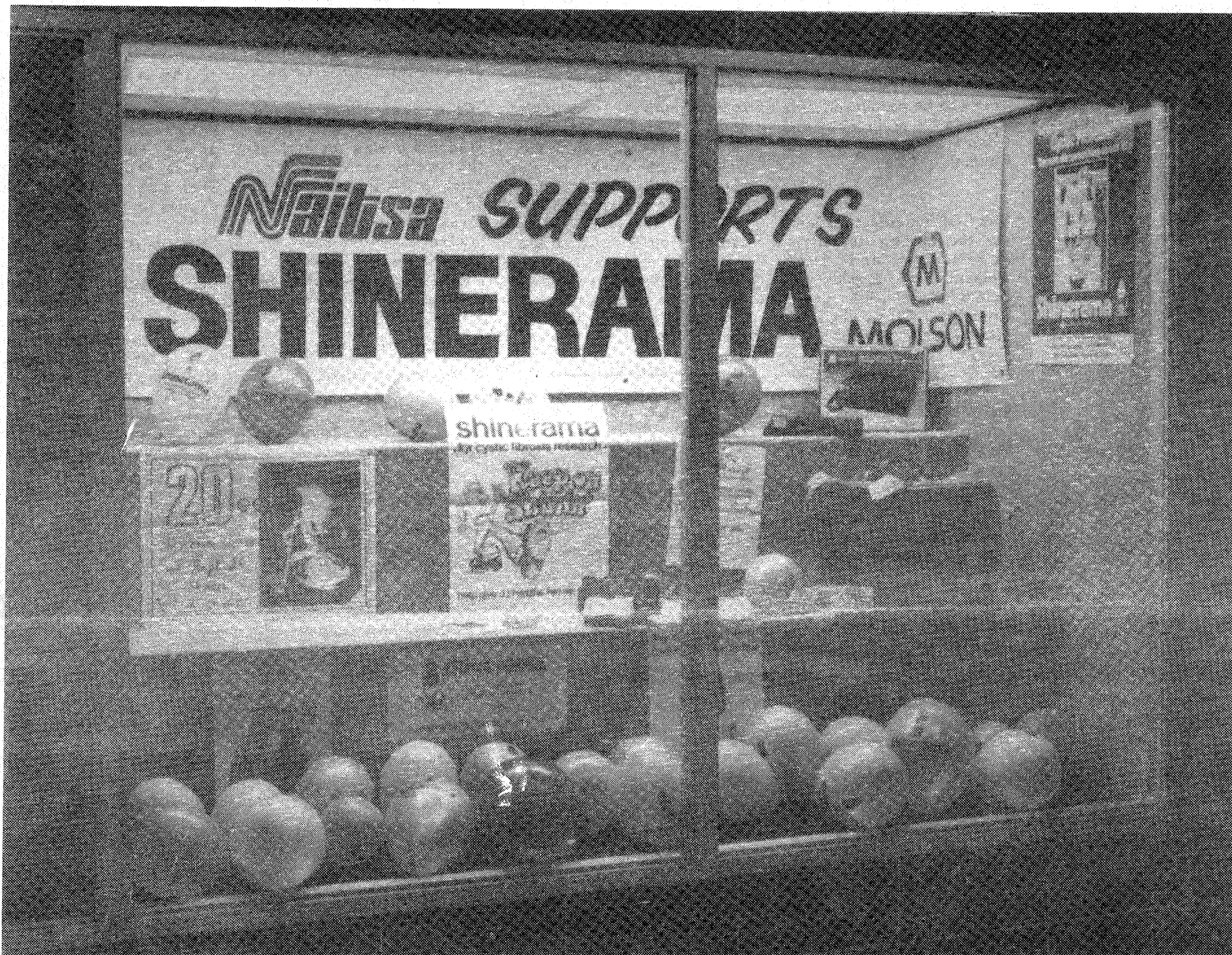


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CANADIAN CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION

Facts About Cystic Fibrosis

- 1 in every 1,800 persons born in Canada has cystic fibrosis
- more than a million Canadians are carriers of the 'CFgene'
- as of yet there is no cure or control for cystic fibrosis
- cystic fibrosis is second only to cancer in taking the lives of children in Canada
- one in 20 Canadians carries the gene for cystic fibrosis
- there is no known cure or control for cystic fibrosis
- those living with CF must undergo rigorous therapy programs every day just to stay alive

Research Results:

- since the early 1960's the median age of survival of CF patients has increased from under age 4 to over age 20 due to new drugs and treatment
 - within the last 5 years the average daily intake of pills that CF patients must take has decreased from 100 to 20
- It has taken over 20 years to build up a core of researchers interested in finding a cure or control for CF. We must have sufficient funds to keep them working or Canada's lead in research will be lost. The next ten years are critical to the progress of saving lives.

The Challenge:

- to develop reliable tests to detect carriers of the 'CF gene' (babies born to parents carrying the CF gene have a one in four chance of suffering from cystic fibrosis)
- to understand the fundamental defect responsible for cystic fibrosis
- to identify how and why CF related lung problems start
- to create better forms of treatment which will prolong life
- to find a cure for cystic fibrosis

SHINERAMA

Shinerama is the largest single charity event among Canadian post-secondary

students. It has been the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's "number one" fundraising event since 1964 and it has gotten stronger every year. The main focus of this campaign is a one-day community shoe-shine blitz; however, many campuses have expanded the concept to include a variety of events under the Shinerama banner.

BENEFITS TO YOUR CAMPUS

- Shinerama is an effective community service project that will develop strong campus-community relations.
- Shinerama has a proven track record for generating participation among first year students. It's fun!
- The CCFF will provide your

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BENEFITS TO THE SHINERAMA ORGANIZER

- organizing a Shinerama campaign will develop your leadership, planning and organizational skills
- the conference will prepare you to organize a press conference, media coverage and public relations
- you will be demonstrating involvement and dedication as well as the above-mentioned skills: characteristics highly respected by present employers
- you will gain personal satisfaction knowing that you are helping a truly worthy cause

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SHINERAMA 1985

Hello Everyone!

I need all of you to make this year's Shinerama the most successful ever.

Shinerama is an annual event in which NAIT students devote one day of their time to help raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. This year's campaign will prove to be very exciting and a lot of fun for everyone involved. Shiners will meet at NAIT between 7:30 and 8:30 Saturday morning to feast on free pancakes. After breakfast, the shiners will pick up their shining kits and disperse to designated areas throughout the city. This year, the Shinerama committee has arranged for all Shiners to have a hot lunch (a free Big Mac and Coke at McDonalds around the city). As well as a free ticket to Sports World Roller Rink.

After a hard day of shining shoes and giving balloons away for donations, shiners will drop their kits and money off at NAIT. They will then head out to the Golden Garter where "20

feet" will be playing for the annual Shinerama cabaret. Saturday morning the winner of the trip for two to Vancouver and the luggage and clock radio will also be announced. Tickets for the cabaret must be purchased prior to Saturday at a cost of \$4.00 for Shiners and \$6.00 for others (must be validated when picking up your shining kit). Tickets for the draw can be purchased for a dollar in the main lobby and from students on General Council.

The U of A medical students and the nursing students of Misericordia and Royal Alexandra will also be participating in this year's campaign. They will also be attending our cabaret.

If you have any further questions you can contact me in my office. Let's Get Out There and Do It!

Randy Fibke
V.P. NAITSA
Director, Shinerama '85

The City Police are going to tow away or ticket any vehicle that is illegally parked. Just ask any U of A student, for it happened to them. So please read and try to obey the signs, and that includes Kingsway Mall.

Student Services will try to do more for you, the student, this year. Firstly, by reaching the NAITSA goals and objectives by replacing some of the L.R.C. typewriters with word processing machines. Secondly, NAITSA is working on increasing transferability of courses from N.A.I.T. to the University of Alberta. For example, if you have completed 2nd year business, then upon entering U of A, you would enter 3rd year business.

The yearbook this year has disappointed many. With all the complaints surfaced, NAITSA has decided to go back to the old format of class pictures, activities, sports, etc. Last year's edition was done because of

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lower costs and faster processing. So not to despair, your picture will be in next year.

On the same note, changes are also being made to the yearly calendar published by N.A.I.T.S.A. One change is to make it standardized, running it from January through December.

Other suggestions include having female and male students posing for each of the twelve months. The calendar will be approx. \$5.00 per copy. If you are in favor or opposed, let the student executive know.

Your student executive for this year are:

President - Glenn Mason
V.P. - Randy Fibke
Publications - Brian McDonald
Activities - Jim McCoy
Athletics - Patti Marcynshyn
Secretary - Deneen Miller

Their offices can be located across from Student Services in Room 133. Please communicate with them: they are here to help you, the student, to answer questions, or just go in if you have any suggestions.

The A.L.C.B. has told N.A.I.T.S.A. that they are only allowed to have functions that hold up to 1000 people. This is a substantial decrease over last year. This new restriction also applies to technologies.

Yet the U of A has had no restrictions placed on them. For example, Beerfest sold out at the maximum 1500 tickets, while U of A Bear Country the following night, sold over 3500 tickets. N.A.I.T.S.A. claims that this is an atrocity and is looking into the situation. You can help out by running your cabaret in respect of the rules. Remember, NAITSA can't do it alone!

Tony Tyrkalo



BEERFEST '85

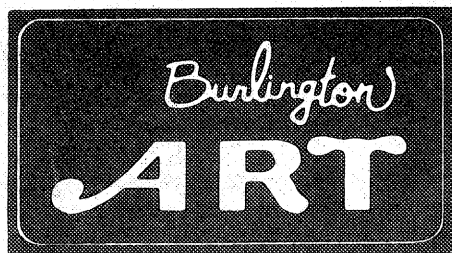
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SHINERAMA PAST:

By 11:00 the majority of Shiners were already at their shining locations in various parts of the city and SHINERAMA '75 was officially underway. Almost every part of Edmonton was covered including all major shopping centres, the industrial airport, most downtown hotels, some banks, the police department, city hall, Edmonton telephones, and every street corner on Jasper Ave.

At 12:30 the final SHINERAMA registration took place and the last shiners left NAIT for their shining location in the city.

By mid-afternoon, SHINERAMA Director D'Arcy Levesque along with members of the organizing committee moved their base from NAIT to the Carling O'Keefe Mobile Caravan which was loaded up with additional shoe polish and supplies and started moving

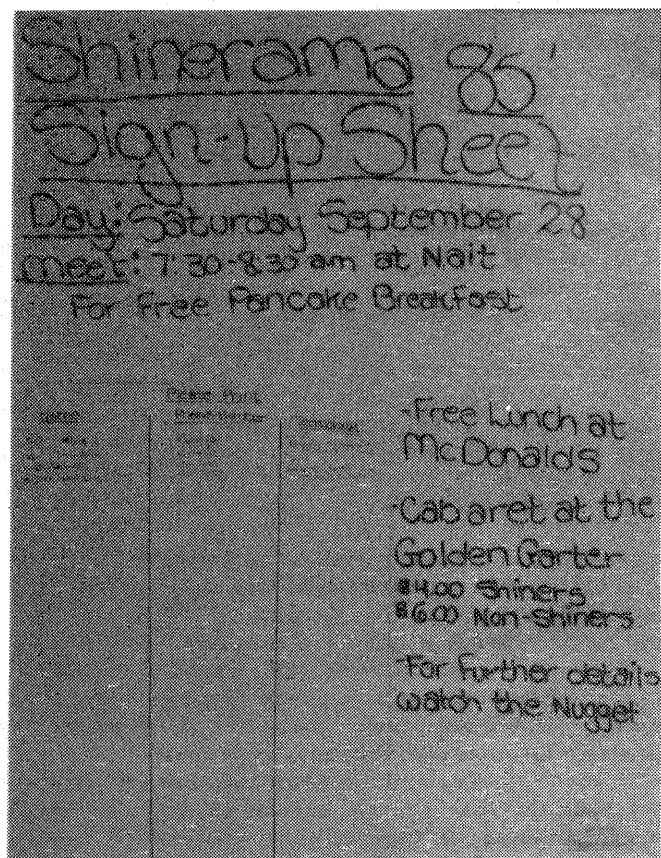
out to various shining locations in the city to replenish supplies and offer encouragement to by now tired shiners.

Stories of Shiners success by this time were making their way back to SHINERAMA CONTROL from section leaders and team captains who were reporting full coin cans and generous donations.

The team in front of Mike's News stand on Jasper Ave. reported the first full coin can of the day. Other successful teams included one over in the Court House who reported donations of up to \$20.00 from prosperous Edmonton lawyers. The team shining in the Mayfield Inn received a donation of \$125 dollars. A shining team in front of the Westmount liquor store even managed a free case of beer from a considerate Edmontonian.

By 4:00 shiners were streaming back into NAIT to return their coin cans, and pick up their tickets for the SHINERAMA party at the Beacon Heights community hall. Never had that particular hall seen a greater crowd than it did on the evening of Friday, October 3rd when 900 shiners packed it in to enjoy the music of Shortstop and the free keg beer. The climax of the day came in the announcement that the students of NAIT had raised \$12,300. NAIT President George Carter was on hand at the party to partake in the refreshments and offer his congratulations to the NAIT shiners for a job well done. NAITSA Student President Dave Edwards also took time to express his appreciation to the eight students from SAIT who travelled to Edmonton on Friday and between them raised almost \$300 which they donated to NAIT SHINERAMA '75.

SHINERAMA PRESENT:



TOO MUCH FOR WHOM

With all technology of hand they misconstrue and change our land. Environment that's here for us is being thrashed along with us. It seems with every step ahead somethings lost, productions fed. Computers will take all our jobs, cook our meals, but who goes on? A future world of microchips, electric cars, oh, so equipped. So what about the squirrels and bees, will electric toys replace all these?

Mother Nature change your name no room for you, you can't remain. They've got the beast in Leningrad It took your place that's just too bad Pack your pets, your flowers too, its mass production here on through. The wildlife will be caged up tight, No room to roam no room for flight. Memories is all we'll have in years to come of years we passed. A sympathetic ear we need from the powers here that be. It can change and still go on without the mass production song.

So Mother Nature shine on through if it's all the same, I'll come with you!!!

Rob Cherrington

NAITSA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES 1985-86

- 1) Maintain harmony and communication within the Executive
- 2) To increase and maintain two-way communication and awareness between and students
- 3) To address the problem of quiet study area
- 4) To obtain word processing equipment in the LRC
- 5) To revise the NAITSA Constitution (eg. Elections '85)
- 6) To actively participate within ACTISEC to address such issues as student loan remissions and taxation
- 7) To raise \$12,000 in Shinerama
- 8) To designate and initiate existing capital funds into a specific project for student area
- 9) To attempt to install a whirlpool on campus
- 10) To take steps to achieve a licenced student lounge on campus

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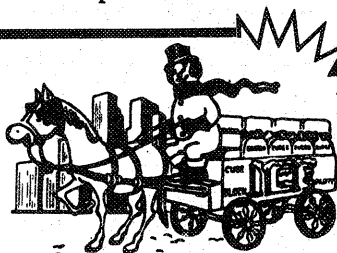
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WHY does it seem as if people aren't interested in Shinerama anymore, or is it that they just don't care enough? I know that there are some people who have to work and some may have other commitments, but the rest of you have no excuses. Isn't it funny how people don't care enough about helping out people who have cystic fibrosis until it strikes them or someone close to them? Then, we seem to care more. So then, why not get involved NOW? Why can't we do something before this disease hits us? Please, give it some thought and let's see you out there helping shine shoes.

Randy Fibke has set the goal at \$12,000 but I think we can do better than that: let's try to break the old record! After all, it's the 25th anniversary of Shinerama, so let's make it the most successful fund raising event of the year.

Tony Tyrkalo

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Editorials

BLAST-PHEMY

Earlier this week, the Government of France openly admitted that they were responsible for the sinking of the Greenpeace ship, Rainbow Warrior. This act of terrorism resulted in the death of one photographer.

After the resignation of the Foreign Minister and firing of the Director of the Secret Services, France's President Francois Mitterand conceded in embarrassment that his Government was behind the bombing.

Government terrorism exists and has for many decades. France has only enlightened us and brought it to our attention that Western Democratic societies can be just as devious as any Soviet Block, Middle East or Central American countries.

The implications are staggering, considering the bombing was an unprovoked incident. Overall, France will suffer immensely by having its international relations strained. Two members of the secret service responsible for the bombing are being held in New Zealand. How are they going to be prosecuted? International warrants have been filed by the New Zealand government, but reports indicate that France has taken no action against them. Are these agents the real perpetrators, or is it the French government, including President Mitterand, that should be prosecuted?

On the flip side of the coin stands the issue of expressing freedom for peace. In a Western Democratic Society it is supposed to be incomprehensible to stifle the thoughts and beliefs of individuals who fight for what they believe in. This is a contradiction that most governments employ us with: we are fed 'propaganda' dealing with arms limitations, yet are also faced with new prospects of, for instance, STAR WARS.

Greenpeace, although not a passive organization, has brought the world to a realization that we have neglected issues of this importance since Vietnam. This is a time and age where many students are always reflecting on how they wished they had lived through the sixties. Well, the time is right now! In a North American society which is still stagnating in the 'ME GENERATION' it's time we concentrated on other important things that will affect us in the very near future.

L. Chayka

EDITOR'S NOTE

As you all know Shinerama takes place this weekend. Over the past few years enthusiasm has somewhat to be desired. So why not get a few classmates together and raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This year's goal has been set at \$12,000, and with your help we can do it !!!



"Looks like we planted a few seeds of our own, Willie!"

(PUT CHARITY NAME HERE) AID

Willie Nelson and John Cougar Mellencamp are probably feeling pretty good about themselves, and they should. The pair were largely responsible for the success of this past weekend's Farm-Aid benefit concert at the University of Illinois. Although final counts were not yet available, at the time of writing over seven million dollars American had been raised.

The proceeds from the show will be used to aid American farmers facing grave financial burdens.

Bob Geldoff probably feels pretty good about himself these days, too. Bob's now seeing the money raised through Live Aid being put to use in Africa. Mr. Geldoff, as you may well remember, was the brain behind Live-Aid, a mammoth rock and roll show staged in two parts of the world simultaneously. Over seventy million was raised by Bob Geldoff and friends.

There are actors in Hollywood talking about getting together and doing a

benefit show of their own. A noble gesture, but what about a recipient? The money has to go to something or somebody. Afghan rebels fighting off the Russians? Community centres for ghettos? Save the whales? All honest causes, but all wrong. The beautiful people are talking of doing a benefit show to raise money for AIDS research. They'll probably call it AIDS-aid.

Cartoonists across Canada and the United States are planning to make sure the impact of Live-Aid isn't soon forgotten. They are putting together a benefit show of their own. Each cartoonist will submit a drawing depicting world hunger. The drawings will then be auctioned off in the States on their Thanksgiving Day. The name of this affair: Toon-Aid.

Your or my personal opinion on any of these causes or shows are inconsequential. What matters is that the causes are there and, if the first two (Live-Aid and Farm-Aid) are any indication, the shows work.

When the initial counts from Live-Aid started coming in, people the world over were calling for Bob Geldoff, the driving force behind Live-Aid, to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Shortly after these calls, a member of the selection committee announced that it was too late for Geldoff's name to be submitted this year, but that he could be considered for next year. Whether he will or not remains to be seen. Geldoff will be remembered, though. If for nothing else, Bob Geldoff will be remembered be the fund-raising industry for revolutionizing the business.

Since the success of Live-Aid, people are giving a serious look at that particular type of fund-raising. With Farm-Aid also a success, people are going to look even harder. Just how well Hollywood and/or Toon-Aid will go remains to be seen. One thing for sure, though, is that if they do go well, we'll see a lot more of these types of fundraisers.

Asst. Ed.
Brett Snow

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Nait Athletics

BADMINTON TEAM

The NAIT badminton team has always been very successful in A.C.A.C. competition.

Practices commence this Thurs. Sept. 26 from 8-10 p.m. and on Tues. Oct 1 from 8-10 p.m.

The team consists of 4 men and 4 women plus a male and female alternate. A \$1000.00 scholarships go along with all the play.

The first tournament will be held in Red Deer on Nov. 26 and 27.

For further information, see Eileen Harle in E134.



CHICKS BASKETBALL

STILL SEARCHING FOR PLAYERS

After a week of training camp the head coach of the Chicks, Gregg Meropoulis, finds himself with only nine players in camp and facing a real lack of depth at the guard position. "This year's recruiting went very well with ten players from local high schools applying for entrance in the fall." Of the ten, however, only five were accepted into programs at NAIT and two of them decided to go to other institutions." The result is a shortage of players at camp and the coach spending a lot of time on the phone trying to convince athletes to come out for the team. "The talent is there, but most are reluctant to get involved because they perceive the time commitment

will have a negative effect on their studies. We have found just the opposite with athletes having to better budget their time and make a serious commitment to their studies." If you think you've got the stuff it takes to play Intercollegiate Basketball, contact Gregg Meropoulis or come out to one of their scheduled practices listed on their bulletin

board.

On the brighter side, the addition of All-City Basketball guards Meach Cucinotta from O'Leary and Sherri Lee from Strathcona will shore up the guard position, and the addition of forward Shelley Green, a veteran of Cariboo College, will add some much-needed experience to a youthful team.

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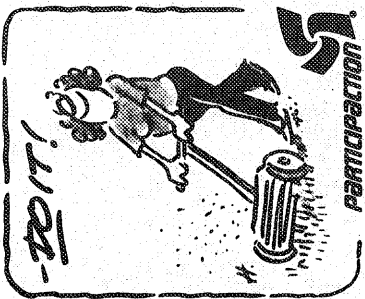
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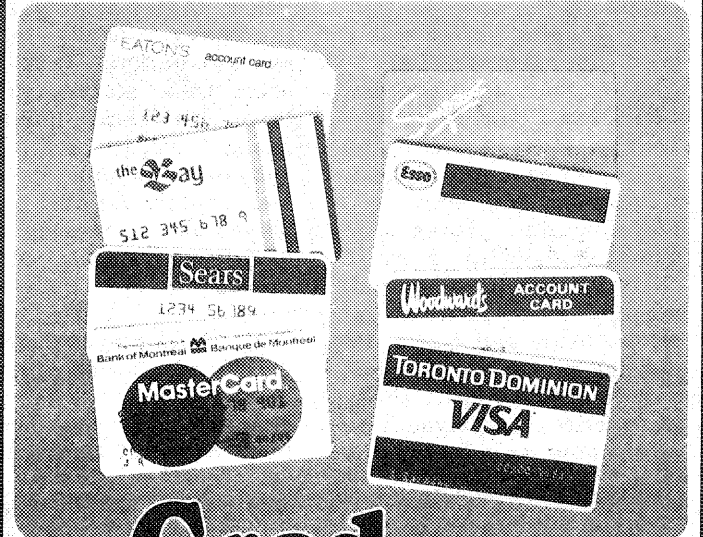
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Sports

OOKS CONTINUE STREAK, 6-5 OVER CAMROSE

Friday, September 20, 1985, the NAIT OOKS played their first exhibition hockey game against Camrose College. The OOKS started this season opener with a 6-2 lead in the second period, but Camrose came back for 3 goals in the third period.

The opening period was a good one for the OOKS, with 4 goals in 10 shots, with Dean Clark, Mike Tookey, Ross Kenny, and Ed Gatzky each getting one. Kevin Stapleton, who played an outstanding game, stopped 15 of the 16 shots in the first period, making some spectacular saves. Although Kevin did not see much ice time last year and was a little shaky in practice, he played well and should be a fine goalie

throughout the 85-86 season.

The OOKS dominated the second period, outshooting Camrose 15 shots to 6. Mike and Tom Tookey, veterans on the OOKS, played a fine defensive game, adding some goals to the cause as well. In the second period, Tom and Mike each scored, giving Mike his third point (2 goals, 1 assist). Ron Amyotte, another veteran and Captain for the game, played an outstanding game, contributing with 4 assists.

The OOKS played poorly in the third period of the hockey game. It was definitely not the hockey they are used to playing.

They felt the game was over and only an appearance was needed to finish the game. Not so: Camrose played well, scoring three unanswered goals and coming within one goal from upsetting the 84-85 A.C.A.C. Hockey champs.

Although not really a rough game, many penalties were called. There were 102 penalty minutes throughout the game with NAIT receiving 24 minors and Camrose 27 minors. This large amount of penalties is partly due to the new 'stick' regulations. The officials are really cracking down on any contact where the players' sticks are involved. This crackdown will be a difficult adjustment, but OOKS' coach Perry

Pearn commented that it will be easier in the future.

The OOK rookies played hard and it looks like they will fit in fine with A.C.A.C. hockey. There are 36 players with the OOKS right now and eventually it will be cut down to 22, but it will be a hard choice. Veterans Mark Shultz, Ross Kenny (1 goal, 1 assist), and Murray Melnyk look even better this year than last year. Rookies Bill Knox (1 goal), Ed Gatzky (1 goal, 1 assist), Dean Clark (1 goal), and Brent Weller all played exceptional hockey. The OOKS' other goaltender Bill Clyne say some ice time in the third period and proved to be a very capable goalkeeper.

Pearn.

The OOKS are away this weekend to Red Deer and Camrose and the next home game isn't until October 9, a Wednesday. On the ninth they play the U of A Golden Bears. This game should prove to be a quick-paced and hard-hitting game. Last year the two teams were evenly-matched, but this year I think the OOKS will have the edge. On the 4, 5, and 6 of October, the OOKS travel to an invitational round-robin tournament in Saskatoon, Sask. They will be played the Bears first on Friday, the U of S Huskies on Saturday, and finally on Sunday, the U of M club. Sid Cranston, a huge success with the OOKS last year, is now with the U of A team, and Bren Leach, a fine defenseman for the OOKS in 84-85, is with the U of S Huskies. This should add some interest to the tournament.

Craig Somers



NAIT CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM FINISHES 3rd IN RED DEER



This last weekend, the NAIT Cross-Country Running Team finished 3rd in the Red Deer College Invitational Cross-Country Meet. The top finishers for the combined men's and women's trophy was Red Deer College followed by Lethbridge Community College, NAIT and Prairie Bible Institute.

The event is an annual affair. It was also attended by SAIT, Mount Royal, Lindsay-Thurber High School, Camrose Lutheran College, Prairie Bible Institute who fielded only partial teams and were not eligible for the trophy.

NAIT's women's team finished 5th and the men 3rd on the windy, wet and undulating course. The women completed 4 km with the men running 8 km.

The Faculty Challenge Trophy was again retained by the NAIT staff which included Frank McNamara,

Judy Chichak, Sharon McLeod and John Reeves. Days results were:

Women (4 km)
Janice Carlsen (Marketing) - 5th - 19:53
Patti Collins (Medical X-Ray) - 7th - 20:12
Sharon McLeod (staff) - 8th - 20:20
Ann VanDewark (EDDT) - 17th - 22:32
Judy Chichak (staff) - 24th - 24:43
Yvonne Bouchard (Med. Lab) - 27th - 28:15

Men (8 km)
Osvaldo Morales (Materials) - 13th - 33:33
George McLeod (BCET) - 18th - 34:32
John Reeves (staff) - 22nd - 35:48
Frank McNamara (staff) - 23rd - 35:49
Tom Bashuk (Civil) - 42nd - 44:20
Eric Barritt (Architecture) - 43rd - 44:26


EARTH RESOURCES 'KICKS'

The NAIT Intramurals are off to a fair start. It looks like B.C.E.T. is going to have some heavy competition in the race for top large men's technology. Men's Intramural Flag Football is going well. Earth Resources' 'MUD DOGS' is outstanding as both of their teams have yet to lose. The 'MUD DOGS' also won their first soccer game with an astonishing 3-0 victory over Hydrocarbon. Although we (Earth Resources) had never played soccer in our athletic careers, we caught on quick. Even I managed to snag a goal. I.H.E.T. is another standout in the football. They have two victories to their name and are looking for a third. So far the football results are:

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III EARTH 'A' TELECOM	2 1	0 1
IV EARTH 'B' HYDROCARBON	2 1	0 1
V BIO. SCIENCES	1	0
CHEMISTRY	1	0
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I have one complaint that as far as I am concerned is very important. It has to do with the large number of defaults so far this year, especially in Flag Football. For the Intramural system to run properly there can't be defaults! It causes problems for the referees and the other team that shows up. There is a penalty for a team that defaults - they lose Intramural points - but I think a stronger penalty should be imposed. If your team cannot make it to a game for a good reason, contact Irwin Strifler or Patti and warn them that you can't make it. Our Intramurals are for every student's use: we must not abuse this privilege! The only other complaint that I have heard is from Cam Wietzel in Earth Resources. He thought it would be better to have two referees on the football field instead of just one. If you have any comments on the Intramurals, drop them in the Nugget box, and I'll be happy to read them.

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Interviewing Airwave at the fall Beerfest was an experience all its own. Airwave brings enthusiasm and excitement back into live music.

Airwave consists of five hardworking musicians who are committed to success through recording and putting on highly entertaining performances. Larry Compagna (bass), Vladd Forgac (drums), Drue Wheelie (vocals), Greg Vegas (keyboards), and Tim 'chicken man' Fortier (guitar, sax and lead guitar) all contributed to a good time, and they portray a very energetic and confident stage presence.

Airwave is a part-time band from Edmonton striving for a successful career. Three of the members have previously played for the band 'Secret Society'. Two have been together for three years, and all five have been performing together for three months.

Airwave is student oriented and its target market is directed mainly towards the post-secondary cabaret, pub circuit. (Those of you who remember the last NAITSA

Beerfest know Airwave as the opening act for 'Doug and the Slugs'.)

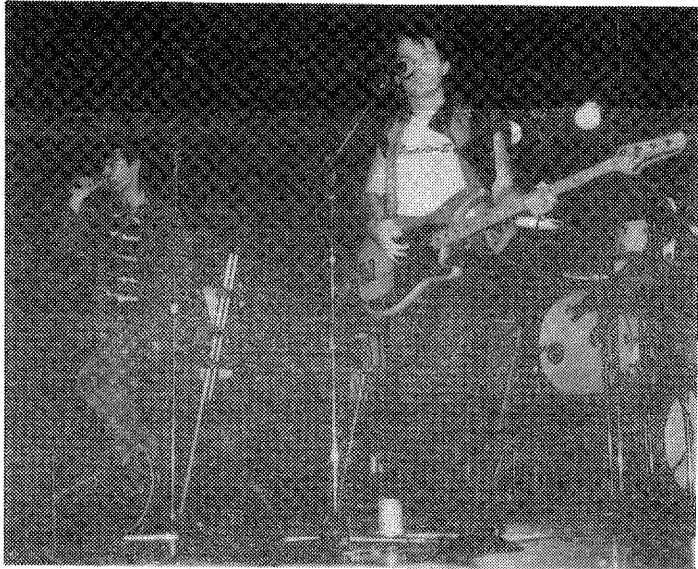
Airwave is quickly developing an image of a band that likes to 'bop'. Their musical repertoire includes selections by the Romantics, Modern English, and Strange Advance. This month, they released a single entitled "She Don't Wanna Get Down" and on the B-side, "Don't Get Too Deep".

You can expect to see more of Airwave around the city, performing in nightclubs and the student cabaret venues.

Airwave was a fun group to talk with, and I enjoyed the music. For a group three months young, their future looks very bright.

After speaking with Airwave, I went to take a group picture of Harlequin; when I asked them to say a few words, a band member replied, "What do you want us to say, honey; we do this for a living." So much for words, and so much for Harlequin.

Shawna Holubowich



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FEATURE: 1975

I can vaguely remember the night I shot myself. The pain was not that great, but the waiting was torturous. I knew that the bullet had missed its mark because I heard my friends' voices. Someone began to wrap a bandage around my head. My whole body was limp, but I knew what was going on about me.

One of my men called for a medic and there was a lot of confusion. I heard the voice of one of the Charlies; he was laughing sardonically. He had won the money from another foolish boy from the west. Nothing would have given me more satisfaction than to have taken my revolver and placed it to his temple and blown his brains out. The medic was searching frantically for my pulse and he found it. He looked grimly at me before mumbling something to one of my men.

I don't know how much time had passed, but when I regained consciousness I heard a doctor say to one of the nurses that I was in a coma. I couldn't be, I screamed angrily: I had a wife and child to support. The nurse began to remove the bandage for the doctor. According to the doctor, they were waiting until my condition stabilized before removing the bullet fragments. At that moment I became aware of the fact that I was on a life support system.

A familiar fragrance tickled my nostrils. Looking over, I saw my wife. She was still as beautiful as I remembered. I wanted desperately to pull her into my arms and tell her how much I loved her, but I knew that it couldn't be done because I had tried before. She reached for my hand and held it tightly in her own. Her hand felt strangely cold and I looked into her face and I noticed that she was pale.

Her green eyes were filled with an understandable pain. A certain glazed quality was evident in her eyes and dark circles had formed underneath them. I wanted so desperately to tell her that everything was going to be all right, but I knew that nothing was ever going to be the same again.

Still holding my hand, she began telling me about my family. My parents would be flying out to see me in a few days. The army had only wired my wife on my arrival in Seattle. Our son was much too young to come and see me in the hospital and even if he was old enough to come and see me I wouldn't permit him to visit me. My wife then did something which brought tears to my eyes. She began reading old love letters and poems we had sent to one another.

I willed my hand to return the tight grip which she gave mine. But my mind and body weren't cooperating: I angrily gave up and

listened to what she was saying. I was unaware of the fact that I was crying until my wife began calling loudly for the nurse. The nurse smiled patiently at my wife before saying it wasn't a definite sign. If only I could talk to her and let her know that I was going to get better.

My wife reached into a paper bag and pulled out a radio. She plugged it in and set the dial to my favourite radio station. So much had changed since I had returned from Vietnam. My wife left soon after kissing me good-bye and saying she loved me. She told me that she promised to drop by in the morning and read to me.

My family was very well off. My father was your typical successful businessman. He belonged to a lodge and he had his night out with the boys every Wednesday. Every spring he would always take me to the season opener of the Seattle Mariners. I used to live for the weekends as a little kid when my father and I would go camping up at Mt. Rainier National Park or go sailing on Puget Sound. When I became interested in football, my father and I would go to a couple of the Seahawks games during the season. My father was always there at my little league baseball games and my minor league football games; he supported me when I decided to go to war.

It wasn't as though I had to fight: I wanted to fight. The war was something I believed in and I still believe we must fight against the communist regimes which crop up throughout the world. My mother and many of my friends couldn't understand why I went to fight. Many of my friends came to see me off, but they never wrote me. That was their manner of protesting. I knew for a fact none of them were involved with the radical peace demonstrations. Most of them were students of 'Plato's Republic'; they were administering justice by minding their own business. I too am a student of 'Plato's Republic', and I felt a terrible injustice was being done to the people of South Vietnam. I could not sit back and watch this go on, so I left university to enlist.

The war itself was a terrible nightmare. Small children would approach troops of men with grenades strapped to their small bodies and blow themselves and most of the troop up. The men would be screaming in pain for someone to help them, but no human being could help them. Arms, legs and faces were all grotesquely mangled. Blood and guts littered the uniforms of those who survived the blast. As a result of many of these child bombs, American soldiers often gunned down any child approaching them.

The same went for women with laundry baskets.

The warfare in the jungle was much the same. There were mines in the rice fields that could destroy a unit. If you managed to escape the mines, one had to worry about the smaller and more dangerous booby traps. It was no wonder that many American soldiers while marching chanted, "Yea, tho I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil because I am the meanest son-of-a-bitch in the valley." The funny thing was we all feared death: no one wants to die. I was one of the fortunate ones because I made it through all of that. If I would have made it through the Russian Roulette match I could be home bouncing my son on my knee.

My son would never have the opportunity to enjoy a happy childhood with me. There would never be any opportunity for the two of us to go camping or sailing. I would never see him play little league baseball and I would never be there for him. I had robbed him of myself, his father. I had cursed him before he could walk or even talk. People would look at him and say that he was the son of a baby-killer. Can't anyone see that I was fighting for my son's freedom? Men did it during World War I and II: the only difference between those Wars and this war is we had the audacity to lose.

My father and mother entered my hospital room on my fourth day. For the first time I noticed just how old my father looked. Once strong and sturdy shoulders were now bent over; once black hair was now sprinkled with grey; a ponch had formed and he looked very haggard. My mother looked several years beyond herself and a once strong woman was now leaning heavily on my father for support. I smiled broadly when I saw my wife and my son. Seeing my son before I died made me know my fight was worthwhile. The last words I heard my father say were, "At ease, soldier." And he then unplugged the life support system.

H. McDonald

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If you've seen a new movie, play, or listened to a new record, how about popping us a line on what you thought of it? Your contributions would be greatly appreciated and your name will be published with your review! Just drop off your work at the Nugget office (Rm. E128) or come in and talk to me if you have any questions regarding reviews. I look forward to hearing from you.

Ken Gurr

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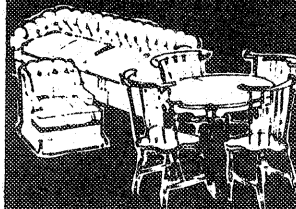
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