

cess so far to the way they are bonding and playing together this year.

"We're much better than last year," Charlesworth says. "Our team goes so deep. As soon as you sub out one player and put in someone else, it's just as good."

Charlesworth adds the team also bonded well this year and has a great work ethic. Players

practise just as hard, if not harder, than they play.

The team has great aspirations for this year. Charlesworth, along with her teammates, has set the goals high.

"Oh we're going to nationals," Charlesworth says with confidence. "We're

working really hard and it's going to pay off.

"I know you have to lose to learn how to win. We've done our losing. It's our time."

The Trojans have their first league game and home opener against Briarcrest Bible College at SAIT on Friday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

selection of different styles of beer, the overwhelming preference of students is lager.

"Most of the beer drank here is Molson," says Chris Conrad, bar manager at the Gate, who says Molson has long been the preference of SAIT's populace. Other top favourites of students include Kokanee Gold and Grasshopper.

Even though lighter, golden

Wild Rose have made steady inroads in the Calgary market, price remains a huge factor in determining what students at SAIT order. There are times, though, when students tastes surprise a veteran bar man like Conrad.

"There was this guy who came in once, asking for a pint of Guinness," he recalls. "After I informed him we didn't have any on tap, he ordered a Bud. That's a huge leap, from Guinness to Bud."

This bird is ready to fly again

By John Smith

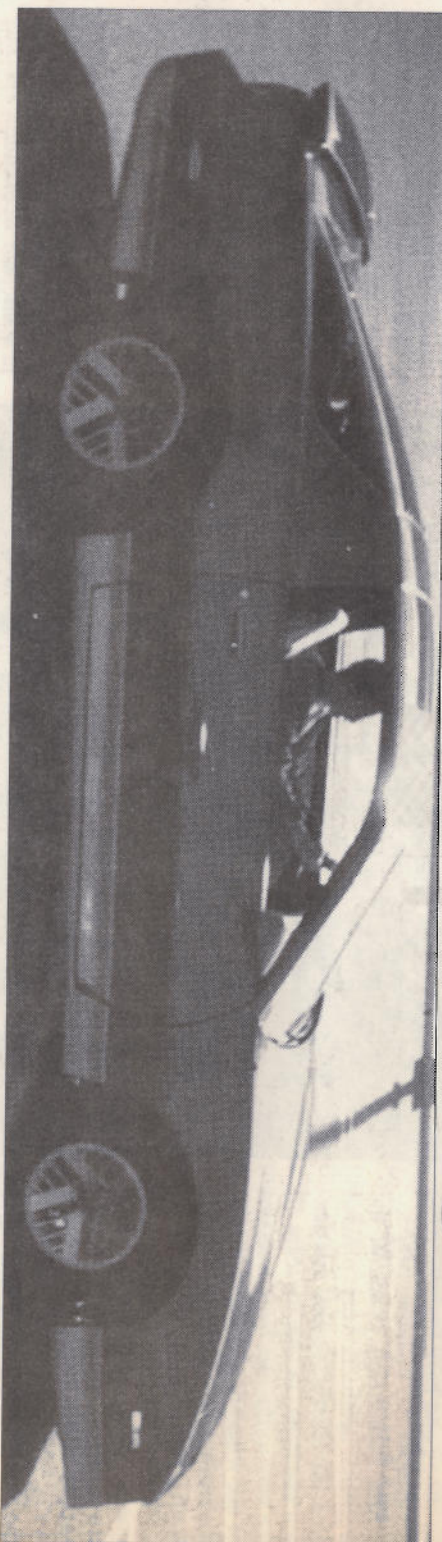
This week on campus, we found Blair Voorsmit, who owns an almost fully restored 1987 Firebird. An 18-year-old Paramedic student at SAIT, Voorsmit considers himself to be a very handy mechanic and rightfully so.

A few months ago this Firebird was not exactly in the best shape of it's life. In fact it was not much of a car at all.

Three months ago Voorsmit decided he needed a project to work on, so off he went to Pick Your Part, also known as Calgary's junk yard heaven, and found himself this Firebird.

In actuality what Voorsmit found was the frame of this car. Everything from the engine to the tires had already been ransacked. It is a very daunting task to rebuild a car from scratch, one that not even many professional mechanics would take on, but Voorsmit had a dream.

"I have always been fascinated by cars. Ever since I was a little kid there were always engine parts and spare carburetors sitting around my house, so what did I do?" asks Voorsmit. "Of course I



Blair Voorsmit in his 1987 Firebird.

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took them apart, broke them and then finally put them back together, it was great fun."

So it was back to his house with the frame of a 1987 Firebird to work on, but that was not the end of it — actually it was far from it. Voorsmit frequently visited Pick Your Part in the months that followed and found many more Firebirds all from around the same year. He decided to tow them home as well.

"I had five Firebirds sitting on

my driveway, or what resembled them anyway," Voorsmit says.

"Their driveway looked like a junkyard, it was horrible," says Sara Webber, a close friend and neighbor of the Voorsmits. "But now that I see the result of it all I can't help but be proud of Blair, his car looks great. He can rebuild mine any time he wants."

Voorsmit easily rebuilt his engine five times before he was finished. He installed everything from the bottom up, one step at a

time with out any help from a recognized mechanic.

Everything from the push rods, pistons to the actual five-speed transmission, Voorsmit can claim total credit.

"I have always been good with cars," Voorsmit says. "Sure some things are harder than others to repair but it's all quite simple if you just remember to do one thing at a time."

Now that this Firebird is totally restored and does fly again what

does Voorsmit plan to do with it, you might ask?

"Well that's simple I'm going cruising for chicks. I got to find a girlfriend who loves cars some-how right?"

There you have it, the young man whom, with a little bit of vision and insight took a car no one would look twice at and made it into everyone's dream, a two door sports car that is a blast to drive.

See you on the streets Voorsmit.