ARNS President’s Message

As we slowly make our way through winter, there is hope that spring can’t be that far away. I’m personally tired of the snow and ice, and I know, in talking with some members, I’m not alone. Although, there are a few people who generally love winter. . . weird as that may seem. 2006 came and went so quickly and 2007 is well underway. NAIT is moving on with many new projects. There seems to be information coming regularly to bring us all up to speed with the advancements, and many members have commented favorably.

Chris Hardy and I worked alongside Sabrina in the Awards Office to select this year’s candidates for the ARNS scholarships. There is an article in this issue providing you with more information.

ARNS members Barry Breadner and Bob Busse are looking towards gathering information from NAIT’s past to begin a process of developing ‘The History of NAIT’. I know that we have asked a few times in the past for interested members who may be able to provide information and/or expertise for this project. Please contact the ARNS Executive in the future.

It would be great to see some new faces at the annual spring function. Please try to encourage some retirees who perhaps have not attended in the past, so that they may also enjoy the fun and fellowship that ARNS is all about.

See you on the 15th of May.

Bob Morgan

2006/2007 Scholarship Recipients

The following three recipients to receive the ARNS Endowment Award are:

- Murray Dubitz; student, 2nd yr Building Environmental Systems Technology $500.00
- Skyler Van Heukelom; student 2nd yr Business Administration – Accounting $500.00
- Karrie-Lynne Watson; student 2nd yr Geological Technology Program $500.00

ARNS Executive 2006/2007

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Tell us your story!

ARNS Notes is looking for story ideas and articles for upcoming issues. Have you received an award or recognition, involved in a new venture or adventure, any exciting, exotic or unusual travels to share. Contact Kym Haq at (780) 424-2914 or by email at kalimhaq@hotmail.com.

We want to hear from you.
**Recent Retirees**

- **Margaret Graham**, Secretary Automotive Service Technician – 34 years of service
- **Marlene Hope**, Administrative Assistant Learning Resources – 25 years of service
- **Malvern Huseman**, Instructor Mathematics – 24 years of service
- **Ron Nykiforuk**, Asset Management Analyst Infrastructure Support – 25 years of service
- **Paul Palichuk**, Assistant Program Head Aircraft Skin & Structure Repair – 28 years of service
- **Alfred Valente**, Instructor Carpenter – 29 years of service

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February 27, 2007

**ARNS and NAIT Continuing Education**

In January 2007, Jerry Dubyk commenced an Environment Protection job analysis. The objective is to research the January - December 2006 career section of Alberta daily newspapers and determine the number and scope of Environmental Protection jobs in Alberta. The research is a due diligence step in the proposed development of an Environmental Protection program.

Also in January, Jerry commenced marketing the Apprenticeship Readiness program. This new eight week program prepares students to challenge the Apprenticeship Entrance Examinations, learn about safety legislation and how to avoid hazards on the job. Students can improve their communications and job search skills, and gain valuable understanding of the various trades to make informed decisions about their career goals. The objective is to market the Apprenticeship Readiness program to Outreach and High School Counselors in the Greater Edmonton region.

In February 2007, Lynn Berg started work on a Continuing Education Calendar Distribution project. The objective is to systemically test and determine if the Continuing Education Calendar is distributed as contracted. Lynn seeks up to 10 ARNS members to help with this project. Please contact Lynn at rnberg@telus.net.

Carl Enright
Manager, Continuing Education

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**Why I Like Retirement. . .**

**Question:** How many days in a week?
**Answer:** 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

**Question:** When is a retiree’s bedtime?
**Answer:** Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

**Question:** How many retirees to change a light bulb?
**Answer:** Only one, but it might take all day.
In Memoriam

George Campbell retired staff member since 1988 passed away November 26, 2006.

Eugene Dionne retired staff member since 1995 passed away February 11, 2007 at the age of 72 years.

George McLaughlin retired staff member since 1988 passed away December 4, 2006.

Jack Mitchell retired staff member since 1992 passed away February 4, 2007 at the age of 92 years.

Donovan Robinson retired staff member since 1992 passed away January 7, 2007 at the age of 71 years.

Manfred Schneider retired staff member since 1992 passed away December 8, 2006 at the age of 80 years.

Barbara Zack retired staff member since 1987 passed away February 23, 2007 at the age of 82 years.

NAIT’s first president, Jack P. Mitchell, dies at 92

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of Jack Mitchell, whose vision for technical education played an important role in helping establish what NAIT is today,” said President and CEO Dr. Sam Shaw.

In January 1960, Jack was appointed president of the proposed new provincial vocational school in Edmonton to offer semi-skilled or diversified occupational training, apprenticeship training and technical education. After careful consideration, he decided the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology should be located on a 21-acre site adjacent to the Edmonton Municipal Airport.

He also served as director of Technical-Vocational Education, and finished his career after 35 years with the Alberta government as assistant deputy minister of special services, Department of Advanced Education. He served in a consulting capacity for the UN, as well as for the Canadian International Development Agency, helping to develop and build the Benin Technical College in Benin City, Nigeria.

Jack is survived by his wife Edith Mary, three children, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandson, as well as his sister and brother-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

ARNS and NAIT Continuing Education Luncheon

NAIT’s School of Professional Continuing Education invited NAIT Retirees and hosted a luncheon on January 26, 2007 at the NAIT Board of Governors Board Room. Its purpose was to present some short term (20 – 50 hour) projects that may be of interest to the NAIT retirees.

The Portfolio Managers presented various projects where ARNS members could be involved with:

- converting paper based courses to WebCT format,
- curriculum development for the Motor Cycle Training Program,
- assisting in the Culinary Arts “Boot Camp”,
- instructional opportunities locally and internationally, or
- hosting foreign students to help them adjust to the Canadian culture.

There were approximately 20 ARNS members who attended the luncheon. Through project work, retirees could stay connected with NAIT. It was fun to visit with old friends and make new friends.

Should you be interested in some short term project work, please contact Carl Enright, Manager, Continuing Education at carle@nait.ca or phone 378-5040

Jerry Dubyk

What’s new with you. . .

We are interested in hearing about what’s new with you and any other interesting news you may want to share.

Mail your stories to: NAIT Alumni Relations Office, 214-10611 Kingsway Ave, Edmonton AB T5G 2C8 or call (780) 471-7514.

We look forward to hearing from you!!
Spring Fling BBQ

Fun & Fellowship – Special Guests – Special Recognitions
Spouse or companions welcome!

What
Chicken & Ribs
Dress ~ casual

Where
NAIT Central Courtyard & North Lobby

When
Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Parking
Lot C
(Northeast corner of Main Campus ~ 118 Ave & 106 St)

Program
5:30 pm ~ No Host Bar
6:00 pm ~ Dinner
Laughter, Door Prizes, Fellowship

Price
$15 per person • $25 per couple

RSVP
Deadline is May 7, 2007
Jean Lang @ 449-7082
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