3	1	11	6	6
Grande Prairie	4	2	2	8	7	4
King's	4	0	4	2	12	0
MacEwan	4	0	4	2	12	0

North/South Division						
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	Pts
Lethbridge	2	2	0	6	2	4
Medicine Hat	2	2	0	6	3	4
NAIT	2	1	1	4	4	2
Briercrest	2	1	1	4	4	2
Keyano	2	0	2	3	6	0
Lakeland	2	0	2	2	6	0

RESULTS						
Jan. 15						
Briercrest 3, NAIT 1 (25-18, 26-25, 25-19, 25-22)						
Lethbridge 3, Lakeland 1						
(25-21 26-28 25-20 25-22)						
RDC 3, MacEwan 1 (23-25, 25-19, 25-22, 25-16)						
SAIT 3, MRU 2 (21-25,25-13,25-16,25-27,18-16)						

GPRC 3, King's 1 (20-25, 25-23, 25-22, 25-23)
Jan. 16
NAIT 3, Briercrest 1
Lethbridge 3, Lakeland 1
(22-25, 25-14, 25-14, 25-20)
GPRC 3, King's 0 (25-20,25-23,29-27)
MRU 3, SAIT 2
(25-21, 16-25, 20-25, 25-23, 15-6)
RDC 3, MacEwan 0 (25-16, 25-13, 25-18)

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL					
Provincial Division					
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL Pts
Red Deer	4	3	1	10	3 6
Mount Royal	4	3	1	10	5 6
SAIT	4	3	1	9	7 6
MacEwan	4	1	3	5	10 2
Grande Prairie	4	1	3	5	10 2
King's	4	1	3	7	11 2

North/South Division					
Team	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL Pts
Lakeland	2	2	0	6	1 4
NAIT	2	2	0	6	3 4
Medicine Hat	2	1	1	5	4 2
Keyano	2	1	1	4	5 2
Briercrest	2	0	2	3	6 0
Lethbridge	2	0	2	1	6 0

RESULTS					
January 15					
NAIT 3, Briercrest 2					
(22-25, 27-25, 20-25, 25-17, 15-7)					
Lakeland 3, Lethbridge 0 (25-19 25-21 25-13)					
RDC 3, MacEwan 0 (28-26, 26-24, 25-18)					
SAIT 3, MRU 1 (21-25, 25-19, 25-18, 25-21)					
GPRC 3, King's 1 (25-27, 25-20, 25-23, 25-11)					
Jan. 16					
NAIT 3, Briercrest 1					
(29-27, 19-25, 25-21, 26-24)					
Lakeland 3, Lethbridge 1 (25-27, 25-21, 25-23, 25-19)					
King's 3, GPRC 2 (25-22, 25-16, 14-25, 21-25, 15-12)					
MRU 3, SAIT 0 (25-13, 25-17, 25-14)					
MacEwan 3, RDC 1 (19-25, 25-21, 25-23, 25-22)					

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Will Oilers fall for Hall?

By DOUG YEARWOOD

It's something Oiler fans have only dreamt about in recent years, although they've come tantalizingly close on numerous occasions.

The City of Champions has won five Stanley Cups, but in recent years it seems the attention has shifted towards winning that coveted top draft pick. With the lack of effort abundant, and with players more worried about no line, no cover at Oil City, the results are no scoring, and no winning, although I can't say that I wouldn't be drinking after all the games myself.

Sure, we've come close to saving our franchise in the past, with picks like Sam Gagner, the illustrious Steve Kelly, Boyd Devereaux, and who could forget Jason Bonsignore ... OK, so our Top 10 picks in the past haven't worked out so far, but this one is a no brainer!



Oiler fans should all hop on the "Fall for Hall" bandwagon.

For those who aren't aware, Taylor Hall is an 18-year-old man-beast from the Ontario Hockey League who has been on the NHL's radar for the past three years. When he was 16 and in his rookie season, he posted 45 goals and 84 points in only 63 games, opening the eyes of pro scouts all around the world. After being a late cut from Team Canada in his sophomore junior season, Hall posted 90 points in 63 games, and began to show a mean streak, boasting 60 PIMs. This year in only 37 games, "The Saviour" has 67 points.

In other words, the guy can play. Sure, Sam Gagner posted nearly those same exact stats in his junior career, but Hall has no choice but to excel with all the media pressure on him. Why not add some heat to the pressure cooker by placing him on a rebuilding Canadian team with diehard fans, and asking him to single handedly rebuild the Oiler franchise. It doesn't seem insurmountable — just look at the top picks of years past in similar situations: Crosby, Tavares, Nash, Fleury and Stamkos. Same crap, different pile. All I'm saying is it's sad as an Oiler fan when you'd rather tune in to an episode of *Jersey Shore* than the game, if only to feel some sense of excitement.

If the Oilers have dreams of hoisting that sixth banner in Rexall Place, there are no other options; trade the team and place faith squarely on the shoulders of Taylor Hall, for his arrival is almost here.



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Taylor Hall has been on the NHL's radar for the last three years.

Two proposals in two nights



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Sidney Crosby
A magnet for fans

By ADAM KAMARA

Jan. 14 was a special night at Rexall Place, with superstars of past and present coming together for pre-game ceremonies. Two superstars of note were, of course, two of the best hockey players in the NHL: Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. Another was a Canadian mainstay for the past 77 days, the Olympic Torch.

The torch was carried in by former Olympians, Olympic gold medallists prior to the 2002 games, the Edmonton Mercury and ended with two Edmonton area Canadian Women's Hockey Team members — goalie Shannon Szabados and defenceman Meaghan Mikkelson. The atmosphere at Rexall just felt different than it had in months.

The main reason the crowd was filing in was to see Sidney Crosby, the captain of the defending Stanley Cup Champion Pittsburgh Penguins.

Game time was 7:30 p.m. and half of Rexall Place was filled by 6:15 just to watch the pre-game warmup.

At first glance around the stands, it seemed as though this was a home game back in the Igloo for the Penguins; with vintage and current Penguins jerseys out-numbering Oilers jerseys.

When the game started, Rexall was quiet with anticipation of what would be pulled out of the bag of tricks by Sidney Crosby and the cast of the Penguins. Yet the awe-inspired crowd waited until the second period for something to liven them up.

The crowd got their excitement, but from an

unusual source of late. The first goal of the game came early in the second from centre Andrew Cogliano.

More than half way through the second, Edmonton added to their lead with a goal from Lubomir Visnovsky to make it 2-0 Oilers.

Crosby had yet to make his mark in the game with the Oilers playing a shut down defensive game that had not been seen since the start of the year, and the game had the making of an upset.

Everything collapsed in the third period for the Oilers as the Penguins stormed back with the supporting cast taking over.

Jordan Staal catalyzed the comeback three minutes into the third assisting on a goal by Tyler Kennedy, which was greeted by cheers from the crowd.

Staal worked his magic once again, on the power play this time, setting up Matt Cooke for the tying goal, deflating the Oilers fans.

This is a similar disappointing trend to the Oilers season, as they gave up the lead, capped off by another Staal assist on a goal by Pascal Dupuis, to put the game away for good.

Crosby's second game at Rexall was a bit disappointing for his fans, as the youngest player to captain a Stanley Cup team did not register a single point. He did however, for the second night in a row, walk away with a marriage proposal from a fan, as man dressed up in a wedding dress held a sign asking Sid the Kid to marry him.



Who will prevail?



Jets coach Rex Ryan
Saying all the right things

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By **ADAM KAMARA**

The divisional playoff matchups wrapped up this past weekend, proving that rest is key to winning.

In the NFC, the New Orleans Saints steamrolled the Arizona Cardinals 45-14 in a matchup that pitted two prolific offenses. Reggie Bush had a coming out party with 217 all-purpose yards and two touchdowns. Arizona's quarterback Kurt Warner was knocked out of the game with three minutes left in the first half, and later returned in the second but was still unable to cue the comeback for his team.

The game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Dallas Cowboys pitted the 40-year-old Brett Favre and the boy who grew up idolizing him, Tony Romo, against each other. The Vikings demolished the Cowboys – who were touted as the hottest team in the NFL – with ease 34-3, getting to Romo early, and often. For the first time in his playoff career, Favre threw four touchdowns.

In the AFC, the Indianapolis Colts shook their perennial first playoff game loss, beating the Baltimore Ravens 20-3. The bye week was not a roadblock for NFL MVP Peyton Manning and his Colts as they put away the game before half-time.

Sunday night's game was between the San Diego Chargers, winners of 11 straight to end the season, and the underrated New York Jets. The Jets, with the best defence in the league, stifled the Chargers, who bow out once again early in the NFL playoffs. Chargers kicker Nate Kaeding missed three field goals despite being one of the more accurate kickers in the league.

AFC Championship game
The New York Jets

visit the Indianapolis Colts in a rematch of the Week 16 game where the Jets won 29-15. In that regular season matchup, the Colts played a tight game in the first half but decided to pull their starters in a controversial move by rookie head coach Jim Caldwell. The pursuit

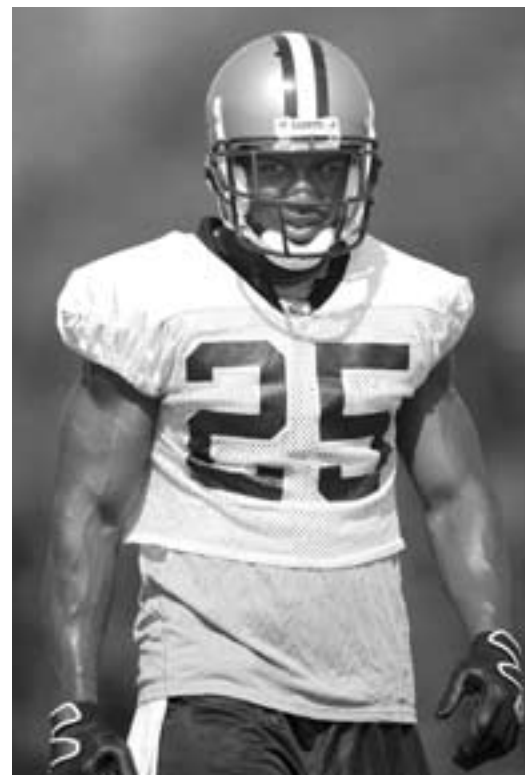
of perfection was not a priority after already locking up home field advantage. The decision of rest paid off as the Colts won their first game following a bye week after coming up short in previous seasons.

The Jets keep rising with head coach Rex Ryan saying all the right things. He has the team believing they are favourites to win the Superbowl. With the leadership of Darrelle Revis on defence and rookie Mark Sanchez emerging as a very capable quarterback in the NFL, the Jets provide the Colts with a formidable foe.

NFC Championship game

This is the first meeting of the Minnesota Vikings and the New Orleans Saints this season. The Saints went for perfection in the regular season but were stopped short in Week 15 by the Dallas Cowboys, the same team that was disposed of in the playoffs by the Vikings. The offensive juggernaut that came into the playoffs on a three-game losing streak looks to bring the same game that allowed them to manhandle the Arizona Cardinals.

The Vikings and their dominating defence enter this game coming off a successful beating of the Cowboys forcing three fumbles, an interception and sacking Tony Romo six times. Brett Favre continues to show age is nothing but a number, and keeps improving himself as the years go on with career-best statistics.



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Coming out party



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Emerging as a capable quarterback

ENTERTAINMENT

Adult film of the week

Lesbians on film



COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

Even in a relatively homophobic society, it's interesting how obsessed males are with girl-on-girl action. From the smutty "Girl's Gone Wild" phenomenon to Katy Perry's hit, *I Kissed A Girl* to sexpot Megan Fox admitting that she loves to sleep with women, men can't help but love seeing women help themselves to a little piece of pussy pie.

But why are men so fascinated with watching a couple of carpet munchers go at it? Is it the fact that they get turned off by seeing a well-endowed man pounding the living daylight out of a porn star's kitten? Erik, a student at the University of Alberta thinks that, "the female form is visually pleasing. Lesbian porn doubles the eye candy for men to enjoy. Why have one set of amazing breasts when you can have two?"

More realistic

He also believes that the pleasure experienced by these ladies is more realistic because "women know more about their vaginas than men. Let's be honest, the vagina is a complicated thing. As men, we only have a vague understanding of what feels good, what might be too much pressure or what hurts."

Well, even though a female may know more about where their clitoris is located and what to do with it when the pink canoe is staring you right in the face than a male does, it doesn't necessarily mean that I'm going to run to my nearest girlfriend for a little oral pleasure, and even though it may seem like all men love watching multiple vaginas go at it, some like to see a little penetration from time to time. As Jack so eloquently put it on the British television series *Couples*, "Porn wise, lesbians are like a jam sandwich without the sandwich and just the jam."

It's evident how the majority of men feel about watching lesbians smashing



their privates together, but what about our female counterparts? How do they feel about lesbian porn? When researching this article, I found countless articles and blogs written by women who are obsessed with pussy porn. In fact, I recently had a girlfriend tell me that she loves watching lesbian porn and sometimes fantasizes that a woman is going down when she has her boyfriend between her legs.

It's obvious that women are more openly bisexual than men, perhaps because society is a little more lenient towards girl-on-girl action as opposed to a loving sword fight between two males. Just look around the next time you're in a club; there's always the token "lesbians" making out somewhere amongst a group of men. Hell, I've even fallen victim to the "let's kiss my girlfriend because I'm drunk" debauchery, and I have to say, it was kind of fun.

Relatively mainstream

I think it's safe to say that lesbian porn is considered relatively mainstream, and unless one chick is fingering another with dagger-like fingernails, it can be pretty hot. There's always girl-on-girl action in adult movies, and hopefully one-day guy-on-guy-action will become a little trendier, because I'm sure there are some guys imagining men polishing their rods as their beloved girlfriends go down on them.

With that being said, if you're looking for some hot lesbian action, Juicy Entertainment's *Lipstick Lesbian Party* and *Hot Lesbian Attraction* are among my personal favourites, but that doesn't make me a lesbian, not that there's anything wrong with that.



FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE ...

\$3.99 mix-tape

By KYLE GALLIVER

Since this is my first time contributing something to the Nugget, I was a little nervous. I spent all weekend trying to come up with a theme for this week's "mix-tape" that was original, and would still yield an interesting playlist. I found some inspiration in what I thought was an unlikely source.

After seeing a commercial for the 2010 Cadillac SRX, which featured the song "1901" by Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix, I began to wonder what other

songs car companies use in their advertising. The more I looked into it; the more interested I became. From the above mentioned Cadillac commercial to Chevrolet's old "like a rock" campaign, there are a ton of excellent songs that have been used in car ads.

So here they are, in no particular order, 11 of the best songs used in automobile commercials:

1. Wolfgang Amadeus Phoenix – "1901"
2. Kings of Leon – "Red Morning Light"

3. Shiny Toy Guns – "Major Tom"
4. Electric Light Orchestra – "Mr. Blue Sky"
5. Led Zeppelin – "Rock and Roll"
6. Toxic Airborne Event – "Wishing Well"
7. Wilco – "Sky Blue Sky"
8. Sea Wolf – "You're a Wolf"
9. Evren – "Do I Go"
10. Band of Horses – "The Funeral"
11. John Mellencamp – "Our Country"

VIRAL VIDEOS

How to fail – spectacularly!

By ALEXANDER TOSTOWARYK

It is now 2010, a brand new year for you to make yourself those false promises that this year is going to be different from last year; this year you're going to get in shape, snag that dream job or simply get laid.

Although 2009 was a year of many ups, like *Jersey Shore* airing on MTV, and downs, like Tiger Woods getting caught with his pants down. So even though your 2009 may have not been top notch, all you need to do is watch this week's viral video cleverly titled *Best Fails of 2009* to make yourself feel better.

Urbandictionary.com defines fail as "a glo-

rious lack of success" which represents this video perfectly.

Whether it's seeing a fat guy attempting to swim in a frozen lake and failing miserably or a skate-boarder jumping over some chains only to end up eating concrete, these videos will have you laughing. This video has almost one million hits and is rapidly circulating around the Internet. So grab some popcorn, snuggle up to the computer, and feel genetically superior as you watch the utter fails and feel better about your own shortfalls.

The video can be found at www.kontraband.com/videos/21013/Best-Fails-of-2009/#show.



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Another way to meet a mate



KATHY LE
Assistant Entertainment Editor

"It could be the longest or shortest three minutes of your life," says Jill Peterson, event co-ordinator for NAITSA.

No, ladies, she isn't talking about sex with your boyfriend, she's referring to the speed-dating event that took place last week at The Nest.

Tyler Daignault, from the Radio and Television program, hosted the event and started off with great optimism.

"This could be the start of a long lasting relationship," he told the audience.

"Who knows, we could turn three minutes into 30 years." The idea that a solid lasting relationship could come out of a three-minute sit down in a campus bar is a stretch, but most students who participated just did it for fun or curiosity's sake and perhaps these reasons should be the mindset going into the game.

Whether or not individuals participate for pure entertainment does not hide the desperate image that unintentionally masks them.

It's not to say that people who partake in this dating game are desperate, so don't misunderstand, it just makes them appear desperate.

Perhaps the traditional courting strategies have failed them to the point that they've had to resort to such unnatural methods.

Now, looking desperate and acting desperate are completely different. To say that every three-minute date will be fantastic and have the matches laughing or intently immersed in a compelling conversation would be a tease.

Awkward dead space that could mortifyingly last longer than a comfortable length of time, or a feeling that you're being suffocated in their presence will inevitably happen.

From personal experience, on the night of the event there was one particularly uncomfortable encounter with a male participant. First of all, a date is made up of two bodies with parts that can speak and think cognitively, not just one body with those capabilities. Silence is not a good thing. Second, practise looking in the mirror to avoid giving that "please date me look" because it's not a good look for anyone.

Finally, bringing your potential date flow-ers may increase your chances of a second and lengthier date.

Let's not rule out the possibility that a good three-minute date can't happen. Craig Stretch, a landscape architect student, was feeling quite smitten after the game. Initially, he wanted to "have fun and try something new," and said



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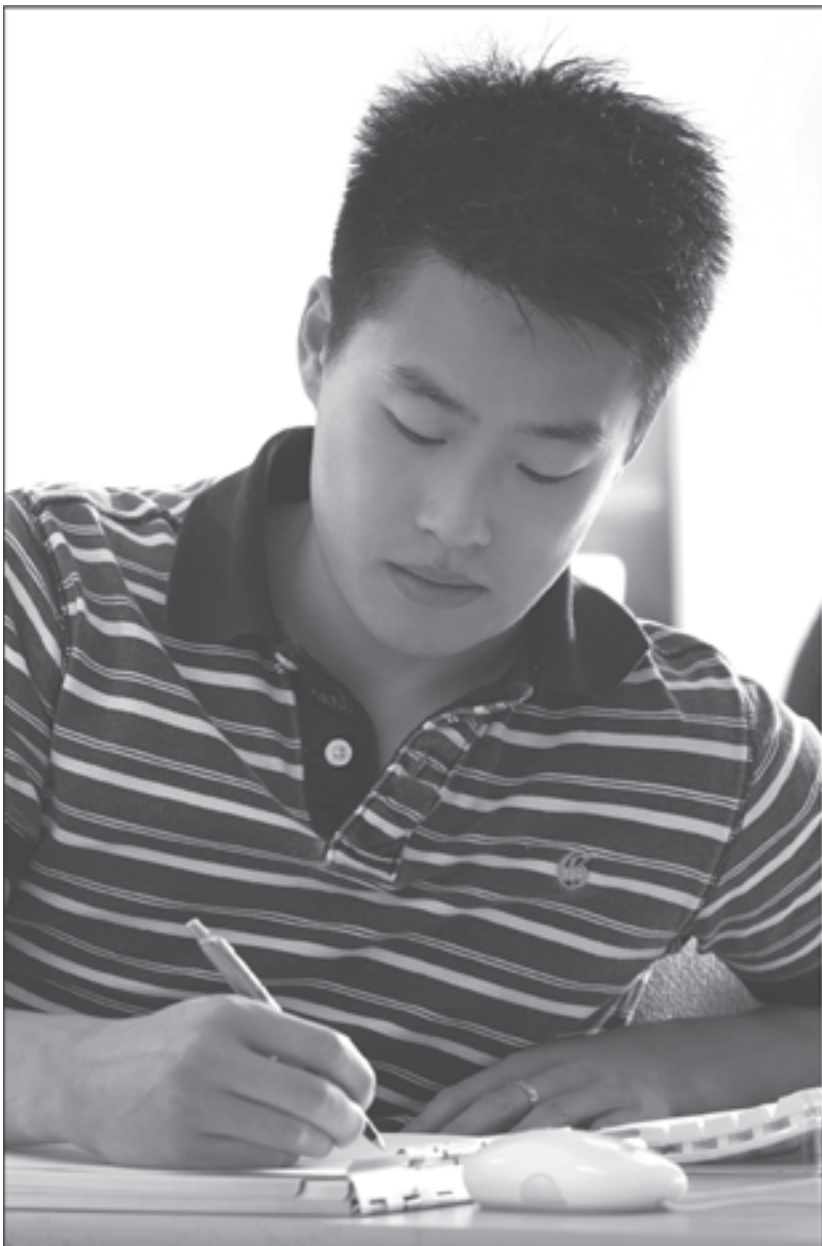
Ashleigh Munro and Craig Stretch take part in NAITSA's speed dating night at the Nest.

afterwards: "The night went really well."

In addition to the new friendships he made, the smile he had was from the thoughts of a special lady he felt he made a connection with. Let's cross our fingers that she returns these mutual feelings by writing his name on the matchmaker card. If there are matches, both parties will receive an e-mail, however, the

future of a potential relationship, romantic or friendship, will be up to them.

We cannot say with certainty that the game of speed dating is actually effective in helping people find their matches in life, but in this crazy era of dating and relationships at least we can feel reassured that it's another method that we can attempt when other ways don't work.



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Book of Eli an easy read

By GRAHAM McCANN

Take a mission from *Fallout 3*, add Denzel Washington and a Bible, and you have *The Book of Eli*.

The film tells the tale of a lone wanderer, Eli (Washington), who travels with a supposedly all problem solving book through a nuclear-war ravaged land, infested with ruthless derelicts to massacre, and where stylish sunglasses are necessary because of a hole in the ozone layer.

For those who may have fallen asleep during the other recent apocalypse film, *The Road*, this is a perfect substitute.

However, like *The Road*, this film takes a

very cynical and depressing look at humanity.

Gary Oldman plays Carnegie, the vicious leader of a small town (and one of the few people besides Eli who have the knowledge to read), who uses the lives of his moronic and delinquent goons at his disposal.

Carnegie wants the book (the last Bible in the world) because it holds the power to restore order, allowing him to build a world in which he holds absolute power, Carnegie therefore will stop at nothing to capture Eli.

Luckily however, Eli has a way with self-defence, using his skills with the machete he carries with him to brutally end confrontations

throughout the film.

He's also lucky to meet Solars (Mila Kunis), a slave of the town's leader, who is reluctantly accepted by Eli to accompany him in his journey across the United States to aid against the inevitable pursuit by Carnegie.

The acting by Washington, Oldman (as usual, when in an eccentric role), and Kunis is better than decent, and so is the direction and sun-ravaged look of the film.

It's funny that Kunis looks fantastic in a world with limited sources of water and no shampoo or makeup.

Fans of the game *Fallout*, or even *Border-*

lands, will notice a lot of the same elements in the environment of the film, and the background story of the world.

As a bonus, Malcolm McDowell, who plays the President of the United States in *Fallout 3*, also has an appearance.

All-in-all, *The Book of Eli* is somewhere between being much better than some may expect, but not as good as it could have been if taken in a more thoughtful and broad direction, without the shallow, simplistic idea of what can save humanity.



Smell the difference!

By BRIEANNA McCUTCHEON

Men of NAIT, we told you how to look good, and now we're going to teach you how to smell good! As we all know, girls are less than appreciative when it comes to boys who smell yucky. With so many wonderful scents to choose from, there is no reason to smell less than fabulous!

First of all, we have the ever so popular eau de toilette. If you're on a budget, eau de toilette is definitely the way to go. It contains more alcohol and less oil than most perfumes, making it less costly. Because eau de toilette has more alcohol, it is a lighter scent that doesn't last as long as perfume or cologne. Eau de toilette was first created as a fresh scent, used to wake people up in the morning. When looking for a scent that will last all day, try perfume or cologne. These are a little more costly than eau de toilette, however they usually last longer and smell more natural on your skin.

Gentlemen, another point to note is that cologne doesn't last forever! It tends to go bad after a few years. You might notice the colour of the cologne deepen a shade or two. This occurs from oxidation, which changes the original scent of the cologne. By replacing your cologne frequently, you will keep your scent new and fresh! When you buy that new bottle of cologne, make

sure to store it away from direct sunlight. By doing this, you can add five months to the life of your cologne, so spread your buck further and keep your cologne in a drawer and out of the heat. Let's just say this: store it as if it were a condom. You wouldn't leave a condom in your pocket for a year and then use it ... chances are it would break. So use your cologne and store it the same way condoms SHOULD be stored.



When purchasing cologne, do not buy it based on the way it smells in the bottle. This is very deceptive and is a common mistake. In order to make an educated purchase, spray the cologne on your neck or wrist. If you like the initial smell, come back the next day or in three hours. It's time consuming, but if you're really looking for the perfect scent, try it out!

Cologne and perfume dry in three different stages and it's not until the last stage that you will really know what it smells like on your skin. Depending on your skin, cologne will smell differently on everyone! Everyone's skin pH and oils are different, so don't just buy cologne because it smells good on your friend. Make sure you try it out yourself.

The next time you walk around NAIT, boys, we better not smell anything less than fabulous! Until next time ... and remember, we're watching.

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Boothe's at The Nest



COLLEEN NUC
Entertainment Editor

Never had a plan B, this is all I ever planned to be.

This Friday, NAITSA's Freeze Your Beaver is featuring one of Canada's most influential rappers, Shaun Boothe, who has received critical acclaim from top industry players such as Def Jam/Universal for his fresh and interactive approach to the hip-hop experience.

Boothe received a first place award for his inspirational video "The Reporter" in a nationwide competition, which one fan says, "brings back old school hip-hop with a story to tell. F*** all the commercial bullshit; too many sell out peddling crap to line their own pockets. This type of hip-hop is rare."

From avid hip-hop fans to suburban white kids, Shaun Boothe has the talent and the drive to captivate a diverse audience. He differen-

tiates himself from mainstream hip-hop by "pushing the envelope in the live aspect of hip-hop." Not only does he command respect once he picks up a mic, Boothe produces his own music and delivers a performance of multiple angles, keeping "your eyes, ears and mind fully engaged."

As Boothe himself puts it, "I'm not a pathfinder, I'm a trailblazer. And when you make your own lane, no one can get in your lane."

Shaun Boothe was recently commended for his biography series on Sean, Puff Daddy, Puffy D. Diddlely and John Combs. The series includes an in depth look at 12 different influential icons, including Muhammad Ali and Bob Marley. The series can be found on YouTube and one blogger states: "I swear they need to start putting stuff like this in our schools – so creative and educational."

You don't want to miss the opportunity to see Shaun Boothe's Hip-Hop in 3-D tomorrow, Jan. 22, at NAITSA's Freeze Your Beaver, 4:30 p.m. at the Nest. This will be without a doubt NAIT's best hip-hop performance to ever grace the stages of the Nest. Hip-Hop in 3-D is a "conceptual journey through the mind of a truly rare artist set to a sound track of incredible and jaw-dropping authentic hip-hop music. Hip-Hop in 3D can guarantee one thing ... You'll never SEE rap music the same again."

Spidey retools

By **ALI YUSUF and RACHEL LEES**

Tobey Maguire's web-slinging days are over. Sony and Marvel Studios announced Jan. 11 that instead of continuing the Spider-Man franchise with another sequel, they will reboot the entire series. Sam Raimi, the director of the Spider-Man films, withdrew from the project due to his doubt that he could finish the movie for the planned May 2011 deadline while keeping creative integrity throughout the movie.

Maguire said in an interview last week there was "great stuff in terms of the story and script." That's believable, since before the scrap Anne Hathaway and John Malkovich were both confirmed as newcomers for the sequel. It's safe to say that adding new love interests and villains to any trilogy with familiar characters like Spider-Man would have kept things interesting for the audience.

As of right now, no one is confirmed to take over the new project as director or star. What we do know is that the new film will re-do the original story and focus on a teenaged Peter Parker in high school. The reboot of the franchise is set for summer of 2012.

Although people all over the world have fallen in love with Raimi's Spider-Man tril-



ogy, the time has come for a change. Maybe the blow wouldn't have been so hard if Raimi and Tobey hadn't announced a fourth and fifth movie to be released. Now we are stuck with a reboot and an attempt to re-launch the character in a different direction. When approached by MTV News, even James Cameron stated that he wouldn't be interested in the reboot, saying "no, no, it's a little bit like sloppy seconds."

Raimi was able to turn this monumental comic book story into something that the whole world could enjoy (seeing as how the trilogy has made over \$2.5 billion world wide), while bringing this old-time superhero to new generations.

But all hope is not lost. With the slight disappointment of *Spider-Man 3*, and the criticism of Spider-Man not living up to the "wit" and "humour" of the comics,

some hardcore Spidey fans are looking at the reboot as a good thing. They have James Vanderbilt (*X-Men Origins: Wolverine*) lined up to write the script, and hopefully they will be able to please (again) an already solid fan base.

One thing's for sure though, the web-slinging's not over, and we should look forward to more from our friendly neighborhood Spider-Man.

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I hate going number two in public washrooms. When I absolutely have to I find the most deserted one and do about 4 courtesy flushes.

— Anonymous

What the hell? The day I come on time to class my phone goes off and I still have to owe the class doughnuts.

— Anonymous

Why do people break into cars? It's so stupid. We're all students here. I'm poor too but you don't see me breaking into some other probably just as poor person's car.

— Gimme A Break

Damn girl, why don't you wear something that actually covers up your chest. We all know those are fake anyway.

— Anonymous

To the guy who has a huge "no fat chicks" sticker on the back of his truck: You're a loser and I bet you're still a virgin.

— Fat chick 4 life

Is it just me, or does anyone else have sexual fantasies about the NAITSA president?

— Politically aroused

Who the f*\$% cut a hole behind the toilet in the women's washroom in V-Wing and

was peeking in?? You are a sick mother-f#\$%er and I hope you get your dick stuck in a garburator.

— Dirty Peeker

Dear Bros in the gym, you are very strong. Your amazing strength is apparent by your severe overuse of hair gel, excessively loud grunts and dick attitude towards those simply trying to sweat off the beer, nachos, beer and donairs from last night. But your full strength and awesomness did not become apparent until you and your boyz started a mock ufc fight and started a conversation about the epic moves you could use to beat up anyone stupid enough to look at your girl or make direct eye con-

tact. You rule.

sincerely
the dude

A message to "Colour Captain": I found your words slightly offensive. Clearly I'm willing to accept an apology because lets face it, orange is awesome. There is no better feeling than being draped in the vibrant colour of the sun. It is said that Superman's powers are replenished when the orange sun shines over him. Blue is the colour of depression. Do you like depression CC? There should be a day just for the color orange. To summarize, orange rules, Colour Captain ... drools.

— Orange Chrome

Satori Life mixes it up at The Nest

By CHRIS THOMPSON
and KENDAL GUINEY

"Satori" is a Buddhist word meaning "enlightenment," literally translated to English as "understanding."

When I first checked out Satori Life's MySpace page I was unsure of what to expect. I saw a bunch of dudes with bleached blonde hair and wondered, "hmm, could this be another stereotypical 90's rock band?" This proved to be untrue.

Most of you have probably never heard of Satori Life. Composed of four members,

Luke Miles, Taylor Hawkamel, Kyle Topping and Uncle Bill Zulak, they were the winners of the 2007 VIBE 98.5 \$100,000 Star Search, a radio station contest in Calgary. When this Calgary band took the stage, my ears instantly heard summer and pop punk mixed with reggae.

"They sound like Sublime mixed with LFO," commented Brent Parkins, one of the faces in the crowd. This is not a far stretch. I feared that they blew their musical load too soon when they played their radio worthy single "Downtown", a reggae heavy

tune second. Sublime is one of their biggest influences. This seems fit because "Badfish" by the aforementioned group, followed third suit.

A few more covers of some originals and plenty of dominating acoustic skills on the guitar followed. After a quick break, they were back, and surprisingly they had traded instruments like this was just some kind of house party jam session.

"We are just all jealous of one another and all want to be front man," explained Taylor.

The second set had a more solemn tone and a totally different sound. We are going from reggae-pop to, well, I am not sure, I would call it "progressive jam." The opus magnum was, "The Teddy Bears Picnic," the most original cover I have ever seen live. The grand finale was a shirtless accordion serenade – OK not a serenade, but an awesome accordion riff, nonetheless. This transposed into a progressive style of operatic rock and then with little recognition from the crowd, Satori Life was tearing down their set and hauling their gear. Overall it was a good show, but in order for Satori Life

to truly succeed, they need to find out who they truly are and what style of music they want to follow.

Ladies Night

We all know that in college money can be tight. We also know that social lives can be sacrificed in order to fit your new, "study, project, exam!" lifestyle. Want a great way to revive that flat-lining social life and your overworked self? Come down to The Nest every Thursday night, along with the live entertainment of Indie Nights, they are now launching a Ladies Night from 3 p.m.-9 p.m. This event means the ladies get to try the delicious caramel apple shot for only \$2.75. In addition, the wonderful staff will be handing out \$5 vouchers to any girl courageous enough to step through the doors. These vouchers can be used one at a time, or stock piled and used all at once – but only by the members of the fairer sex! The variety of drinks available will broaden based on the interest shown, so grab a friend and come enjoy some free entertainment, discounted drinks, and endless eye candy. Hopefully any dates you score aren't as cheap as your drinks!



Photo by Jamie Anderson-Reid

Luke Miles of Satori Life sings during the band's appearance at The Nest.

PB & J

By KATHY LE

Pistachio Dessert

Pistachio this and pistachio that! It's one of my favorite nuts and tastes great in desserts. Here is a great recipe for a light dessert that I can assure you will have you salivating at just the thought of it.

The Stuff:

¼ cup butter, melted
1 box of Ritz crackers
2 packets of pistachio pudding mix
2 cups of homo milk
1 litre of vanilla ice cream
1 litre of Cool Whip
Chocolate shavings

13x9 inch baking dish

The Magic:

1. Crush Ritz crackers in a blender.
2. Mix butter in with crackers, press on bottom of baking dish, and bake in 325 F oven for 10-12 minutes.
3. Cool.
4. Mix pudding mix with milk and add in vanilla ice cream.
5. Spread on top of cracker layer.
6. Top with Cool Whip.
7. Store in fridge for a day or 24 hours to firm.
8. Sprinkle chocolate shavings on top.



Linda Hoang
and
Kathy Le

Will having Ladies Night at the Nest make you go there?



"Maybe, I don't really go to the Nest."

Ben Daniel
Pre-Technology



"Yes."

Mitch Lavender
Digital Media IT



"Probably, yeah."

Jarred McGrath
Pre-Tech Accelerator



"Hell yeah I'll be there."

Mike Thompson
Pre-Tech Accelerator



"I'll probably check it out once and see how it goes after."

Aliston Lazarus
Industrial Heavy
Equipment Tech

Dr. CONwisdom

Dr. Conwisdom,

I have a friend who is going to go to the bar pretending to be blind so that he can pick up girls. Is there any way that this will work for him, and do you have any advice on how to make this more successful for him?

*Sincerely,
Friend of a dick*

Dear Dick Friend;

I'd be interested to see what part you take in all this. Are you his watchdog? Do you lead him around, working as his wingman? Either way, I'm surprised you would be friends with an asshole who can't get pussy unless he fakes a physical disability. It's sad, really. That being said, I feel as if your douchebag of a friend needs to be taught a little lesson. If I were you, I would hire a hooker with an STD to pose as a gullible college chick at your favourite watering hole. Lead your blind-sighted friend to the dirty hooker and get her to pretend that his antics are clearly working on her. The next morning, when your friend takes you out for breakfast to discuss his sex-capades in detail, drop the bomb that the college girl was in fact a hooker who is HIV positive. I bet he won't SEE that one coming!!!

Dear Dr Conwisdom,

I'm in a relationship with a guy, and don't get me wrong, I love men. However, I find that I get off thinking about women when he goes down on me and that I only like to watch girl-on-girl porn. Am I a lesbian and what should I do?

Dear Carpet Fantasy,

Obviously you are fantasizing about gay porn because your man can't satisfy you the way a female can, and everyone knows it. It doesn't mean that you are gay, it just means that

your lover is lousy in bed. Also, there is a very good possibility that your man is also having this fantasy. I suggest you and your boyfriend go out to the bar together, find a drunk floozy, take her home and have a threesome. In no way will this make you question your jealousy issues or your man's masculinity. It's a known fact that threesomes only strengthen relationships. Now go get 'em tiger!

Dear Dr Conwisdom,

I bought my first dildo and was hesitant to use it, but now that I've finally started I can't stop. It's like an addiction. It's to the point where I can't even cum while having sex with my boyfriend anymore. He now feels insufficient. Please help me get off my dildo!

Dear Good Vibrations,

Unfortunately you will never find a vibrating cock, and if you ever do, please let me know. What has happened to you is a bad case of "numb pussy." You have, for lack of better words, "vibrated" your clitoris out of any sort of feeling. One way to remedy this is next time you have sex with your man, simply place an ice cube on your lady parts until they're cold, then get your man to warm it back up. However, you must use extreme caution because your baby maker is already numb. Trust me, nobody wants to eat a frozen bologna sandwich. If

that doesn't work, you may have to resort to anal, which I'm sure you will definitely feel.

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Do you have any personal questions you want to have answered? Just send an e-mail with your concerns to conwisdom@nait.ca and your sex doctor will have your "prescription" ready for you the following week!

Poll clerks needed

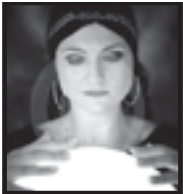
Duration: Feb. 11, 2010

Compensation: \$14/hour

- Poll clerks needed for the NAITSA Senate election polling stations on Feb. 11, 2010 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).
- Must have a strong command of the English language and have a complete and clear understanding of the democratic election process.
- All poll clerks must attend a training session on Monday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m. in E-129. All clerks will be paid to attend.
- Poll clerks must have a complete understanding of the online voting process and be comfortable in providing guidance to students.
- Apply in person at the NAITSA office, E-131 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Your horoscope



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January 14-20

(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 are a natural leader. This will come in handy when your Girl Scout

troop is trying to outrun that bear.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

People are difficult to read sometimes, but a kick to the junk is pretty hard to misinterpret. Perhaps you need a refresher on the whole “no means no” concept.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

What’s a three-letter word for “someone who is offensive to all five senses”? You.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

If you like it, then you shoulda put a ring on it. Too late now, though.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Get back in touch with an old friend this week. The scars should have faded

by now, and you can put that little band-saw incident behind you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It was inevitable. Sooner or later, someone was bound to find that ball gag in your closet.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

An apple a day keeps the doctor away, especially if you throw them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

There’s nothing wrong with watching children’s shows on TV. Breaking into Future Shop to do so, however, is another story.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Don’t be that guy who says “Megan

Fox is hot, but she has dead eyes.” Nobody likes that guy.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Try not to act surprised when the doctors tell you it’s malignant. The bloody thing is the size of a grapefruit, after all.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A GPS is a handy tool, but be forewarned: You still can’t find your ass with both hands.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your mother always warned you there’d be days like these. How she knew that they would include a cheetah attack and syphilis will remain a mystery.



TIP OF THE WEEK – FROM NAIT SECURITY SERVICES

Protecting your laptop



Laptop theft does occur. This information can provide users with an overview on how laptop theft can be prevented.

The main reason why laptops are sought by thieves is the same reason people like to use them. They are small, easily carried, powerful mobile computers that provide the user with the means to work outside of the office easily.

Of course, not all laptop thefts are committed in an attempt to grab valuable property, some thefts are to gain the proprietary information stored on the laptop itself. According to some research, approximately 10 per cent to 15 per cent of laptops stolen are taken with intent to sell the data.

Given the risk of laptop theft and the potential losses that laptop theft can cause, what are some of the steps that individuals and organizations can implement to prevent it?

NON-TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

- Keep the laptop out of sight. When not in use, the laptop should be safely tucked away in a locked desk drawer or cabinet. Never leave a laptop in a locker. Always take it with you or put it in the trunk of your vehicle ... out of sight, out of mind.
- If you work in an office, keep your office space locked when you are not in it. Everyone is busy working, so relying on coworkers to watch your office while you are out is taking a significant risk. It is amazing how quickly items can grow legs when left unattended.
- Communicate employee responsibility of owning a laptop. Extra care must be taken to ensure it is safe and secure.
- Be aware of your environment and report suspicious people or events to Campus Security Services at 780-471-7477.

CABLES

One of the cheapest and most cost-effective solutions to deter thieves is to attach a security cable to your laptop. In most cases, the very fact that you have made the effort to physically secure the laptop to an immobile object will be enough to cause a potential thief to look for easier prey.

SECURE STORAGE CABINETS

Don’t leave laptops unsecured in general areas. If your work group has “common use” laptops, lock them in a storage area or cabinet.

Do not leave them in the general work area for everyone to see and potentially steal.

LABEL AND TAG THE LAPTOP AND ALL ACCESSORIES

Make sure that everything that can be labelled is labelled with the name of the individual or organization it belongs to and ensure that these labels are conspicuous. Record the serial number of the laptop and have that information accessible if you need it.

Laptop theft will always be a possibility. Do your part to

ensure that it doesn’t happen to you. For more tips and information visit www.nait.ca/security.

If you have information about a crime, contact Campus Security Services at 780-471-7477. If you see a crime in progress, call 911 then Campus Security Services. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your identity will remain anonymous, and if the information you provide leads to a conviction, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.

Everybody benefits, except the criminal.



NAIT Security and Parking Services

As of Saturday, January 16, 2010 we will be moving to a temporary location during construction in D Building. We will be located in an Atco trailer on the north side of D building. Should you require assistance, please call 780-471-7477 or visit us at our temporary location.





Photo by Raymond Ip

Nicole de Champlain, 18

Television Broadcasting

Favourite feature in a man: I love ears, but I notice smiles first.
Classic dinner and movie date, or something different and adventurous?: Something adventurous, but I'd probably embarrass myself!

Favourite colour: Blue!

Favourite flavour of ice cream: From Dairy Queen I like Cookie Dough Crispy Crunch and from Marble Slab I like Key Lime with Nerds and gummy bears.

Three words your friends would use to describe you: Fun, happy, smart.

Like what you see? You can reach Nicole on Facebook or at nde-champlain1@nait.ookmail.ca

Are you hot and single? E-mail us at entertain@nait.ca

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

NAITSA (NAIT Students' Association) is now accepting applications for the following:

IMAGINUS POSTER SALE

We are looking for reliable people for:

- **Setup:** Three students from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
\$12/hr, heavy work.
- **Daily advertising:** Two students Feb. 1, 2; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
\$10/hr, light work
- **Breakdown:** Three students Feb. 2 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
\$12/hr, heavy work

NAITSA VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested or would like more information on the current volunteer opportunities, please contact me at directly at tbernard4@ookmail.nait.ca, for I will be away until Jan. 25.

Freeze Your Beaver

Jan. 21 – Times TBA; Set up

Jan. 22 – Times TBA; Set up and Tear Down

Jan. 22, – Times TBA; Runway model for winter clothing

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Magical computer club, Somali homework club

The Canadian Cancer Society

Various opportunities

Communication Co-ordinator

Set up and run group speech practice sessions with students.

For more information on volunteer opportunities at NAITSA, please e-mail naitsavolunteers@nait.ca

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Kids with great mentors are more likely to attend schools like NAIT immediately after graduating from high school. Volunteer today through one of the flexible mentorship programs with Big Brothers Big Sisters. You don't have to change your life to change theirs.

Call 780-424-8181

or apply online at

www.bbbsedmonton.org

Do you want to drive a high performance, flashy vehicle??

The NAIT Arena requires a part-time Zamboni driver

We require you to have the following:

- Zamboni/arena operation experience
(We will train suitable candidate)
- First aid/CPR/AED training (or ability to obtain)
- Good customer service and work ethic

We offer the following:

- \$15.61 per hour
- Holiday pay of 11.2 per cent
- Evening & weekend shift differential

For more information, or to drop off your resume, contact:

TERRY BAUMGARTNER

Arena Operations Supervisor

Room S-218

780-471-8699 terrybau@nait.ca

CLUBS CORNER

Upcoming events ...

Electronics Engineering Tech. Society (EET)

What: Volunteers for the first Lego League (FLL) Regional Tournament. To sign up, please visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/fllab.info/volunteer/application>

Volunteers must attend an orientation session on Friday, Jan. 22

When: Jan. 23

Where: NAIT

De Fe Arts

What: Get Dirty With Art fundraiser

When: Feb. 24; 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: NAIT Main Campus South Lobby

KVA

What: Pub night

When: Jan. 22; 8 p.m.

Where: Hudson's Canadian Tap House

NASS

What: 50/50 Candy Guessing Contest

(50% of profits)

All candy goes to winner)

\$1 per guess

When: Jan. 11-28

Where: L-254 Paperstore Engineering Annex

NASS

What: Cookie dough sales

When: Jan. 18-Feb. 12.

Where: L-254 Paperstore Engineering Annex

IMPORTANT CLUB NEWS:

New Club Centre Hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FORUM: It's up and running! Join up, make yourself a name/avatar and find out the latest club news/events. <http://naitsa.ca/Forum/>

Grant #3 Deadline: Jan. 22; 5 p.m. (Ensure you have "paper" and "electronic" copies submitted)

Club Showcase: Get hyped about clubs on Campus! Join a club or start your own! Feb. 3; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. South Lobby

SIFE You should join SIFE NAIT

Real Clients	Real Money	Real Opportunity
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Don't wait until graduation to apply your skills

- What is SIFE?
- Why should I join?
- What will I be doing?

Find out at the General Meeting:
Tuesday January 19th
 Room: T412 @ 4:45
 & Visit sifenait.com

RAC Presents:
FUN-D RAISER

Pub NIGHT

PLEASE Drink Responsibly

aaaall right!

TICKETS: \$10 (includes 2 drinks + cover)

When: Thursday, January 21st

Where: Prohibition Pub 11026 Jasper Ave.

Why: Raising money for the Swimming Facilities at NAIT

Contact: Randomactivitiesclub@gmail.com

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT NAITSA OFFICE

The All Famous Weatherford Spice



Only \$5/Bottle

Fundraiser for PGC Student Club

Available at the PGC Office (room L223)

or from
 Larry Boisvert or John Hirschmiller

SIFE STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE PRESENT

GET LEID

AT UNION HALL

SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD

DOORS OPEN AT 10PM

WARM IT UP WITH YOUR HAWAIIAN GEAR AND GET LEID AT THE DOOR!

TICKETS INCLUDE:
 PRIORITY ENTRY, NO COVER, AND \$10 CASH BEFORE 11PM

CONTACT: SANDRA 780-722-6963 OR VISIT THE NAITSA OFFICE

UNION HALL PLEASE ROCK RESPONSIBLY

Angie and Bob at: 780.703.2582 - unionhall.ca

CLUBS SHOWCASE

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

COME CHECK OUT ALL THAT THE CLUBS ON CAMPUS HAVE TO OFFER!

WHERE: SOUTH LOBBY

WHEN: 11AM - 1PM

WHAT: VISIT THE BOOTHS OF CURRENT CAMPUS CLUBS

Take in the Campus Club Madness as you are introduced to students at a club of your own.

campusclubs@naitsa.ca

MEET NEW PEOPLE SHARE YOUR INTERESTS HAVE FUN

For more info on registering for this event, or how to start or join a club, email campusclubs@naitsa.ca, or call 780-471-8671, or visit our website

WWW.NAITSA.CA

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Visit us on Facebook


NAIT Photographic Technology annual

THESIS NIGHT

Monday, February 1, 2010
 7:00pm - 10:00pm

NAIT Main Campus - Shaw Theatre
 11762 106 St NW

FREE ADMISSION



EMPIRE BALLROOM

FRIDAY JANUARY 22

MATERIALS ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

ENGINEERING EXTRAVAGANZA PARTY

FEATURING YOUR CLASS TREASURER SPINNING LIVE
 DJ CHASE ANDERSON

TICKETS \$10 INCLUDE:

- \$20 GIFT CERT COURTESY OF REV
- EMPIRE VIP CARD FOR THE 09/10 SCHOOL YEAR
- ADMISSION TO THE ENGINEERING EXTRAVAGANZA PARTY

TICKETS AVAILABLE:
 EVE 780-874-5482 (STUDENT FUNDRAISER ORGANIZER)

ASK EVE ABOUT BOOKING A DISCOUNTED ROOM AT THE FANTASYLAND HOTEL FB WEB

UPPER LEVEL PHASE II W.E.M. 488.9484 WWW.EMPIREBALLROOM.CA



WANTED: TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS

"In all types of missions, information can be the most powerful weapon of all. As a signal operator, I play the important role of keeping that information moving."

Corporal **JONATHAN FULLARTON**



RECHERCHONS: SPÉCIALISTES DES TÉLÉCOMMUNICATIONS

« Peu importe la mission, la maîtrise de l'information peut être l'arme la plus redoutable. En tant qu'opérateur des transmissions, mon rôle est donc capital. C'est moi qui fais en sorte que les informations circulent constamment. »

Caporal **JONATHAN FULLARTON**



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Visit us on campus!

Career Fair 2010

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Main Campus: Gym, North Lobby, South Lobby



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Interested?
STUDENT EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS OPEN!
 Yes?

Run for the NAITSA
 2010 General Elections!

→ Nominations Open:
 January 4th
 → Nominations Close:
 January 29th

These are paid, full-time
 positions, with so many
 opportunities!



Positions available:

- President
- VP Academic
- VP Campus Life
- VP External

See the NAITSA Bylaws @ www.naitsa.ca
 for information regarding an overview of the
 duties for each position.

Benefits to being a NAITSA Student Executive:

- Decent salary earned while studying & Tuition Paid!!
- Valuable Experience
- Leadership Development
- Travel Opportunities
- Networking
- Resume enhancement



NAITSA is run by students who
 are elected by other students
 in annual elections.

In fact, the NAITSA GENERAL ELECTION for the
 2010-2011 academic year is right around the corner and
 there are four annual positions up for grabs!

These positions are:

- President
- Vice President Academic
- VP Campus Life
- Vice President Apprenticeship & External

"LEADERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES"

SALARY & TUITION

If you get the job, you will get your tuition paid while
 you serve, and we'll pay you a monthly salary of
 \$3,000. Need more convincing?

EXPERIENCE

You came to NAIT for an education and to get a great
 job, right? Well, try putting "President" or "Vice
 President" on your resume. Ask any employer, they'll
 want to talk to you when you graduate over all the
 other resumes. Your resume will stand out,
 guaranteed!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Who can be a student leader? Any student, no
 experience required. Really. NAITSA has a great
 support system and training to help you develop your
 leadership skills.

TRAVEL

NAITSA offers training over the summer which
 involves travelling to meet other student executives
 from across Canada at various conferences.

NETWORKING

As a student leader you get to meet and work with
 business leaders, government officials and
 sometimes celebrities. This can give you key
 networking opportunities you wouldn't otherwise get
 as a student.

PUSH YOURSELF

Still undecided? Just go for it. Come to one of the
 Candidate Info Sessions (see below) and our current
 Student Leaders and staff will answer your questions.

VOTE!

It's critical that you get involved either by running in
 the election or by voting.

The Nomination period runs from January 4 – 29,
 2010. Come to the NAITSA office at E131 to pick up
 your nomination form or to ask for more information.
 Election Day will be from February 9-11, 2010



Visit naitsa.ca for full Election details!

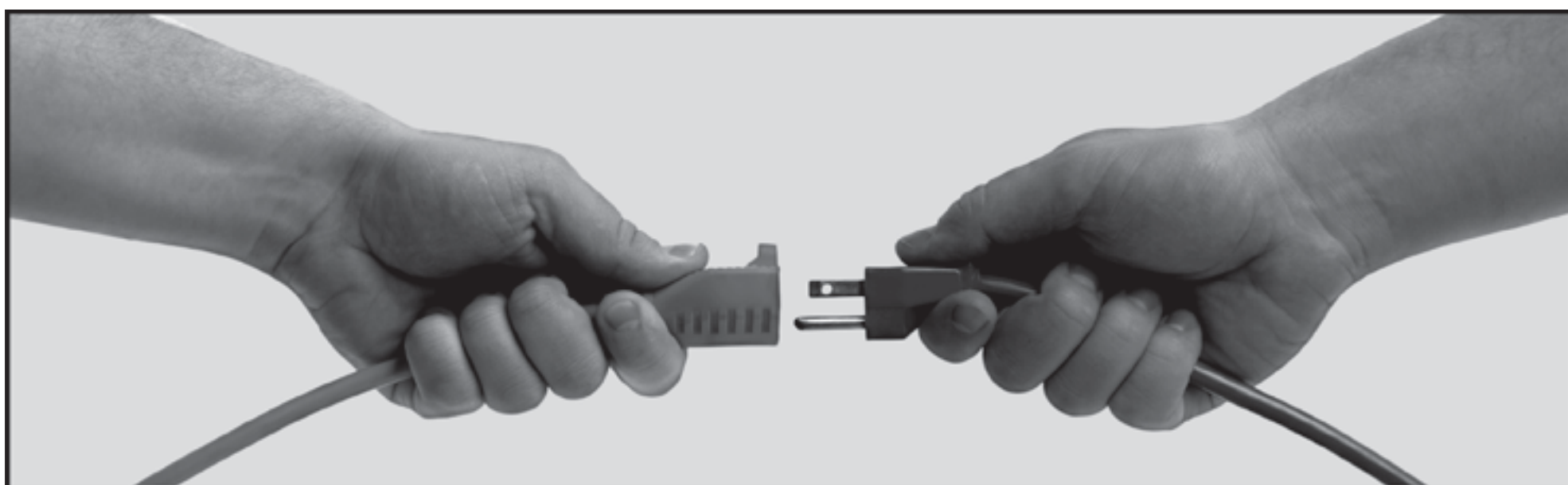
NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Come to the NAITSA Office, E131, check out naitsa.ca, or drop by one of the Info Sessions.

Information Sessions:

January 11, 19, 27 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. in E129

Voting: February 9-11



CAREER FAIR

JANUARY 26 · 2010 | 9:30AM-5:00PM

EMPLOYERS AND BOOTH NUMBERS

GYMNASIUM

1 Schlumberger Canada Limited	21 National Energy Board	36 IRISNDT	57 ConocoPhillips
2 The City of Edmonton	22 Canadian Navy	37 Alliance Pipeline Ltd.	58 WorleyParsons
3 Certified Management Accountants of Alberta	23 Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Detachment Edmonton	38 Dow Chemical Canada ULC	59 ATCO Electric
4 Independent Supply Company Inc.	24 Royal Canadian Mounted Police	39 Sherritt Metals	60 ATCO Gas
5 The Leduc Group	25 Certified General Accountants Association of Alberta	40 Sherritt Coal	61 AltaLink, L.P.
6 Engineered Air	26 RAE Engineering & Inspections Ltd.	41 Telus	62 Enbridge Inc.
7 Hobart Food Equipment Group Canada	27 CEDA International Corporation	42 Tarpon Energy Services Ltd.	63 ATB Financial
8 Husky Energy Inc.	28 Government of Alberta	43 Voice Construction Ltd.	64 Energy Resources Conservation Board
9 Imperial Oil Strathcona Refinery	29 Servus Credit Union	44 Stream-Flo Industries Ltd.	65 Bobcat of Edmonton
10 CGI Information Systems & Management Consultants Inc.	30 Investors Group Financial Services Inc.	45 Stantec Consulting Ltd.	66 The City of Edmonton-Capital Construction
11 EnerFlex Systems Ltd.	31 Sawridge Inns and Conference Centres	46 Edmonton Flying Club	67 Xerox Canada Ltd.
12 Klass Mechanical Sales Ltd.	32 Sawridge Inns and Conference Centres	47 Bantrel Co.	68 Halliburton
13 Northern Health Authority	33 Nexen Inc.	48 Stuart Olson Constructors Inc.	69 Pyramid Corporation
16 Safety Codes Council	34 Magna IV Engineering Ltd.	49 Cohos Evamy	70 Strathcona County
17 Leduc County	35 Management Information Group	50 EPCOR Utilities Inc.	71 Edmonton Police Service
18 Cenovus Energy Inc.		51 Agrium Inc.	72 Northern Industrial Insulation Contractors Inc.
19 Eaton Corporation		52 Alberta Wall & Ceiling Association	73 EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd.
20 Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.		53 Peter Kiewit Sons Co.	
		54 Lafarge Canada Inc.	
		55 Edmonton Public School	
		56 Alberta Blue Cross	

NORTH LOBBY

100 Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.
105 Alberta Highway Services and Standard General Inc.
113 Gateway Mechanical Services Inc. & Pace Industrial Refrigeration Ltd.

SOUTH LOBBY

74 PCL Constructors Inc.	85 Flynn Canada Ltd.
75 A & B Rail Services Ltd.	93 Bird Construction Company
77 Canada Safeway Limited	

MAIN CAMPUS: GYM | NORTH LOBBY | SOUTH LOBBY
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EXECUTIVE ELECTION 2010

VOTE ONLINE

www.naitsa.ca

February 9 - February 11

Poll stations open February 11 only, 10am - 2pm

Executive Council Elections!

POLL STATION LOCATIONS:

- South Lobby Kiosk
- HP Center
- Outside NAITSA Office
E131
- Annex *1st floor*
- Outside the Bookstore
- U Hallway
Near Fresh Express
- South Campus
- Patricia Campus

Check the February 4 issue of The Nugget for candidate pictures and articles, and watch out for nominees campaigning across campus between January 30 - February 8!

Thank You for Voting!



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