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Fun to be Green

Comedian hung around E-town between shoots **By JENNY FENIAK, SUN MEDIA**

Technological advances are everywhere, enhancing almost everything in life - including our social escapades.

While hanging around outside a downtown bar a couple weeks ago, I bumped into a friend of mine. She'd just come from a spontaneous party at the Rose & Crown, thrown by none other than shock comedian Tom Green. Her tales of microphones being hijacked for an on-the-spot performance and other nonsense were all verified by photos on her cellphone.

Of course, Green wasn't in Edmonton just to party.

Besides visiting his numerous relatives who live here, Green spent more than a month in and around the city shooting his new movie *Freezer Burn*, slated for release next summer.

"I love the movie and I'm really pretty excited about everything we shot, up there in Edmonton, over the last five weeks," Green says shortly after arriving home in Los Angeles earlier this week. "You can just tell sometimes when something's really working well. So it's exciting and I'm looking forward to seeing it all put together."

The movie's about a small grain farming community overrun by an oil conglomerate that's actually an alien life form.

Crispin Glover plays the main alien, while Green stars as Bill Swanson, a guy who was hit in the head by a puck while playing for the Ottawa Senators and is now back home trying to save his town from the extra-terrestrial invasion.

Green says, besides the fact the producers are from Edmonton, the landscape is central to the movie's Canadian plot and setting, which of course calls for crop circles.

But all work and no play would make Green a dull guy - one thing he is not.

On his off time, Green hung out all over the city shooting video clips for his online television show TomGreen.com.

"It's pretty fun. It's sort of like the main focus of what I do. I built a television studio in my living room and have been doing this web show here for about a year. I've done about 150 episodes now and I'm getting all kinds of great guests. Val Kilmer's done a show, Pam Anderson, Brook Shields and a lot of funny comedians," says Green.

"And the show just got nominated actually for a TV Guide webby award that we're up for - best online talk show.

"So it's a pretty exciting time right now."

Not only can you watch his regular program, but Edmontonians can check out Green's escapades all around town from the last five weeks.

"I had brought my producer from TomGreen.com with me and he was up there with me the whole time and we built an edit bay in our hotel room," says Green, who was staying at the Sutton Place Hotel, upstairs from the Rose & Crown Pub. "We had a high- definition video camera with us, so on the weekends and after work, we'd go and shoot little video pieces all around the city."

Along with his television show and Edmonton adventures, Green's website is a treasure chest of all his work and play, including his musical projects.

Green was in Edmonton last year for a low-profile performance with his rap group at the now-defunct Kingsknight Pub.

"The music is definitely an extra curricular thing," he says. "That was probably one of the most fun two weeks of my life, that tour. We had an awesome time. It was just me and a bunch of my friends and we just cruised across the country and had a blast."