

# NAIT NUGGET

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## APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM BOOMING

BUT I GATTA GET BACK IN  
THERE, I NEED AN EDUCATION!?



"The government is making every effort to accommodate the sharp increase in demand expected for apprenticeship training in the fall of 1978," Dr. A.E. Hohol, Minister of Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower, stated in confirming reports of rising enrolment pressures on the province's technical institutions.

Estimates place the increase as high as 21 per cent, or over 3600 more technical training course registrations than for the current academic year. This compares to the rise of about 11 per cent expected during 1977-78.

Of the 18,327 indentured apprentices in the province, 16,500 will reach a point of attending courses at an institution during 1977-78 academic year. To meet this need, seven Alberta post-

secondary institutions are providing over 650 courses.

The greatest increase (31 per cent) is expected at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in Calgary, with Edmonton's northern institute (NAIT) facing a 27 per cent increase. Currently these two institutes train about 90 per cent of the province's apprentices.

The other five Alberta institutions accounting for the remaining apprenticeship courses are Lethbridge Community College, Fairview College, Olds College, Keyano College in Fort McMurray and Lakeland College at its Vermilion Campus. None is expected to experience any great change in apprenticeship enrol-

ment next fall.

Dr. Hohol attributed the sharp increase to three main factors: The continuing expansion of Alberta's economy and industry, and the resulting high demand for trained workers particularly in the electrical, plumbing and carpentry trades, the ever-growing attraction for students to an education which permits them to earn while they learn and after to enjoy continuing good job prospects; and the decision to offer "catch-up" courses during 1978-79, to aid apprentices whose technical training has fallen behind their work experience.

"Catch-up" courses will permit an apprentice to take two training periods per year instead of the

usual one, thus adding to the pressure, at least for a time, place upon instructional facilities and staff.

Dr. Hohol pointed out that, although enrolments in technical training courses are expected to continue to rise, current trends indicate by 1980 a gradual leveling off will occur in the rates of the increases experienced since 1972.

During the last five years, the number of apprentices indentured more than doubled. The 18,327 currently indentured represents just over 20 per 1000 of the total Alberta labor force, up from 12 per 1000 in 1972.

On a national basis, while Alberta has eight per cent of the Canadian population, over one-fifth of all apprenticeship training in the country takes place in Alberta.

To date, the province has accommodated the increasing demand for apprenticeship training through several actions: using to capacity existing facilities and adding necessary capital and operating funds; decentralizing when it became both desirable and feasible to offer training at other post-secondary institutions; and expanding programs, facilities and space where practical justified.

Some institutions have had problems attracting qualified tradesmen to their staff from industry, resulting at times in instructor shortages in several key training areas. This has made it difficult to fill immediate needs for technical training.

"SAIT and NAIT will train trades people to teach," Dr. Hohol explained. "Frequently, it would appear, tradesmen in the field do not see the instructional role as a new kind of challenge. It is in essence a complete change in career, a chance to put aside the tools of the trade in order to work with people."

Double shifting, extended hours of operation, and taking advantage of space at other institutions are some of the steps taken to provide courses to a maximum number of apprentices.

The Minister also pointed to the new facilities completed at both SAIT and NAIT in recent years, and to other now in progress. "They are examples of this government's commitment and positive response to meeting the high demand for apprenticeship programs," he stated.

Dr. Hohol added, "We are

looking at further decentralization to capitalize on existing facilities at institutions which can be adapted to this training. Adequate support services also must be considered in such cases. Request for new facilities are being analyzed very carefully, to be sure they will remain in sustained demand and use.

"We will endeavor by every means possible to continue to meet the aspirations of Alberta's apprentices somewhere within the advanced education system," the Minister concluded.

### BACKGROUND ON ALBERTA'S APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Currently Alberta institutions are providing technical training to apprentices in 34 designated trade areas. About 30 per cent of the apprentices are in trades requiring three years of training, the remainder, four years. The majority of the trades require either six or eight weeks of classroom instructions per year.

To become an apprentice a person need only find an Alberta employer willing to act as sponsor in a designated trade. Work experience is then provided by the employer and technical instruction by the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification sector of Alberta Advanced Education and Manpower. Both must conform to the regulations of the Manpower Development Act, and the answer to the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Board established under the act.

Alberta's apprenticeship program is operated under a three-way partnership-- among government, employers and employees. Representatives of each sit on the Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Board, as well as on the advisory committee for each trade and all three play a vital role in the training of apprentices. In total there are over 500 members from industry on the advisory committees.

### RECENT MAJOR ADDITIONS AT NAIT AND SAIT

1( The Patricia Campus, opened in the fall of 1975 at NAIT.

2( Phase 11 of the Trades and Technology Building, completed in the spring of 1977 at SAIT.

3( The former Simpsons-Sears Park Plaza Shopping Centre where completed renovations and continuing development are providing NAIT with additional instructional space.

# NAIT NUGGET

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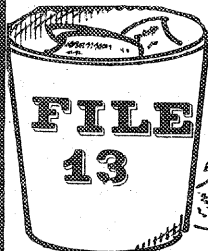
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To: Nugget Editor

From: L. Boechler, Instructor

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## EDITORS CHOICE

Over the past six months or so, I heard a number of rumblings from different sources throughout the school as to different problems in different areas. None in particular seems to want to get into too much detail as to exactly what they feel the problem is or how they should go about trying to solve it.

For instance, the year started off with little things like the Miss Freshette competition. Not even the contestants knew who was going to win till it was announced. For one of two of the contestants they didn't know when or what was happened, even at the Beerfest at which the Miss Freshette winner was announced. By the candidates not knowing what's going on, this resulted in one girl missing out on two photo sessions and getting her and others disillusioned as to what NAIT's all about. Now that's not too serious of a problem when isolated by itself, but when you put one plus one together with the next couple of problems I'm going to tell you about it sure makes you wonder.

The never ending problem of Instructor's qualifications has been brought to my attention more than once. Since the beginning of the year different students in different techs have come up to me and said, "What do you think about such and such as an instructors." Unless I've had the Instructor teaching me a course in the past I generally reserve comment on he/she. However the idea of maybe there beeing a bad instructor or two in this school stuck in the back of my head. Lets face it, some people no matter how qualified just aren't cut out to be instructors here at NAIT or anywhere.

Having been around NAIT for awhile, I sort of learned that as long as you don't rock the boat, then you can get along fine. If you do rock the boat, then you can kiss yourself bye-bye. That applies to both students and staff as I have one or two eye witnesses to verify. I've heard about Instructors who can hang onto their job just because they've been around here for a long time. Some of the older Instructors in particular have been around since the conception of NAIT and even though they were good in their day, they haven't been keeping up with the changes in technology so therefore there teaching the students about material that would of been pertinent in 1970 but outdated in 1976. I might add that this applies to only one instructor in particular that I know of in actual fact.

I also heard that the coin has been turned around in that there has been the case where a good instructor has been removed from the system because he fought for something he believed was right and the Institute said he was wrong.

I suppose the problem even goes deeper when we get into the athletics. There is no way that a student can possibly be expected to get involved in extra-curricular activities on behalf of the school and still keep up better than average marks. I sometimes wonder if some sort of bonus system shouldn't be set up on behalf of the students who do go out and make the athletic teams. You know they get a break on some of there courses for being involved in athletics. I mean its not like other colleges and universities around the country don't do the same sort of thing. I would sure improve our athletic teams and might even help to remove some of the pessimistic attitudes we get around NAIT every now and then.

We're all going to an Institute right now that is here for one main purpose. That is so that we can learn to become semi-pros. Not professionals because you become a professional with work experience.

I guess you could say that I'm favouring the idea of giving special privileges to students who get involved either athletically or otherwise. I think that without these individuals NAIT would be a much more boring place than it already is. I feel that they are necessary for NAIT to continue to succeed. As well, I'm in favour of removing Instructors who can no longer do the job and I'm in favour of keeping people around who are doing a good job no matter what there opinion, unless it is really hurting the Institute, not just one or two individuals. I guess you could say that I'm in favour of any positive improvements we can make around NAIT, and that can't be all that bad of an approach to take.

Homework assignments, test end of quarter exams, and pressure from instructors tend to make some students self-centered. But not the secretarial students. In spirit of their very heavy class load they managed to collect \$70 and donate it to the Telerama held on January 29. Obviously secretaries take time out to think of other people, and they should be congratulated for their generosity.

LB.

Dear Mr. Swigley:

In regard to your letter published in last weeks NUGGET, I don't feel that there was nay cheating on RTA's part involved. Anyone who figures that eight, four, three, two and one, not only can't add but if you went with eighteen people then who was really cheating. Granted we did have a few slip-ups, but even Engineering and Drafting students understand that a few cutbacks here and there often saves a second or two. Besides

what are you people complaining about your candidate won.

As to the matter of our intelligence, isn't quick wit, sheer ability and RTA's power the only thing that really counts under head on competition such as pyramid building which we have recently undergone and won.

Signed

Pete Hodgkinson  
Campaign Manager  
RTA

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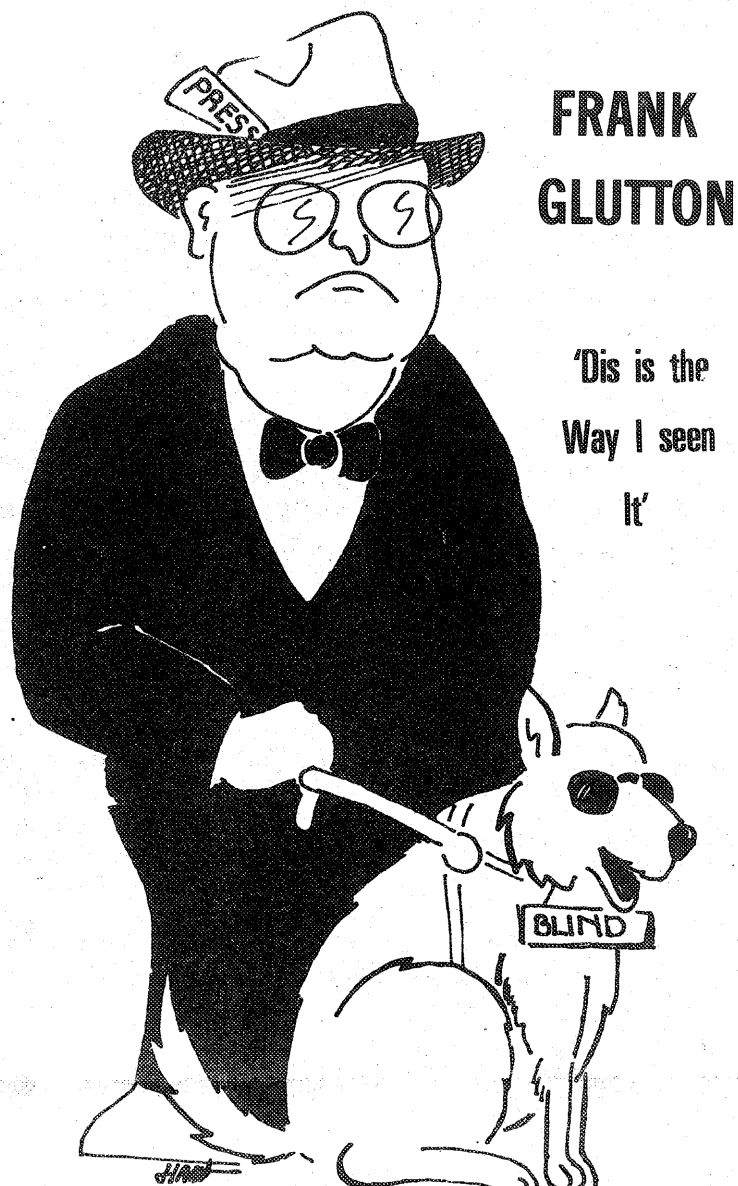


## AT DENTAL- SECRETARIAL CABARET

FEB. 11, 8:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M. TICKETS AT KIOSK  
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# ENTERTAINMENT



**FRANK  
GLUTTON**

'Dis is the  
Way I seen  
it'

It sure is nice to know your "LOVED". Just when I was getting all down and depressed, because the students here weren't doing anything worth writing about, I see this nasty letter to me in last weeks NUGGET. You know, the letter that mentions ME, Me, me, - being a blind pressman being led by a blind dog and then asking if I am deaf as well. That takes nerve to question my integrity and my physical being like that. I think they were trying to insult me or something.

However, before I go and get all upset about this here little matter, the Drafting students do have a point to ponder. I reread the article from 2 weeks ago and it is true that I did make a little mistake, I guess even Ol Frank gets error bound every now and then. I did forget to put in the Drafting tech on my list of how me and "Jimmy the Weak" figured the candidates would finish. I had planned to put their name down just after Photography which would have gave them a fifth place finish but it seems like I didn't.

However thats not the point. The point is what am I going to do about the Drafting students calling me blind and deaf.

I'm not going to give them a "Drip" award, nor am I going to give them a "Super Drip" award. I think that because they had the balls (literally) to call Ol Frank a nasty name and stick up for their rights that I am going to give them a "Stripe" award. That takes guts to call Ol Frank down in print. HOWEVER, don't ANYBODIES think Ol Franks getting soft and decide to start calling Ol Frank down, just for something to do, cause I won't be so easy on the next people or peoples. It just that I did make an error and I'm so embarassed to think that ME, Ol Frank could do such a thing.

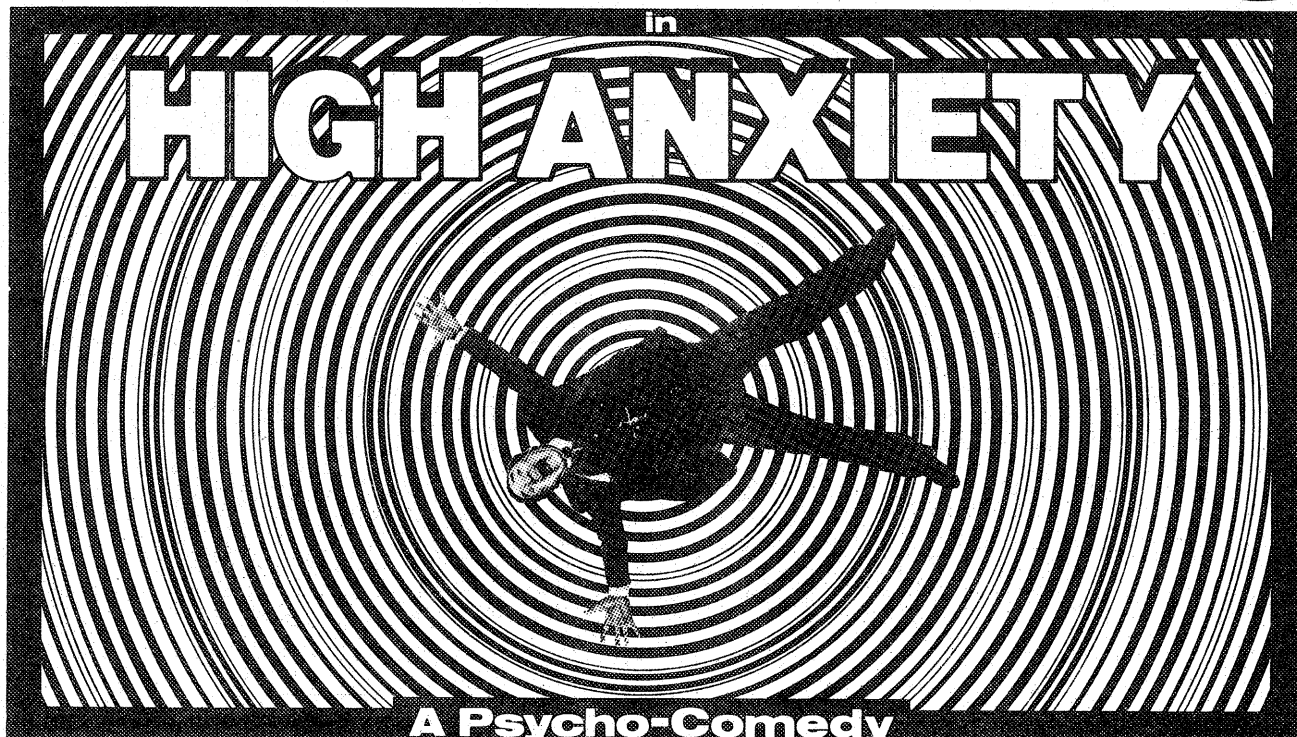
FIGHT, Fight, fight, I read one of the other Letters to the Editor and it seems like someone else from Drafting is upset at RTA. Well, I knew that RTA wasn't going to let that go so I got Rod to show me a copy of the rebuttal letter from RTA and boy oh boy what they had to say, well, them fighting words if you ask me. Two Letters to the Editor in the same week from the Drafting students. They must of had a bad week or something over there (Plaza Two). I figure that both sides must be lacking a little intelligence to argue over a competition thats already over. Don't seem to me that there going to change the results any by arguing over trivialities. I like fights though so I think that maybe you peoples should go at it. I favour RTA to win the battle though, cause they got the radio station on there side and thats nearly as good as having the newspaper.

LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT: I understand that when Rod (our Editor) questioned el Presidented Greg Lesiuk about the validity of the rules in the Mardi Gras competition, I heard that Greggers just told him that it's not what the rules say you can do, it's what you interpret the rules to say and then bend them to the most favourable advantage towards your tech. In other words, it's all right to cheat, just don't get caught. Hmmm. I wonder if his mother ever told him that cheating isn't nice. My Ol Mom would turn over in her grave (poor soul) if she ever even thought that Ol Frank would ever cheat on anybody or ever write one thing nasty about someone. Why I can remember my Ol Mommy telling me one day, Frank your a good boy, and someday your going to be recognized for setting an example for others. How right she was.

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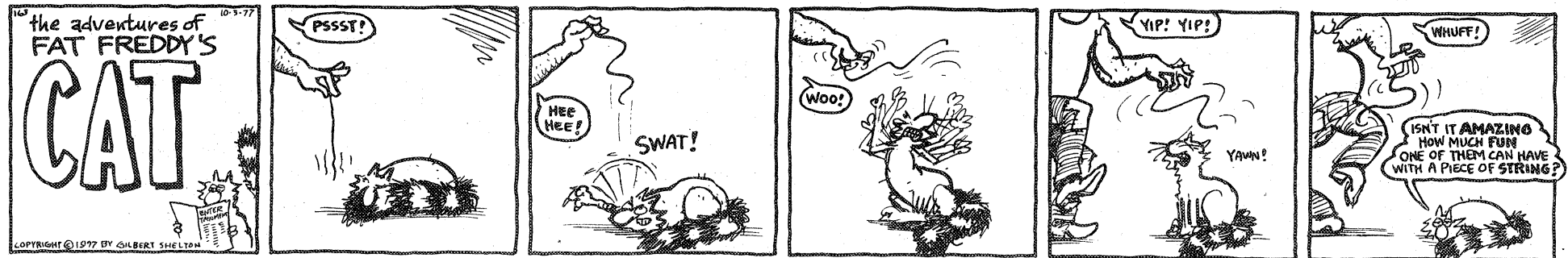
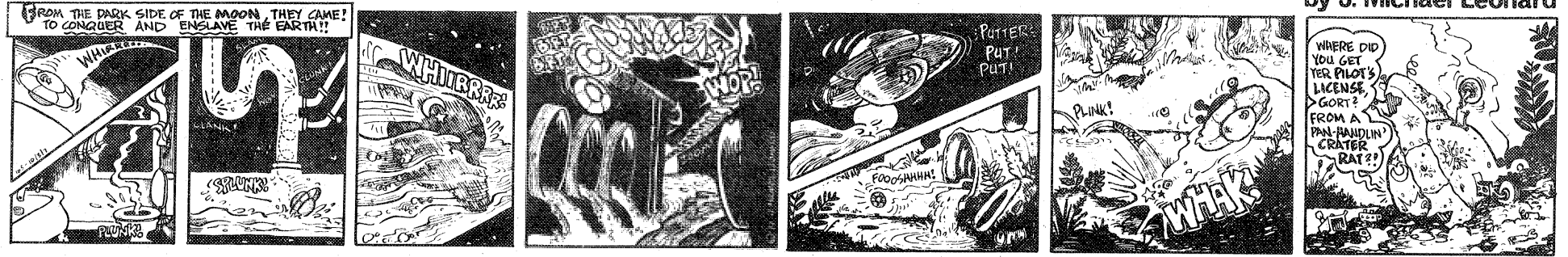
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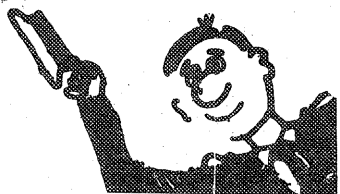
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# STAR WEEVILS



## Commissionaires Corner



Several inquiries have been received in regard to: where, when, parking is available at NAIT during the: other than normal daily parking hours.

**EVENING PARKING:** With the exception of; Stalls marked: RESERVED 24 hours. Stalls held: for evening instructors, visitors etc.

All other stalls are on a first come --first serve basis -- after 5:30 P.M.

The Parkade also applies, but, care must be taken to ensure your motor vehicle is removed prior to 11:00 p.m.

The Parkade has more than enough room for parking and there is no reasonable excuse for parking in violation.

This week, starting Feb. 6th Commissionaires will be patrolling parking lots to give warning to vehicles parked in violation. Such as: parked at curbs, parked at doors, parked in lanes, and any other violations.

**WEEKENDS** Saturdays and Sundays (Days and Evenings).

The same Commissionaire patrols will be carried out as stated for evenings, weekdays.

The commissionaires will be appreciative for everyone's co-operation. If the warnings are taken seriously - there will be no need for \$5 fine tags.

This action is considered necessary to ensure clear passage for arrival of ambulances, fire trucks, and to enable easy departure for those who wish to leave the Institute early.

It cannot be stressed too strongly the need for the access of ambulance and fire fighting vehicles. A life could be lost due to the inconsideration of a few who do not like to walk.

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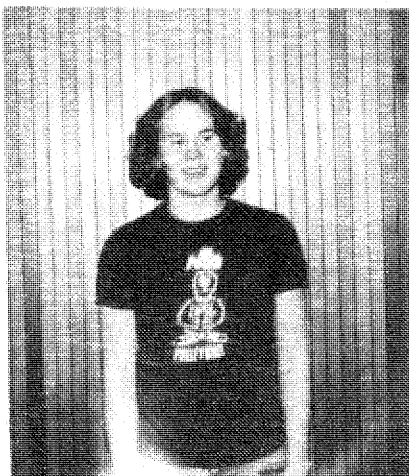
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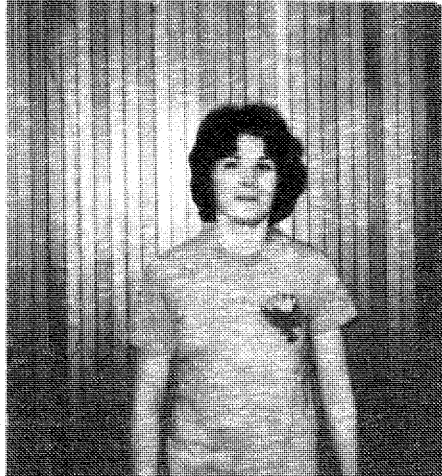
# SPORTS

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## WOMAN'S VOLLEYBALL



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Position: Spiker  
Outlook for Season: GREAT!



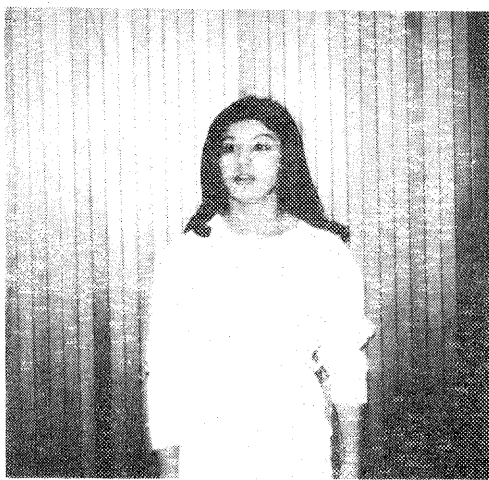
NAME: Joan Powers (Bus. Administration)  
Position: Spiker  
Outlook for Season: IMPROVEMENT!



NAME: Waltraud Nessler (Acct. & Fin.)  
Position: Spiker  
Outlook for Season: REALLY GOOD!



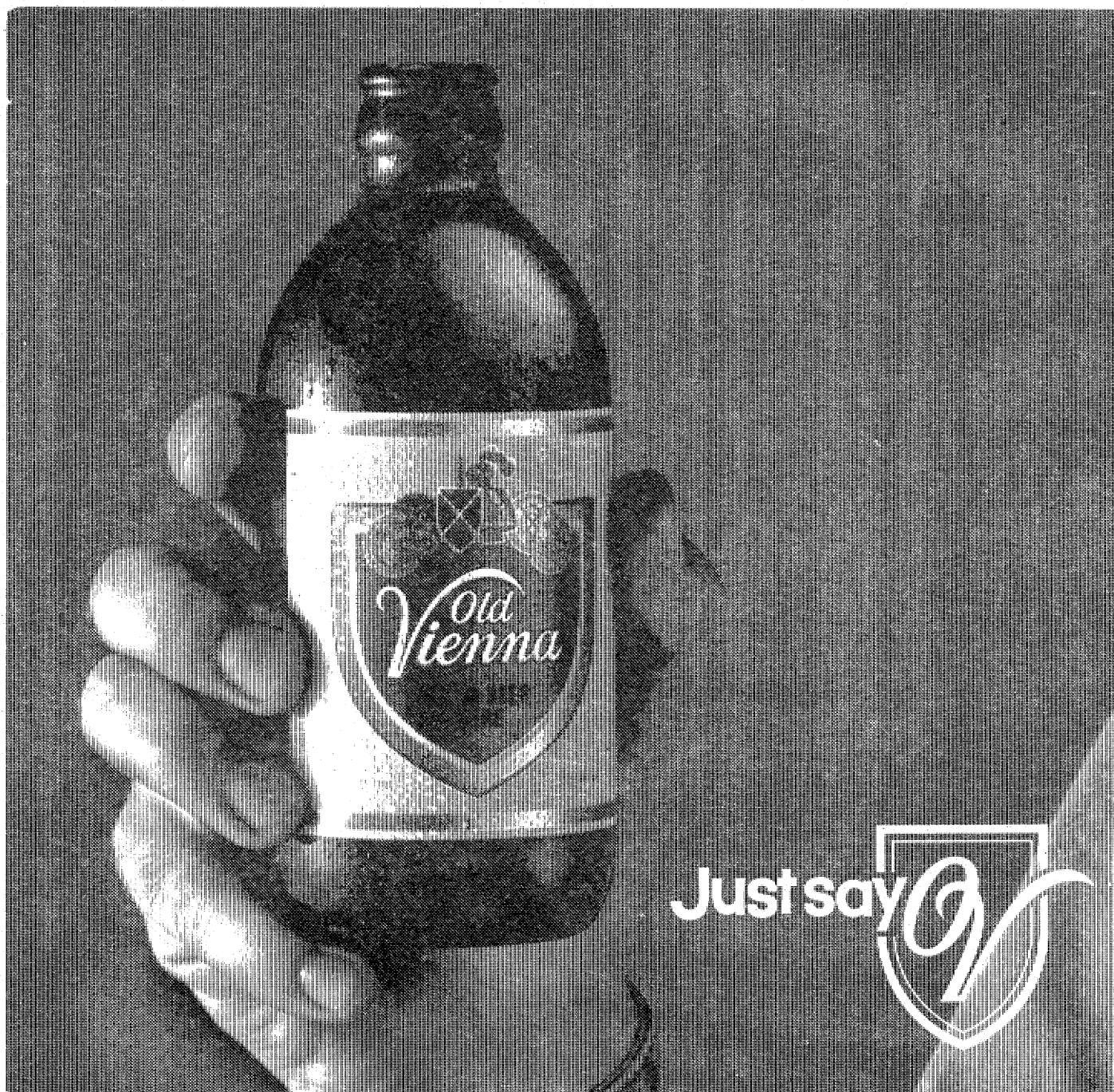
NAME: Michell Gauthier (Secretarial)  
Position: Spiker  
Outlook for Season: GREAT!



NAME: Asifa Premji (Administrative Mgt.)  
Position: Spiker  
Outlook for Season: VERY POSITIVE!



NAME: Jacque Andrichuk capt. (MARKETING)  
Position: Setter  
Outlook for Season: GREAT!



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NAME: Cindy Oleksiw (Business Admin.)  
Position: Setter  
Outlook for Season: REALLY GOOD!



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NAME: Laureen Wowk (Secretarial)  
Position: Spiker  
Outlook for Season: LUCKY



# STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

## NEW BUSINESS

a) Dental - Secretarial Cabaret: Dental and Secretarial will be holding a cabaret on Feb. 11 at Calder Hall from 8:00 to 1:00 a.m. featuring "Player's Choice". Tickets are \$4.00 and will be on sale in the Kiosk, Tower Lounge, and F213. A free midnight lunch will be served.

--Electrical, Med. Lab and Dietary will be holding a cabaret on Feb. 4 at Richie Hall featuring "Buckeye". Tickets are \$3.50 and \$4.00

b) Mardi Gras Week: There was Queen candidates from 6 technologies competing during Mardi Gras Week. The new Nait Queen is Lori Engstrom from Drafting. Drafting tech also won the technology competition.

c) Upcoming Events: Feb. 10 Naitsa General Meeting and Pubtime, Financial statements will be presented to a quorum of 200 people. The Pubtime will feature "Jim Woodyard".

Feb. 24 - Pubtime with "McLean and McLean" 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the cafeteria.

Feb. 3 - Ski Train leaves for Jasper.

April - Elections for Nait Students Association will be held. There will be campaigning for 4 days, elections the last day and a beerfest on Saturday, featuring "Flash Cadillac".

d) President's Message: Greg was unable to attend the Students Finance Board meeting however, most people that applied for loans did get their money.

e) Tower Lounge: We will not be able to hold pubtimes in the tower lounge due to: 1) Safety Hazard (stairs), 2) Extra Security needed 3) Extra lighting needed, 4) Washrooms not on the same floor.

We will be looking into R.A.T. at the U of A to see what revenue it generates. From this we will see if it's feasible for us to have a similar lounge. We may be able to hold functions at the Plaza II cafeteria. ADJOURNMENT Was motined to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 P.M. and moved by the Business Society. It was then seconded by Telecom.

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# TITLE FIGHT

"Geez, it sure is crowded in here. Where are we going to sit. How about that table over there, its only got people crowded three deep!

"Heh, Hi there good buddy. See you finally made it. Sure is crowded in here isn't it. Whats that you say, You predict that before the nights over there's going to be at least one fight, there will be no room on the dance floor to dance and that by the time everybody goes home that they will be three-quarters tanked."

"WHAT COULD MAKE YOU THINK THAT?"

"Just because they've got 200 people jammed at one end of the floor and the beer is at the other end and the dance floor is only big enough to hold about 75 people if you cram them. Thats a pretty big statement to make don't you think? Besides "Buckeyes" playing."

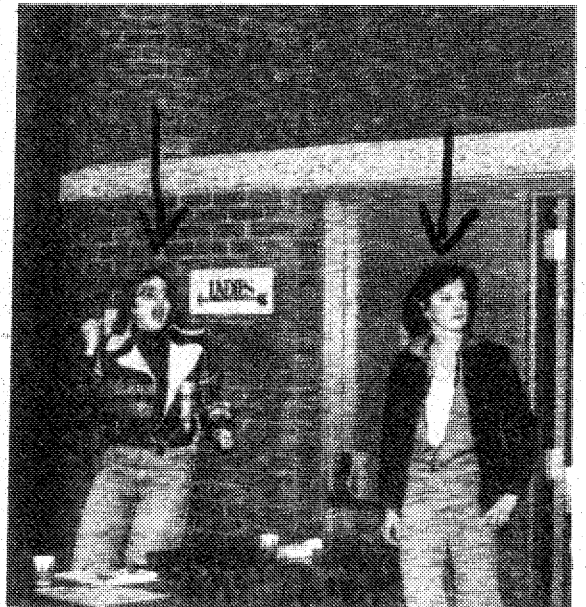
The above dialogue was the tune of an opening conversation between two NUGGET staffers not long after they had arrived at Ritchie Hall to attend the Med. Lab-Dietary-Electrical Cabaret. It was Saturday Night!

Sometime between one of the breaks the band was taking, two young gents suddenly got up from one of the tables and attempted to imitate Jimmy Young-Mohammed Ali. A quick flurry of hands by one of the two participants only proved that both of the "brawlers" were two drunk to fight because from my viewpoint (underneath the table?) it didn't appear that nary a punch was landed. While the two contestants were jostling, one other did decide that if there was going to be some action, that he was going to get in on it, so he lifted one table up on its end which resulted in spilling a lot of beer, making one girl cry and almost starting a real brawl. Fortunately a couple of bouncers were there in a rush and not everybodys temprament was as bad as his. Within a matter of minutes the sideshow was settled down and everybody went back to there own tables.

The band "Buckeye" was the featured entertainment for the evening. They've had the label disco applied to their type of music since whenever when. Tonight however, their lead singer said that the didn't play disco music rather that the music they played was "funky" (junky). Whatever you want to call it "man" I still had a great deal of difficulty trying to dance to it. I don't think it was the alcohol in me, because I didn't see anyone else doing too well out there either. As well "man" 10 minute long songs are pretty hard on the body. Didn't want to walk off the floor on you either because that wouldn't be "cool".

The evening was fairly enjoyable (believe it or not) and the dance floor was always filled. There was good symetry between the numbers and there were a lot of pretty girls who had come with their girlfriends. Most of the time theres a fair number of pretty girls, but they generally show up with their boyfriends. Tonight however, they made an exception to the rule and that made it all worthwhile.

## OOK'S CHOICE: NEW YORK STEAK & PIZZA FANS OF THE WEEK



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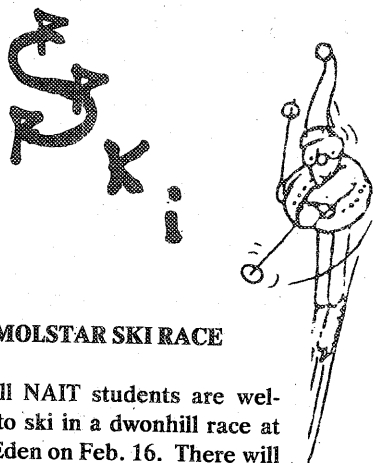
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The Ooks are 4 and 4 since Christmas and 8-12 for the year. They travel to Calgary this weekend to play the MRC Cougars and the SAIT Trojans. A victory over the Cougars on Saturday would assure the Ooks of the fourth playoff position.

Terry Oakes scored 6 goals in the 2 contests for the Oaks who got super goaltending from Brian Jubinville and Doug Laboucane.

## A collage of illustrations depicting various roles of the RCMP. At the top left, a male officer in a dark dress uniform and peaked cap stands in profile. Next to him is a female officer in a similar uniform, smiling. In the top right, a male officer in a dark uniform is shown from the side, talking on a handheld radio. Below him, a female officer in a dark uniform is interacting with a young girl. In the bottom left, a male officer in a dark uniform is kneeling and talking to a German Shepherd dog. In the bottom center, a male officer in a dark uniform is standing next to a small helicopter. In the bottom right, a female officer in a dark uniform is standing next to a bicycle. The background is white with some faint, stylized clouds.

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# The RCMP It could be for you



## YOUR TUITION IS GOING UP AGAIN

For the second time in three years the provincial government is raising tuition. Depending on your program, your tuition fees will be anywhere from 10 per cent to 33 per cent higher next fall. Last year, tuition rose between 25 per cent and 150 per cent.

The government has again failed to provide Alberta's universities, colleges and technical institutes with enough money to meet the inflationary increases in their operating budgets. The provincial government has placed a ceiling of 9 per cent on increases in the budget of post-secondary institutions. Some may receive increases of only 6 per cent. At the same time, these institutions are experiencing inflation in their budgets of about 15 per cent.

This means that Alberta's institutions are short six to nine percent of the revenue needed to break even. They can deal with this in two ways: reduce expenditures by cutting programs and reducing the quality of education or by raising tuition fees. They are doing both.

Tuition fees are a major component of the costs faced by a student when he/she attends college or university. As tuition increases, those whose financial resources do not keep pace are placed in an increasingly difficult situation. Many students are forced by increasing tuition and other costs to seriously re-evaluate whether or not they can continue their education. The Ontario Federation of Students reports that for each \$100 tuition increase, 2½ percent of the student population disappears. These students leave because they feel they cannot afford the costs of an education.

Already the present level of tuition has had a serious effect on accessibility for people from low-income make up 48 percent of the university undergraduate population.

Students from those families who make up the bottom 38 percent of family incomes comprise only 16 percent of the university population.

The federal and provincial governments are moving towards a system which would force student

to pay a substantially greater portion of the operating costs of the post-secondary system. In order to reduce expenditures, governments are seeking to pass on the costs of education to the students, regardless of the effects this has on educational opportunity.

The Peitchinis Report to the Council of Ministers of Education recommended that tuition be increased until it accounted for the entire operating costs of the institution. Since students now pay between ten and fifteen percent of these operating costs, this would see tuition rise to the level of several thousand dollars per year.

The Henderson Report to the government of Ontario called for an initial increase of 65 percent in student tuition fees. Henderson's objective was to cut 80 million dollars from the total higher education budget in Ontario.

Many people believe that since other costs such as housing, food, clothing, and consumer goods are constantly rising, tuition should too. What these people fail to realize is that the financial resources of all students are not increasing at the same rate. There are three major sources of student funds, contributions of parents and spouses, summer savings, and student loans.

The abilities of families to support their children at a post-secondary institution varies widely. For example, the Advanced Education Department's planning secretariat reports that, "In order to fully support a student in most post-secondary institutions, a family must have an income considerably above the provincial average."

Summer savings are also unreliable as a means of meeting higher costs. Most students attend classes for eight months of the year. This means giving up earnings for this period and depending on income from the summer only. At the same time, student unemployment remains a serious problem, even here in Alberta. Last summer unemployment among the 15 to 24 age group varied between 6.5 percent and 9.1 percent. Certainly these students cannot afford higher tuition.

Alberta's student finance program is not adequate to compensate for these inequalities in resources. Unlike other provinces Alberta has exclusively a loan program. Although the Student Finance Board repays a certain percentage of the money borrowed (remission), debts are still very high for the poorest students. Many low-income people are unwilling to start a career and/or family with thousands of dollars of debt hanging over their heads. These people simply forego a college or university education.

The Student Finance Board will not pay remission on money a student has to borrow because he or she was unable to find a summer job. Thus we find the incredible situation in which a student is penalized for not being able to find a job!

Finally, the parent of students who are legal adults, but who fail to meet the arbitrary requirements for "independence," are forced to contribute to the education of their adult offspring. If the parents refuse, the student is out of luck.

It is clear that the financial resources available to students vary greatly. While some students can afford a moderate tuition increase, others cannot even afford the present fees.

While the provincial government has only limited influence over the other costs of students such as housing, food, transportation, and books, it has complete control over the level of tuition fees. By providing enough funding to our institutions of higher learning, the Alberta government will enable them to maintain standards while not increasing fees.

The provincial government has the financial resources needed to ensure that post-secondary education remains accessible to all Alberta's citizens. Yet if they continue the trend of constantly increasing tuition, post-secondary education will again become the preserve of the wealthy. Students and others must insist that this does not happen. They must make their position clear to those who represent them.

Governments depend on public

support to stay in office. If public opinion is against them on an issue they will usually change their position. This pamphlet has been distributed as part of a province wide student campaign against the tuition increase. Its purpose is to mobilize student and public opinion against education cutbacks and tuition increases.

Your student union or association is supporting the Federation of Alberta Students in this fight to keep tuition down. They can supply you with more information and let you know how you can help. Get involved. There's a lot to be done.

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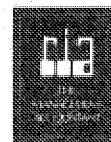
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