



Thornley headlines the Year-end Toga Party at City Centre on April 8.

Toga, Toga, Toga

It's almost become cliché, but Toga parties and college are two ideas tied together since James Belushi had the Delta House chanting "Toga, Toga, Toga" in *Animal House* and the SA MacEwan is keeping the tradition alive.

On April 8, grab the sheet from your bed and dig out your sandals, throw a wreath in your head and get ready to rock the school year away with the Year-End Toga Party featuring Thornley and Social Code.

Put some effort in your look and the top male and female costumes will come away with some killer prizes, including a mini-fridge or maybe a heritage classic framed print.

It's the fourth year for the sheet-donning theme, with this year's event promising another sell-out with the appeal of Thornley, featuring former Big Wreck frontman Ian Thornley and local boys Social Code rocking the City

Centre campus.

For Thornley, this new project is the culmination of more than a decade's worth of playing and writing. After moving to Boston to study guitar in the early '90s, the young Canadian began jamming with a group of American musicians who eventually became Big Wreck. Big Wreck recorded two albums, and experienced widespread success with the track "The Oaf (My Luck Is Wasted)." But as much as Thornley enjoyed the instrumental complexities Big Wreck's songs afforded him, over time he found himself drawn to a more direct mode of expression. The range of material on *Come Again* is impressive, stretching from the can't-get-it-out-of-your-head nature of the first single, "So Far So Good," to the heavy riffs of "Falling To Pieces," to the slow and beautiful "Lies That I Believe." He began work on this new project as

Big Wreck began winding down in 2002, and once signed to Roadrunner Records, set about turning his songwriting project into an actual band. He picked up Sekou Lumumba, a much-in-demand session drummer who was living at the studio Thornley was using. Thornley added Ken "The Worm" Tizzard and the final puzzle piece fell in place with the arrival of Tavis Stanley.

Together they make up Thornley and what comes through most clearly is the melody - something simple, direct and deeply emotional. The focus on melody is accompanied by heavy guitar riffs, ass-kicking drums and emotionally intense vocals giving simple and to the point rock music.

Keep watching for ticket information for the Year-End Toga Party at www.macewan.ca/sa or call the SAM Centre at 497-4444 for more information or visit any SA office.

Where Do You Want To Go?

Have you ever had an escort from our volunteers to your car or bus stop? Do you read the paper every week? Have you sold your used textbooks or found a place to live online?

Safe Walk, Intercamp, online registries, these are just some of the services SA MacEwan provides to full and part-time students at MacEwan College, and we want your feedback on them and everything we do for you.

The SA is having focus groups and running a survey on our services, their use, what we do well and what we need to work on.

The focus groups will be held at all campuses in March from 11:30 to 1pm and will include a free lunch. We will also be looking for your feedback on us through a survey, which will be available in Intercamp, in the newspaper racks around campus and at all SA offices.

Those who participate in both the focus group and/or the survey will receive a free entry in a draw for \$1,500 to fly anywhere in the world you want to go.

To share your views with us, please RSVP to VP Student Life Crystal Brown at vpstudentlife@macewan.ca or 497-5468.



FOCUS GROUP DATES

City Centre- March 3

Alberta College- March 4 & 9

Centre for the Arts- March 7 & 8

South Campus- March 10

Who can argue with a 7-ft penis?

After 10 years touring North America as a giant dancing penis, a giant vagina and a 9-foot tall singing butt plug, sex advocate Norman Nawrocki brings his newest comedy show *Lessons from a 7ft Penis* to MacEwan.

On March 16, Norman will be stripped down, no costumes, masks, or giant stage props, just talking in an engaging, probing way - about why he does this work, audience reactions, and what he's learned about people's sexuality.

Lessons of a 7ft Penis is a presentation of Peer Education, a Students' Association service, which runs awareness events and informational seminars to educate students and staff on personal issues such as drinking responsibly, safe sex, STDs and stress management.

To add to the laughs and self-reflection, Norman performs short extracts from each of the three previous sex comedies – *Sex Toys*, *My Dick* and *Other Many Tales*, and *I Don't Understand Women*.

He approaches serious, taboo questions about sex, using humour and



Norman Nawrocki brings *Lessons from a 7ft Penis* to MacEwan March 16.

theatre in a hilarious, provocative, thoughtful hour of sexual exploration of both Norman's and the audience's everyday, common sexual experiences.

Norman is renowned for his non-

threatening, effective and highly praised 'sex' work helping spread strong messages about date rape, sexual harassment, violence against women, gays and lesbians, homophobia, hetero-sexism, safe, respect-

ful, loving sex, and more.

Lessons from a 7ft Penis continues this important 'sex' activist work. Norman shows people another way to approach the issues, to help bring about necessary changes in personal and sexual politics. He has many stories to tell; stories about sexual misconceptions, myths and stereotypical prejudices.

There's lots of audience inter-action; lots of questions that audience members openly or silently answer; lots of elbowing of lovers and friends reminding each other of the everyday, sexual truisms Norman brings up.

Lessons from a 7ft Penis shows Norman at his stage persona best: part actor, part educator, part comedian and cabaret artist, and part sexual trailblazer. Norman chalks it up to 'common sense for complicated times,' and the truth that 'who can argue with a 7 ft penis?'

There's no charge for the show, which will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on March 16 in the City Centre Cafeteria. The show begins at noon.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 4

Nominations close

March 7

All Candidates Meeting

March 9

Campaigning Starts

March 14

CC Debates
Cafeteria • 12pm

March 15

SC Debates
Cafeteria • 12pm

March 16

CFA Debates
Cafeteria • 12pm

March 10-16

Absentee Voting

March 17

Advance Poll

March 18

Election Day

Speak for yourself

If you don't vote, you let others speak for you.

That's the message SA MacEwan is getting out – so you vote.

After nominations for the four Executive Council positions close on March 4, the slate will be set for the March 17 and 18 election.

The Students' Association is the official voice of students to the college and the Executive Council are the four students that are here to make sure the voice of the students is heard. The council consists of the President, VP Operations and Finance, VP Academic and VP Student Life.

That voice is becoming more and more important each year. Many students will soon be staying at the college for 4 years when the college is granted degree completion, and

many of them will soon live on campus. Despite that, around 85% of students have historically let the other 15% speak for them. An opportunity to speak is too important to give away. The SA works hard to make casting an educated vote easy, and fast.

There are no excuses.

The students of Grant MacEwan College will be voting March 17 and 18 to elect a new Executive Council. Each executive has a portfolio of responsibilities set by Students' Council, and collectively they are responsible for directing the General Manager in the day-to-day operations of the Students' Association.

This includes setting a budget of \$1.5M, working with the provincial government to rewrite tuition policy before the tuition melt in 2007,

implementing the SA Strategic Plan, and running the events and services all Grant MacEwan students benefit from.

This will also be the first executive elected under the new SA governance structure, which gives them greater responsibility and accountability to the students. It also means only executives, and not Student Council members, will be on the ballot this term.

You can expect to see posters going up on March 9 for all four positions, and lunch-hour debates will be taking place on March 14 at City Centre cafeteria, March 15 at South Campus cafeteria, and March 16 at Centre for the Arts cafeteria, all beginning at noon.

On March 17th and 18th make Your voice heard.



survey

Where do you want to go?

Fill out this survey and you could win \$1,500 to fly anywhere in the world.

This survey is being conducted to help the SA assess their programs, services and events. Your responses will assist us in providing the most responsive services. Please help us by answering the following questions. Results will be posted on the SA website at www.macewan.ca/sa.

Completed surveys may be dropped off at the following locations:

SAM Centre
Room 6-108
Phone: 497-4444

City Centre Campus
Room 6-213
Phone: 497-5831

South Campus
Room 135
Phone: 497-4144

Centre for the Arts
Room 153
Phone: 497-4440



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
of Grant MacEwan College

1. At which campus do you take most of your classes?

City Centre Campus	South Campus	Centre for the Arts	Alberta College Campus	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate your level of interest in the following types of events

	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not at all Interested
2. Live band performances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Trivia games or team competition events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. International or multicultural events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Movie screenings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Beer gardens or pub events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Professional speakers (comedic, educational, motivational)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Family events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Discounted tickets to sporting events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate in the left hand column how often you have used the following programs and services this year. If your answer is NEVER please indicate the main reason why in the right hand column.

Never	1-5 times	6-10 times	More than 10 times		Didn't know about it	Not convenient	Not interested	Not applicable
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Peer counselling and referral to support services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Student health care plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Student food bank	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Free condoms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Student membership to Sport & Wellness Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Safe Walk services on campus and area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Intercamp Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Intercom Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Interpreter (Student Dayplanner)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Social & environmental issue awareness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Personal & health issue awareness activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Online registries (housing, used text book, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you for your participation.

A Day for Women Everywhere

On March 8, millions of women and men around the world celebrate International Women's Day. This day is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to assess the challenges facing women in contemporary society and to consider future steps to enhance the status of women and, of course, to celebrate the gains made in these areas.

The idea of an International Women's Day first arose at the turn of the century, when a movement of women struggling for better working conditions and recognition of their fundamental rights, including the right to vote, emerged in North America and Europe.

It's important that we recognize this day, especially in an institution that is almost 70% female.

To honour this day, educate students on the many accomplishments of women, and have some fun in the process, Peer Education will be hosting Chick Challenge, a trivia game that focuses on women's undertakings in areas such as sports, literature, politics, music, and movies.

To participate, simply pick up a scorecard in the cafeteria and do your best at correctly answering as many questions as you can. The game will begin at 11 am in the South Campus cafeteria and run approximately 30 minutes. Two additional rounds of the game will follow. There will be a prize for the winner of each round.

March/April Highlights



April 8th

Year End Toga Party at City Centre Campus. Don't miss out on the party of the year!



March 17th & 18th

Don't forget to vote in your student election on these days. Booths will set up at all campuses.



March 31st

Bachelor/Bachelorette auction at Earl's Tin Palace. Tickets are \$5 and are available at SA offices and the SAM Centre.

What's Happening Around Campus?

MARCH 2005

Thursday, 3

80's movie day at City Centre. Watch 80's classics Revenge of the Nerds (10 a.m.), The Goonies (noon) and The Lost Boys (2 p.m.), while enjoying free popcorn and a chance to win door prizes. The movies are free and will be shown in Room 6-219.

Friday, 4

SWAT Ethical Fashion Show

Join the Social Wellness Awareness Team at Centre for the Arts for an evening of fashion, featuring clothing from Nokomis, Maggie Walt and the Bissell Centre; silent auction with the dynamic student art; and music. Tickets are \$5 and available at any SA office. Call 497-4444 for more information.

Nominations for Executive Council Elections close at 4 p.m.

Monday, 7 to Friday, 11

Individual Grad Photos at City Centre. Sign up at any SA office.

Tuesday, 8

International Women's Day at South Campus. Join Peer Education as they celebrate the achievements of women from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Campus cafeteria. Peer Education will be hosting Chick Challenge, a trivia game that focuses on women's undertakings in areas such as sports, literature, politics, music, and movies.

Wednesday, 9

Campaigning for Executive Council Elections begins.

Thursday, 10 to Wednesday, 16

Absentee Voting for Executive Council Elections.

Friday, 11

Deadline for Banner Night nominations. Bring your outstanding volunteer nominations to any SA office by 4 p.m.

Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15

Individual Grad Photos at South Campus. Sign up at any SA office.

Monday, 14

All-candidates forum at City Centre cafeteria, at noon.

Tuesday, 15

All-candidates forum at South Campus cafeteria, at noon.

Wednesday, 16

All-candidates forum at Centre for the Arts cafeteria, at noon.

Individual Grad Photos at Centre for the Arts. Sign up at any SA office.

Lessons from a 7-ft. Penis at City Centre cafeteria. Admission is free to this hilarious noon-hour show by Norman Nawrocki, presented by Peer Education.

Thursday, 17 and Friday, 18

Election Days at City Centre, South Campus and Centre for the Arts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (polls are open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at CC on March 17).

Friday, 18

Last day to withdraw from Winter term courses without academic penalty. (Exception: 6-credit courses that span Fall and Winter terms.)

Thursday, 24

Last day of 11-week courses.

Friday, 25

Good Friday, College Closed.

Monday, 28

Easter Monday, (Professional Development for Faculty) College Closed.

Wednesday, 30

Beer Gardens at South Campus. Enjoy lots of beer, music and prizes at the year-end beer gardens from 2 to 6 p.m. in the South Campus cafeteria.

APRIL 2005

Wednesday, 13

Final examination period for university studies, university transfer electives and service courses begins.

Saturday, 16

Final examination period for career studies begins.

Friday, 22

Last day of classes and final examinations for the Winter term.

Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30

Spring Convocation.

South Campus Rec Scores with Road Rash

Itching for some hockey? MacEwan's South Campus Recreation program has something to cure the burning desire. Yes, it's time for the fourth annual Road Rash Hockey Tournament. Road Rash 2005 will be held on Saturday, March 19 beginning at 9 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. at MacEwan South Campus.

Teams of seven to 10 people are encouraged to sign up for the fun-filled event. There is a sign up cost

of \$60 for student teams and \$85 for non-student teams. This includes awesome prizes, a lunch, as well as a beer gardens. The deadline to sign up is March 16.

Road Rash helps out various community organizations through fundraising and/or donations. This year, organizers are looking for donations of used sporting equipment for The Brick Sport Central, which helps children in need access the necessary sport equipment to

participate. Teams can drop off any used sporting equipment throughout the tournament.

Even with the NHL lockout, students have a chance to play Canada's favourite sport, participate in the skills competition and do something good for the community. So come, get some friends together and play your hearts out at Road Rash 2005. For more information or to sign up, contact the organizers in Room 145 at South Campus or call 497-5300.