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NERD GIRLS



Newsweek's latest issue, due out tomorrow, profiles a subject near and dear to many a geek guy's heart and loins: hot women. But there's a twist! These are women with brains to match their good looks, and that's exactly the point. Called the Nerd Girls, this team of twentysomething Tufts University coeds was created by founder Karen Panetta to dismantle two common "myths." First, that boys are better at math and science than girls; and second, that a female engineer is a socially inept girl with no sense of style. Do the Nerd Girls succeed at demolishing stereotypes? We've covered the rising tide of [girl geeks](#) here before, and the Tufts team has already built a solar powered car (what have *you* done lately?), but by all means take a look at what these "Nerdettes" have to offer and decide for yourself.

Lest you still be doubtful even after arriving here after the fold, here's a taste of the Newsweek profiles for a few of The Nerd Girls team:

The Nerd Girls may not look like your stereotypical pocket-protector-loving misfits—their adviser, Karen Panetta, has a thing for pink heels—but they're part of a growing breed of young women who are claiming the nerd label for themselves. In doing so, they're challenging the notion of what a geek should look like, either by intentionally sexing up their tech personas, or by simply finding no disconnect between their geeky pursuits and more traditionally girly interests such as fashion, makeup and high heels. In fact, calling them "nerd" is no insult at all—the Nerd Girls have T shirts emblazoned with the slogan. The crew includes Cristina Sanchez, a master's student in biomedical engineering (and a former cheerleader) who can talk for hours about aerodynamics. Caitrin Eaton, a freshman, asked her boyfriend for a soldering iron last Christmas. Juniors Courtney Mario and Perry Ross giggle when they talk about what fascinated them most about "No Country for Old Men": how did the assassin's air gun work?



If you're going to act, fellas, act now, because each of these young women is already on track to secure at least \$70,000 after they graduate. [[The Nerd Girls](#) via [Newsweek](#)]

COMMENTS 

Ferg1 at 11:06 PM on 06/15/08

no thank you

nocar at 11:06 PM on 06/15/08

I must agree with their right to bare arms.

robotleawesome at 11:09 PM on 06/15/08

#7 is totally a dude.

smcallah at 11:10 PM on 06/15/08

I don't like when people try to act like a nerd. Because god damn it, I was born a nerd, and I went through school in the 80's as a nerd, not a great time to do so.

So I get uppity when someone who appears to have never gone through middle and high school being considered a nerd suddenly wants to say she's a nerd.

WinkMe at 11:13 PM on 06/15/08

bogus^^^

and #2 is a dime

shenanigans61 at 11:14 PM on 06/15/08

#2 and #4, please?

mindshadow at 11:21 PM on 06/15/08

This is a bit low-brow humor for me, but anyone else notice they stuck the black girl in the back (like a pre-civil rights movement bus)?

Abnormal at 11:21 PM on 06/15/08

Should geeks really mate? Do we really want to create a new race of super geeks?

The Incredible OMG!... at 11:24 PM on 06/15/08

But they're from Boston, which makes them a bunch

of wicked retarded Massholes.

doobiebros22 at 11:28 PM on 06/15/08

My girlfriend says no...sorry semi-hot n nerdy ladies...

SuperCollider at 11:28 PM on 06/15/08

@mindshadow: Yeah, and then I saw the asian in front and thought Double Stuffed Oreos. nomnomnom!

Kramen loves her MBP at 11:30 PM on 06/15/08

If they wanted to be hot...they shouldn't have worn those outfits on the front picture.

YUCK!

BUT THOSE BLACK SHOES ARE CUUUTE!

GO hot girls with a brain!

Kramen loves her MBP at 11:31 PM on 06/15/08

@smcallah: Get over yourself...you're just as bad as the people who label themselves the nerds that make you mad.

Earthslide at 11:34 PM on 06/15/08

Don't hate because they are smarter than all of us combined. Definately #2 though :)

Kramen loves her MBP at 11:39 PM on 06/15/08

@Earthslide: I agree...but I have a problem with the shoes..can we switch them with number 4?

squarie at 11:40 PM on 06/15/08

Go nerd girls! Brains and beauty are not mutually exclusive.

LittleJon at 11:41 PM on 06/15/08

@Earthslide: Speak for yourself!

Kramen loves her MBP at 11:46 PM on 06/15/08

@squarie: That is true...there are a LOT of hot nerdy guys...they all were seen years ago as all ugly and disgusting and all virgins who give great handjobs...now they are really hot guys.

I love nerds!

DeepFriar at 11:49 PM on 06/15/08

While I applaud the sentiment, Tufts has been rooting hotness out of their accepted applicants through their stringent interview process since '72.

woolie at 11:49 PM on 06/15/08

the idea that they must be "hot" itself perpetuates the same sexual discrimination they are trying to remove.

epic fail.

Pyao Iyang shen at 11:50 PM on 06/15/08

i'd hit it.

MINI Driver at 11:50 PM on 06/15/08

Amazing what a decent photographer can do – the 'cover;' shot looks awesome, the 'lineup' shot looks terrible.

Assume the newsweek photog pulled off the cover shot!

Kramen loves her MBP at 11:52 PM on 06/15/08

@MINI Driver: the shot does not look horrible. There are thousands of girls, hell, millions who look like this everyday. So what you're trying to say is, unless we have heels on, short skirts and tits popping out

we aren't considered to be good looking? LAMMEE

Pyao Iyang shen at 12:02 AM

@SuperCollider: OMNOMNOMNOM.com ?

Pyao Iyang shen at 12:03 AM

@Kramen loves her MBP:we're hot. who love hot nerdy men. yeah soonnay.

Hello_Newman at 12:06 AM

It's just a normal picture of young women casually dressed and not a photo shoot. Cut them some slack, I think we're too used to booth babes dressed to the nines, this is what nerds look like. I'm sure if it was a story about women who go out to night clubs they'd look a lot hotter, but it's not.

TaitRT at 12:06 AM

@MINI Driver: I disagree... I think the line up looks much better than the cover shot. The cover shot looks like a bunch of ugly girls playing dress-up. At least the line up has some genuinely good looking girls in it.

I'll take #4 and #6 please. Also, I don't recall any male professor ever pulling my aside and saying "hey, your smart and decent looking... do you want to start a hunky geek club?". Sounds like these girls are painting themselves in a corner a little bit.

Pyao Iyang shen at 12:07 AM

@Hello_Newman: You're a good man! So sweet.

jawzzy at 12:07 AM

@woolie: So true! I know plenty of girls who are super nerds at heart and still defy traditional nerd stereotypes. They don't advertise that contrast, but you figure it out once you see them and talk with

them for a few minutes. Makes them that much more interesting

@Kramen loves her MBP: You're profile picture begs to differ with that evaluation...

TaitRT at 12:08 AM

...and in my imaginary situation, I did expect my professor to misuse the contraction you're.

Jimbuck at 12:09 AM

@robotleawesome: Sad but true.

Pyao lyang shen at 12:09 AM

you know, that one chick from lady tron has a master's degree in some science field, and she is hot...

This is a cutesy cover story, which is fine in my eyes..

most people are intelligent if they work hard enough, and the same goes for looks.. i guess beauty is determined by the eye of the beholder.. anyone can look good, somehow, and anyone can work hard and become educated.. so i can understand.

Pyao lyang shen at 12:10 AM

@TaitRT: haha

Pyao lyang shen at 12:12 AM

i suppose the photographer was going for a natural school type look.. or maybe he was used to doing prom shots... but I agree with carmen that maybe the girls could have dressed up for the shoot, but thats sorta frivolous talk.. I'm glad they have been recognized for their hard work and pretty faces.. I

guess a lot goes unrecognized in society but thats another whole story.. bah.

jrlcopy at 12:14 AM

Looks like the girls still can't build a decent website though.

Haha!

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SneakyElf at 12:15 AM

@jrlcopy: hahaha im glad u pointed that out cause i forgot to look at the link.

Kramen loves her MBP at 12:20 AM

@jawzzy: Ok LIKE I SAID woman look normal EVERYDAY. Who the fuck are you to judge me on a picture? My boobs show, big shit, ever see cleavage before? What I was trying to say was that not every woman looks like that first picture everyday and what he said sounded sexist. I forgot though..there seems to be a large population of sexist, double standard loving guys on here!

LJN at 12:24 AM

I'll take of 2 of these please. To go. Thanks.

Hiphopotamus at 12:29 AM

Now I know this isn't the popular or P.C. answer, but if you need a special team and newspaper article to confront notions that "boys are better at math and science than girls; and second, that a female engineer is socially inept girl with no sense of style" -- Well it only hammers home the point that they are rare and a deviation from the norm.

When was the last Newsweek article praising the bold men who enjoy watching sports on TV?

Hiphopotamus at 12:30 AM

@Hiphopotamus: To clarify – not taking the point of view men are better at math and science – just that a fraking magazine article sure aint gonna help prove otherwise.

VakeroRokero at 12:32 AM

just the fact that it has made the news, confirms that it will take a ton more than a group of smart girls to get rid of the way women are stereotyped into dumb humans. They are smart women, are probably could be able to come up with better solutions than men, but the article makes it seem as if they were "the powerpuff girls" or something like that. I think the sexual revolution is already finished but we men still think we rule the world and see smart women as competition. And why would they have to need to be considered hot? isn't that a little banal and more of the same they been getting sidelined for?

Kramen loves her MBP at 12:37 AM

@VakeroRokero: I agree 100%
I hate how they are talking about how smart these girls are and then talk about pink heels...I swear this shit makes me think woman are less smarter than men. We are girls of course we like that stuff more than most men we don't need to be reminded about it on every piece of literature we read. I am reading the article to find out why these girls are so smart and what they do...not what Betty got at Macy's to match her cute little sweater...

VakeroRokero at 12:39 AM

Not forgetting most of the smartest men writing these posts probably look like shit. Being ugly or handsome doesn't make any smarter or dumber. It only makes it much more easier to get laid. which is

nice. even if it makes you sleepy. Believe me.

JackMatt at 12:42 AM

mhhh Nerd chicks!!!!

@Hello_Newman: I think you said it best. What's with all the hate on the hot nerd girl post?

DigitalSciGuy at 12:42 AM

@Kramen loves her MBP: I agree with you that there are now some pretty hot, nerdy guys these days. There are tons of them at my school. But where are the hot, nerdy, gay ones? I feel like I'm missing out or something. I wish the world weren't so heterocentric and would also cover stories about cute, nerdy, gay guys who *don't* go to liberal arts schools. It's pretty lonely over here.

@VakeroRokero: If I had a bra, I'd burn it with you. I completely agree with you and find coverage of things like this to have a rather chauvinistic twinge to it...as if a bunch of starved nerdy guys think they finally hit the jackpot..oh wait..

Kramen loves her MBP at 12:46 AM

@DigitalSciGuy: lol, I don't think this website talks about stuff like that. I would suggest eharmony? haha

johnnyabnormal at 12:47 AM

@VakeroRokero: You can be smart, good looking and get laid. Not everyone in here is hiding fugly faces behind obscure avatars!

johnnyabnormal at 12:48 AM

@DigitalSciGuy: San Francisco.

JackMatt at 12:49 AM

@VakeroRokero: Thats the media for you, sex sells

and when you can bring in something that brakes a stereotype you have gold, well more like green!
However that does not make it right. Just the life!

Kramen loves her MBP at 12:52 AM

@johnnyabnormal: You can also be dumb, homely and get laid! Not everyone is GLEAMING behind sexy avatars.

:D

I likes the sex time.

Pyao lyang shen at 12:55 AM

sexay partay

DigitalSciGuy at 12:58 AM

@johnnyabnormal: I prefer not to be surrounded by gaytards (my term for people who are too gay for them to be functional members of society), not to say everyone gay in San Fran is a gaytard. Plus, I like being on the eastern seaboard.

@Kramen loves her MBP: Agreed about that...happens all the time here on Long Island.

MaxFightmaster at 12:58 AM

The article's already out actually, I read it in a Newsweek copy I picked up at the Out of Town News.

VakeroRokero at 12:59 AM

@Kramen loves her MBP: I agree with you. You girls have to try harder than us to stand out, just for being women. I think the only Achille's heel of women are their insecurity, which is less frequent in men, that's why men think women first need to look good to be heard, so she goes and buys makeup. once a woman get rids of that crutch, she becomes

the most attractive woman any man could wish for. I only go out with woman who don't have insecurities and don't need someone to tell her how smart she is or how nice she looks. That's what makes a woman. At least that my opinion.

logikgr at 01:02 AM

I wouldn't say that they're HOT. They are definitely a BIG STEP above your [average] geek/nerd chick though.

Second picture: 4, 7, 6, 6, 5, 7, 4(more sun), 1(more sun), 5, 5(more sun), 4

Kramen loves her MBP at 01:06 AM

@VakeroRokero: I like compliments, everyone does. I get shy when someone compliments me more than once. I mean call me weird but when I dress...I don't dress for guys, I dress myself to what I think would look sexy. I mean I love to look nice for my boyfriend, but I dress for myself even first dates, lol. Like me for just everything I am or eat me...and you won't get to that unless you like me back—mwahahah.

phate at 01:14 AM



vagrant at 01:17 AM

I'm happy the current gf can operate a computer

with out my help.

Anyways I'd like to order two #1 & one #6. (To Go)

VakeroRokero at 01:21 AM

@DigitalSciGuy: why burn it instead of finding the girl walking around without her bra??? "Hey señorita! Is this yours???"

@johnnyabnormal: Yeah, I used to work out and my experiments concluded that: women prefer a hot body than a guy with a Nokia N95...

@JackMatt: I don't think there's anything better than sex to make everyone stop what they doing and pay attention to your message... I always scream "vagina & penis!" and everyone turns around and looks at me... works like a charm...

johnnyabnormal at 01:21 AM

@DigitalSciGuy: Hahaha... There are some flamers out here. Boston and NYC have plenty of "gaytards" too. The San Francisco "Gay Area" is the winner though.

@Kramen loves her MBP: Gleaming? I don't have boobs though. You win.

metalgear08 at 01:29 AM

@phate: I'd hit it. With a cruise missile.

VakeroRokero at 01:29 AM

@Kramen loves her MBP: I guess you are just bootylicious... lucky man your boyfriend!

cubensis at 01:43 AM

I'd hit #2, #6 and #7.

Mike918 at 01:44 AM

@phate: You hit No. 7??...eww...

Acemonster at 02:03 AM

@**metalgear08**:

ROFL.. ending my night on a great laugh.

keene at 02:07 AM

To all the dorks who posted in this thread: no, none of them would ever, EVER want to date you.

P3nnst8r at 02:09 AM

U think being a bunch of nerd girls they could design a better website.

P3nnst8r at 02:10 AM

@**phate**: I lol'd. Bigtime.

logikgr at 02:11 AM

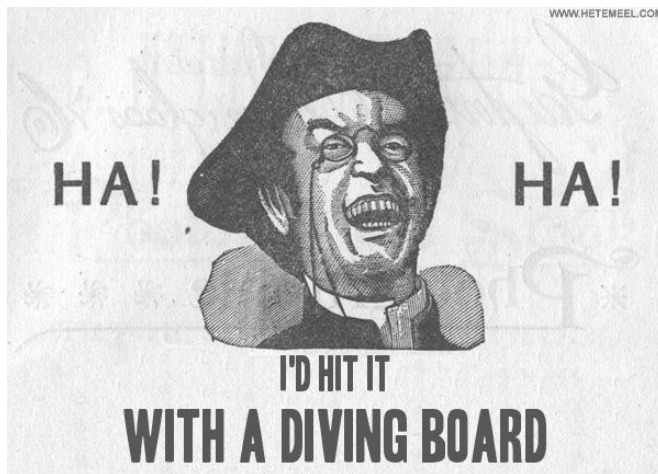
@**keene**: Yourself included.

P3nnst8r at 02:12 AM

@**P3nnst8r**: Oh, and i'll be picky. I'd take no. 2 only. Maybe 1 and 6, but def. 2.

P3nnst8r at 02:19 AM

@**phate**:



HonusWScruggs at 02:23 AM

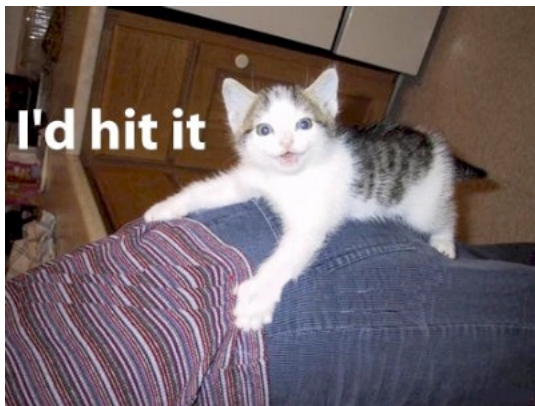
"This team of...coeds was created...to dismantle two common 'myths'."

Really? Seems like a pretty crappy reason to choose a career. I don't think I've ever spent more than a few hours trying to dismantle a myth about myself.

Aside 1: Solar cars are easy.

Aside 2: They really wondered how the "air gun" works? They're engineering students! And captive bolt stunners aren't exactly complex machines. Do they also wonder how doorknobs work?

N@tedog at 02:29 AM



N@tedog at 02:32 AM



UniComp at 02:35 AM

#2, please contact me.

AUAnonymous at 02:35 AM

@johnnyabnormal:

Hey, not all of the Bay Area is gay, it's mostly just San Francisco. Also I wouldn't say something like that unless you want to get shanked by someone from Oakland or Richmond. Watch out.

UniComp at 02:41 AM

And bring your hot friends

Blllo at 02:44 AM

#2 Please.

johnnyabnormal at 02:44 AM

@AUAnonymous: Never said it was "all gay". Btw, I live in West Oakland & haven't been shanked yet. Yesterday I heard that the Subway sandwich shop up the road is closing since it gets held up almost every day. I think the only place in my hood that doesn't get held up is the 99¢ store. Cheap bastards...

johnnyabnormal at 02:53 AM

@AUAnonymous: Come to think of it, I've lived without any problems near projects in Boston, NYC, San Francisco...but the only place I wouldn't show my Wonder Bread ass is Hunter's Point. No thanks!



pinkfloyd1972 at 02:58 AM

I guess that I am one of a kind that thinks brains on a girl is sexy? My GF is way more educated than me, makes more money than me and can hold her own in almost any aspect of her life. To me, she is the most beautiful woman on the planet.

Jackson at 03:20 AM

these girls aren't hot. but congrats on being smart and average looking.

trying to form a club to try and prove to yourself you are hot is the worst.

Tohe at 03:23 AM

u know they are nerdy chicks if they can appreciate a good old iphone in vibrating mode :)

T3hG33k at 03:28 AM

@Abnormal: *"Should geeks really mate? Do we really want to create a new race of super geeks?"*

I can say this...I am all for the process, but at this point in life no.

LindsayJoy's MBP is... at 03:33 AM

Lets see these gals keep up on a nice Feynman

convo with me.

Nuff said.

;-D

If you don't know what I'm talkin' bout, go Google the infamous Richard Feynman. No wait. If you don't know, then maybe you should skip it...

Kramen loves her MBP at 03:34 AM

@**Jackson**: Looking at it from only a physical point of view, I agree.

But than again...I wish i was hot and smart...it's all so sad.

Kramen loves her MBP at 03:34 AM

@**LindsayJoy's MBP is into S+M**: you act like youre the shit...

well guess what bitch..

you're absolutely right! I LOVE YOUUU

Mith at 03:39 AM

Sigh.. I think these girls look fantastic. Its refreshing to see women who arent all fake books and heals and make up all the time, and actually know a thing or two about adding and subtracting..

or i guess in their case advanced trigonometry...

Mith at 03:40 AM

damnit! i meant "Boobs" not "books"!!!!

dammit Mith.. get your mind out of the gutter.. this is why you were always so awkward!!!

aaj111 at 03:41 AM

They look like average chicks to me...

Seriously, Giz, Grow up.

johnnyabnormal at 03:44 AM

@Mith: I think a important "hotness" has been completely overlooked here...booty. No shots from the side or back. Ass and legs are where it's at!!*

*although nice, natural boobies are a plus.

cubensis at 03:55 AM

@johnnyabnormal: White and asian women don't have asses. And the black girl is too skinny to have an ass also.

LittleJon at 04:07 AM

@cubensis: How is it that in America asses that people elsewhere would consider "fat" become desirable?

Is this a case of whites and Asians copying African American culture? Get your own ideals of beauty fools!

michaelleung at 04:08 AM

That's hot. I wouldn't mind boning some of them.

Tohe at 04:18 AM

@cubensis: agreed, but what they lack in ass, #1,2,4 and 6 make up for in lifesavers!

johnnyabnormal at 04:31 AM

@cubensis: Well...that's too broad (no pun intended).

My wife is Portuguese (Western Euro white with a touch of the Moors) and has an ass that defies the laws of gravity. It's total unfair and genetic...she eats anything she wants and doesn't work out, yet she's really trim and fit. I have to work out 2 hours a day to look as good. Re: Asians...I've dated Asian women

who had nice booty too. Although, I have seen what I'd call the "quad butt" in some Asian women... If you haven't noticed it, I won't even try to describe it since it is more accurate to see it with your own eyes. Regardless, I've seen and/or dated extreme beauty across all races.

Btw, my spell check tried to correct your alias as "chubbiness" hahaha... On topic, I guess:

@LittleJon: Uh, nobody is worshipping "fat" or "copying" anything... In my book, "booty" is lofty, firm, perfectly proportioned, perky, etc. All this superficial shit aside, it doesn't matter how hot someone is...at least for me...the deal breaker is when they speak. No intellect = Bye! Why do you think Carmen has so many followers? UNIX book!!

Kaiser-Machead's got... at 04:37 AM

I tho wanna buy one of them a fith thandwich. Oh yeah.

phreakincool at 04:57 AM

I personally would like to welcome our newly hot and nerdy chick overlords...where were you in the 80's and 90's?

Of course, I had to settle for *just* a hot wife and she begs to differ cuz she can use a Mac.

Oh yeah...



[johnnyabnormal](#) at 05:13 AM

[@Kaiser-Machead's](#) got [LindsayJoy's](#) cookies on the SuperDrive: Alright, Leon Phelps.

[strider_mt2k](#) at 05:45 AM

Good thing the comments aren't stereotypically retarded.

Whoops

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