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Trojan Volleyball



New Gym for Trojan Teams



Late last spring SAIT approved a half a million dollar renovation plan for the SAIT Campus Centre Gymnasium. This was a remarkable show of support for SAIT Trojans Athletics and the 2005 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) Women's Basketball Nationals hosted by SAIT and held at the SAIT Campus Centre Gym March 17-19th, 2005.

The renovations began late November 2004 and were completed in time to host the last weekend of the ACAC Basketball and Volleyball games February 18th and 19th, 2005. The renovations included a refinished floor, new paint job, electronic bleacher system and a new dividing curtain. The SAIT Trojans were proud to open the gym to the public, SAIT Staff, and media on Monday, March 14th to showcase the facility before the Women's Basketball National Championships.

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Did you know?

This is how you say Volleyball in other languages;

- Russian ~ Волейбол
- Dutch ~ Het volleybal
- Spanish ~ Voleibol
- Italian ~ Pallavolo

September 10th - 5th Annual Alumni Tourney

Once again it's time to get ready for the 5th Annual Trojan Alumni Tournament ... are you ready? Wait, wait, wait ... don't get all worked up and start training like a mad man. By asking you if you are ready, I mean, do you have some suitable runners and a water bottle that doesn't have green stuff growing in it?!?!?

We can't stress enough that the Annual Alumni tourney isn't a test of who is the fittest or who can still jump the highest, but rather a time for us to get to know each other all over again. In saying that, there is

absolutely nothing wrong with bringing you're "A" game and hopefully beating the new "young" Trojan teams!

Every year seems to be getting better and better and we really do have a good time. It's nice to see that no matter what age or what phase our lives are in, we still all know and love the game of Volleyball.

If playing is no longer your strong suit, you are still more than wel-

come to attend the festivities. After the tourney we have plans to get together for a few beverages, and of course talk about the good old times.

If you would like to attend the tourney or even just the after party,

please contact Blaire Kelly at 403.284.8045 or by email to blaire.kelly@sait.ca to RSVP.

Melanie Gukert

**September 10th
Mark it on your
calendars**

SAIT TROJANS ANNOUNCE NEW WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH

The SAIT Trojans are proud to announce Brian Slot as the new Head Coach of the SAIT Trojan Women's Volleyball Team. After three years behind the bench as an assistant coach with the SAIT Trojan Women's Volleyball Team, Brian is now ready for the challenge of the head coaching position. A former Trojans volleyball player, Brian was named the team's Most Valuable Player in 1995-96. After graduating from SAIT (1994-96), Brian

continued his education and earned a management degree from the University of Calgary in 1999. Brian is actively involved in the newly formed Trojan Alumni Volleyball Association and hopes to continue to build support for the program.



A fully certified level two coach, Brian is currently working on his level three certification and looks to continue the momentum that the women's volleyball program has had over the last three years through hard work and determination.

The SAIT Trojans welcome Brian to the Trojans Team and are anticipating an exciting 2005-06 season.

Lori Nielsen

New Identity for SAIT



In September, Management Council, with the support and guidance of SAIT's Board of Governors, approved updates to the Institute's vision statement. The most significant change made to our vision was replacing the phrase "institute

of advanced technology" with the word "polytechnic."

Polytechnic literally means "many arts and skills" and is understood nationally and internationally to refer to prestigious post-secondary institutions offering high-quality, experience-oriented training, so it made sense to begin referring to SAIT as a polytechnic. We made this change to highlight the range of hands-on education offered at SAIT, from apprenticeship and skilled tech-

nologies training to applied degrees.

While we are now describing ourselves as a polytechnic, this is not a name change for us. We will continue to be known around the world as SAIT and to grow our outstanding reputation for excellence in training and education. Our goal is to build awareness of SAIT as a polytechnic within the SAIT community and the public at large. To this end, we have added the word polytechnic to the SAIT logo. *Unknown*

How did we do this year??



2004-05 HIGHLIGHTS

Women's Team

Finished 3rd in ACAC Regular Season North/South Division

Finished 1st at pre-season tournament in Medicine Hat

Finished 4th at pre-season tournament in Red Deer

ACAC 1st Team All-Conference - Jessiya Kamps

SAIT Athlete of the Week - Bridget Langford

Men's Team

Finished 3rd in ACAC Regular Season North/South Division

All players attained the GPA needed to play at SAIT

ACAC 1st Team All-Conference - Mike Bennett

SAIT Team of the Week 2 times

SAIT Athlete of the Week—Mike Bennett X3
Darren Waine and Luc Carrier.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Trojan Community Outreach Program

These days all Trojan teams will be heading out into the community to run clinics with local schools and minor sport programs. The SAIT Trojan Outreach Program is an excellent opportunity for our athletes to give something back to the communities that support SAIT Trojan Athletics. The players and coaches will head to Junior & Senior High Schools, Minor Hockey Teams, Minor Soccer Teams and various Club Teams.

If you feel your Team could benefit or would love the opportunity of having a SAIT Trojan team come out to help participate and run a clinic at one of your practices please contact:

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Highlights from Community Events

September 28th, 2004 ~ Women's Volleyball Clinic held at Delta West Academy

October 7th, 2004 ~ CNC GLOBAL CIO SUMMIT 10 Athletes represented the SAIT Trojans at the Summit reception at the top of the Calgary Tower.

[Women Volleyball](#) - Cherie Geisbrecht & Bridgette Langford

[Men's Volleyball](#) - Lee Roller, Heath Sande & Jean Piorecky

Volleyball Funnies

The 6-Pack

The patient's Volleyball team gathers around to hear what the doctor had to say, after one of their players was knocked out by getting 6-Packed in their match.

"Things don't look good, the only chance is a brain transplant. This is an experimental procedure. It might work,

but the bad news is that brains are very expensive and the insurance won't cover it."

"Well, how much?" asked the team

"We happen to have 2 brains available. A power hitter's brain for \$50, 000 and a setters brain for \$20, 000."

Then the teams coach asked "Why such a big difference?"

"A standard pricing practice," said the doctor "setters brains have to be marked down because they have actually been used."

Q: How many middle-hitters does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Just one, but first the setter has to put it perfectly into their hand.

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT
YOUR TROJANS!!**



**SAIT Athletic Department launches
new and improved Trojan website
www.saittrojans.com**

Fellow Alumni in Business



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On behalf of the entire Trojan Volleyball Alumni, we would like to welcome some new little Trojans that are on their way and some that have already arrived!

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Mike Chala (96-00) & his wife Deanna Irwin (now Chala) (97-98) are expecting their first child, due on August 22nd.

Trudy Martens (now Lang) (97-99) and her husband Darren Lang are expecting their first child as well, due on September 19th.

Jennifer Carlson (now Broe) (97-99) and her husband Richard Broe

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welcomed their daughter, Finley Jillian into their lives on April 12th, 2005. Congratulations Richard & Jenn!

Mark & Lori Nielsen (Lori has worked in the Athletic Department for the past 6 years) welcomed a baby girl, Kalyn Judelle on June 1st, 2005. Congratulations Mark & Lori!

... another Trojan is born!