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ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDS CONFIRMED

At the February meeting of the Financial Awards Committee, two new memorial Endowment Fund awards were confirmed.

MATHIS DUERST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in the fifth term of the Forest Technology option of the Natural Resources program. The recipient will be the student who has achieved the highest grade point average in terms one through four and has completed two Co-op work terms. This scholarship will increase in value to \$800 in 1996/97. Mathis was the Forest Technology Program Coordinator in Hazelton.

JOHN HIOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student completing first year Sciences at our Prince Rupert campus. The recipient must be eligible to enroll in a full-time Science program at a post-secondary institution.

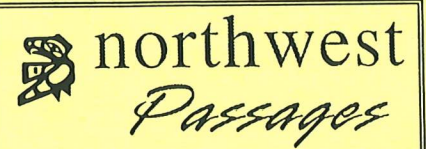
This award has been established to provide a lasting memorial to John's commitment and dedication to quality Science education. John was an instructor in our University Credit program in Prince Rupert.

PETER WEBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our first memorial scholarship, established in 1994, in memory of Peter Weber, an instructor in our University Credit program in Terrace is a \$500 award for a student who achieves the highest grade point average in full-time, first-year University Transfer Arts studies at NWCC. The recipient will have been enrolled in a minimum 60% course load during the year and will be required to re-enroll in the Fall semester to redeem the award.

DONOR INFORMATION:

These memorial awards are available through the NWCC Endowment Fund. Donations to the Endowment Fund are matched dollar for dollar by the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour. The funds are administered for us by the Vancouver Foundation. Anyone wishing to make a donation to a specific Endowment Fund account, or to the fund in general, can contact Bev Kealty, Registrar, at local 5420.



Help us keep you informed!

Submission deadline
1st Friday in the month

Deliver contributions by hand, internal mail or
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NWCC STAFF REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

Prince Rupert:	Sonja Chambers	Terrace:	Ella Goodlad or Ellen Roberts
Kitimat:	Laurie Kent	Hazelton:	Marion Oke
Smithers:	Heather Anderson	Houston:	Charlotte Gorley

Pass this information on so everyone can be well prepared for the big day!

Ask a Centre representative for Graduation information and get registered!

Deadline for graduation registration is Wednesday, March 13th!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

A major item on the agenda of the upcoming Regional Meetings of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges will be the election of regional representatives to the ACCC Board and its two standing committees - the Canadian Programme Advisory Committee (CPAC) and the International Programme Advisory Committee (IPAC). These meetings are scheduled for Monday afternoon, May 27th, 1996 in Toronto.

Recruitment of knowledgeable and committed individuals to serve on the ACCC Board and its two Advisory Committees is vital if the Association is to respond to members' needs with timely advocacy strategies and appropriate membership services. The call for nominations went out in early March to all member institutions through the offices of their CEOs.

If you are interested in running for one of the seats in your region, keep in mind that:

- To be elected to the Board, a candidate must be one of the five Voting Delegates identified by his/her institution which is a **regular** member of the Association.
- To stand for election to an Advisory Committee, it is not necessary for a candidate to attend the Annual Conference or to be an official Voting Delegate. Candidates from provisional member institutions are also eligible.
- Nominees for the Board and the Advisory Committees must be from a member college and have the support of their institution both in terms of time to attend meetings and for financial support to cover expenses related to meetings.
- The Board and Advisory Committees each meet three times per year in different regions of the country. ACCC pays 50% of each Board/committee member's airfare and hotel accommodation.
- Nominations must be made from the floor during the regional meeting in Ottawa and must be moved by a Voting Delegate from that region. It is strongly recommended that a copy of the form "Notice of Intent to Run for ACCC Office" be mailed to the Secretariat prior to the conference. This form was included with the package sent to CEO's of member institutions; copies can also be obtained from the ACCC Secretariat.

To receive more information on the election process, please contact Barb Sheridan, Ext. 5418.

Staff News

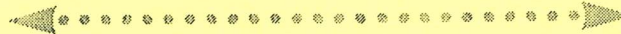
Lawrence Brown has been hired to fill the position of *First Nations Student Access Coordinator, Western Region*. You can reach Lawrence at our Prince Rupert campus.

Alison Carruthers, Program Assistant, BC Forestry Continuing Studies will be off on maternity leave starting March 15th. Replacing her during this time is *Cathy Stanton*.

Leila Durzi has been hired at the Prince Rupert campus to fill the position of *Education and Career Support Specialist*.

Lynne Nordstrom, Program Clerk, Switchboard, started maternity leave March 4th. When Lynne returns in the Fall she'll replace *Paula Walbauer* as *Program Clerk*. Paula resigned as of February 14th as she has moved to Vanderhoof.

CENTRAL REGION



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Terrace Centre

SURVEY SAYS "YES" TO STUDENT LOUNGE ON CAMPUS

Students at the Terrace campus want a gathering place where they can relax, and they're willing to help pay to keep it open. Those are the findings of a survey done by Community Resource Worker student Thyra Koehl last term.

Koehl designed and distributed the NWCC Terrace Campus Activity Survey as part of a project for her CRW 100 course, Community Wellness. "I think it's important to a student's well being to be able to have a place to relax and relieve stress," says Koehl of the reason she chose the project. One hundred and sixty questionnaires were distributed and almost 100 responses were received, she reports. Students were asked whether they supported the establishment of a student lounge, what kinds of services they wanted at the lounge, their preferences for opening hours, and how the lounge should be operated.

Seventy per cent or more of those who responded wanted food, drink, couches and a TV provided in a lounge. Fifty-nine per cent also favoured equipping the lounge with a microwave oven. Soup, sandwiches, coffee

and tea (from vending machines) were the preferred food and beverages, with under two per cent of respondents requesting alcohol or recreational equipment like a ping pong table or piano.

Over half the respondents said they would use the lounge at least once a day, with most of the remainder expecting to visit the lounge once a week. Sixty eight per cent indicated an interest in earning \$8 an hour to work as a lounge monitor who would guard against vandalism and keep the lounge tidy, and the majority said they would spend a dollar a week on raffle tickets to keep the lounge open. Students listed their favorite raffle prizes too, with retail store gift certificates, bookstore credit coupons and cafeteria credit coupons the three most popular choices.

It looks as though students will have their wish for a lounge fulfilled once renovations to The Racquet Centre are complete. As reported in the Terrace Standard, the college is spending \$8,000 to replace the facility's sauna with seating space for 40 people. Proprietor Ken Hawkins, who rents the space from NWCC, will serve food and beverages and eventually hopes to get a liquor license.

- submitted by
Dina VonHahn

Faculty Research Seminars

Brown Bag Lunch
12 noon (sharp) - 1 pm
Rm. 208 - Boardroom

Terrace Campus

Terrace Campus

Everyone Welcome

March

Dr. John Krisinger	Thurs, March 14	"My kids are sugar-hyperactive, my wife allergic to MSG and I caught a cold in the fridge" - Medical Mystery -TOURS.
Jayeson Shaffer Karen Chrysler	Thurs, March 21	"Stress reduction: The Joy of Laughter 101" <i>(Come out and have a few laughs)</i>
Nick Garcia	Tues, March 26	"Good Food - Not all in the taste buds"
Ross Nicholson	Wed, March 27	"Carnivorous Plants"

Mark these seminars dates on your Calendar!

INSTRUCTORS TAKE TIME TO VISIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

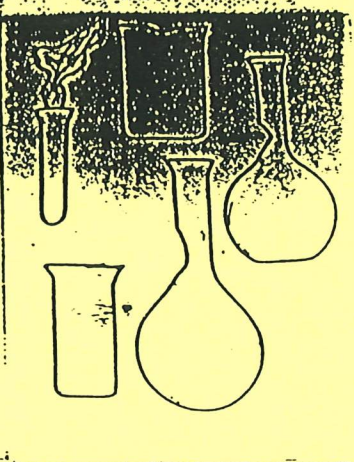
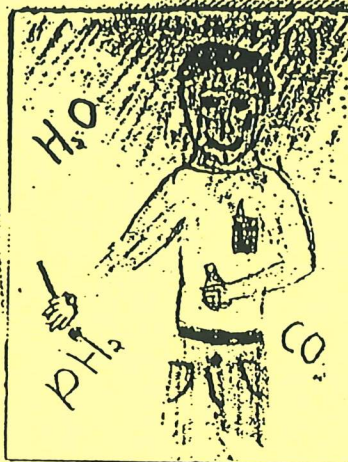
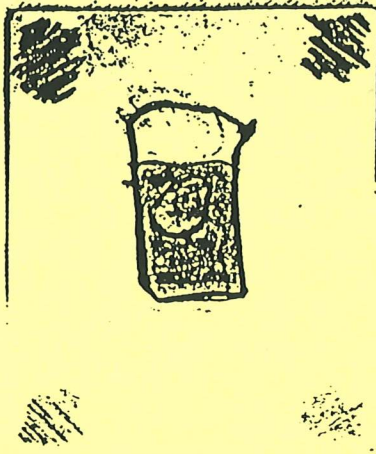
Sid Nair, Chemistry Instructor had the privilege of doing a presentation at Clarence Michiel Elementary School, on January 30th, to Mrs. Cox's Grade six class. The next day that same class came to Northwest College for a visit and *Bonnie Weinand, Science Lab Technician* gave these same students a tour of the Science Lab. *Read through the next few pages and enjoy the "THANK YOU NOTES" sent to Sid and Bonnie from this grade six class.*



GRADUATION/96

Saturday, May 4, 1996!

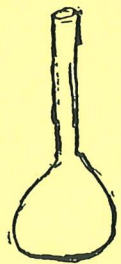




CHEMISTRY

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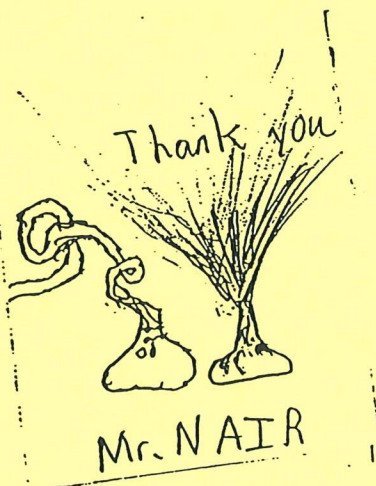


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paper → acid

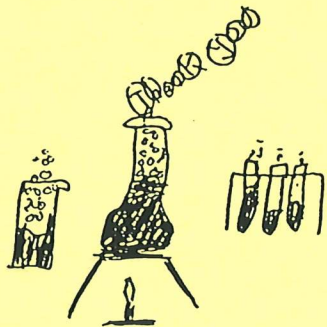


Thank you

H₂O
CO₂



Thank you
H₂O



HCl
THANK You!

Thank You!

Thank you for coming it was very interesting & exciting to see you do the experiments it was all very exciting

Mandy Percival

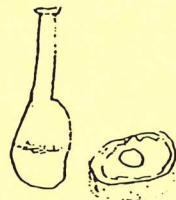


Thank you for coming to school and showing us the differences of acids and bases. I really enjoyed your visit and I also thank you again because you save on your own time from school.

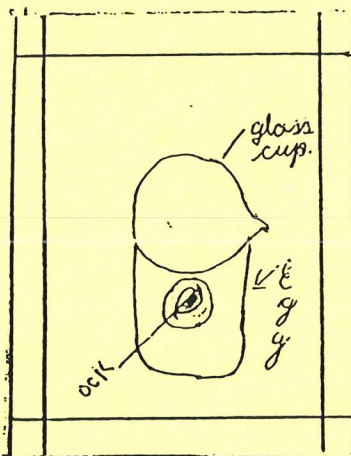
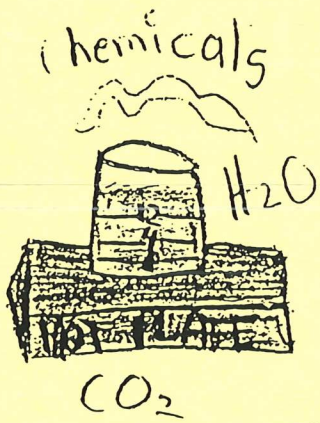
Thank-you for showing us your Chemistry Projects!

To Mr. Nair,

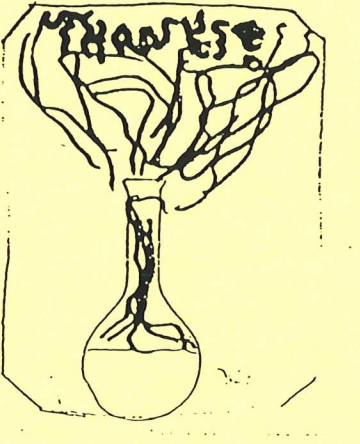
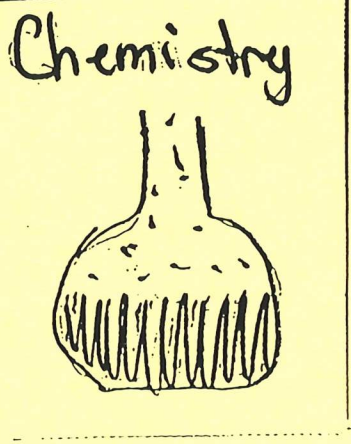
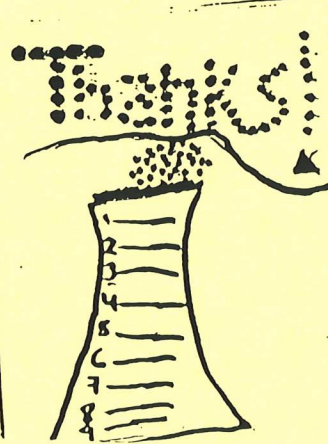
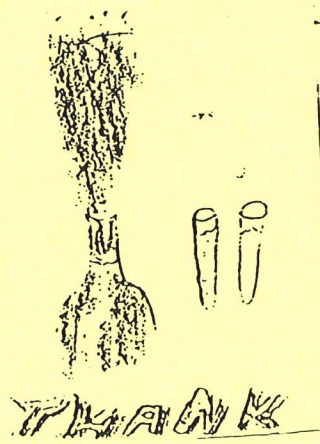
Thanks for coming



From, Tanya Frasca



Thank you for coming Mr. Nair - I liked seeing watching you do your experiment and for telling us how dangerous chemicals and acids can be - I thank you again for coming on your own time.



Thank
you Mr. Nair

from Brent
McKaney

To: Mr. Nair

Thank-you
for coming
to our class
your experiments
were really
neat.
Thanks again

Lindsay Wiebe

To: Mr. Nair

Thank you for
coming and teach-
ing us experim-
ents and about
chemistry.

Thank you

From: Nicole
Lindsay.

To: Mr. Nair

Thank you very
much for coming
in your own
me to teach
us about science

Thank
You



From: Karra
Wiedeck

Thank you for coming
I learned a lot from
your visit.

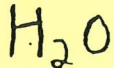
Jared Bern
Reyes

oh no
it's going
through the
table

To: Mr. Nair

Thank you for com-
ing to our class room
and doing the exper-
iments that you did.
I thought that you
did some really neat
ones

From: Nathan Mattern



Dear Mr. Nair,
Thank you for
coming. We
enjoyed learning
all the new
experiments. Now
I know a lot more
about acids and
bases.

From:
Leah Melo

Dear Mr. Nair

Thank you for
coming it was a
pleasure to have
you. We enjoyed the
experiments and we
learned a lot. I learned
more about acids and
bases. Please come
again. and again Thanks
From: Meena Kandola

To: Mr. Nair,

Thank you for coming and teaching
us about chemistry. I learned more
about chemicals. Also what happens
when you mix too many chemicals.

From Jessica Beaton.

To Mr. Nair

Thank you for
coming to our
class and showing
us some experiments
I enjoyed the
balloon experiment.
By the way do you

know my Dad
Michael Hill. Well if
you don't he is
the president of
the college.

From
Megam Hill

Thank you
for coming
to our class
room and
showing
us all the
experiments
they were
cool.

From
Machine
D. Stone

To Mr. Nair,
Thank-you
for coming
to our class.
I liked the
experiments
you did.

They were
cool!
From Xatuma
Byrne

To: Mr. Nair

Thank you for
coming to our class

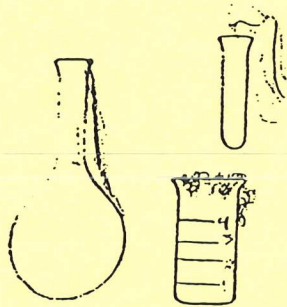
I learned alot from
you demonstrations
and experiments. I
am looking forward

to going to the
college.

From: Kristopher

To: Nair
Thank
you for
coming
Bye

From: Chris
F. O. J. S. E. N.



To: Mr. Nair
Thanks for
Coming to
Our classroom
From
keeso
Harvie

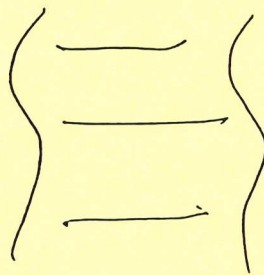
Thank
you for
coming to
our class
to show us
you do for
is I might
really need
chemistry
Sahana
Harvie

Thank
you

To: Mr. Nair

Thank you
for coming on
your free time.

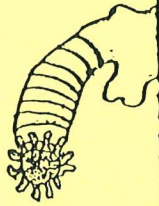
From: Grant



Jamie Leigh's style,
Make you smile



Thank
You



Hello
Bonnie

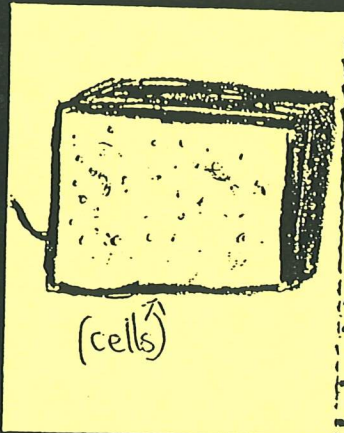
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THANK
YOU!



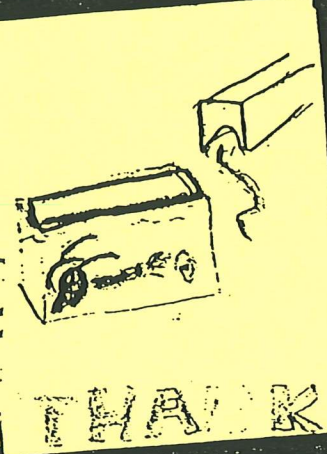
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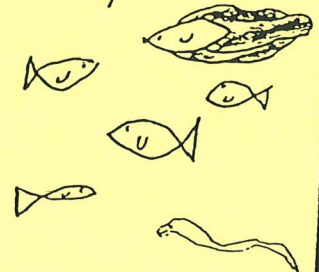
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Thanks



THANK

Thankyou



Biology

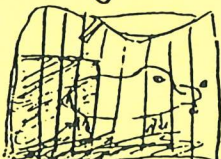


To
Bonnie



THANK
YOU

lab Rat
Thank you



Thank
YOU



To Bonnie
THANK YOU!



From: Meena

for
hour
class
to
come

Thank you for letting us come. It was interesting to see the tube worm and the bowl fish. I've never seen an aquarium like that. And the rat was very big. Thank you for letting us use the microscopes. I learned a lot and enjoyed the field trip. Thank you!

Say hi to To: Bonnie
Moses, Emmanuel,
George & Huydine
for me!!

From: Janeigh
Doyle

To: Bonnie

Thank you for inviting us for to the lab. I found it very interesting. I liked the tubeworm.

FORM
MANDY

To Bonnie,
Thank you very much for taking time to show us around the Biology lab. I really enjoyed it. Have you done this before?

If you have time maybe we can even come again. I was wondering if you taught Karsen Peters. She is my step-sister. Thank you again
Katerina ☺ Byrne

To Bonnie

Thank you for inviting us to come and use the microscopes to learn about biology. My favorite animals was the tubeworm and the aquarium.

From
Jessica Beaton

I loved seeing all the different life forms especially the tube worm and sea anemone

I really liked looking at the paramecia

I ♥ Biology

To: Bonnie
Thank
you

From: Karra Wiedeck



Thank you very much.



From: Mandy

Dear Bonnie
thank you for giving us all that information it was really neat. I really like some of the animals you have there. I thought everything was very interesting. You did a great job.

TO Bonnie

Thanks for having us at the biology lab.
All the animals and equipment were neat.
I really liked the tube worms.

Thanks again

Lindsey Wiebe
Lindoev Wiebe

Thank
you

FROM

Keith

Bonnie for
showing us
all the neat
stuff I really
liked the fish

N.W.C.C.

To Boney

Thank you for
showing the
animals. I like
the rat.

Thank you for showing
us the tubeworms,
Citation anemone,
ameba and the
paramecium and
for teaching us
about marine
biology.



From Grant

Said Roy

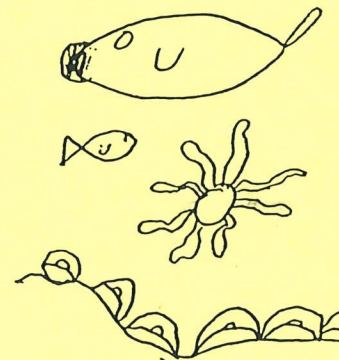
Dear Bonnie,
Thank you for letting
us come to your
lab. I especially
liked looking at
the tube worms and
seeing them pop
out. I also liked
looking at the video
& the turtle. Thanks
From Megan



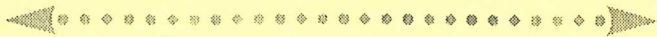
To: Bonnie



From: Jordan



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Houston Centre

The Learning Centre (*NWCC, Houston Link to Learning, Morice Community Skills Centre and Houston Storefront School*) has been busier than ever! Spring has almost sprung (thank goodness!), and the students are getting closer to the end of classes. All of our classrooms are still full to capacity day and night, it has been excellent to see that community members are taking full advantage of the Centre's extended hours.

NEWS FROM NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Family Day Care

The Houston campus is very happy to announce that the Family Day Care program will be offered at our centre on a part-time basis. Classes will run from March 16 until June 22, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and some Saturdays. Enrolment looks promising, already we've had a number of people come in to register. The program has six courses, with an additional First Aid Childsafe course.

Natural Resource Management

Our 15 Natural Resource Management students are still slaving away, looking forward to their May 3 completion date!

Continuing Education

Our Continuing Education classes have been doing very well this semester, our cancellation rate has decreased dramatically. Various introductory computer courses were offered recently, and were promptly booked to capacity within a couple of days. In fact, we have wait lists for future computer courses. The success of these courses could possibly be contributed to the fact that they were offered sequentially, allowing participants to gradually work towards a level to meet their own personal needs.

Some upcoming courses include: a series of Homeopathic course, a three week program in *Hospitality* and an Introductory Photography course called "*Photo Phun*". Our semester got off to a promising start, and we hope to sustain that momentum all year.

Houston Campus
Student Association
Regional Student Association
Rep

- *Lynda Knibbecke*
President - *Paul Saunders*
Vice President - *Stephen Babineck*
Treasurer - *Sharon Dondale*
Secretary - *Kristen Schwartz*

The Student Association has been very active and busy organizing Houston campus events. A Spring Break party is in the works, and the student association Reps are looking for full participation from staff and students. The event is still in the planning stages, you will be kept posted.



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Hazelton Centre

Following are poems, submitted by Scothan Tarry, Instructor in the ABE department. They were written by students in the ABE English 050 class.

A Word To The Wise

Mash the balderdash there's
no truth in lies
Large as Miramax on
screen large as life
Paint thinner to a lacquer
covered soul
Cat skinner who puts razor
across throat

Speaking in tongues to the
heathen masses
Smoking one lense of
rose-colored glasses
Judas revived alive out
on the prowl
Hiding, smiling, as we
all scowl

Words of a bitter harvest
are genocide
We all should uproot
unearth this homicide
Lies they hide behind "a
word to the wise"
Seek the truth faithful
seek proof's truth in life.

- Harry Cummins

Cars

*the Ram fearlessly climbs
the steepest peak like a
Deamon devouring the
weak.*

*the Panter, Cougar,
Wildcat long, long and
sleek.*

*like the high spirited
Mustangs; Broncos;
Ponies and Colt.*

*waiting, waiting for the
Pathfinders, forerunners
to lead the revolt, the
Viper faster than a soaring
Eagle, a Rabbit wishing
it was a Regal, but
none of this captivates
me.*

*because life, life begins
when you drive a G.M.C.*

- "Yogi"

Relics of the Past

*Artifacts collected
centuries ago
reflect a past
we did once know*

*of closeness to nature
the land and sky
Cedar for shelter;
it's strips to tie*

*Strangers stand in awe
and wonder why
a once proud culture
has passed them by*

- Mel Turner

INSATIABLE APTITUDE

*the essence
of our nature
beyond the grasp of
mortal men
elusive as
unanswered dreams
evasive as
thoughts unspoken
essential to our
understanding
of who we are
and where we've been
beyond the realm of
tangibility
essence evades discovery
but still the creatures
above the rest
a never ending
knowledge quest
will search no matter
what they find
and some will reach
beyond the door
be touched they know
they want to show
the outer essence
surface gleamed*

(Or So-----It Seemed!)

- Susan Ede

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MASSET

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*Prince Rupert
Centre*

Winners in Business Opportunity Challenge

The winning entry for the Business Opportunity Challenge contest was *Marla Yaroshuk*, a second year Business Administration student at the Prince Rupert campus.

Her idea was for a RV/campsite near Prince Rupert offering a range of First Nations activities such as traditional dancers and crafts. The second prize winner was *Jules Robinson*, a local student in the Adult Basic Education program.

We thank all the students (and instructors) for their entries. There were several carefully considered business concepts, many of which appear viable.

*- submitted by
John Shepherd*



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PENSION UPDATE!

On March 2, the College Board passed a resolution allowing members of the **College Pension Plan (instructors)** to purchase past service providing the employee pays both the employee and the employer share of the contributions. This opportunity is made available as a result of the February changes the Superannuation Commission made to the rules and regulations of the College Pension Plan.

The College Board passed the same resolution for the Municipal Pension Plan (support staff), however, the Superannuation Commission has not revised their regulations yet. We have written to the Director of the Municipal Plan requesting further information.

If you are interested in purchasing your past service (even if you have received a letter indicating there was no buy-back opportunity available) please send the written details and request to Linda McMurray in Personnel, College Services, and it will be reviewed for you.

Safer Campuses Newsletter

March 1996

Never Going Back

"We've come a long, long way", Tom Warner, author of a book on gay and lesbian history in Canada, told Maclean's magazine last May. In recognition of this journey, this month's newsletter focuses on homosexuality in Canada, in the Northwest and on campus.

Trivia

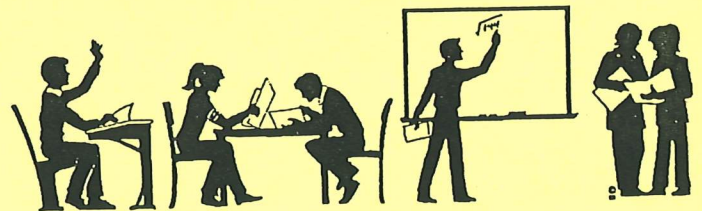
✓ Did you know that studies have shown that the average gay household has an annual income more than one-third higher than its heterosexual counterpart.

✓ The Toronto Board of Education runs a human sexuality program - the only one in Canada.

✓ A gallop poll released in April 1994 indicates that 49% of respondents support the notion that same-sex couples should be given the same tax and employment benefits as heterosexuals. 44% opposed the notion.

✓ On February 29 1988, Svend Robinson declared that he was gay - the first man ever to do so in Canadian politics. He has been re-elected in every subsequent federal election.

✓ Heterosexism has been defined as the promotion of the notion of the inherent superiority of heterosexuality and the assumption that everyone is and must be heterosexual.



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People interested in forming a **gay and lesbian caucus** for Northwest Community College should contact Elizabeth Snyder at Terrace Campus.

Want more information on homosexuality?

The Learning Resource Centre has several books and videos on the subject. Some subject headings to check under are:

- homosexuality
- lesbian
- gay
- lesbian mothers

Looking at our gay and lesbian history

April 1964: The First Canadian support group for homosexuals, the **Association for Social Knowledge**, is formed in Vancouver.

May 1969: The federal government passes amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada **decriminalizing homosexual acts between consenting adults**.

June 1969: Gays battle police during a raid of New York City's **Stonewall Inn** - the symbolic start of the gay liberation movement.

August 1971: **First gay demonstration** in Canada takes place on Parliament Hill.

August 1973: **First national Gay Pride Week** held in Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa.

June 1976: Largest gay street demonstration to that date held in Montreal to **protest pre-Olympic police raids** on gay establishments.

December 1977: Quebec becomes the **first province to ban discrimination** on the basis of sexual orientation.

February 1981: Toronto police raid four gay bathhouses and, in the largest mass arrest since the War Measures Act, charge more than 300 men. The next night, about 3000 angry protestors march in downtown Toronto in what some now consider **Canada's Stonewall**.

December 1986: **Ontario** becomes the second province to pass an amendment to its human rights code prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

July 1987: A new human rights code in **Manitoba** extends protection to homosexuals.

August 1988: The **United Church of Canada**, the country's largest Protestant denomination, votes to ordain homosexuals.

November 1989: For the first time, a **court accepts sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination** under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Federal Court of Canada rules that Timothy Veysey, a gay prison inmate in Ontario, has the right to conjugal visits with his same-sex partner.

October 1990: Toronto becomes the first municipality in Canada to extend **same-sex benefits**. Vancouver soon follows suit.

January 1991: **Ontario extends same sex benefits**- except for survivor pensions - to provincial government employees.

July 1991: **Nova Scotia** adds sexual orientation to its human rights code.

April 1992: The federal government acknowledges that between 1959 and 1968 the RCMP conducted a **massive hunt for gays in the civil service** - and that hundreds were fired.

June 1992: **British Columbia** and **New Brunswick** both add sexual orientation to their human rights codes.

August 1992: The Ontario Court of Appeal rules that the **Canadian Human Rights Acts is unconstitutional** because it does not protect against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The federal government decides not to appeal, paving the way for the courts to interpret the Human Rights Act as if sexual orientation were a prohibited ground of discrimination.

October 1992: The **armed forces lifts its ban** on homosexuals.

July 1993: **Saskatchewan** extends human rights protection to gays and lesbians.