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by Scott Hayes

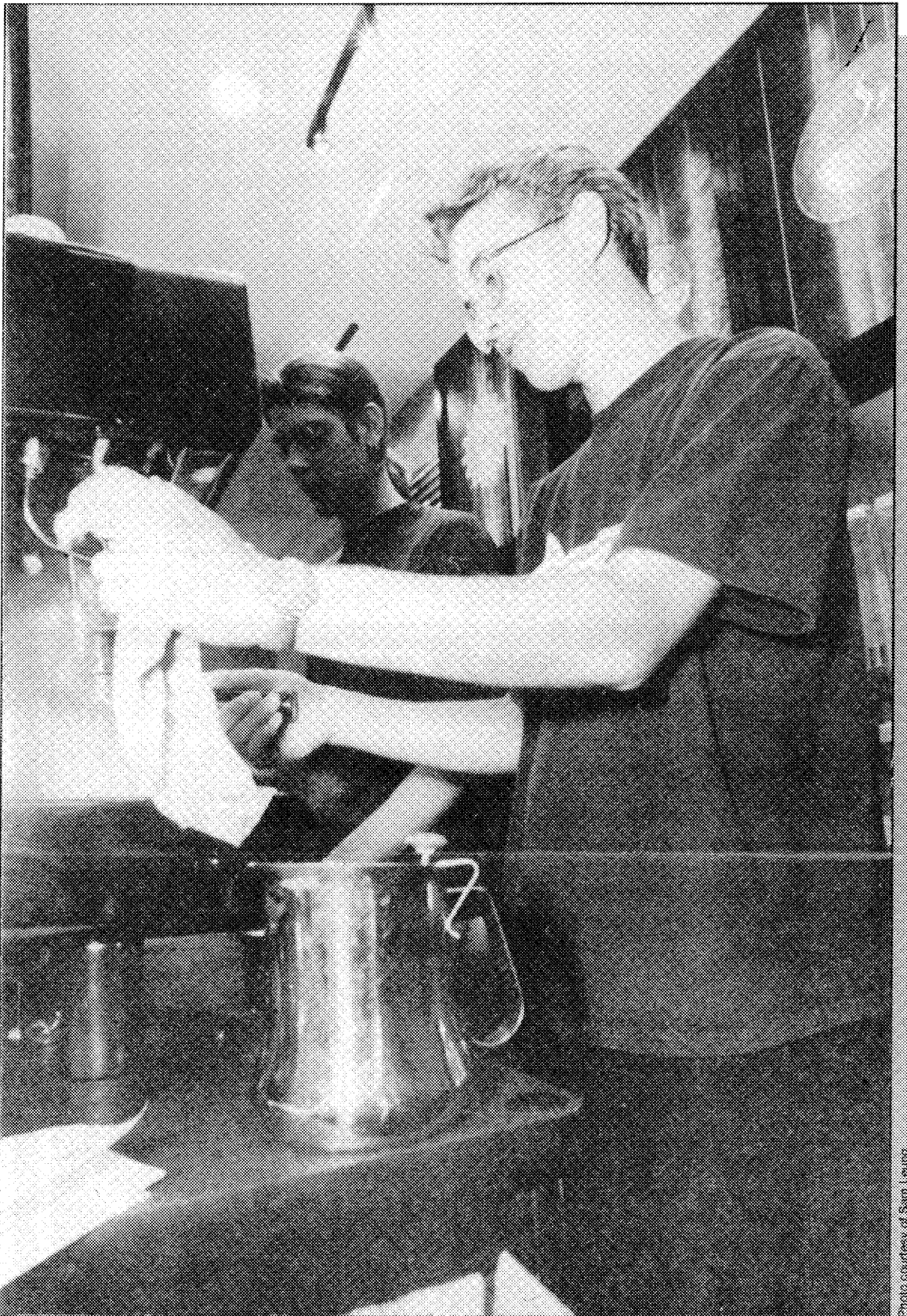
Yes, it's true, post-secondary education can be demanding. Have no fear, for NAIT has all bases covered. Counselling and Career Services is ready, willing and able to handle any situation which may cause you stress.

The Student Counselling Centre at NAIT is staffed by professional counsellors and administrative support people. They can provide a comprehensive counselling program regarding your career, your school, even your personal life. They have special courses where you can learn study skills, job search/interview skills, and stress management. They also provide services to students with disabilities. These services include

interpreters, readers, and tutors, among others.

Some of the features of their Career Services include the following: resources like statistics on graduates of NAIT programs; financial information on loans, bursaries, and scholarships; job search services; a graduate registry, which includes nifty registration lists that prospective employers use; plus job postings and alumni relations.

Counselling and Career Services is located in the South Lobby, Room O111 (next to the Registrar's Office), and their phone number is 471-8921 or 474-5883 (TTY). Check out pages 41-48 in the Student Handbook for more info.



Neil and Patrick practise their coffee skills from the new Second Cup digs in the South Learning Centre. More mocha! One 1/2 'cino, 1/2 choco, s'il vous plaît. Do you have French Vanilla? Ah, caffeine!



Photo courtesy of Sam Leung

The majestic panorama of South Learning Centre, with flowers to boot. Please don't boot the flowers.

South Learning Centre

By Spencer Myers

It took years of fund raising by the *Partners in Tomorrow* campaign to reach its goal of \$4.5 million. With the addition of further pledges and interest earned, the total arrived at \$6.4 million. \$5.6 million was made available for campus expansion while the remainder has been put towards student scholarships and other specifically

designated projects. The NAIT Board of Governors approved the plans for construction of the South Learning Centre on June 13, 1994. Within 23 days, NAIT was given the 'thumbs up' by the Minister of Advanced Education and Career Development.

The South Learning Centre is of fair size measuring in at 6652 square meters, an increase of 3.5%

to the Institute. It has been equipped with a 373 seat multi-media auditorium. In addition, there are two 90 seat lecture theatres and one that accommodates up to 150. A number of labs and classrooms have been added, including a multi-media computer lab. The new look bookstore, now called Campus Reads & Needs, combines the old Student Store

and the old Bookstore.

The majority of the \$9.9 million needed for the expansion project was raised through the *Partners in Tomorrow* campaign. Corporate donations, and donations by NAIT students and faculty, have accounted for a full two thirds of the money raised. This project did not require any new government funding. Congratula-

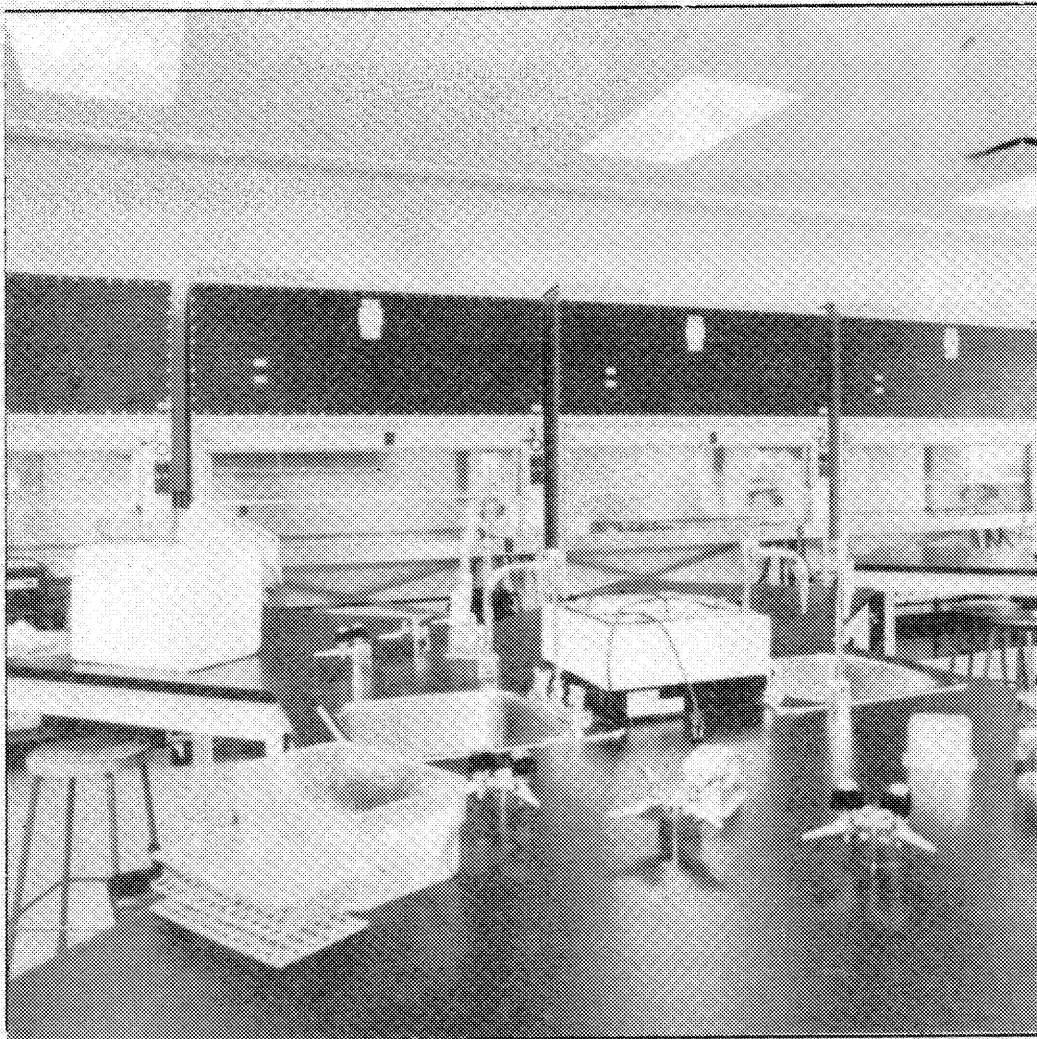
tions to J.R. Shaw, Sr., and the *Partners in Tomorrow* for all their success.

The Grand Opening Ceremony for all donors who contributed to the South Learning Center is being held on September 19. If you are interested in assisting NAIT and NAITSA with the ceremonies, contact Doug Popowich in the NAITSA office.

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Photos courtesy of Sam Leung



New science lab and tiered classroom in South Learning Centre. You guess which is which.

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Terry Fox Run

by Scott Hayes

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Last year, Canadians raised \$8.8 million dollars. "Terry Fox specifically requested that all moneys raised in his name be used

for innovative cancer research projects," says Mario Siciliano, Provincial Director for the Terry Fox Foundation. Terry Fox Funding is awarded to the most promising and innovative research projects in Canada. A total of \$11,789,078 has been allocated for 1996/97 to specific projects and programs across Canada. "These grants ensure talented researchers like Dr. Demetrick (retinoblastoma researcher), stay in Canada to continue their research," remarks Siciliano. To date, over \$168 million has been generated for cancer research.

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—Scott Hayes, Editor-in-Chief

O P I N I O N S

My Two Cents Worth II

by Michael Yereniuk

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! I'm not sure if that's what you want to hear right about now, but that's the way it's gotta be. As for me, I'm not 100% ready to be back at NAIT, but I guess I'll have to suffer for a while.

For those of you who haven't been yet subjected to my ramblings, this column is just me spouting much of nothing. Almost every week, you'll be able to read about what's been running around in my head lately. I only have one rule: if you like what I'm writing about, share it with your friends!

Anyway, the subject of this article was supposed to be what I did for my summer vacation. Since my summer vacation was pretty busy, I'll fill you in on something that just, well... overwhelmed me! But enough talk, let me get to my story.

I'm sure you know that we had cool days this summer. I'm sure you know that we had warm days this summer. And I'm sure you know that we had some pretty flippin' HOT days this summer. It was on one of these flippin' hot days that this story happened.

As part of my job, I was regularly thrown into a van and told to drive around the city delivering stuff. This van was an old beater with vinyl seats. Now this in itself isn't a problem, but the van also didn't have air conditioning, a radio or windows that actually rolled down (I think my boss is into torture). So you're probably saying, "OK, so what's the problem?" Well, my friends, the problem is that I was so hot, my skin was MELTING!!!

Through the waterfall of sweat pouring off my forehead, I saw in the distance a vision. I thought it was perhaps a mirage, but as I drove closer, I noticed that it was real! I hit the gas, cut off a couple cars and thirty seconds later, I was walking into a 7-11. Now this in itself was wonderful, because this particular 7-11 had it's air conditioning working and I felt 100% better just walking into the place. Okay... I'm rambling. I'll get to the point.

As I was looking for a suitable thirst quencher, I spotted someone I hadn't seen for a long, long time. I think that when I first met her, I was maybe ten-years old. I walked up to her, and re-introduced myself, gave her a big hug and told her she looked great!!

Let me describe her for you. She was a little shorter than me, and a lot thinner. She had short light blonde hair (almost white), and as I always remembered, she had her head screwed on tight. I always liked her for that.

Coincidentally, I found out that she needed a ride to wherever it was she was going, so, like the gentleman I am, I offered to give her a lift. (Besides, I was getting paid for

driving around, and anyway, how would my boss ever find out?)

So we left the 7-11, got into my van, and this is when the unexpected occurred. She whispered a sweet nothing in my ear and told me to look at her. What else could I do? I turned and looked at her, and she looked delicious sitting—no... pretty much lying down—in the passenger seat.

(This is where you'll have to use your imagination.)

I pulled her closer to me and took off her top (not a difficult task), oblivious of who was watching. I heard her sigh and I knew that this was going to get very interesting. I put my hand on her nipples and brought her lips up to mine, and kissed her. In my opin-

ion, it was one of the sweetest tasting kisses in history. It was also the most incredible feeling I've ever had. At that point I didn't really care what the temperature was, how I was feeling or what time it was. All I cared about was being with her and having it last for as long as possible.

A minute later I was done. I put her top back on and left her exhausted on the floor of my van. After taking in a deep breath, I reflected (briefly) on the experience. Was it worth it? For a couple minutes of extreme pleasure? You bet. There ain't nothing like a Coca-Cola on a hot summer day.

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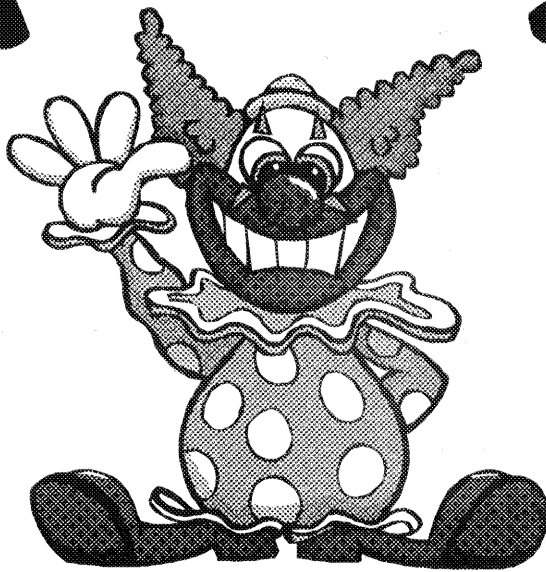


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SCOTT HAYES
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COLLEGE DAYS

THE GOOD BOOK

by Scott Hayes

No matter how little faith you may have in what your parents have told you, no matter how cynical you've become about society and the system, no matter even if you doubt every reason, there is good here at college. It's a special place, and it doesn't all have to do with that 'learning and betterment' stuff. People hold their college days very dear to their hearts, even long after they've left it, and they do it for one reason. It's because it's a rite of passage, a sort of stepping stone into a larger world, a broadening of horizons, so to speak. The very fact of going to college means that you care about your intellectual maturity. This place shows you that there is more to life than what you know. It's exciting and scary

and difficult and fun all at the same time. At least it should be. That way, you know that it is all worth it.

Years from now, you will remember and reminisce about these days. Somehow, the friends that you make here will be like no other friends you've ever had. Your teachers will still stick out in your mind. If

you're really sentimental, you'll have kept all of your textbooks. You'll periodically flip through them, checking over your underlined sentences, your scribbled notes in the margin, the coffee stains on the pages.

Although college is primarily about books and classes and exams, keep in mind that you're supposed to have some fun too. We

like to have not only very smart graduates but well-rounded ones also. NAIT likes happy students. Why else would there be a games room and licensed lounge on campus for student use (check out page 13 of your Handbook). There are clubs (page 22) and other activities (page 14), and that isn't even mentioning the sports. Did someone say

'sports'? Holy cow, are there sports! Over 50 different activities are at your disposal, just for having a Student I.D. Card. There's a swimming pool, ice arena, tennis, racquetball, and squash courts, plus a weight room. There are both an indoor and an outdoor track. There are courses offered in archery and kung fu. And intramurals. And intercollegiate

sports. If you have any interest in anything extracurricular, check out pages 49 - 70 in the Handbook.

This has turned out to be some sort of plug for the Handbook but that's okay. It should be stressed how important that thing is. A lot of time and effort was put into making it, and it's all for your benefit. Use it to organize your life (page 72).

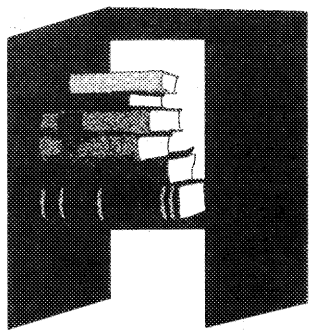
Use the coupons in the back (page 189). Put your best friend's phone number in there (page 181). It has maps (pages 177 and 184), metric conversions (page 187), important phone numbers (page 178), and the ever-friendly Compendium of Student Rights and Responsibilities (page 34). Use the book. Use the book. USE THE BOOK. The book is your friend.

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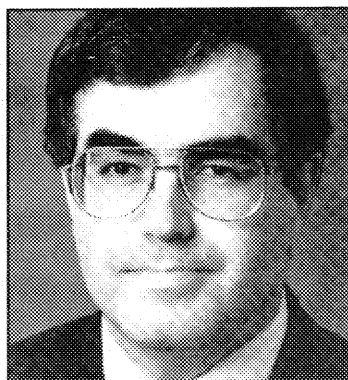
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President of the Alberta Society of Engineering Technologists Glen Horne, C.E.T., is pleased to announce the appointment of L. Ron Farrell, C.E.T., to the position of Assistant Registrar. Mr. Farrell comes to Alberta from Newfoundland, where he has spent the last 13 years at Cabot College of Applied Arts, Technology and Continuing Education, most recently as Co-ordinator of Electronics, Computer and Information Technology Programs.

Mr. Farrell is currently chairman of the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board and has been a dedicated volunteer to both the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists and the Association of Engineering Technicians and Technologists of Newfoundland, Inc. He holds a bachelor's degree in vocational education specializing in computer science and a diploma in electronics technology.

Mr. Farrell's responsibilities will include participation in the assessment of applications for professional certification by ASET and in the accreditation of technical training programs at Alberta technical institutes and colleges.

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A Bus Named Nightmare

Part I

by Scott Hayes

Anyone who has ever taken a bus has a horror story. The traffic pile up on a hot summer day. The bus filled with 80 cranky people. The rowdies in the back looking for a fight. Most students will be familiar with these scenarios, or they soon will be. As a personal indulgence, I would like to recount the events of one December night, a few years ago, in what would be the absolute worst night of bus rides I have ever known, and hope will ever know. And it all started with some dinosaurs.

I had just finished my last final exam for the first term that year. It was a particularly difficult one and it had been a rough course too. Besides the test it was an otherwise pleasant Friday afternoon in December. I needed a break. After getting home, I flipped through the paper and decided that I was going to treat myself to a night out. The early show of Jurassic Park at the dollar theatre was two and a half hours off. This gave me plenty of time to eat, shower, change, and catch the bus out of St. Albert to West Edmonton Mall. As it was nearing time for me to leave, I noticed that it was snowing pretty hard outside. It seemed to me that it was a good idea to leave a little earlier than usual just to make sure I had enough time to get to the bus stop. That snow made for some difficult walking but I got there a good 5 minutes before the bus was supposed to arrive. I was going to catch that bus which would take me to the terminal and from there the connecting bus would take me straight to the Big Mall. I would have to catch that one because that was the last one going directly there. It would leave at about 6:10 pm.

So there I am waiting for this bus. It's a real snowstorm but not cold. The kind of fluffy flakes that can fall but still feel pretty warm outside. Warm for an Alberta winter anyway. I was dressed for the weather insofar as that long term exposure wasn't on my agenda. Well I waited. And waited. 5 minutes. 10 minutes. 15. This is the point where you figure that maybe the bus isn't coming. Maybe that snow is too thick, too slippery, too daunting for the bus to even get through. Car accident maybe. A flat tire maybe. Maybe a lot of things. When you're standing outside and the falling snow is now piling up your leg and you've started losing feeling in your fingers, you wonder a lot of crazy

things. It wasn't until about 5:45 when the bus finally turned into view, and not too soon either, after a full 25 minutes of waiting. Most people would have gone back home but not me. No, I was determined to have my night out, my night of fun.

It turns out that that bus was the next one on the schedule. The one I wanted to catch must have

passed through early, really early. That or my watch was slow. Whatever the problem, it was no matter now because this one should still do the job. We still had most

of the route to do but barring no major delays, I would see the terminal in good time. I suppose I would have made it too if it hadn't been for that snow. We slipped and slid all along those roads until the driver decided to go really slow to prevent any loss of control. Of course, this slow going made me late. We pull into the terminal at 6:15, mere minutes after the WEM shuttle had already left. I guess these guys don't wait for anything. This single-handedly eliminating any chance of me ever possibly getting to the early show before it started. I could've easily just gotten back on the bus and gone home, possibly having a relaxing evening with Roseanne or the Simpsons, drinking hot chocolate till my eyes went buggy. Oh but no, I kept telling myself over and over again, "I deserve a night out." Within an hour, I had transformed from a half-way normal person into some full blown zombie of my own design, constantly repeating what would be my mantra for the night, "Must have fun. Must have fun."

My mission, however foolish, was to watch Jurassic Park that evening. I would not be swayed. The other bus to Edmonton was waiting for me so I hopped on. I figured that I could take that thing into downtown, that's about half an hour drive, catch the LRT across the river, maybe twenty minutes, and find a Edmonton Transit kind enough to chauffeur me to my destination. I needed either the 69 or the 169 bus. It was just my luck that as soon as my train pulled into the University station, and after I had managed to climb I think a dozen flights of stairs to get to ground level, there was a 69 bus waiting for me. How nice! And it was just on its way out too. It seemed like things were actually going well for me for a change.

I was determined to have my night out, my night of fun.

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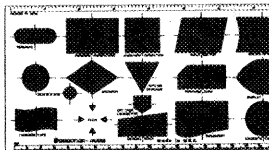


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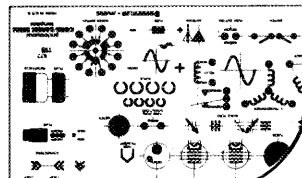


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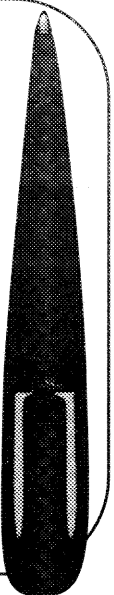
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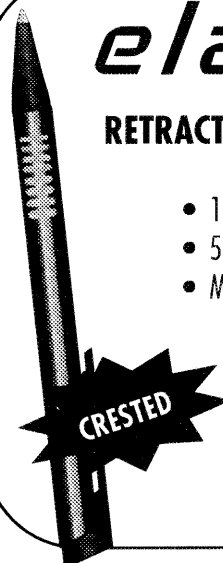
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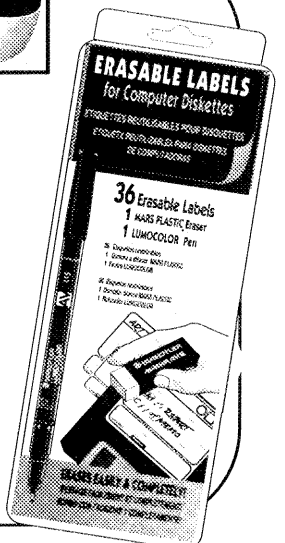
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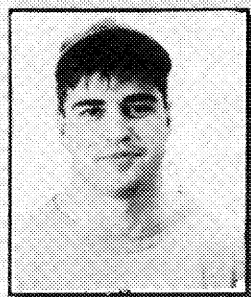
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RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM AN EMPTY HEAD

by Wade Fennig,
Sports Editor

I suppose I'll begin by welcoming all returning and new students to the home of Ook Athletics (for those of you who are unfamiliar, an Ook is an Arctic snow owl).

As you can see from my mugshot to the left, my name is Wade Fennig and I will be Sports Editor for the Nugget over the course of this school year. I have spent the past two seasons as a member of our Ooks hockey team and will be playing again this year as we defend our National Championship.

Now just because I'm an infantile egomaniac and labeled a "hockey jock" does not mean I won't be sensitive to each and every athletic program here at NAIT. Plans have been made to ensure that each team steals a little thunder over the course of the year. Profiles of all our athletes

will be printed so that you as students will be aware and hopefully come out to some of our games. As an athlete, I know how much more enjoyable it is to play in front of a healthy crowd of semi-to fully intoxicated students than it is to nothing but empty seats. (The rumor that beer will again be served at games has been confirmed.)

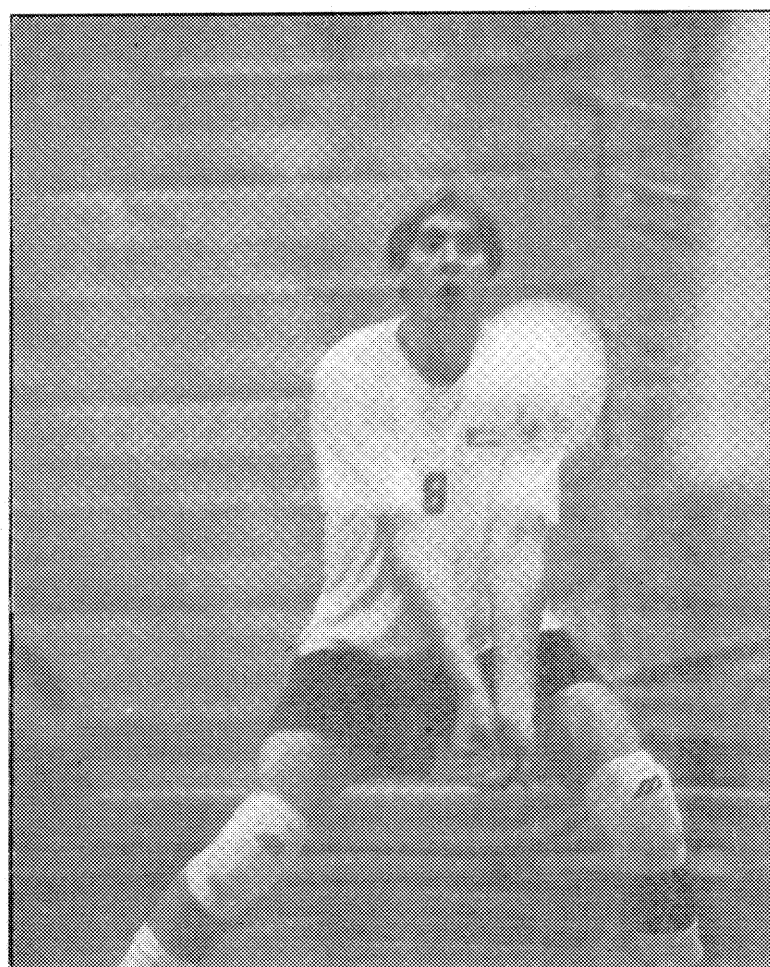
Along with this coverage will be the continuation of my wingnut column, ONE FLEW OVER THE OOKS NEST, which is what led me to get into this mess in the first place. It will prove to be, if nothing else, interesting random thoughts from my empty head.

So have yourself a great year and don't be afraid to take in any of our many athletic events over the course of it. In the mean time, I'll be out working hard here at the Nugget, doing my best to set new personal lows.

NAIT MEN'S VOLLEYBALL HAS BEGUN!

by Mark Mahl

The well-anticipated start for the Men's Volleyball program is on its way! With 8 returnees and the addition of 1st year provincial players Neal Lapaschuk and Geoff Kramer this year looks to be the most dominating in 4 years of Mark Mahl's coaching. The team will be looking for much needed leadership from the two setters Richard Bowie and Kelsey Kalinski. Third and fourth year players John Huk, Mark Holowaychuk and Tim Harris's experience will help out second year players Kelly Soprovich, Alan Mckee, and Luc Billo dominate the ACAC. There are 2-3 spots still available and the NAIT Men will be hosting their 4th Annual Volleyball Dig "Bash", Saturday, Sept. 14, at Club Malibu "The Morgue." Tickets will be \$5.00 from players or at the door 7-9 pm. Remember to come out and support the team. They will be working out on the Sand Volleyball courts on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 1-3 pm and Monday, Sept. 9th, 4:30-6:00 pm.



Volleyball tryouts. Wow! Great shot! Wait. It hasn't happened yet. Wow! Great set up!

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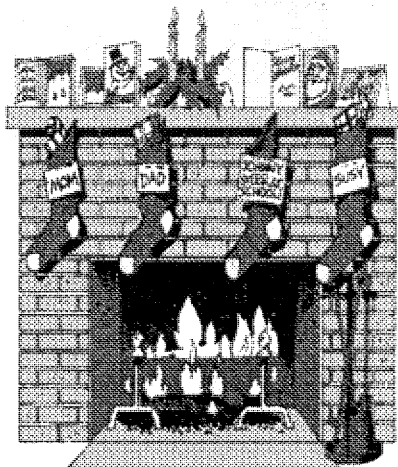
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Classes have officially begun for all technologies. For those of you who have 17 week semesters, you probably noticed this Tuesday morning when it took you the full five minutes to get to your next class that was 25 feet down the hall! All this aside, I'd like to welcome you to NAIT once again. For those of you attending a post secondary institution for the first time, I have some advice that will increase your potential for success. The best thing you can do for yourself is to get to know your classmates. Imagine this. Everyone in the class is friends. You eat lunch together, study together, drink together, everything. To some of you it sounds dumb, but that is what happened in my first semester class last year.

I had been out of high school a year and I was still terrified of NAIT. I had no idea what to expect and therefore decided to take Pre-Tech. The first day was orientation. We all sat silently as Pas Paskaran, our class advisor, Physics instructor, and Key to Student Success instructor, loaded us with information about NAIT and Pre-Tech. There were guest speakers from NAITSA, Campus Sport and Wellness, and other divisions of NAIT. It made for an afternoon of information overload, something I'm sure some of you may still be feeling. It was brutal. I didn't meet anybody and was questioning being in that class.

Over the course of a few weeks, it was Pas that continuously emphasized that it would be in our best interests if we all became friends and would learn to work together. Well, we did come together and we all had a very successful semester. Academically, I

could have done better, on the other hand, I couldn't have asked for better friends. We stuck together quite well. It was no coincidence that out of the 9 groups of 40 students in Pre-Tech, our class had the Technology President, Vice President, Activities Chairperson, and the Secretary; only two positions were filled by students in a different class.

If your saying, "So who the hell cares", well I'm sorry this means nothing to you. If you are thinking that things are tense in the classroom (Right Alan), there is something you can do. Come down to the NAITSA office and see me and I'll share with you what we did that made us such a pleasure to teach (Right Pas). I hope that things go that way again in my class this term. (HINT: I'm in first year Business, Laptop group, to those of you who happen to be my classmates.)

At this time, I'd like to say 'hi' to the MN gang of the 1995/96 Semester 1 class.

Hello to: Clarissa, Kristin, Darcy, Dave, James, David, Trent, Margaret, Amy, Kevin, Crystal, Angela, Tony, Mike, Michael, Michelle, Darryl, Wilma, Darren, Mpho, Sean, Sandy, and the instructors that I remember best: Pas (Physics/Student Success), Jennifer (Communications), and Gary (the Algebra teacher that transferred to Con. Ed.). If I missed-spelled your name or missed it all together, I apologize (It's late). I hope you all keep in touch. Thanks folks, it was a blast.

PS One of the girls mentioned here promised me lunch sometime so give me a call.

Shinerama '96

Saturday September 7 • Car Wash and BBQ

Monday September 9 • Shinerama Kick-Off

Tuesday September 10 • BBQ

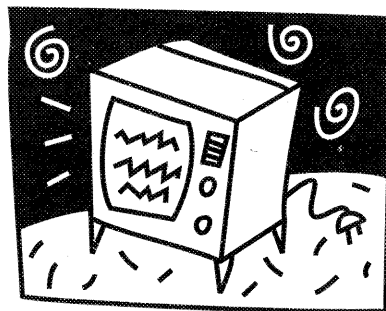
Wednesday September 11 • Orientation and Social for Shiners

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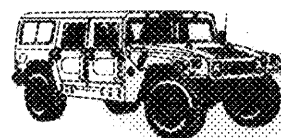
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