

THE NUGGET

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YOUR STUDENT NEWSPAPER

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Welcome to NAIT!

Howdy and hello to everyone, new and returning, to another year at NAIT, and another publication year of the Nugget.

If you're reading this very special registration issue of the school paper, take the time to check out all the info inside about everything going on here on campus.

With summer coming to a dead halt and winter ready to bring severe depression upon you, at least you can enjoy some great

activities here at school.

During registration, be sure to check out all the booths, and see what tickles your interest bone. Find friends by starting a club (about anything you want) or by joining one.

Find a part time job right on campus, run for a position on the NAITSA Senate, get involved with our Oaks athletic teams, volunteer for Shinerama, or flex your writing muscle by writing for the

Nugget, but, whatever you do, don't just go home after class!

If there's one thing to know about NAIT, it's that so much goes on every day it's a shame to miss it. Come by the Students' Association offices in room E-131 if you need a hand pointing yourself in the right direction.

We can help tell you everything that's going on and help create an experience that caters to your needs.

A great chance to meet your elected representatives on the Students' Association is August 27 for a free pancake breakfast. If you're on campus, come by the South Lobby starting at 7 a.m. for free swag and opportunities to find out all kinds of information in a one-on-one setting.

Then, look out for the next two weeks for all of our Frosh Week activities, where you can qualify to win your tuition, free!

Compete in our games during the first two weeks of school, then come down to the Nest parking lot Sept. 7 for NestFest, our frosh beer gardens, with all kinds of activities and musical performances all afternoon headlined by local rock band Ten Second Epic.

Again, I'd like to stress how much is happening here at school, so take some time to enjoy it!

And, hey, welcome to school.

Your NAITSA executive

Top, left to right: Kerri Wyspianski, president; Amanda Spearing, VP, apprenticeship and external campuses; Lisi Monro, VP academic; and bottom, Brent Constantin, VP campus life.



Photo by Graeme Reed

For more information on your NAITSA executives, see page 2

The faces of NAITSA



KERRI WYSPIANSKI
President

Hello and welcome, my name is Kerri Wyspianski and I am your students' association president. I am looking forward to an exciting year with lots of things going on. We have many new staff looking forward to working for you. My role here at NAITSA is to fairly represent your needs as a student and be your voice to NAIT administration and government.

Come visit me any time, my door is always open. This is going to be a great year full of activities with lots of new fun things going on.



AMANDA SPEARING
VP Apprenticeship and External Campuses

Hello from the office of A & E! My name is Amanda Spearing and I

am your vice-president, Apprenticeship and External.

I have been working on some exciting things for apprentices this summer. I have started tackling the lack of funding, scholarships, grants and bursaries that apprentices face in Alberta by creating a policy for our provincial lobby group ACTI-SEC. I have started to create policies with regard to Employment Insurance wait times that I will present on Parliament Hill in early November with a national lobby group named CASA, and I have put together a working group of student executives from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Nova Scotia to address the free flow of skilled workers from province to province and the issues surrounding the Red Seal Certification program.

Other things that I have been working on are a comprehensive survey for apprentices and satellite campuses, finding the best alternatives to the housing crisis for apprentices, increasing existing services on the satellite campuses and bringing new services to the campuses.

As well, I have been assisting the Campus Life department in planning orientations and events for every apprenticeship intake and am doing a lot of reading to ensure that I am as informed as I can be with the issues that apprentices face.

I will be on the Patricia Campus every Tuesday from 9 a.m. until

1 p.m., the Souch Campus every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., the St. Albert Campus Thursdays from noon until 1:30 p.m., the Fairview and Grande Prairie campuses at minimum of once per month and on the main campus for the remainder of the week.

This is going to be an amazing and groundbreaking year for my position and NAITSA as well. My door is always open; please do not hesitate to contact me at any time, whether you are a student or a staff member. I look forward to speaking with you!



LISI MONRO
VP Academic

NAIT is a great place to be – we have amazing programs, instructors and work with the best technology. NAIT students graduate from their programs and find jobs, or are often employed before they even leave school!

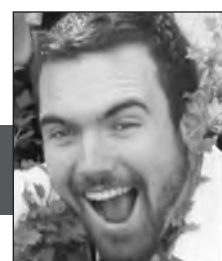
But we have work to do – NAIT students deserve more and better student spaces, better access to support services like counselling, better representation from their students' association, a fair and unbiased sys-

tem for resolving academic conflict and more services for trades and apprentice students at the Annex, Souch, Distribution and Patricia campuses.

We're really looking forward to helping everyone out this year – but we need to hear from you... your students' association is only as strong as the students behind it.

Feel free to contact me at the NAITSA office by e-mail at LisiM@nait.ca, give me a call at 471-7607, or drop by our office at E-131 by the gym. My job exists to help all of you out if you're having concerns or troubles during your time here – may as well make use of the student's association fees that you pay!

Remember to get in touch with us and use NAITSA services as much as possible. Our organization is here because of you.



BRENT CONSTANTIN
VP Campus Life

Hey there, winners.

If you're reading this then I'm going to assume you're either really bored or you're trapped under a pile of Nuggets somewhere. And, while

I can't really do anything for your crushed rib cage, come by my office as soon as you free yourself and I'll point you in the right direction for some great things to do here at NAIT.

If you're interested in participating at school, there's a huge opportunity for passionate people. Don't worry about having experience, all we need are people who want to help to make the school year full of events, information and fun!

Please visit our website NAITSA.ca and check out what we offer in terms of events and clubs. See something you'd like to volunteer for or involve yourself with? Contact us! See something that could be done better or that we're missing altogether? Contact us!

We're an organization that's on campus only to help you. That's all we do, that's it. Help us do our job by getting in touch and telling us what you want. You pay money for us to exist, so make it an investment, not just another fee.

Some of the things I can help you with would be the Nugget, environmental issues, student space, activities and a whole bunch of other stuff that falls under the broad umbrella of Campus Life.

So come by my office (E131-G) give me a call (471-8883) e-mail me (bconstantin@nait.ca) or just stop me in the halls to say "hi."

Ideally I'd like to meet all of you this year, so help me do a great job of helping you!

Stay golden, Pony-Boy.

NAIT preparing a call to bloggers

BY BRENT CONSTANTIN
VP Campus Life

What's the school like? It's a question that new students traditionally ask after being accepted at a new institution. Fresh out of high school, coming from a different

province, or different country, it's hard to find out what you need to know. Sure, you can give the registrar's office a call, but that might be a little less than an accurate depiction of student life. NAIT hopes to give enrolling students a new

resource with the creation of its new student blog initiative.

While it's still in the planning stages, I spoke with Prospective Student Adviser Sarah Franks at the student recruitment office about the origins of the project.

Enjoy the Aboriginal Student Centre

BY SEAN BEAVER

The EnCana Aboriginal Student Centre (ASC) in room E-121 welcomes all Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students through its doors. It's a great place to study for classes or just to unwind. The ASC is also a place of social gathering that promotes awareness, understanding and acceptance of Aboriginal culture, heritage, languages and educational goals of all students.

The ASC hosts an annual Aboriginal awareness week filled with many different workshops and guest speakers, all to promote Aboriginal awareness. This year's Aboriginal Week will run from

Sept. 23-29, in addition to other cultural events organized throughout the year.

If you're interested in getting involved, a student council is selected to be the voice for the Aboriginal students. The council performs an integral role in providing the vision and support needed to sustain the needs of the ASC.

The centre also holds a selection of Aboriginal newspapers and maintains a bulletin board to keep students posted on events happening both on and off campus.

Within the Aboriginal Student Centre are the offices of the Aboriginal liaison co-ordinator (ALC) and the office of the northern students

services adviser (NSSA), a position that specifically supports all students from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

There are a number of free services offered to students that focus on recognizing, accepting and promoting aboriginal cultural values at NAIT, including support and counselling, referrals, social and recreational activities through the Aboriginal student club, study/computer area, study groups and volunteer opportunities.

We hope to see many new faces, along with familiar ones, this year in the ASC. Please stop by any time to use our services, relax or just say hello!

"Over the past few years we've really taken advantage of communication technology," Franks says. "Everyone here in the [student recruitment] office uses Messenger. We're using Facebook to get in touch with students, and we have a huge Second Life project. Blogging is just an extension of our progress here."

With NAIT one of the largest post-secondary institutions in the city (not to mention country) students are always clamouring for more information.

"We hope to really get a slice of the student experience online," Franks explains. "We don't just want generic information, we want to show what life is like here for students, what they can expect when they walk through the doors."

Franks expects strong interest in the project from student writers when the program is launched.

"We're not completely sure on the specifics at this point," Franks points out, "but we think we'd be looking for four writers, an Aboriginal student, a female in technology, an international student and one more that we haven't defined yet."

Plans are still being made for payment, either weekly or for each post written.

Interested students are encouraged to contact Sarah Franks at sarahf@nait.ca for more information.

"We're excited to get this program going," Franks says. "NAIT is full of great people and great experiences. This is one more way to show that!"

Want to be active this semester?

Look no further than the Campus Sport & Wellness office at E-134 where you can get your copy of the Student Fall Wellness Guide. In the program guide you will find wellness sessions, spin and activity class schedules, lunch hour and after school intramurals. It is your guide to wellness this semester!



Photo by Brent Constantin

Shinerama co-ordinators Nate Crosland and Kayla Manuel practise washing cars in the lead-up to Shine Day. Join them on Sept. 22 and do your part to help defeat cystic fibrosis.



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The Nugget encourages submissions.

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THE DEADLINE IS
Noon on the last school day of the week.

All submissions must be accompanied by your name and student ID number.

The opinions expressed by contributors to the Nugget are not necessarily shared by NAIT officials, NAITSA or elected school representatives.

Letters welcome

We want your views

Is something bugging you about NAIT or the rest of the world? Do you have some praise to dish out about the school or life in general?

Get those thoughts into print. Keep them short and to the point. No more than 100 words. Hell, we're a newspaper not an encyclopedia. Give us a break!

Submit your letters with your real name and contact phone number to: fmackay@nait.ca.

Don't sweat it. We won't publish your phone number, but we do need to list your real name. It's all good. Getting something off your chest is downright therapeutic. Trust us on that.

Write us.

It's time to Shine!

BY KAYLA MANUEL
Director, Shinerama
Edmonton
Third-year, Respiratory Therapy

Hey all you future Shiners! Welcome to another event-filled year at NAIT!

Here's all you need to know about Shinerama – it is Canada's largest post secondary fundraiser, involving over 60 schools and 30,000 students nationwide.

This year marks NAIT's 38th annual campaign (It's actually supposed to be the 39th campaign but some slackers back in 1990 dropped the ball!). Our goal this year is to raise \$30,000, but we think we can do better than that!

Shinerama dates back to 1964 when students in Ontario decided to create a new orientation initiative where students would have fun,

meet new people and do something for a great and worthwhile cause. Their idea was simple – shining shoes in exchange for donations to a charity, the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

CF affects approximately one in 3,600 young Canadians. Most of those affected are diagnosed by the time they are one year old, and then have an average live expectancy of only 37 years. CF primarily affects the respiratory and digestive tracts of individuals. As a result, the proper nutritional value is not taken from the food ingested and CF patients have a difficult time keeping weight on and staying healthy. This disease robs its victims of their childhood and future.

There is no cure yet, so we're doing what we can to help!

On September 22, you can help, too! This is what we call "Shine

Day" – the official fundraiser of our Shinerama campaign. And if you're interested in volunteering, we're interested in having you there!

Show up at NAIT at 9 a.m. (yes, in the morning), and have a pancake breakfast on us. Watch some presentations and hear stories about people affected by CF, and get super pumped to go out and do some serious shining of shoes and cars! You will be sent to your specific location with your group leader for the rest of the day and shine and cheer your hearts out for donations to the cause.

That night, we have a bit of a surprise in store for you, BUT you have to volunteer first to find out what it is (and we're looking for 500 volunteers, so don't be shy)!

Stay tuned to the Nugget and keep your eyes open on campus for more information regarding volun-

teer meetings, incentives and other Shinerama information. But wait! There's another way you can help too! Stop by the NAITSA office in room E-131 and pick up your Shinerama VIP card. This card entitles you to a host of benefits at various bars throughout the city. The best part? It's only \$10 and lasts the whole school year!

We'll be at NAITSA events as well, selling VIP cards and promoting our events. Come see us to sign up to volunteer and help support Shine Day on Sept. 22. It's a great way to get involved and meet new people on campus!

If you would like to learn more about Shinerama, the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or our campaign, check out the following websites: www.shinerama.ca; www.cysticfibrosis.ca; and www.shine-nait.com.

An eco-challenge for all

KRISTEN VERNON
NAIT Communications

Our environment committee, ecoNAIT, is challenging members of the NAIT community to use reusable mugs when buying coffee or tea on campus. Visit www.nait.ca/econait and pledge to be part of the solution.

Using a travel mug for your daily coffee during the school year means you could save at least 160 disposable cups from the landfill.

And it'll save you money. Food Services offers discounts on coffee and tea sold in reusable mugs at participating cafeterias.

"ecoNAIT's mission is to help transform NAIT into a showcase of environmental performance," said committee chairman Conrad Nobert.

"Part of the institute's environmental performance is measured by the amount of solid waste we produce. In 2006-2007, 249,809 sin-

gle-use disposable hot beverage cups from 92 per cent of coffee and tea sales on Main and Patricia campuses, excluding Bytes, ended up in the landfill.

"But the solution is easy. All you have to do is bring a travel mug along."

ecoNAIT wants to see the number of coffee and tea sales in reusable mugs rise from eight per cent in 2006-07 to 11 per cent this year.

Buy a recycled plastic

ecoNAIT travel mug for \$5 in the Fresh Express during registration (Aug. 21-23) and from the NAIT bookstore.

ecoNAIT, our environment committee, has representation from across the institute, including food services, the bookstore, capital projects and facilities operations, NASA, AUPE and NAITSA.

The reusable mug campaign is supported by NAIT, food services and NASA.

THE NUGGET NEEDS YOU!

The Nugget is NAIT's official student newspaper. That means that it's staffed entirely by you, the students. It also means that we need a supply of writers, photographers and artists, or else we're going to be handing out 20 pages of blank paper every Thursday.

The Nugget staff consists of:

Student Editor: runs the show and sets the mandate for the publication, while supervising the additional editors.

Student Affairs Editor: deals with issues around campus that affect the student body.

Arts and Culture Editor: responsible for entertainment and events on and off campus.

Sports Editor: writes about our NAIT athletics department and our Ooks sports teams as well as sports outside of NAIT.

Photography Editor: in charge of all art in the paper to complement stories or to stand alone.

Online Editor: a position that is responsible for maintaining the Nugget webpage and uploading stories each week.

All of our editorial positions are paid a monthly salary for their part-time work.

If you're interested in working for the Nugget in an editorial position, please drop off a short cover letter with a writing sample to VP Campus Life at the NAITSA offices in room E-131 (or just come by).

If you don't have time to commit to a part-time job, but still want to contribute, no problem. The Nugget is always looking for contributors. We take any submissions from any students, teachers, coaches or staff, and, if it's published, we pay for it, too.

We're also looking for regular feature writers. If you're interested in doing a weekly horoscope, advice/dating column, cartoon, opinion article or anything you can think of, please get in touch with us.

The Nugget also has a "Grapevines" section, which boasts to be the most read section of the newspaper, where students can send anonymous messages to one another. As well as the "Hot Single of the Week," where single guys and gals put themselves in the paper and show off to the campus.


So get involved, and have your voice heard by the student body!

For more information, contact VP Campus Life Brent Constantin at bconstantin@nait.ca



Photo by Brent Constantin


Join the Nugget and your articles could be somewhere in this huge heap of papers!



If you typically drive to and from campus each day, arranging a carpool with others can save you time and money as well as reduce greenhouse gas emissions. NAIT has partnered with www.carpool.ca, a City of Edmonton sponsored regional ride-matching program designed to assist commuters in identifying potential carpool partners. To participate, please visit www.carpool.ca and add your file to the growing database. The system is free and you make no commitment by signing up.

Carpooling can be flexible. You can carpool every day, once or twice a week, or once or twice a month - you decide. You don't need to give up your car completely. Once you get into an established routine, you can always have the option of increasing your carpool trips.

So leave your car at home once in a while and let someone else do the driving - you'll be glad you did!





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www.nait.ca/techstore
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Contest runs from July 16th to October 12th/07 Draw Date is October 15th/07


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September 22

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NEST FEST
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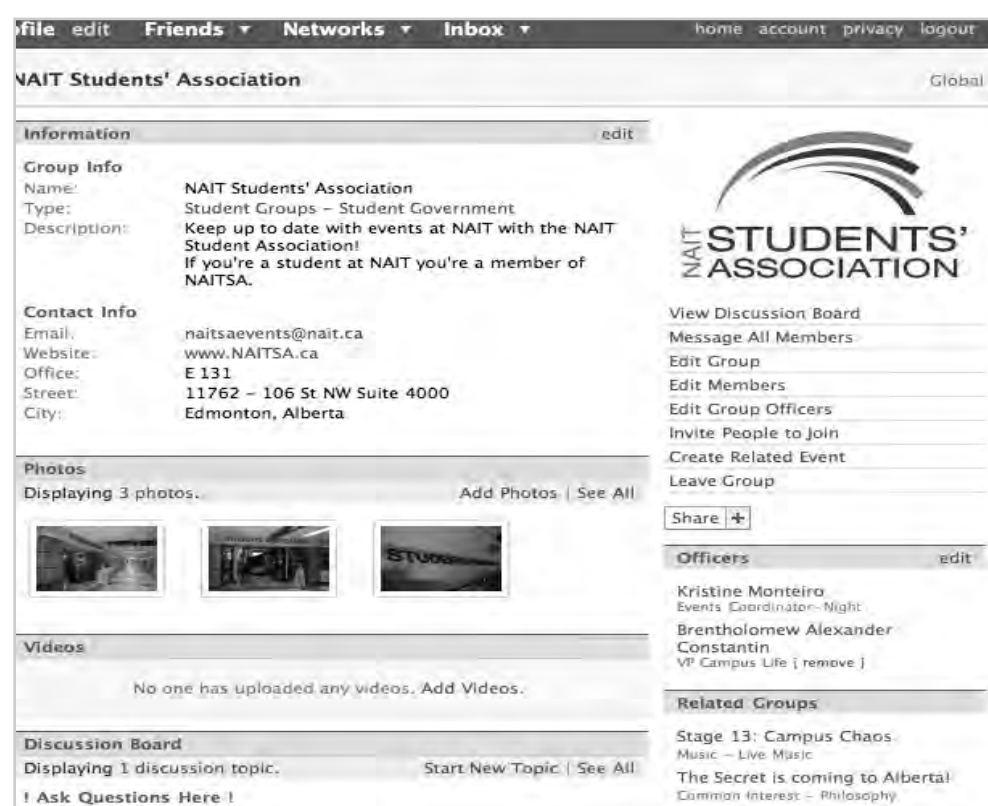
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- Flexible hours tailored to your schedule.

2. Poster Board Maintenance - \$225/month

- Maintain and monitor NAITSA poster boards on campus. Hang posters and remove them upon stamped expiry date.

**Please come by the NAITSA office (E-131)
to pick up an application form.**

Join the NAITSA Facebook group

Get a direct link to what's going on at NAIT with the NAITSA Facebook group, shown above. Search for the NAIT Students' Association group and join up for all kinds of information about where you need to be on campus! To prove that we're fully into the 20th century, visit our web page www.naitsa.ca or e-mail us at naitsaevents@naitsa.ca.

NAITSA Senate Elections! We Need You!!!

Senate members are required to meet twice a month to discuss current issues and problems around NAIT, as well as other post-secondary issues. Some important decisions are made at this level, such as approving the NAITSA budget.

- Food and refreshments will be provided.
- Senate members will also receive monetary compensation for their time.

There are two mandatory meetings for all candidates on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m. in X107 and Wednesday, Sept. 26 in X107 at 4:30 p.m.

All successful candidates are required to attend mandatory Senate training on Saturday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days.

The Senate will consist of 18 elected student representatives from each of the nine NAIT schools (two from each school):

- School of Business
- School of Hospitality
- School of Building Science
- School of Academic Foundations and Bridging
- School of Applied Media & Information Technology
- School of Electronics Technology
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Manufacturing Technology
- School of Resources & Environmental Management

INTERESTED?

Senate elections take place Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007. Come on down to the NAITSA Office (E-131 by the Business Tower) and pick up a nomination form! Nominations close Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. and Senate elections will take place Sept. 27, 2007.

QUESTIONS?

Please come to E-131 and ask for the NAITSA President Kerri Wyspianski: 471-7608 / kerriw@naitsa.ca or Internal Operations Manager Rita Cain 471-8960 / ritac@naitsa.ca



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A good investment

BY JON HOFFMAN
NAITSA Director of Finance

Registration is here, and classes will soon upon us, so, of course, it's time to open up your wallet. If you're reading this, I'm sure you've paid your tuition (using your own money or the government's), but there's one more important stop to make; you'll need to take the trip down the long hallway to the Campus Reads and Needs bookstore.

If you aren't careful, when you get there you may end up standing in line for 30-40 minutes outside due to fire regulations, but once you get in, it's smooth sailing.

Two guarantees

At NAIT, I feel like there are two guarantees – first you will get a practical education while you are here, and then, when you leave, “studies” show that you are destined for a good job afterwards. While I was in university, the trips to the bookstore were discouraging because I knew that I wouldn't be using the textbooks very much in class, and definitely wouldn't need them when I graduated (ie: Soc 101).

NAIT is different because our classes are technical and, in most cases, you'll want to refer back to the information when you graduate, so

your purchases are more of an investment. To get a handle on this “investment,” I spoke with an expert on the subject of textbooks, Alan Skinner, an industry professional who, before providing leadership here at our Reads and Needs, learned the ropes from his time at Chapters.

From our conversation, I've put together 10 tips to hopefully make your bookstore experience a bit easier.

1. You'll want to stay away on Sept. 4 because it's the busiest day of the year. For apprentices, the busiest day is Aug. 27. But, if you do need to get your books on these days, try to go in the afternoon (mornings are always the busiest times, regardless of the date).

2. The store can be a bit confusing when you're looking for a program specific book. If you can't find what you need, ask. Staff are more than willing to direct you to the books and supplies you need.

3. The best way to save a lot of money is to take advantage of two special services that the bookstore offers. If you keep your book in decent shape after you're done with it, there is an opportunity use the Buy Back Program, which can pay you up to half the cost of your book. These books are put back onto the shelves and sold at a lowered price.

So, if you're looking to save money and don't mind the lines, come early and buy used texts. I sure found it a lot easier to study when somebody had already highlighted the most important topics. So, if you're lucky, you can actually buy a used book, keep it in good shape and then sell it back for half the original cost. That's awesome, huh?

Donation an option

4. If you have extra textbooks that you can't sell, why not donate them to the Books for Africa program? It's a great way to support those who may not be able to afford that material. For the past few years, our school has been the largest donor in the Rocky Mountain region, so let's keep it going.

5. Check out the new NAIT merchandise because you can be one of the first on campus to wear the new logo with pride. A NAIT hoodie is at least \$10 cheaper than an Oiler's one sold at Kingsway across the street. Lets support our Ooks, take pride in our school and save money!

6. If you use public transportation, you need to know that this year the only place to buy a student bus pass is at Campus Reads and Needs. With U of A and MacEwan students paying for the Universal Bus Pass (a survey last year

at NAIT rejected participation) the city of Edmonton is no longer supplying student passes to convenience stores.

7. Take advantage of the cheap advertised prices at other stores, but know that our bookstore is competitive and even cheaper than the corporate retail outlet's regular priced items. Our second year marketing students will know that these stores use a “loss leader” to draw you in and then inflate the prices on other products.

8. Be a smart shopper and check out the prices at Amazon or Chapters online, but be careful about hidden shipping charges and remember that often the text will not come for four to six weeks, which at NAIT could be disastrous.

9. Join a club this year because that's the best way that you can meet other people who love to do the same things. I was told that if your club wants to order shirts or jackets, the bookstore management will gladly help you find discounted prices.

10. I sure found out the hard



Photo by Lisi Monro

Ladies love a man who can lift several dozen zoology textbooks.

way by trying to save money ... you need every assigned textbook! Buy your texts and use them, it sure helps your marks!

Have fun spending your money and don't forget to actually use your “investments” right from the start.

Watch your Ooks!

BY JORDAN RICHEY
NAIT Athletics

The 2007-08 NAIT Ooks athletic season is fast approaching and all teams are busy with their preparations. The NAIT Athletic Department is composed of nine sports, including men's and women's soccer, basketball, hockey, volleyball, badminton, swimming, curling, golf and x-country running.

This year looks to be an exciting year for all Ooks teams as several elite athletes have been recruited and will be showcasing their skills. NAIT Athletics is also excited to be working with NAITSA and the NEST this season in the cross-promoting of home games and NAITSA events and looks forward to having loud and enthusiastic students at all events.

The athletic department is also looking for minor officials for home games. If you are looking to make a bit of extra money and enjoy watching great sporting action, contact Gregg Meropoulos at 471-7601 or e-mail at greggm@nait.ca to sign up!

Information on all teams, including tryout dates, can be found at www.naitooks.com!

Get out and support YOUR teams! Go Ooks, Go!

Student Awards

Entrance Awards

Deadline: Aug. 30, 2007

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Fall Awards

Deadline: Oct. 5, 2007

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Jason Lang Scholarship

Deadline: Oct. 5, 2007

Jason Lang requirements:

- Canadian citizen or landed immigrant and an Alberta resident.
- Enrolled in a program of a minimum of two years in length.
- Have completed at least 80% of a full course load and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.2 in the previous year.

The Student Awards Office is located in Room O-101 on Main Campus www.nait.ca/scholarships

Student Software Pricing

Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2007 (PC) <small>Includes Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, Outlook, and Publisher</small>	\$110.00
Microsoft Office Pro 2003 French (PC) <small>Includes Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access, Outlook, and Publisher</small>	\$112.00
Microsoft Office Professional 2004 (Mac) <small>Includes Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Entourage (email and scheduling)</small>	\$112.00
Microsoft Windows Vista Business Upgrade <small>Includes Complete Backup & Restore, Fax & Scan, and Remote Desktop</small>	\$115.00
Microsoft Project Professional 2007 <small>Easily manage projects with Gantt charts and much more</small>	\$180.00
Microsoft Visio Professional 2007 <small>Easily make amazing diagrams, flowcharts, and schematics of all types</small>	\$110.00
Microsoft OneNote 2007 <small>Helps you easily manage projects and tasks for work, home, or school</small>	\$29.00
Adobe Production Studio Premium <small>AfterEffects 7 Pro (motion graphics), Premiere Pro2, Audition2 (sound), Photoshop CS2, Encore DVD2 (disc authoring), and Illustrator CS2 (drawing)</small>	\$379.00
Adobe Creative Suites 3 Design Premium (Win/Mac) <small>Includes Photoshop CS3 Extended, Illustrator CS3, InDesign CS3, Flash CS3 Pro, DreamWeaver CS3, and Acrobat 8.0 Professional</small>	\$389.00
Adobe Creative Suites 3 Web Standard (Win/Mac) <small>DreamWeaver, Adobe Stock Photos, Connect, and CS3 versions of Flash Pro, Fireworks, Contribute, Bridge, Version Cue, and DeviceCentral</small>	\$244.00
Adobe Creative Suites 3 Master Collection (Win/Mac) <small>Photoshop Extended, Illustrator, InDesign, Flash CS3 Pro, Bridge, DeviceCentral, DreamWeaver, Fireworks, Contribute, AfterEffects CS3 Pro, Acrobat 8.0 Pro, Premiere Pro, Soundbooth, Encore, OnLocation (Win only), Adobe Ultra CS3 (Win only)</small>	\$596.00

Student pricing is available to all NAIT students with a valid student ID, including full-time, apprenticeship, 1 year certificate, and continuing education students.

All prices are subject to GST and subject to change without notice

Tech Store ph: 471-8390 www.naittechstore.com HP Centre, room W101



NAITSA PRESENTS

FROSHWEEK

PARTICIPATE IN FROSH AND ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN YOUR TUITION (\$3500 VALUE) *NAIT STUDENTS ONLY*

VOLUME 1

- Aug. 27

Pancake Breakfast
7am – 10am South Lobby

Freshmen Session
11am – 1pm North Lobby

The Nest “soft” Opening
The Nest
- Aug. 28

Lucky Putter
11am – 1pm V Building

Red Light/Green Light Party
3pm The Nest
- Aug. 29

3-Wheeler Racing
11am – 1pm Fresh Express

NAIT Idol Round I
The Nest
- Aug. 30

Beer Pounding Derby
11am – 1pm The Dock

Nest Olympics
The Nest
- Aug. 31

NAITSA Carnival
11am – 1pm Distribution Centre

VOLUME 2

- Sept. 4

Pancake Breakfast
7am – 10am South Lobby

Freshmen Session
11am – 1pm North Lobby

Red Light/Green Light Party
3pm The Nest
- Sept. 5

Tug-O-War Challenge
11:15am The Annex
2:15pm Instrumentation Millwright Centre

NAIT Idol Round II
3pm The Nest
- Sept. 6

Tug-O-War Challenge
11:15am H.P. Centre
12:15pm Main Building

“Saskatchewan Night” &
The Nest – Grand Opening Party
3:00pm The Nest
- Sept. 7

Tug-O-War Challenge
11:15am Business Tower

NESTFEST “Rocking Your Students’ Ass. Off”
3:00pm The Nest Parking Lot



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