Red River Dominates Badminton

by Scott Gibbons

Red River Community College completely dominated Assiniboine Community College in the provincial community college badminton championship hosted by Red River on Feb. 22-23.

Red River captured four of five titles.

Ron Bilawka defeated Twaha Shekuwe 15-1, 15-0, 15-11, 15-4 in men's singles. In ladies' singles Carol Pauls beat Lyla Dowhy 11-0, 11-0, 11-3, 11-3.

Kerri McFadzean and Sandra Kaita won the ladies' doubles by default. In mixed doubles Dales Sutcliffe and Effie Yip defeated Walt Budz and Nadine Lea 17-4, 15-2, 15-10, 15-2.

ACC's Brad Wright and Kevin Martin stopped Red River's domination by capturing the men's doubles 15-6, 15-6, 10-15, 15-4, 15-13 over Chris Schaap and Herman Fung.

Jack Kaplan, Red River coach, said his team played pretty well, but had hoped his men's doubles would have done better.

Kaplan siad the ACC men's doubles team was more consistent than Red River's because it has been together for a longer time. Skill wise, he said, the teams were equal.

"It was a good game. I felt the match could have gone either way."

ACC's coach Claude Pellerin said his men's doubles team was the strongest and was pleased with their victory.

Pellerin said he wasn't surprised at the other results because Red River has a strong team.

"I was hoping the mixed doubles team would do better, but Red River's experience came through."

Pellerin said his team has improved during the year, but felt Red River has more experience because it plays against stronger competition.

The next step for the victors is the national community college badminton championship which will be help March 21-23 in Saskatoon.

Kaplan said playing against the weaker competition didn't hurt his team. However, he will now have to prepare his team for the nationals where the competition will be a lot stronger.

"It is my responsibility to get them up for the nationals."

Kaplan has high hopes for one of his players. He said Bilawka should make the medal rounds, but he isn't sure how the rest of the team will do.

"Only time will tell."

Chris Schaap and Herman Fung (L) — Two members of our bandminton team.

Lack of Effort Ends Season

by Lorne Stelmach

It was a dissappointing finish for Red River's womens and mens basketball teams. Both teams lost to Assinboine Community College of Brandon in the provincial community college championships earlier this month.

Steve Maitland, coach of the Lady Rebels, was upset with the teams lack of effort in two straight losses to Assiniboine. They lost the first game 55-51, and they lost the second in overtime, 57-53.

"They definitely didn't play up to their full potential," Maitland said. "ACC didn't do anything different, we just played two bad games."

It definitely wasn't the same team Maitland had become used to seeing. Forward Tanis Erwin, who is always on of the teams top scorers, couldn't score any points in the first game. She did rebound in the second game, however, scoring 18 points.

Patti Shirtliffe led the Rebels in the first game with 16 points, and Deede Carriere contributed 10 points. Carriere also scored 13 points in the second game and Shirtliffe chipped in with 12.

The Rebel men didn't fare much better. They took Assinboine to three games before bowing out of competition. Coach Bernard Jones was fairly happy with their effort afterwards.

The two teams were pretty well evenly matched, as they had been for most of the season. In the end, it came down to whoever made fewer mistakes and capitalized on their opportunities more often.

Assiniboine moves on to the national championships while Red River returns home where they at least can think about next year.

The Rebel mens basketball team couldn't beat Brandon

MidWest International College Hockey League Final Standings

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	F	A	PTS
Notre Dame Hounds	16	13	2	1	101	51	27
Assiniboine Cougars	16	11	5	0	118	64	22
Red River Rebels	16	6	8	2	73	87	14
NDSU — Bottineau Lumberjacks	16	5	8	3	99	92	13
Keewatin Badgers	16	2	14	0	58	149	4

Results

February 24, 1985 Nortre Dame 8 at Assiniboine 7
February 23, 1985 Nortre Dame 5 at Assiniboine 4
End of regular season

Scoring Leaders
(as of February 21, 1985)

NAME	TEAM	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Geoff Plouffe	NDSU	16	20	28	48	55
Garth Skrupa	NDSU	16	19	27	46	26
Steve Hamernick	NDSU	16	21	16	37	37
Brad Lyall	ACC	14	18	12	30	4
Doug Couglin	ACC	14	10	15	25	2
Bruce McLeod	ACC	14	11	14	25	8
Mark Bishop	RRCC	13	12	12	24	80
Scott McLean	NDSU	16	9	14	23	22
Daren Stanick	ACC	12	10	13	23	48
Kevin Bartley	ACC	14	14	9	23	4

Hockey Awards Handed Out

The Midwest International College Hockey League announced its' individual award winners for the 1984/85 season at a banquet hosted by North Dakota State University-Bottineau, the site of the 1985 MICHL playoff tournament.

The scoring title was captured by Geoff Plouffe of NDSU-Bottineau Lumberjacks who recorded a record of 20 goals and 28 assists for 48 points in just 16 games.

The lowest goals against average was shared by Bill Horn and Jeff Bateman of Notre Dame Hounds who registered a 3.19 G.A.A.

Selected to the Allstar team by coaches were Forwards Garth Skrupa and Geoff Plouffe and Steve Hamernick of NDSU-Bottineau. The Defensemen chosen were Myles O'Connor of Notre Dame and Jeff Neufeld of Assiniboine. Goaltender Bill Horn of Notre Dame was picked as the top netminder. Red River, the league champions, did not place anyone.

Coach of the Year Honours went to NDSU-Bottineau's Gary Warren who is in his first year with the Lumberjacks.

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RED RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Projector

Upgrading A High School Graduate

by Rick Major

Many young adults are upgrading their reading and writing skills so that they could continue with a post-secondary education. However, the unusual twist to this fact is that many have graduated from high school.

Alex Kobliski is a soft-spoken, 22 year-old Native youth who recently graduated from R.B. Russel Vocational school. Kobliski claims that he never realized he was learning at a lower education level.

"I went to Red River (Community College) to see what level I was in because I was going back to school. I found out I was only a grade five level." explained Kobliski. "You know when I was in grade eleven, they said, 'Hey, Alex you graduated.' I said when! I didn't even know that I had graduated from grade eleven! When I dropped out from high school in grade ten, I decided to come back and only took a half a year, and then I graduated. Just graduating-passing and passing; not even worth passing. I think it was because of my age too because I was older than the other students and they just passed me on".

Kobliski was excited about college, but when he found out that he had such a low education level, his world collasped.

"I wanted to go and cover myself up and lock myself in a room. I wanted to just disappear for a while. I said what was the use trying when I only had a grade five level of education after high school."

After trying to get a job, Kobliski met Freida Mercredi who gave him a job looking after her house. Mercredi also works for Projects for Adult Literacy (PAL) where Kobliski is presently upgrading his skills.

Wally Stewart, vice-principal for R.B. Russel, said he sees many students like Alex Kobliski who have failed in the academic mainstream.

"We take them the next step which is to give them a vocational education-some training, some work education as well as as much of the literacy component we can possibly given them. We want, when they leave, for us to be able to say the students are not illiterate," said Stewart. "However, for us, not being illiterate means that they can function at a grade four or frade five reading level. In our society, a great many people on the street function very well at this level, and can read a newspaper and handle application forms as well as doing a number of things where you would never know they were hampered by a reading level problem."

Statistics are not available as to the number of students who are graduating from high school with reading and writing deficiences. However, facts revealed from a 1981 census revealed that 180,000 or one in five Manitobans over 15 have problems functioning in society.

R.B. Russel is only one of a few vocational schools who help students like Kobliski. One, however, is left to wonder what kind of future is left for high school graduates who must contend with just reading a newspaper, or having to hide the fact that they have a problem when they want a post-secondary education.

Marlene Van Helden is the Literacy Progrmas Officer for the Privince's Adult and Continuing Education Branch. She is concerned about the levels of education of many high school graduates.

"There seem to be problems in the high schools. People say to me that we have studetns graduating who can't read or write. We have people coming to the Project for Adult Literacy in the inner city who say I have my grade eleven but I can hardly write my name," explained Van Helden. "If you look at the figures from the 1981 census and you also consider the people who are graduating from the public school system with very low levels of literacy, you can see many people who would have trouble functioning in the cummunity."

Ruth Martinussen has worked with illiterate adults for 14 years, and is in charge of the Adult Education Program at 700 Elgin St. She sees upgrading as an excellent solution but questions whether educators will arn to solve the problem at a sooner grade level than high school.

"I think that as the awareness of the needs for literate citizens increases, the schools will have to examine what this back to basics means, and just what are the things that a student should be able to do."

While Martinussen and Van Helden work directly with illiterate adults, the Manitoban government seems to have turned a deaf ear to the problem.

Assistant Deputy Minister for the Department of Education John Dyck is in charge of kindergarten to grade 12 in the province. He said that he was not aware of high school students graduating from high school who could not read or write.

"I have read in the newspaper recently in relation to School Division number one that there are some studetns in the high schools who have very, very low levels of reading. Obviously I would be concerned because if adults are to have a certain level of education, this should be partially obtained in our public school systems."

Assistant Deputy Minister Dr. Terry Morrison is in charge of Post-Adult Continuing Education. He outwardly denied that students could graduate from high school without reading and writing.

"I don't think that anyone, even though there may be the odd case, but I don't think that there is anyone who can get to high school or complete high school without being able to read or write. I think that they can read and they can write. It's a matter of how well they can read and how well they can write. It's a matter of degree," explained Morrison. "People do run around saying that we are graduating illiterates from the public school system. You hear it in the Universities and in some cases in the community colleges. I just think that's not true."

While politicians attempt to define illiteracy, students like Alex Kobliski are spending their time learning things that they should have been taught in high school. Over the summer, he will attend Adult Education classes before he will get a second chance at college.

Van Helden agrees that the skill tests should be revised and conducted before students graduate from high school.

As for PAL, she is confident that the evaluation of the 2-year pilot in 1986 will show that a re-evaluation of the school system will be required.

Until that time, we are left to wonder how many high school graduates will have to follow in Alex Kobliski's footsteps.

NEWS CONT.

Better Service For Students

by Sandi Beth Brown

Red River Community College President, Gary Polonsky, wants the college to be a partner with the province in ecomonic development. "Doing more for the working person," says Polonsky, "is a critical function of all community colleges."

To RRCC's president, doing more means making the college more accessible. Polonsky aims to increase dramatically the munber of part-time learners enrolled at the college — from approximately 14,000 to well over 50,000 — and plans are underway to open regional extension centres in six communities by late fall.

He also wants the college to be on the leading edge of trades training, and in supplying graduates prepared for jobs in the high demand area of high tech.

Jim Purse, manager of the Canada Employment Centre on campus, says Polonsky's emphasis in those two areas, "is really hitting it on the head." Purse explains that the number of emplyers involved in on-campus recruiting has dropped noticeably in recent years. According to the emplyment centre's statistics, 1983 graduates recorded the least number of job placements in 16 years.

Purse's involvement in advertising on behalf of RRCC grads puts him in agreement with Polonsky's plan to increase communication with the public.

Polonsky says Red River's community profile depends on sharing information with potential students and taxpayers. Info sharing should increase knowledge of RRCC's program strengths, and bring about greater understanding and sympathy for college needs.

Polonsky is also concerned with the high levels of withdrawal and failure in certain courses, and plans to implement a needs assessment program which, coupled with the coming computer assisted learning concept, should lead to lower rates of attrition.

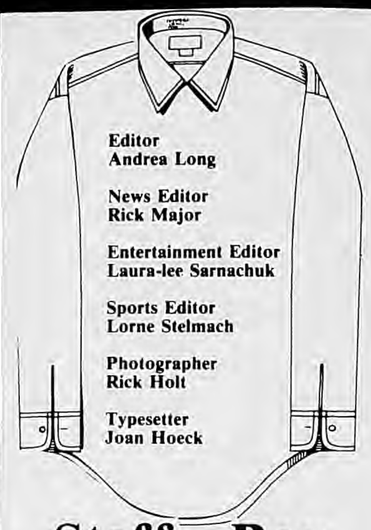
At the college's tutorial centre, Department Head Francis Martin says he is very encouraged by Polonsky's belief in doing abttle with high drop-out rates.

In Polonsky's recent reorganization of the college, both the reading lab, and the turorial centre were moved from the student services side of the organizational chart to become a part of the college's academic services.

Martin says the move puts the turorial centre in a better position to work with instructors so that students can get the full benefits of their knowledge and expertise.

Martin identified increased student performance and greater retention of students as priorities of the turorial centre, and he hopes to impliement special strategies such as a program to aid students who suffer from test anxiety.

The attrition problem at Red River could cause serious problems because, as Martin points out, high drop-out rates are costly to tax-payers. Polonsky's reorganization strategies are geared to increase retention and improve student services because increased in enrollment could lead to a better deal for the college in terms of government funding.



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RRCC Gets Down To Business

by Sandi Beth Brown

If communication is the key to successful business management, students at Red River Community College will soon be attending the best organized post-secondary institution in the province.

The college is undergoing major changes as a result of Education Minister Maureen Hemphill's decision to restructure the programs and administrations of the province's three community colleges.

On March 29, just four months after arriving at the college, chief administrator Gary Polonsky unveiled a new organizational chart that reflects the priorities of his leadership.

The first alteration was a change in administrative language, Polonsky is now referred to as the President of the college and is assisted by four senior vice-presidents; Vice-President-Academic, Vice-President of corporate and public Affairs and Extension Servies, Vice-President of Student Services, and Vice-President-Administration.

Also new to the line-up is the title of dean. The eight deans and one associate dean on the new organizational chart will continue the duties that were previously done by chairmen and principals.

Polonsky also revealed plans to hire an instructional designer to help impliment new college-wide strategies including staff development programs and student support programming.

Another newly-created position on the organizational chart that h not yet been filled is the post of International Education Officer. Polonsky says this position was established to address the special needs of foreign students.

For Polonsky, the focus of the re-organization is to provide better service to all students at RRCC, and he sees communication as an important step towards that goal.

Full disclosure seems to be Polonsky's modus operandi, and he describes himself as "someone who shoots from the hip". Polonsky believes that education is an important business and says his private interest is to serve students better by being more supportive of the staff. Says Polonsky, "If it wasn't so hokey I'd change my title from Chief Executive Officer to Chief Supporting Officer," that's how he sees his role as college president.

Polonsky describes his approach as progressive in that he doesn't believe management and staff must be constantly at odds with each other. It remains to be seen whether the faculty and support staff at Red River are ready to accept Polonsky as an ally.

Just two days before he revealed the details of the re-organization, two members of the faculty who were frustrated with bureaucratic delay, went over Polonsky's head to discuss their problem with the Minister of Education's office.

The faculty members were concerned about a request for out-of-province travel, but Polonsky says he was not given enough time to address the issue before the two decided to circumvent his office. The new President says he is aware that such events occurred regularly in the past, but he hopes they will end as staff members learn to have faith in his office and his ability to provide them with support.

Many members of the staff and faculty at Red River view Polonsky and the plans for reorganization as a mixed blessing. His committment to effective internal communication, staff development, and streamlining of the decision-making process in all areas should lead to less bureaucracy. Ideally, re-organization should result in greater productivity for staff and better service for students.

The question that might be lingering in the minds of many is, "How?" After a full year of insecurity and speculation since Hemphill made her announcement of change last April, the organizational shuffle is the most tangible result to date.

Two major changes that have been delayed are the establishment of regional study centres in Steinbach, Gimli, Portage la Prairie, and Lac du Bonnet, and Selkirk, and final appointments to the college's newly formed Community Advisory Committee.

Polonsky says delays have occurred partially because of his own naivete in anticipating the amount of time it would take to make changes, but he also states that dealing with various branches of government has also slowed the reorganization process.

Rural Women Graduate at RRCC

by Norma Cameron

Instructors and graduates from Lac Du Bonnet group

Smiles, hugs and tears were shared and an incredibly warm and energetic atmosphere prevailed in the Nor'Wester Lounge at Red River Community College on March 28th, a day that will be remembered as a special graduation for many women.

Pat Fraser, Women's Coordinator at Red River Community College opened the "Employment Strategies For Women" graduation ceremony by congratulating the 20 students and welcoming them to a special day which marked "the culmination of 12 weeks of intensive and personal growth, learning and working."

This particular ceremony brought together two rural women's classes, from Steinbach and Lac Du Bonnet. The courses were conducted on a full-time basis with the instructors commuting to the rural towns on a daily basis.

The course is designed to provide women with the information, self-confidence and skills required for entering or re-entering the work force. The emphasis throughout the three months is on personal growth and career exploration.

"The purpose of the course is so they can identify what their abilities are, what they're capable of doing, what kinds of careers are out there and what kind of choices they have," said Connie Crockett, instructor for the Steinbach group. "They should come out of the course feeling strong and self-confident."

The course is also available in Winnipeg and, like the rural programs, is run on an "on demand" basis with 12 being the minimum and 15 the maximum number of students in a group.

Susan Gibson, the Winnipeg program instructor, explained that women are told about this course through Canada Employment Centres and are recommended through counsellors at these centres. They are then interviewed by a program instructor to both inform them of the specifics of the course and also to screen them as suitable candidates.

One of the important attributes looked for in candidates is an ability to work well in a group situation.

"Students usually get out of this course the equivalent of what they are willing to put into it," said Gibson.

Crocket also underlined the importance of "bonding" to the success of a group.

"The group bonding is an important part of the course. If you don't get the bonding taking place amongst the women within the group it can cause difficulties," siad Crockett.

Candidates accepted ino the program are sponsored by Canada Employment who will pay for tuition fees and books as well as providing a training allowance. Other financial assistance is available for daycare facilities.

"I'm it's biggest fan," said Gibson. "It's magic. There is a real transformation that occurs in the candidates."

Margie Wolfe who graduated through the Steinbach course siad it helped her to realize that she was able "to go out and get a good education and be somebody". She has decided to pursue a career in teaching.

Her sister, Helen Wolfe also in the course said the course helped her to decide on a career and is also planning on further education.

"The course has been a great boost for my morale," said Helen. "Not only the course but Connie (her instructor) was the main factor in this whole course. She taught us that we can do anything we want to and she brought out attributes in us that we didn't know we had."

Gladys Tenning, the instructor of the lac Du Bonnet group, said the biggest difficulty in the rural areas is the limited employment available but believes that the program is very worthwhile and that the government should continue to fund it.

In the past two years classes have been held in Beausejour, Selkirk, Lac Du Bonnet, Morden and Steinbach. This is in addition to the Winnipeg program which has been conducted at the downtown Y.W.C.A. for the past nine years.

Marianne Zazulak, a graduate of the first course of this kind ever run in Winnipeg has stayed with the program.

"I've been an instructor both in Winnipeg and in the rural programs for the last eight years and now I'm involved — not in the classroom so much, I'm a work experience coordinator for the course," said Zazulak.

She explained that three weeks of work experience are included in the course. As often as possible, studetns are placed in occuaptions of their choice. An "employer bank" exists for Winnipeg and each of the rural areas. This is to assist in placement of students.

Once the student has graduated there is a follow-up interview through Canada Employment as well as an "exit" interview during which the instructor will discuss the studetn's evaluation with her highlighting her strengths and weakness and any career recommendations she may have.

One complaint about the course came from Carol Hladki who said that the course should be longer although she praised it and said it had given her the confidence she had previously lacked to pursue a career.

Another complaint came from a husband of a graduate of the Lac Du Bonnet course. "I didn't like it too much, being home alone by myself all the time and having to take care of the house and everything, said Hugh Simard.

Commenting on the changes he had noticed in his wife (Victoria Henderson) he said she seemed to change throughout the course, "she became more outspoken... more liberated... more sure of herself."

Simard also added that he would like to see a similar course available for men.

Fraser, in her opening remarks talked about the importance of the rural courses.

"They speak to the needs of rural women who have been disadvantaged educationally not only by the same social attitudinal and financial barriers that hinder urban women but also by the obvious barriers presented by distance and transportation problems which prevent rural women from accessing educational opportunities in the larger urban institutes," said Fraser.

Fraser also commented on the resource people who work in the background to make these programs available, such as Ron Knudsen, Supervisor of Rural and Off Campus Education ABE and Fausto Yadao, Manager of Adult and Continuing Education.

For further information about the course you can contact the Counselling Services at Red River Community college at 632-2335 or the Women's program Coordinator at 632-2451.

Instructors and graduates from Steinbach group

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EDITORIALS

Questioning The Value Of High School Diplomas

A recent *Winnipeg Free Press* aritcle stated that "1 in 5 Manitobans had reading and writing deficiencies". At the time, I thought this was a staggering fact. However, the article only received a casual mention near the back of the newspaper.

At the time of year when hundreds of young adults are graduating from high school, one must question how prepared a student is for a post-secondary education or employment. As was mentioned in the article on page 1, students are graduating with a grade 4 or 5 level!

I thought that the purpose school system was to properly prepare students for life after school. If a student is not ready to graduate, he/she should not graduate!

It's like the "hot potato" metality: pass the problem on to someone else. In this case, agencies like Business of Living and Projects for Adult Literacy are responsible to upgrade skills that should have been obtained from the public school system.

A problem seems to be educators who are stuck in the 1950's, and have failed to realize that the 1980's have brought about many changes.

Spending time attempting to define a illiteracy or taking a "we are just realizing the problem" attitude is not helping graduates this summer.

A re-evaluation is needed of elementary and junior high schools to prevent students from reaching high school unprepared to handle the increased workload or new challenges.

To see students, frustrated because they believed they were ready for college or university and now must spend time upgrading, puts a question mark on education methods.

For those graduating this June, they should take a serious look at the piece of paper in their hand, and question if they got full value for a high school diploma.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Evan Carter

Carter Cuts Them Up

by Shawna McCutcheon

Have you ever wondered what happened to comedians who could make you laugh till you choke? Have no fear, they're still around. They're alive and well in the form of Evan Carter

He came from the comedy club Yuk Yuks and definitely have a talent for making people laugh.

Evan Carter, who said he got started in the business by phoning up the owner of Yuk Yuks and announcing he was funny, has come a long way. Some of his achievements include opening up for John Cougar, Peter Tosh, Air Supply, An Evening at the Improv, commercials and many other credits.

Carter practices a policy of putting in the quality before the name goes on. Because of this he said it will probably take him longer to get to the top, but he'll stay up there longer.

"Comedy is iike politics. Let the audience think you know what's going on," Carter laughed.

But it's not always that easy as he revealed a time when he was going to do a routine and ended up having to throw out 10 minutes of material, because someone else had done a similar skit.

Though Carter knows Howie Mandell and admits that if he wanted he probably could get a favour, he says he never would. He wants to have the feeling of satisfaction where he can one day say I did it myself.

And judging by Carter's show which he performed here at the college, he'll be able to congradulate himself very soon. The comedy which he bombarded the audience with had every person walking out of the Tower Lounge gasping for air and holding their stomachs. Evan Carter knows how to make them laugh.

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Red River Social Scene

by Laura-Lee Saranchuk

So, you're one of those people who say there's never anything going on at Red River. Well I'm sick and tired of you people. What do you think I write this column for? My health and spiritual well-being?! This column faithfully reports the activities and entertainment offered in this college. That's why it's in the entertainment section. So you've come this far past the abuse, you might as well read on to check out all the wild, exciting events coming up.

April 16th and 17th:

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April 22nd:

Monday — IT'S SPRING FLING WEEK AT LAST!!!

What better way to kick it off than with the Grimy, Greedy Grease Pole Climb. all would-be climbers are to congregate at the flag pole in front of C building at noon. You're allowed to use anything but a ladder to make your way to the top. By the way, one hundred dollars will be sitting on top of that pole so it might be worth your while to crazy glue your clothes and give it a try. The pole will be re-greased between contestants. Enter at the S.A. building up until noon — Monday the 22nd.

April 23rd:

Tuesday — Men's and women's arm wrestling in the Tower Lounge from 11 am to 1 pm. Men and women compete separately in different weight classifications for impressive-looking trophies sponsored by Gold's Gym and Molson Canadian. Weight classifications: 0-135 lbs, 136-150, 151-165, 166-180, 181-200, 201 and over. The above apply to men and women. Sign up at the S.A. before the contest date.

April 26th:

Friday — The long awaited Climax of a fabulous Spring Fling! Yes, it's the R2C2 Comedy Nte at the world famous Gas Station Theatre. For a measly five bucks (six bucks for normal people) you will be treated to the side-splitting talents of four top Canadian comedians (more on them later). Tickets will be sold at the S.A. office for the 8 pm show and the 10 pm show until the day of the performance or until they run out. There are only 200 tickets available for each show. And now a little info on our four celebrated guests.

April 24th:

Wednesday — starts off with a special $1.99 steak and eggs breakfast at the Buffalo Cafeteria from 7 am to 10 am. Pick up your poison at the hands of Chef-Girl-Ar-Anderson and the rest of the S.A. executive staff. Don't pig-out too much, especially if you're entering the titanic tug-o-war at 11:30 in the center courtyard. Teams are limited to 10 people or 2000 lbs. Each team must have a minimum of two women. Let's get some course spirit out there. How about Hairdressing vs. Diesel Mechanics? After a refreshing skid through the mud you might want to check out the Dress For Success Fashion Show at noon. Check out the latest yuppie fashions as modelled by Red River students in the Tower Lounge.

April 25th:

Thursday — How fast can you suck back a heaping plate of pasta complete with a spicy hot sauce. get three vacuum-mouth friends and enter the sensationally sloppy sphagetti-eating contest. 1rst prize is $40.00 plus four tickets to the R2C2 Comedy Nite. 2nd prize is $40.00 and 3rd prize is a whopping two pounds of uncooked sphagetti. Plastic wear is recommended.

EVAN CARTER

Evan is no stranger to Red River fans. Those who have seen him performing in the college won't want to miss his act at the Comedy Nite either. He has an extensive backgound of live shows all over North America. You may also have seen him on television in "Evening At The Improv", "The Alan Thicke Show" or Seeing Things".

STEVE BRINDER

Steve was one of the original seven comics in the Toronto Yuk-Yuks when it opened. He also appeared at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles as well as on "The Alan Thicke Show", "SCTV", "The Bob Mclean Show", and as co-hose on "Just Kidding". You may also recognize him from commercials for Grenada TV, Sanyo Microwave and Raison Bran. Steve specials in commentary comedy, covering such topics as dating, breaking-up, urban ralism and homosexuality. His act is not a mish-msh of rapid fire one liners. Rather it is based on mini-drama with hard-hitting punchlines. Brinder has described himself as a comic with a conscience. You won't be able to live with yours if you miss his act at the Comedy Nite.

THE NORM COMEDY DUO

Brian Moffat and Peter McCowatt make up the Norm Comedy Duo. Why the "Norm"? Who knows. Maybe they'll mention it in their act but you'll never know unless you catch it at the R2C2 Comedy Nite. Friday, April 28th.

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SPRING FLING WEEK

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WEDNESDAY – 24th

Start you day off by scorfing down a stupendous steak n' eggs breakfast at the bombastic Buffalo Cafe. 7 am to 10 am. Only $1.99. Then tear down to the centre courtyard for the One-Ton tug-o- war. Teams are limited to 10 people or 2000 pounds. Minimum of two women on each team. 11:30 am. Finally, the Fabulous "Dress For Success" Fashion show — noon in the Tower Lounge. Student models — hair by Barber styling students.

THURSDAY – 25th

Suck back a saucer of pulsating pasta. Yes, it's the spectacular, Spellbinding Spaghetti- Eating Contest. Teams of four in the Tower Lounge at noon. Big prizes to be won.

Slugger's Wife Strikes Out

by Peter Williamson

The problem with *The Slugger's Wife* is the slugger's wife. In this film, Rebecca De Mornay plays an aspiring rock vocalist who has her beloved sports car rammed by an aspiring baseball superstar's new Corvette. He is smitten with her. They get married.

The ball player is Darrel Cooper, played by Michael O'Keefe. O'Keefe does a reasonably good job in his role as a slugger for the Atlanta Braves. Things seem a little stretched, though, in depicting

Cooper as a man who could break Roger Maris' record of sixty-two home runs (which happens in this film). Things seem very stretched in the depiction of a passionate love affair between Cooper and Debbie, De Mornay's character.

De Mornay had her breakthrough role in a film two years ago, when she appeared in Risky Business, opposite Tom Cruise. The movie, directed by Marshall

Brickman, was a smooth, seamless love story about a high school student and a high-class hooker. It's been done a thousand times before, but this one was different.

Cruise and De Mornay played a scene in the film that was erotic, with a capital E. Making love on a subway in a Chicago suburb at 5 a.m. may not sound like much, but Cruise and De Mornay have been lovers in real life since Risky Business, and I know that that scene had something to do with it.

No such passion exists in *Slugger's Wife*, however, and it is passion that the film needs in order to work. Debbie has a strong desire to be a successful singer, Darrel wants to hit the ball out of the park, but the two can't seem to reconcile their respective ambitions.

There is tension, conflict, break-up, angst, and longing. All of it is forced, in this movie, and most of it is unbelievable. By the end of *Slugger's Wife*, the filmmakers seem to have realized there is ze-ro chemistry between O'Keefe and De Mornay. They have each go their separate way.

About the only good thing you can say about this movie is the appearance of Randy Quaid, as O'Keefe's fellow ball player. This guy has the most genuine face in Hollywood. He looked like the people I know. Wearing extra-thick glasses and being unable to hit the ball quite far enough for the Braves to win the pennant was this movie's only moment of glory.

Lost In America Finds Mark

Denis Labossiere

"Come on, 22!"
"Come on, 22." An ageing yuppie desperatly calls out in vain for her lost youth, putting all her money on a roulette number that isn't paying off. Twenty two, an age she has long past is once again evading her grasp as Ellen fritters away her life savings in a darken Las Vegas casino.

Wait, you ask. Isn't this a comedy? Indeed it is. Pathos can be funny if done right. This is an example.

Lost in America is a value lesson for young urban professionals. Locked in an ever-climbing inflationary spiral, our friends (played by Albert Brooks and Julie Hagerty) decide the rat race is entrapping them rather than liberating them as they once thought it would.

The solution, seemingly simple, is to liquidate all assets and move to a cabin in a remote area. Specifically Conneticut.

Sadly, this designation is never reached. What is reached is another insight into the ridiculously ludicrous world of material quests in which we live.

With subtle satire we see it exposed in the sterile white halls of the ad agency where Ellens husband toils. We see it exposed at the trailer park like so many big white cans lying maked in a parking lot.

Alas, in the end we see it in our two friends. Perhaps the outcome would have been different if not for the circumstances. This will never be known. But what does remain is a relevant message to be certain of your priorities before embarking upon a long journey to find them.

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Mr. Reagan's Hair

by Denis Labossiere

Appearance creates an impression, thus an image. Politicians and enterainers, (if we may speak of the two in the same breath) will rarely conceed that the way they dress is greared to illicit public reaction of some kind, yet it does. Often we find entertainers in rhinestones and politicians in conservative greys and never the twain shall meet.

Even more reticent is the reaction one recieves when it is implied a politician will alter his physical appearance for such purposes. However, the Gary Harts rub elbows with the Phyllis Dillers in the waiting rooms of Beverly Hills finest hair salons.

In keeping with this though, let us put forth for critical analyse the coiffure of Ronald Reagan, the western world's most powerful elected leader.

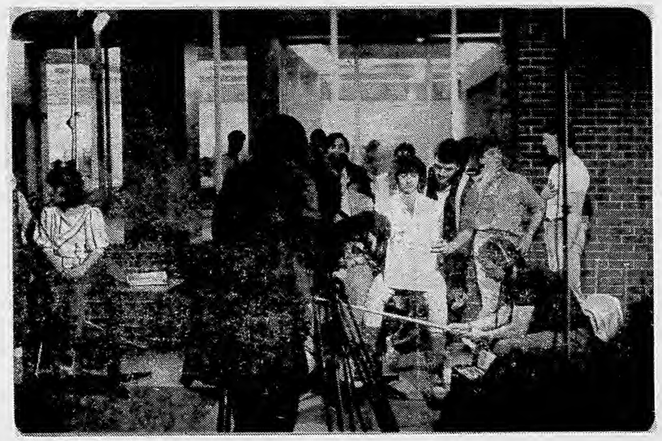
Turning our attention to his choice of cut we see it is slick, polished and well greased, symbolic of the American government.

On the matter of style Reagan sports a raised pompadour, the likes of which had its most polular moments in the 1950's. Coincidently this was the greatest boom era in U.S. history. Is Mr. Reagan, in a subtle way attempting to subconsiously link his image to that great period of prosperity?

The other improtant aspect of all this is that most men in their 70's have very little hair, if any at all. Yet Reagan has a lustrous crop he maintains is real. He won't admit to even having a bald spot.

This defies the laws of nature. Ergo we may conclude that in a small way Mr. Reagan is a freak of nature.

In fairness it should be made clear these speculative queries are all invalid should in fact Reagan's hair be proven to be false. Hair implants or a toupee would prove Reagan's non culpability in the "freak of nature department", on the other hand, what new revelations about his character would this entail?



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SPORTS

National Championships

Nordstrom Strikes Gold For Rebels

by Lorne Stelmach

Red River's Jim Nordstrom stuck gold for the second year in a row at the national community college curling championship last month.

The 24-year old electronic technology student led his mixed foursome to a 4 and 1 record to capture the gold medal. Nordstrom also skipped Red River to the mixed title last year.

"It feels good," Nordstrom said. "I wanted to come back and do it again." It was also the second straight victory for lead Karen Glen. Completing the rink were second Ron Gauthier and third Barb Fetch.

Their coach, Roy Pollock, admitted they weren't as sharp as last year, and didn't seem to play with the same authority. Nordstrom seemed to have trouble finding his weight, but was able to make spectacular shots when he needed them.

"They made their shots when they had to make them," Pollock said. "In the end, that's what counts."

Pollock said the rinks experience was a key factor in their victory. "They had all experienced pressure curling before, so they didn't get tense like the other rinks. The pressure didn't get to them."

Ron Gauthier was the only member of the rink named to the All-Star team. Pollock said Karen Glen must have been close to being selected the All-Star lead.

The competition overall was very good, and it was very well orgainzed. It gets tougher every year, Pollock said.

He was disappointed Red River's mens and womens rinks didn't make it to the nationals. The mens rink from Assiniboine Community College of Brandon tied for fifth with Alberta. The womens rink from Keewatin Community College of The Pas finished sixth.

"Our womens team got burned in the provincials," he said. "They would have done considerably better at the nationals. They would have finished in the medals."

Pllock couldn't remember ever taking a curling team from Red River to the nationals without finishing in the medals. And he has been taking Red River's curlers to the nationals for some 15 odd years now.

"We don't get the credit we deserve," he said. "Our curling teams always do well. This year wasn't one of our best years. We usually have two or three rinks from Red River representing Manitoba and they always seem to finish in the medals."

Unlike the other varsity sports at Red River, the curlers continue to enjoy success in their sport after they leave the college.

Many prominent names in Manitoba curling once curled for Red River. A prime example is John Bubbs, who represented Manitoba at the Canadian mens championship earlier this year.

Looking ahead to next year, Pollock says he would like to see the curling program expanded. If he could get more funding, he could give the teams more experience and more exposure.

He could make a good thing even better.

Red River's Gold Medal foursome. (l. to r.) Karen Glen — lead, Ron Gauthier — second, Barb Fetch — third, Jim Nordstrom — skip

Rebels Overcome Player Shortage

by Lorne Stelmach

Despite a shortage of players, the Red River Rebels came through with a strong fifth place showing at the national community college hockey championships last month.

Coach Doug Smith only had 2 forward lines and 4 defenceman to work with, but still managed to lead the Rebels to a 2 and 2 record. They captured fifth place by edging Kelsey Institute of Saskatoon 7-6 in overtime.

The Rebels had earlier just narrowly missed gaining a shot at the bronze medal. a hard-fought 3-2 loss to Seneca Community College of Toronto elimated them from the bronze medal match.

The Rebels split their first two games. They began the tournament by being outscored by Nova Scotia 12-9, but rebounded to defeat Briercrest Bible College of Moose Jaw 14-4.

Smith was very happy with the teams play in the tournament. "The whole team played very well. It was an all-out, good team effort," he said.

They were missing several players because of exams and various other reasons, and Smith says the extra 3 or 4 players would have made a big difference.

"There's no doubt in my mind we would have been competing for a medal if we would have had our full complement of players," he said. "We could have rested them more often and gone to the bench more."

The tournament was a learning experience for Smith, who only became coach about halfway through the season. He didn't know what the competition would be like from the other provinces.

He was confident before the tournament that Red River had a shot at a medal, but wasn't dissappointed they didn't finish in the medals.

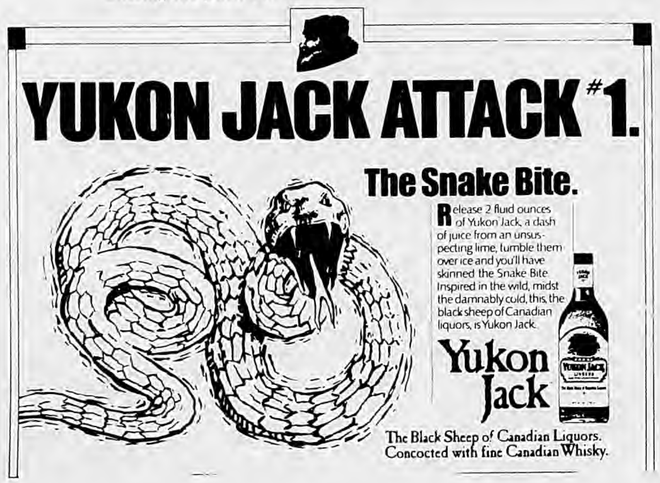
The eventual champion was the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. They defeated Quebec in the final by a score of 9-2. Seneca won the bronze by defeating Nova Scotia.

Smith says his biggest problem next year will probably be finding enough players.

"We'll need more players. When some of them have to miss games because of exams and classes, we need to have the extra players to fill in."

If Smith can find those extra players, the Rebels, without a doubt, will be battling for a medal next year.

Chasing the puck behind the net



Four Rebels Named All Canadian

by Lorne Stelmach

Four Red River varsity athletes were named to the All-Canadian teams at the national community college championships last month.

Sandi Beth Brown and Ken Gray were named to the All-Canadian womens and mens volleyball teams respectively. Patti Shirtliffe and Terry Lamoureux named to the All-Canadian womens and mens basketball teams.

As well as receiving the All-Canadian honors, all four were also named most valuable player on their respective teams.

Assiniboine Community College of Brandon and Keewatin Community College of The Pas each placed one player on the All-Canadian hockey team. Assiniboine's Darren Stanick was named to a forwa d position and Keewatin's Dale Argue was named to a defense position.

No members of Red River's hockey team were named All-Canadian, despite the fact the Rebels won the provincial championships and finished fifth at the nationals.

Volleyball

Total Team Effort

by Lorne Stelmach

Red River's mens volleyball team gave a total team effort at the national community college championships last month.

The Rebels finished in sixth place with a 1 and 4 record. Inexperience and a shortage of bench stregth was what held them back, said team member Dan Smith.

"The whole team did really well," Smith said. "It was a really good team effort. No one individual really stood out. Everyone contributed."

They lost their first two games to British Columbia and Quebec, then won their third against the Canadian Bible College. Quebec eventually won the title.

In the playoff to decide who would go to the bronze medal match, the Rebels lost a close match to Sheridan Community College of Toronto 3 games to one. They finished the tournament by losing a marathon two hour match to Briercrest Bible College 3 games to two.

Ken Gray represented Red River on the All Canadian team, and more than anyone else, led the team when they needed leadership.

Smith said Gray was their most consistent player throughout the tournament. He provided the push they needed when they seemed to be tiring.

Coach Charlie Dickson was pleased with the teams play. He praised their total team effort, and believes with a bit of luck, they could have been in the medals.

He added that inexperience was a bit of a shortcoming. Only one player, Devon Jackson, had competed at this level before. The rest of the team was there for the first time.

Dickson is optimistic about next year's team. Depending on how many players return next year, he believes he has established a solid base for an improved team next year.

Lady Rebels Earn Respect

by Lorne Stelmach

Red River's womens volleyball team earned a lot of respect at the national community college championships last month.

The Lady Rebels finished in 6th place with a 1 and 4 record. However, those statistics don't tell the real story behind this Cinderella team.

Until three months ago, the team never existed. It was formed towards the end of January and had only two months to pull together and prepare for the provincial and national championships.

They clobbered Assiniboine Community College of Brandon for the provincial title. Assiniboine had been together since the start of the school year.

Their transformation into a solid team was amazingly quick. Coach Mitch Davidson passes on his winning attitude to his players, who very quickly became confident and cocky.

Then, it all slowly came together at the nationals. In their first game, they went up against the number one team in the country — Red Deer Community College — and got soundly beaten.

Davidson admits they tried to get too fancy against Red Deer. Instead of playing their own game, they tried to play at Red Deer's level.

In their second match against British Columbia, the Rebels fell behind two games to nothing and were trailing in the third one 11-4. They rebounded to win that one 16-14, then won the next two 15-13 and 15-12.

It was a big victory for the Rebels, Davidson said. It made the other teams realize the Rebels were a good team and made them take the Rebels seriously.

"They all had to sit up and take notice of us," Davidson said. "We really surprised a lot of people."

They lost their next match to Kelsey Institute of Saskatoon, then went into a playoff with Nova Scotia to decide who would advance to the bronze medal match. The Rebels lost three straight, but it took almost an hour and a half for Nova Scotia to win it.

They lost their last match to Sheridan Community College of Toronto in three straight games. That gave the Rebels sixth place.

Overall, Davidson was very happy with his teams performance. "There were a lot of big, talented teams there," he said. "Many of them were university calibre teams."

He believes their cockiness helped them. "If they weren't a bit cocky, they would have gone out on the court and thought, my god, we're no match for them."

The Rebels certainly proved that they were indeed more than a match for their competition.

Rebels Wrap Up Successful Season

by Lorne Stelmach

It was the end of a successful season for Red River's varsity badminton team.

Red River's Ron Bilawka finished fifth in the mens singles competition at the national community college championships last month. It was Manitoba's best ever result in mens competition at the national championships.

As well, Carol Pauls came in seventh in ladies singles, and the ladies doubles team of Kerri McFadzean and Sandra Kaita finished eighth. The mixed doubles team of Dale Sutcliffe and Effie Yip also came in eighth.

Coach Jack Kaplan said you have to be an "A" player to finish in the medals. Considering that, Red River's final placings are that much more impressive. The four players who finished above Bilawka were all "A" players.

Kaplan said the competition was extremely tough and that Red River's competitors played close to their full potential.

"It was an extremely good effort," he said. "I am very pleased with the results."

It was a successful season for Kaplan. Every player on the team significantly improved over the year, which is all you can really ask for, Kaplan says.

He believes this year's team turned out to be stronger than last years. The players showed more improvement from tournament to tournament, and Kaplan said the teams experience came through for them.

Looking ahead to next year, Kaplan hopes to use a nucleus of players returning to the college next year as a starting point for an even better team.

Considering his success this year, it would be a safe bet that he succeeds.