

traditions of the northern people. It is full of amazing art, including Inuit sculptures and paintings by A. Y. Jackson of the Group of Seven. (www.assembly.gov.nt.ca)

Eating can be an education, too. Musk ox and caribou, pickerel and arctic char were on the menu at L'Heritage—considered one of Canada's finest restaurants—and the Oldtown Landing, both in Yellowknife.

We all need to keep aware of the

opportunities that surround us for learning and continue to experience the cultures and customs of others that can bring us new perspectives.

Inside or outside the classroom? You decide! ▲

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The Classroom in the Sky

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THE Learning Age

We are experiencing a knowledge revolution,

a shift from the Information Age to the Learning Age that will bring its own challenges to the traditional classroom with the ever-growing commercialization of the education industry.

The key trend will be lifelong learning. The future of education will include direct education, home schooling, and experiential schools where the corporate/non-profit sectors can come together and contribute.

Electronic textbooks will bring about worldwide learning, given the convergence of content that includes video, sound, film, graphics, and print along with the delivery media including cell phones, digital radio, TV, and the Internet. With the proposed ELTIS (Electronic Learning Tutorial Instrument System), students will have personal avatars to obtain knowledge from the “Cosmodpedia” of the evolving worldwide information resources.

And the possibility of enhancing a person's intelligence artificially through a “smart pill” raises interesting ethical implications.

In this decade, there will be radical shifts in the meaning of “retirement.” As the demand for knowledge and wisdom grows. “Ageing to sageing” will become an irreplaceable resource for educating our young people. ▲

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