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RRC? College poised for name change

By Krista Folkers

RRCC is in for a name change.

"The name will be changed from Red River Community College to Red River College," said Jacqueline Thachuk, RRCC president.

"The legal necessities were looked into and there are no Red River Colleges as of yet, so the name is available," said Thachuk.

Board of Governors members said they hope to improve RRCC's community image with the name change at a meeting Nov. 26.

Ralph Bullock, chairman of the board said people tend to view the word "community" as grass-roots and that is not the way the Board wants the College to be perceived.

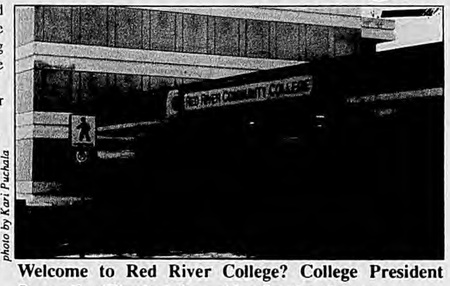
Both Assiniboine Community College and Keewatin Community College have considered dropping the "community" from their names, but neither followed through.

Red River would not be opposed to engaging in this venture with Assiniboine and Keewatin, said Bullock, because it would be more efficient getting through all "the political red tape at once instead of three times."

It would ultimately be simpler for all concerned, he said.

Thachuk said Red River would probably pursue the name change on their own because the province's other two community colleges currently lack presidents to help see the changes through.

No date has yet been set for the name change.



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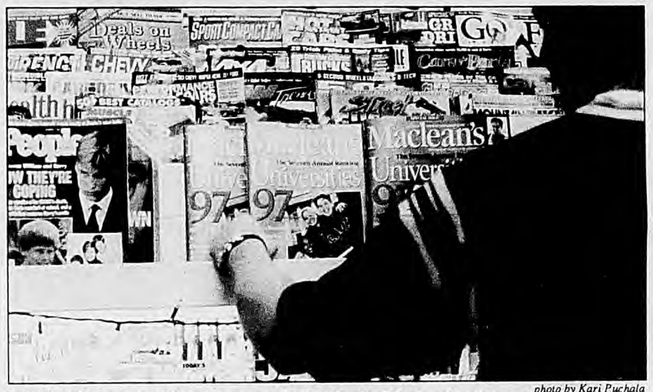
Welcome to Red River College? College President Jacqueline Thachuk is pushing for the change.



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Manitoba's largest university came in last in the Maclean's survey, again.

University $$ funneled to colleges

Contributes to U of M's low ranking in Maclean's survey

By Frank Landry
News Editor

The University of Manitoba's loss was RRCC's gain.

A drop in funding to the university over the last five years was in part to blame for the institution's poor ranking in Maclean's annual survey of Canadian universities, said Richard Dawson, chair of the Council on Post Secondary Education.

But some of that funding was funneled back to the province's community colleges.

"Manitoba's community colleges are ninth or tenth in Canada in terms of enrollment. We need to do a better job than that."

The extra cash went to improving programming, especially in computer related fields, said Fausto Yadao, dean of student affairs.

"A few years ago the province started giving grants for the development of new initiatives in regards to the economic plan of the government," Yadao said. "That coincided with a growth in technology industries."

Full-time enrollment hasn't increased dramatically since then, but it hasn't been decreasing either, Yadao said.

"Where we've seen large increases is in part-time and continuing education programs."

Dawson said funding to the universities was reduced because enrollment was dwindling and the province was in a financial crunch.

He said education accounts for 20 per cent of the annual budget. Like other social programs, it took a financial blow in the name of reducing the debt.

"Funding didn't decrease as dramatically as enrollment did," he said. "When enrollment (at the universities) dropped by 15 per cent, we couldn't decrease funding by 15 per cent."

The cuts resulted in a reduction in bursaries and scholarships at the U of M, areas where they scored poorly in Maclean's annual survey.

Dawson said funding will likely not increase to universities until enrollment begins to rise.

The U of M has ranked last out of Canadian medical/doctoral universities for the seven years it has participated in the survey.

The university also scored low on the average entrance grade of students, the proportion of students with a grade average of 75 per cent or higher, and the magazine's survey on university reputations.

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Postal Strike has little effect on College

Mail not as essential as it used to be

By Scott Brown
Editor-in-chief

The post office isn't the essential service it used to be, say RRCC administrators.

As a result, the current strike by postal workers is nothing more than an inconvenience - not a threat to everyday business.

"(Departments) around the College have other options," said Cliff Packer, the College's director of auxiliary services.

"It's the reality of today. With modern technology like e-mail or fax, we can all cope with hardly any pain. Ten years ago, a strike would have been devastating," he added.

Others said the strike is having more of an effect on their personal lives.

"It just means you won't be getting a Christmas card from me this year," said SA Executive Director Dave Mayor. "Other than that, the timing couldn't be much better."

When Canada's 45,000 members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers went on strike two weeks ago, it was feared the work stoppage would wreak havoc with businesses and mail delivery over the Christmas holidays, but nothing has been out of the ordinary.

The Materials and Management Department is responsible for the handling of all College mail, both external and internal.

Mitch Marcoux, manager of the department, said his office is experiencing only a slight decrease in workload.

"We've still got all the internal College mail which is keeping everyone hopping," he said.

Marcoux said College departments have been advised Materials and Management will be holding all out-going mail until the strike is resolved.

"We keep the mail here so that if we need to find something, it is easy to locate," he said. "As soon as the strike is over, we'll send the mail to Canada Post who will have to handle it right away because it's all metered (stamped)."

Marcoux said it is tough to measure the impact of e-mail and fax on the effects of a mail strike.

"People who already use e-mail or fax will continue to use it, but those unfamiliar with it will now have to learn a bit faster," he said.

Sharon Mulligan, assistant director of registration, also said the strike has had almost no impact on that department.

However, she added because most information has already been sent out, the few students in need have been contacted by phone.

Packer said bland reaction to the strike at all levels, including the federal government, is simply a reflection of the post office's position in today's society structure.

"I think that's the reality out there now - the post office is not an essential service like the police or hospital workers, like nurses," said Packer.

Clarification

Instructors' salaries printed in the Nov. 10 issue included benefits packages. Actual salaries were slightly less than indicated.

Animators pay more

Students will fork out extra $1000 in tuition

By Susan Tymofichuk

Wanna be a computer animator for Disney?

Be prepared to pay even more if you plan on attending RRCC for your training.

The 12 month Computer Animation Specialist Program, which trains people in the latest computer assisted animation techniques, is hiking course tuition up another $1,000 - to $16,000.

"There is no government funding for any of the Market Driven Training programs. We're part of Red River Community College, but operate differently in what we do," said Kathy Knight, the program's training consultant.

Knight said to keep up with the has to be able to turn around quickly, but that isn't possible if tied to College regulations. The freedom in curriculum means no government funding.

The major cost of the program is the equipment, she said. Each student works on a $35,000 computer work station.

Compared to other similar programs, the MDTC program is competitively priced.

"The Bell Centre for Communications in Toronto costs $15,000 for eight months," said Knight.

Knight said she looks at the high cost of tuition as a career investment.

Though no graduate has yet been hired, Knight said job prospects do look good, but not necessarily in Winnipeg.

"It's a national/international market. They can go east, west, or south if they want," said Knight. "

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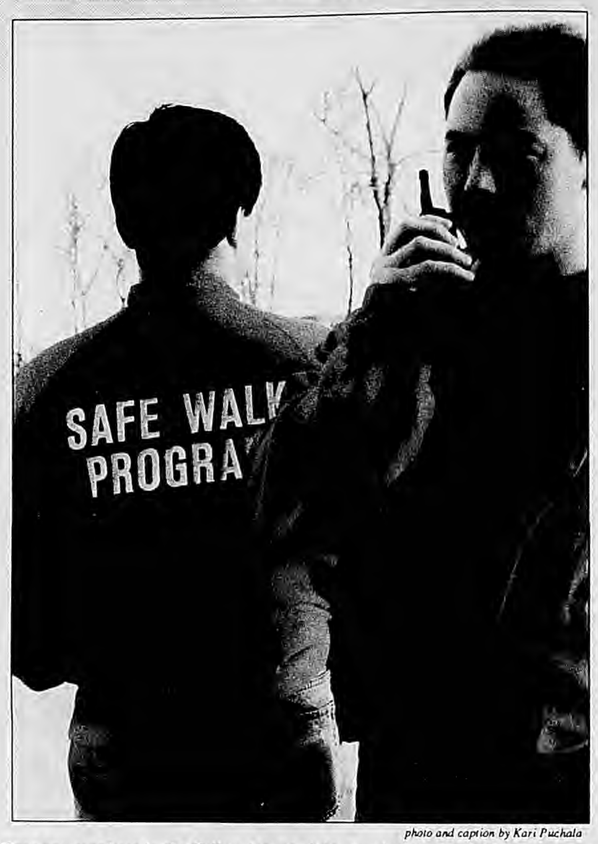

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Have you ever been in the College late at night, worried about walking to your car or through the halls? By simply picking up one of the 17 Safewalk phones around the College, students and staff can get some company on those lonely nights. Luis Rocha and Sean West (above) are two of seven safewalk employees who are paid to help students safely arrive at their destinations. Safewalkers can be found walking the beat 4 to 10:30 Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 to 2:30 Saturday.

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Community Focus

Kittens found in Zoo sewer

Zookeeper hopes felines will go to good home

By Jamie Saari

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Assiniboine Park Zoo, where four kittens and their mother were found in a sewer

Jacquie Randall made a grim discovery last August.

The Assiniboine Park zookeeper was responding to a report of kittens crying in a zoo sewer when she discovered four sets of frightened eyes staring up at her from behind the iron grate.

"They were too wild to catch, so I began throwing food into the sewer every day to feed them," she said.

The four starving kittens were eating garbage and dead mice to survive, Randall said.

Began Eating

After several weeks the kittens began eating food from her hands and she noticed they were strong enough to crawl out of the sewer, but were still too wild to catch.

Randall said she set up humane life traps to catch them. Along with the four kittens, she caught the mother cat.

Randall said she took the felines home and nursed them to health, absorbing all costs herself - she had the kittens de-wormed and vaccinated.

She is now looking for a good home for the kittens and mother cat.

"Many people abandon their animals at the zoo thinking somebody will find them and give them a good home," Randall said. "This is not the solution for unwanted pets. They will sometimes be outside in the cold and not eat for days."

Randall said she's found dogs, rabbits, turtles, budgies, iguanas and love birds abandoned at the zoo.

Anybody interested in adopting any of the kittens or mother cat may contact Jacquie Randall at 667-2701.

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Library decontaminated

Rapid response eliminated health problems

By Jeff Eyamie

The library got rid of more than bookworms last weekend.

The facility was closed for four days, from noon Friday, Nov. 21 to noon Monday, Nov. 24 for decontamination.

Director of Library Services Pat Bozyk said the library's past water leakage problems were the cause of the contamination

"Bacteria, mould and fungus were discovered on various surfaces in the library," Bozyk said.

Environmental health and safety officer Daryl Nielsen said the rapid response didn't allow potential health problems to develop.

"Mould lies dormant when conditions are dry, but humid conditions could cause it to give off spores," Nielsen said.

"Bacteria, mould and fungi were discovered on various surfaces..." -Bozyk

Two weekends ago, workers sprayed fungicide in infected areas and sealed off portions of ceiling and wall. Last weekend, visibly infected areas were removed or cleaned.

Bozyk said mould was also discovered behind the current periodical bookcases which are slated to be replaced.

Air Quality Survey

Nielsen said the Manitoba Federation of Labour has been asked to follow through with an in-depth air quality survey.

Nielsen added the bacteria can cause respiratory problems for people with allergies, but the dry conditions probably prevented growth.

He blamed the wet conditions of a rainy Aug. 15 ceiling repair for the problems.

Lormier work delayed 'till spring

By Gord Gilmour

It's a winding and bumpy road, and it's going to stay like that for awhile.

Lorimer Lane, the rough road on the College's west side, won't be re-paved until next spring.

As first reported in *the Projector*, the road re-surfacing this past summer by contractor Bituminex Ltd was found to be too uneven upon completion. Bituminex was required to do the job over.

Originally Bituminex said they would complete the re-work by the end of the construction season in October, but poor weather conditions played havoc with that timeline. They got as far as plying a layer of asphalt off the road.

October miserable

"The last two weeks of October were miserable, and then when it did improve a bit, it was too cold. The contractor will be returning in the spring and will complete the job in May or June - they've guaranteed that," Ron Barnes, director of facilities said.

A spokesperson for Bituminex said leaving the road surface as-is for the winter doesn't represent any hazard, and the road shouldn't deteriorate over winter due to weather conditions.

"It's only the top inch of a four inch asphalt surface that's been removed, so it won't be damaged," he said.

The resurfacing of Lorimer Lane is part of a larger project that will see all of the College's roads and parking lots rebuilt over the next ten years at a cost of $2.5 million.

Students upset over lack of available computers

Instructor: That's nothing new

By Craig Steffano

A lack of computer programs in the Creative Arts labs has students doubling up on terminals, but instructors say it's nothing new.

The Creative Arts students are being forced to work outside of class time in order to get some time to use required programs.

Computer instructor Bruce Gillespie said that the overcrowding has been a fact of life for years, but usually gets better later in the year.

"There are enrollments that have to be adhered to, but it usually dissipates somewhat throughout the year as some students drop out or move on," said Gillespie.

But that still doesn't sit well with some students

"It's not fair that a class with a fewer number of people will finish assignments a lot sooner than others," said first year Creative Communications student Mirjana Jurcevic.

The program in question is QuarkXPress, a graphic design program. There are only 15 versions licenced for use at one time in the Creative Arts PC lab. Classes are often much larger.

Bottom Line

"The bottom line here is money, as Quark programs are expensive," Gillespie said. "It's not like the old days where there just weren't enough tables and chairs for students."

Creative Arts chairman Dennis Pankiw echoed Gillespie's statements.

"That's just the way it is," said Pankiw. "When they were put in we only got 15 copies, so we have to make due with what we have."

Pankiw said more QuarkXPress programs will be made available in the future, but was not specific about the timing.

"We've got new Quark coming in soon," he said. "It's a matter of licenses. We're working on it."

photo by Kari Puchala

Gillespie: 'The bottom line is money'

No dump truck for College, yet

Contractor hired to remove snow

By Nancy Shymkiw

photo by Kari Puchala

Diesel and Transportation students weren't finished building a dump truck for the College before the snow fell.

First snowfall came a bit too soon for Diesel and Transportation students.

The students were building a dump truck for the College to be used for snow removal, but when late October rolled around the project was far from complete.

The College had to hire an independent contractor to remove the snow.

Delays began when the Diesel and Transportation Department realized the 1974 Peterbilt tractor they were converting to a dump truck needed a lot more work than originally planned. They resumed work using a 1974 Ford truck two months ago.

"The more we got into the project with the tractor, the more we discovered what was wrong with it," said Neil Cooke, a Diesel and Transportation instructor.

Could last 40 years

Gord McLeod said although the Ford truck is 23 years old, with proper maintenance and care, it could easily last for another 40 years.

"The truck will be like everything else around here," Cooke chuckled, "it will be here for years."

The truck was donated by industry leaders and has been sitting unused for 12 years.

Grounds and Landscaping approached the Diesel and Transportation Department last year with the idea of building a dump truck that would save the College money spent hiring an outside contractor to remove snow. It would also give students valuable learning experience.

"When the students come out of the trades area, it is exciting when they can utilize their skills on something concrete," Cooke said.

All costs saved will be directed towards maintaining the parking lots and roads at the College, said Ron Barnes, director of facilities.

Will reduce costs

The College spends approximately $10,000 annually to haul snow by contract, Barnes said.

The dump truck will reduce the cost by at least half each year.

"The truck will easily pay for itself in a few years," McLeod said.

McLeod said the College will spend around $67,000 in repairs to the Ford truck before they can put it to work.

He said the cost is minimal considering a new truck runs between $75,000 and $85,000, excluding the cab.

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SECURITY NEWS

Recent Incidents

Nov. 16- Graffiti spray painted at bus loop and vicinity.
Nov. 18- A student parking pass was removed from student vehicle off campus.
Nov. 18- An auto was entered on Lot N4. A CD deck was stolen.
Nov. 19- Two textbooks were stolen from an unattended gym bag in the North Gym area.
Nov. 23- Attempted entry to a coin machine in the Buffalo Cafeteria.
Nov. 22/24- Cash was forcibly removed from a vending machine in the Cave.

Crime Prevention Tips (Personal safety on the street)

- Plan your route and avoid short-cuts through parks, vacant lots or unlit areas.
- Do not overburden yourself with packages or a bulky purse.
- Walk near the curb and away from alleys and doorways.
- If you suspect you are being followed, cross the street. Go to an open business and call the police.

Vehicle Operation (Cold Weather)

As the cold weather sets in, do not get in the habit of leaving your car running while unattended. Not only is it against the law, but you're inviting a theft.

CAREER NEWS

Do you know the answers to these questions?

a) Where can I go on campus to preview current job openings?

b) Are the Federal summer job applications available now?

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c) Make an appointment with Norma Restall, Job Centre Counsellor, and watch for upcoming Job Search workshops.
d) Yes. Start with this site: http://gr.schoolnet.ca
For the school I.D. number, use your student number or mark unknown.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Imagine that...

Students weren't exactly buying posters by the dozen at a recent Imaginus poster sale.

"Imaginus tends to be appreciated by students, but every school is a little bit different," said Fabian Kean, general manager.

He said sales were slower than usual at the Nov.10 poster extravaganza, which took place on the College's mall level beside the library. He added that he wouldn't be sure until he went over the receipts.

One reason for the slower sales could be because Imaginus was at RRCC for only one day, the day before Remembrance Day.

Kean said this made it difficult because many students didn't come in Monday, opting for an extra-long weekend instead.

Imaginus has been travelling across Canada for more than 20 years selling posters at universities and colleges.

Little Hooters controversy

Almost eight months after their grand opening, a Hooters' Winnipeg manager says his restaurant caused less controversy than expected.

"Actually the response was positive, compared to other cities we've opened in. We thought there'd be more negativity," said Shaun Jeffrey, general manager.

Restaurants were actually picketed in other cities due to the uniform of the serving staff, he said.

That uniform typically consists of very short shorts and a cut-off Hooters tee.

Jeffrey said one of the biggest disappointments was the Blue Bombers decision to cut ties with Hooters after only a few games.

The restaurant was hoping to be a major sponsor of the football team.

"We felt it was a couple of people making opinions for a lot of people. We didn't like it, we would've loved being involved. All the other restaurants in cities that have NFL or CFL teams are. We will try again next year."

By Donna Van Leusden

Food bank demand rises

'Serious need for donations'

By Krista Folkers

The RRCC food bank is in serious need of donations.

The SA run student service has seem a steady increase in food requests since September.

Last month alone, the food bank supplied 311 requests for food, of which adults made 117 requests and children made 194.

"The food bank hopes to ensure that any student in need gets their needs met," said Dave Mayor, SA executive director.

In order to do this, the food bank needs the continuing support of students, he said.

Students wanting to help the food bank can drop off any non-perishable food items in several places around the College including a drop-off site in front of the SA office, at the nursing station or at the food bank trailer in the west parking lot.

Wouldn't turn anyone away

The food bank primarily strives to meet the needs of students and their families, but Mayor said they would not turn anyone away.

RRCC SA Food Bank Weekly Stats

Date	Requests
Oct. 3	44
Oct. 10	66
Oct. 17	64
Oct. 24	69
Oct. 31	68
TOTAL	*311*

Students who are in need of aid from the food bank should pick up and complete forms found at the SA office, The Ox, any of the cafeterias, the info booth.

The forms can be dropped off in the same places they are picked up.

Mayor said that students are asked to complete the forms before noon on any Wednesday so that the food bank has time to process the requests.

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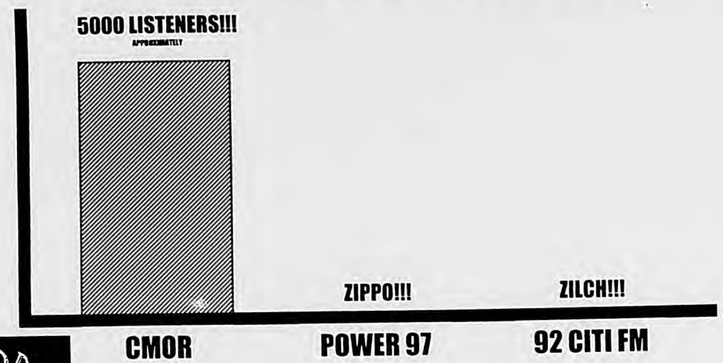

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COLLEGE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER (EDITOR: DENNIE CORMACK)
UPDATE FROM THE NOVEMBER 12, 1997 MEETING

Instructional Members Required
As reported last month, there are still five vacancies on the Council for instructional staff, one in Applied Sciences, two in Business and Applied Arts, and two in Industrial Technologies. Anyone interested please contact the Membership Chair, Dennie Cormack @ 2323.

Timing of Council Meetings
After discussion with the members present, it was decided to change the meeting times from 2:00 – 4:00 to 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. This time change will make it easier for both students and instructors who are concerned with missed class time. A permanent change in the meeting time requires an amendment to the College Council Constitution and approval from the Board of Governors. Bob Lechow will bring this matter before the Board at their next meeting. Until then the Council will try the new time.

College Corporate Culture
Bob Lechow reported that the Quality Council is currently dormant. As Chair of the College Council, Bob is currently on the mailing list for Q-Net and will be attending an upcoming meeting. Jacqie Thachuk, President, reported that the Board has endorsed the principles of quality management and perhaps a good starting place would be to make the Council members more familiar with the concepts. Joe Mackintosh, previous Chair of the Quality Council, will be invited to attend a future Council meeting and provide a session on the topic. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that although looking at the "big picture" is fine, a more grassroots approach would provide a good starting point and a better chance of success. After input from the student members, it was decided to look at the first impressions of the College of a new student, and what their first week experience was like. Student members will report back next meeting.

Communications within the College
A subcommittee to review and compile the results on the communications issue was formed. Submissions are still welcome and can be forwarded to your Council representative or to Bob Lechow, Chair, College Council.

Employees' Club
Bob Lechow and the Council are supportive of reestablishing the Employees' Club and encouraged staff to attend the upcoming Christmas Dinner and Dance. The Council discussed staff morale and various formats for an Employees' Club. The President also supports and encourages this initiative.

Next Meeting
The College Council is comprised of 30 members from throughout the College representing students, staff and management. The Council acts as an advisory group to the Board of Governors and reports monthly to the Board.

The next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, 1997, 3:00 p.m.** in the C709 Boardroom. All visitors are welcome!

Hans Ongsansoy, Sports and Entertainment Editor
Phone: (204) 632-2479

Refs go back to work

After protesting suspension for abuse, MJHL officials are satisfied

By Duncan Morrison

With their their walkout now settled, Manitoba Junior Hockey League referees are satisfied their future safety is ensured.

"We weren't happy to do the walkout," said referee spokesperson Rob Haithwaite, "but the agreement resulting from it certainly is a positive step for the on ice officials of the MJHL."

The walkout came in response to what the refs felt was a lenient suspension of ten games, doled out to a player from the OCN Blizzard for physically abusing a referee.

"That was the fourth time in one calendar year that a player from that particular team has physically abused an official," Haithwaite said.

"The forty guys that make up the referee pool for the MJHL did not feel safe on the ice. Obviously, the prior suspensions were not enough of a deterrent to prevent this from happening again, and the ten-game suspension handed down was not satisfactory to us."

The right to appeal

Although the new settlement does not include retroactive suspensions, it does grant officials the right to appeal any future suspensions deemed inadequate for the offence by the officials.

Players and teams that continue to abuse officials will also feel the sting in the pocketbook, as fines have also been increased in the new agreement. Educational clinics for teams in the league as to a linesman's role on the ice, will be set up.

All suspensions of MJHL players are handed down by Hockey Manitoba, rather than the league itself, and are based on a written report provided by the game officials.

MJHL commissioner Frank McKinnon is relieved to have the settlement in place, citing any further cancellations of games other than the 5 games the walkout involved, could have put the whole season in jeopardy.

"Basically, I was unhappy at the time of the walkout, because I felt the officials put us in the middle of their dispute with Hockey Manitoba, when the major issues were out of league hands," McKinnon said.

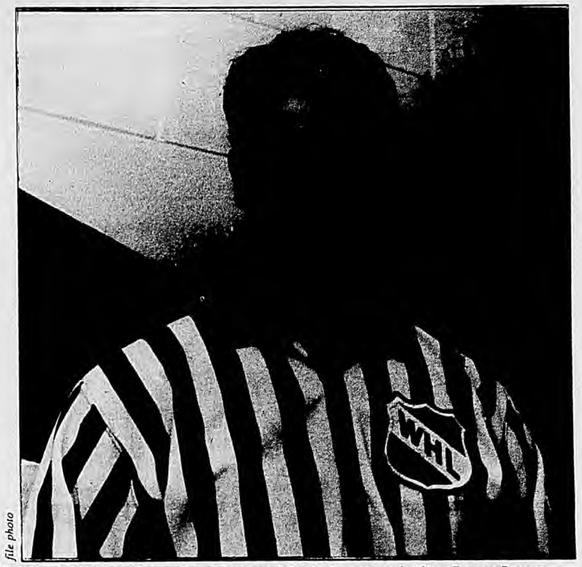
"I believe the agreement will promote understanding between the parties involved, and the fact that referees now are able to appeal suspensions they feel are unsatisfactory, will remove any future problems."

Alleviate current problems

Haithwaite also added that the exposure received over the walkout could alleviate some of the current problems facing referees throughout Manitoba.

"We are having a problem with young referees dropping out of officiating due to the pressure put on them by players, coaches and fans. Our ref pool has been somewhat depleted, as kids would rather work at fast food restaurants than put up with the pressure. I believe our walkout made some people reevaluate the way they treat officials, and perhaps that in itself is an added bonus."

As for any residual hostility left over from the walkout, Haithwaite said all feedback has been positive, with many players and coaches supporting their actions.



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The MJHL referees' walkout might help out refs like Jason Lang.

Attention Red River staff and students!

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The students of the Year One Tourism Program are putting together a hamper to donate to the Christmas Cheer Board. They're hoping that every other department here at RRCC takes up the challenge of meeting or exceeding this donation.

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Sigourney Weaver as Ellen Ripley goes one on one with Winona Ryder, who plays Call, in *Alien Resurrection*.

Alien sequel decent

Weaver's Ripley still rough and tough, aliens still slobbering

By Craig Wright
Staff Writer

To the serious cinema addict, movie deja vu is usually about as welcome as a dominatrix-in-residence at a heart-trauma ward; something the major studios seem to have forgotten as a result of one-too-many liquid lunches.

With every sitcom ever produced past its pilot now headed to the box office via a dark studio somewhere in Burbank, the idea train in Hollywood has had trouble shipping any freight because of massive creativity derailments. And when there's no new ideas, why not turn to the ultimate "penny on the tracks": the sequel?

Thus, we have *Alien Resurrection*, the fourth (or IVth depending on numerical preference) segment in the ever-continuing saga of Sigourney Weaver's ever-alien-stalked Ellen Ripley.

Nothing new

Those expecting anything new out of this "mega-blockbuster" will be unabashedly smacked back to reality.

It's the same old premise: a crew of haphazard toughies (this time interstellar pirate/traders) trapped by a family of oft-slobbering aliens in an awkwardly-designed escape-proof ship.

The aliens are blood-hungry and looking to kill everyone except Ripley, who was a proud parent of one of their ilk in *Alien 3*.

But this time (note crazy title/subject interface) Ripley has been resurrected by a group of nerd/megalomaniac scientists with cases of suicidal "I am god"-syndrome.

Death jokes soon abound (eg, Ron Perlman's space whitetrash Johner's "I thought you were dead" responded to by Ripley's darkly sarcastic "I get that a lot"). These are quickly grouped with insane chase sequences, including an incredible lung-capacity underwater swimfest, and ultra-claustrophobic alien battle freak-outs

Definitely worth seeing

Strangely, while *Alien Resurrection* is not particularly new or original, it is definitely worth seeing.

El-weirdo Director Jean-Pierre Jeunet (*Delicatessen*, *City of Lost Children*) gives a chaotic twist to the film, with a ripping penchant for "on the edge of your seat" heroics and the kind of turbo-paced escape scenes that made *Alien 3* so decent.

But, although his take is far more dirty, the cinematography is dead-beautiful.

Sigourney Weaver also plays her "hardened by circumstance" superwoman Ripley with the classic rough'n'ready female Arnold Schwartzeneggerisms *Alien* fans have come to expect.

As well, Winona Ryder does a top job playing, well...Winona Ryder.

All in all, *Alien Resurrection* is a rare circumstance where a sequel is worth your cheap Tuesday fiver; and while its doubtless there'll be another *Alien* movie, see this one now, before the *Rocky* degree of gradual quality-slackening grabs hold.

photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

First there was Princess Leia sensually draped across Jabba the Hutt's enormous midline. Now here's Sigourney Weaver sprawled across her own slimy alien midriff. What's next? Drew Barrymore shacking up with E.T.'s magic finger? Wait...sorry, that might just have happened already. Excuse us.

Period piece beautiful, sensual

Wings of the Dove takes flight

By Candice G. Ball
Staff Writer

The Wings of the Dove, an adaptation of Henry James' 1902 novel, is a rich, sensitive film that is both visually and dramatically beautiful.

If the gorgeous clothing and furniture don't take your breath away, then the actors' dazzling performances certainly will.

Director Iain Softley (*Backbeat*) has modernized the novel and managed to retain the characters' emotional complexity. The sensual love scenes and vivid performances of the central characters infuse the film with vitality.

Set in London in 1910, Helena Bonham Carter (*Margaret's Museum*) plays Kate Croy, the daughter of a poverty-stricken opium addict who has a shot at escaping her indigent legacy through the patronage of her rich aunt (Charlotte Rampling).

There is one problem.

Kate is passionately in love with poor journalist Merton Densher (Linus Roache), a handsome man dedicated to his ideals. Unfortunately for Kate, these don't include making money.

Financial stability a necessity

While it is tempting to judge Kate for not fleeing her manipulative aunt and marrying Merton, financial stability isn't a luxury, it's a necessity in this milieu.

Kate ends up asking her father's advice on the prospect of running off with her secret lover. He tells her that love isn't enough, pointing out his impoverished state destroyed his own marriage.

He also tells her that her aunt is sending him money. If Kate were to leave, her father would be cut off.

Into the picture steps Millie (Alison Elliott), a sweet American heiress who is fatally ill. Not knowing Kate and Merton are involved, Millie falls for Merton.

When Kate learns of Millie's illness, she develops a scheme. She and Merton will join Millie on her tour of Venice, during which Merton will win Millie's heart and fortune. The plan eventually backfires, with serious consequences.

What complicates matters so much is that all the characters involved truly care for one another.

It's this web of emotion which makes *The Wings of the Dove* both heartbreaking and beautiful.

Wild bugs save flat space film

By Heather Baril
Staff Writer

Starship Troopers is an example of a movie that should be incredible but falls short of the mark.

Based on the novel by Robert A. Heinlein, the story follows the battle between humans and giant insects who inhabit a far away planet and have their sights set on destroying Earth. Young people are recruited by the truckloads to defend the planet and eradicate the bugs with machine guns and atomic bombs.

Violence is the order of the day in the futuristic society (executions are televised live), so the gore level is high, with disembodied limbs and impaled body parts galore, giving the movie its 'R' rating.

The bugs themselves are really the stars of the show. They're big, mean, and really cool to look at, and definitely live up to all expectations set by the previews.

Unfortunately, the same can't be said for their human co-stars. None of them are particularly interesting, although Michael Ironside gives a solid performance.

The love triangle between three of the main characters is boring, predictable, and just gets in the way of the main story.

The movie itself also has a number of shortcomings.

First of all, it's never really explained why the bugs are attacking Earth in the first place. It seems the "they're-bad-guys-they-don't-need-a-reason" rule applies here, but establishing a motive for events would really add to the film's quality.

Second, psychic ability is alluded to at various times, but its significance in regards to the story is never fully explained.

Apparently it's an important thing to have, but the movie never tells why.

Basically, *Starship Troopers* is only worth seeing for one reason: the bugs. Take them out and there's not much left.

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McLachlan snubs 'Peg

By Trevor Tuminski

A city of more than 650,000 people, Winnipeg seems like a glaring omission for Canadian songstress Sarah McLachlan's current national tour.

McLachlan's tour, in support of her latest album *Surfacing*, did stop on Remembrance Day in Saskatoon however, a city of not quite 200,000 people.

At a break in the show Dan Turner, a Winnipeg fan who endured the nine-hour drive to take in the concert, needed to know why his hometown was excluded.

"Why not Winnipeg?" he yelled.

"Why not Winnipeg?" McLachlan echoed.

"Because I decided to come here instead," she said, igniting the crowd into an uproar of clapping and cheering.

A representative of Nettwerk Records, McLachlan's record label, said that Winnipeg just didn't fit into the logistics of the tour.

Due to scheduling, the day between the Saskatoon and Minneapolis shows was reserved as a day-off for McLachlan and her band.

The arena setting of Saskatchewan Place, altered to seat just 6,000, provided theatre-quality sound and seemed to get even smaller as McLachlan's show became increasingly intimate.

Even in the cavernous confines of a hockey rink, McLachlan's beaming smile, endearing persona, and angelic vocals could not be contained.

Most of the two-hour set was comprised of selections from her two most recent albums, *Fumbling Towards Ecstasy* and *Surfacing*, though McLachlan did manage to include hits from her first two releases, *Touch* and *Solace*.

Jumping from piano to guitar and back to piano again, McLachlan and her band played new renditions of nearly every song in the set.

An acoustic, swinging rendition of Ice Cream and a sensuous, psychedelic version of Plenty, both from *Fumbling Towards Ecstasy*, vitalized the crowd and brought them to their feet.

Michel Pepin's effects-driven guitar noodlings seemed to crowd some of McLachlan's sparser material but was used to maximum effect during the two encores, eventually peaking during a searing performance of Sweet Surrender, the latest single from *Surfacing*.

Spice is nice

Sophomore effort from UK popsters irrelevant but 'interesting'

Spice Girls
Spiceworld
Virgin Records
reviewed by Heather Baril

Get ready for another dose of Girl Power!

The Spice Girls are back and ready to take over with *Spiceworld*, their latest release.

The album starts off strongly with Spice up Your Life and Stop, before slowing down with Too Much.

Saturday Night Dancer gets the energy going again, followed by the 70s-ish Never Give Up and Move Over, the song used in the Girls' Pepsi commercial.

The album ends with the showtune-styled The Lady Is A Vamp, which pays tribute to the 'power girls' of the past, such as Twiggy, Charlie's Angels, and Marilyn Monroe.

The Spice girls may not be the most relevant band on the planet, but as this album shows, they are at least one of the most interesting.

The Jackal Soundtrack
MCA/Universal
reviewed by Heather Baril

The Jackal is the latest movie to feature predominantly dance and techno artists on its soundtrack, a trend which has developed among action movies as of late.

The album gets off to a strong start with offerings from Fatboy Slim and Prodigy, followed by a nearly unrecognizable remix of Swallowed, by Bush, which turns out to be one of the lowest points on the album.

It slows down somewhat towards the end, with tracks from Massive Attack and Primal Scream.

The problem is, the energy level remains relatively low throughout the second half of the album, making for a relaxing, but not very interesting experience.

Saxon
Unleash the Beast
BMG Music
reviewed by Heather Baril

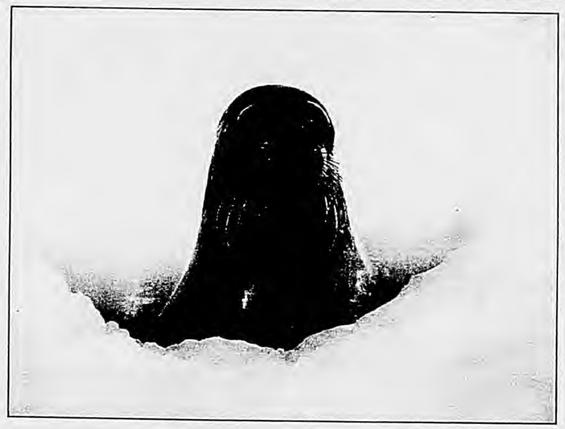
For those who thought metal was dead, fear no longer.

Cut from the same musical cloth as Iron Maiden and Judas Priest, Saxon prove the tried-and-true metal genre is indeed alive and well with *Unleash The Beast* .

Starting out with the appropriately-titled instrumental Gothic Dreams, the band quickly moves on to high-energy cruising tunes such as Terminal Velocity and Bloodletter.

Things slow down only for a moment during Absent Friends, a song for the dear but no longer near. The energy then kicks in full force once again with All Hell Breaking Loose.

It is obvious that Saxon are a heavy metal band and, as their latest release shows, darn proud of it.



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Public just pawns in recent labor disputes

Scott Brown
Editor-in-chief

Since the beginning of time, people have struggled to discover a way of resolving disputes peacefully.

The key appears to be negotiation - one side bargaining with another to find the best result for both.

That's the way in war. That's the way in business.

With war, it's one country against another, or one culture against another. In business, it's labor against management.

However, business has the notion of a strike or lock-out. Labor can refuse to supply their time or effort, while management can refuse labor entry into the workplace.

In all cases, though, there are prisoners of war.

In a labor dispute, that's the public.

Two recent examples demonstrate how the public is nothing but a pawn.

In Ontario, the recent teacher's strike sent kids home from school for a week. Teachers hit the picket lines, protesting provincial government cuts to education and changes to the school calendar.

Nationwide, the postal strike brought mail delivery to a halt. CUPW members are upset over proposed wage cuts and mail route mergers.

In both cases, the unions used the public in the hopes a reaction would force management to relent.

In both instances, the ploy wasn't successful,

In Ontario, working parents were upset because they were forced to stay home or turn their own office into a daycare.

Even though they may have supported the teachers., they were upset with the union's action.

The dispute is still unresolved, though teachers have decided to go back to work.

So far, the mail strike has been met with nothing more than an "oh well" and a small shoulder shrug.

Do unions, and in other cases management, benefit by using and abusing the public to win their business war?

The teachers do have a point by saying they can't effectively teach on such meager funding.

Unfortunately, education has become an easy target for government cuts.

But maybe the post office can survive with a few less deliverers? With the dawn of e-mail and the increasing use of the fax machine, mail delivery could be due for a reduction.

Maybe Canada Post is just going with the times?

However, no one benefits by keeping children at home instead of the classroom or by refusing mail delivery over the holidays.

Just because negotiations, slow and frustrating to begin with, appear to be going nowhere, that is no reason to sacrifice public interest.

At any time, it is difficult to swallow the old excuse "we're looking out for public interest. Without this action, the public will be the ones most hurt."

Tell you what.....we're willing to take that risk.

Guns, marijuana, etc. - it's the life of Landry

Frank Landry
News Editor

I don't know where to start with this editorial - there's too much on my mind. What the hell? I'll give you a brief glance at the world according to Frank..

Marijuana Seizures

So the Winnipeg Police Service last week busted the hundredth marijuana growing operation of the year. So what?

I can't think of a better way for the cops to waste their time.

Shouldn't they be out chasing murderers or finding the dude who stole my friend's bike a few months ago?

If anyone should be busting these growing operations it should be Revenue Canada looking for people failing to claim income from the sale of the plants. At least that would contribute financially to the economy.

You throw these marijuana growing operators in jail and someone is replacing them before you can say 'this is really a waste of police resources'.

Committing cops to unearthing these growing operations is almost as stupid as the "John School" top cop Cassels introduced earlier this year.

Winnipeggers and Weather

Last week when temperatures soared above freezing (+3), I saw a middle-aged man jogging down Wellington Crescent in shorts and a t-shirt-as in bare legs and short sleeves.

That's worse than seeing someone sun-tanning in April. Wake up and feel the frost bite.

'Scuse me while I have a picnic by the river bank.

Gun Control

I still think Bill C-68 is a good idea.

Despite receiving some letters here at the Projector telling me my opinion is incorrect, I see nothing wrong with having to register fire arms.

Cheers.

Canada

You gotta love this country, eh?

Marijuana seizures, great gun debates, plus universal medical coverage and freedom of speech.

There is no country I'd rather live in.

Canada's greatest asset? Freedom of speech in it's truest from.

Yeah, I know - free speech has at times been been gagged (ie. Marilyn Mason being banned in a certain Alberta city), but I can't think of any other country where the powers that be generally let you say what you want.

Where else is the world could an entire province be able to vote on separating from the nation, and fairly peacefully at that?

If Texas wanted to separate from the U.S, there would be another civil war.

In Canada, people vote on it. Okay, most Quebecois are being brain washed by Bouchard, but....ummmm... Vive la Canada.

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City's downtown cameras example of technology progress

By Jay Whetter
Staff Columnist

Winnipeg's core is wild with crime -- at least the public perceives it to be.

To soften that preception the city is installing sidewalk surveillance cameras because knowing that authorities are watching while you're being beaten is somehow comforting.

As a free service to the city I spent an evening poking around the internet for cameras. Remember, it's not what your city can do for you....

Here's what I found out.

Point one: Real crime fightin' is done in secret -- with hidden cameras.

Prime locations are obvious when you put your intrepid mind to work. In a spy catalogue I found the Exit Sign Cam. Inconspicuously hanging above every doorway the camera behind the lit red letters sees all. Stairwell robbings and fire drill attacks can be watched in ultimate-fighting amusement then swiftly dealt with.

The Exit Sign Cam seemed like such a neat idea, I thought, heck, why not put cameras in all the lights. Little eyes on the neighborhood. The street lights between Home and Furby could tell such stories.

And the stop lights. Not just red-light runners, but speeders and jay-walkers. No street crimes will go undetected. There will be more people lined up to pay fines than play VLTs.

Point two: The real crimes take place not on the streets, but behind closed doors in abandoned warehouses, hotel rooms, penthouse offices....

With a hole on the action the size of a headphone jack, pinhole cameras make witnessing backroom crimes easy.

The CCD 600 PH PinCam has a 4x4x2 cm body and a two mm lens.

The postage-stamp Stancom is even smaller. The tiny one mm lens can see through the rivet hole in the top of a baseball cap.

Remember the Sunspot restaurant with its washroom-cam? What those at Sunspot could see with a $200 Stancom! The peeping-tom possibilities are endless.

If you can pull a Donnie Brasco and infiltrate the backroom meetings you don't need a pinhole at all. You just need a fancy watch. It comes with lap timer, light, and -- oh yeah -- a video camera.

It can focus at two cms and get a positive ID up to eight metres.

But constantly turning your wrist to get the necessary footage could raise suspicions. There is another option -- big, black glasses. Practical yes, but with a built in camera they can do more than correct your vision.

And these too have applications for downtown crime fighin'. Eaton's and Bay street side mannequins could look good and fight crime with their Tommy Hilfiger and Buddy Holly ensemble.

Mayor Thompson could also use a set of these specks. She could go off to the bathroom and "forget" her glasses in EPC meetings, videoing the back-stabbing that erupts in her absence. And can you think of anything better to go with her faux-leopard scarf?

Point three: Citizen surveillance has gone well beyond the hidden camera. It's gone long-distance.

The US government proved the existence of satellite surveillance by declassifying the Big Bird file.

Between 1971 and 1986, the U.S. launched over 20 "Big Bird" satellites equipped with motion cameras. At an altitude of 160 kms they could distinguish objects 20 cms in size.

What classified satellites do you think are up there now?

Maybe City Hall should find out. With the rampant downtown crime situation there's no sense being half-assed about spying.

What's Big Brother when you can have Big Bird.

Students won't be asked for money twice

Dear Editor-in-chief

I am writing in response to an article published in the November 10 edition of the Projector.

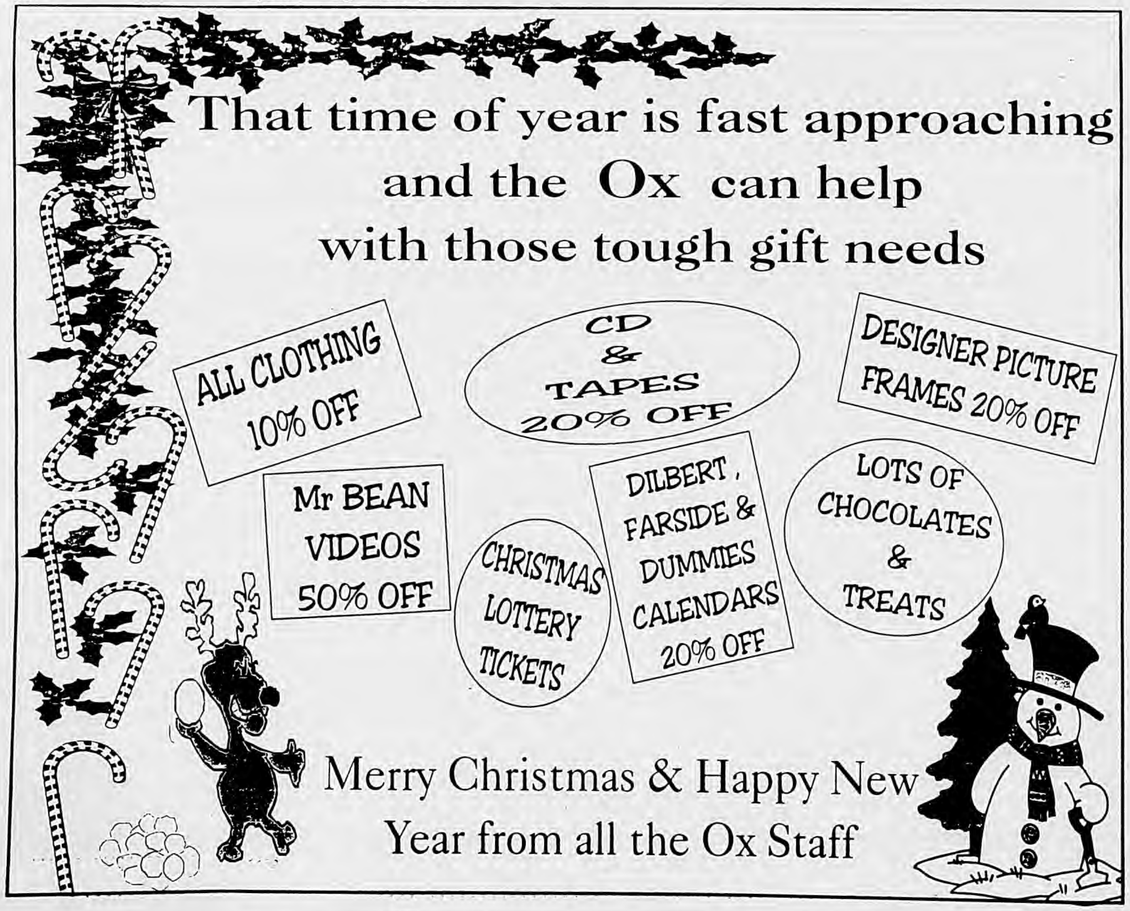
In general, the page four story, "Building A needs $4 million" was an accurate and I believe , positive reflection on the Vision Innovation Partnership Campaign launched to raise these funds. However, in the interests of students, I would like to clarify one item.

The campaign has indeed approached the Students' Association to consider making a financial commitment. However, students will not be asked to additionally contribute through tuition fees.

Any financial commitment by the Students' Association which may be collected from students through a modest levy, represents one and the same gift. We have no intention of requesting students support the Campaign through tuition and through the Students' Association.

I hope this helps correct any misunderstanding students may have had about the source of funds discussed in the article.

Ken Holland
Chair
College Development Council



Q & A

If you could change anything about RRCC, what would it be?

I would have more things to do during our spares. Perhaps a bar, lounge, or a buffet restaurant.

Rory Woods
ADS

I would have more lab computers. In our program, there are approximately 200 people sharing 12 computers.

Lindsay Cruz
Civil Technology

A better place to hang out besides the Cave. A quieter area with furniture and couches where we could play cards would be great.

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Ever notice the bus stops here at RRCC can be one of the busiest areas of the school? Shaun Postlethwaite from the pre-tech program (and also the Ox) flashes a pose; while Ryan Pitts (Motor Vehicle Mechanics) has far more important matters to attend to - like just getting on the bus!

Photos by Joey Olafson and Jamie Saari

Photo by Kari Puchala

Still outside, three RRCC students haven't quite discovered the bus shelters yet (isn't it cold guys?); meanwhile, inside General Studies students Daniel Clark (left) and Blue Hart just sit tight.

Photo by Joey Olafson and Jamie Saari

Brent Phillips, promotions manager at CMOR, (left) shows up his favorite singer and actor - Bruce Willis. By the way, where do you guys at CMOR get those cheesy shades? In the kitchen, one of RRCC's fine chefs-in-training is "choppin' broccoli, ch-ch-choopppin' broccollllliii..."..... oh, I guess that's just a..... a.....what the hell is that?

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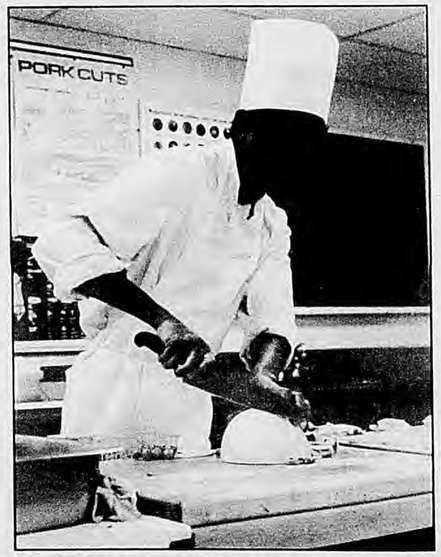

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VOLUNTEER

From Volunteer Centre of Winnipeg for November 14, 1997. Call 477-5180:

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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