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Women Fair Game

people. This script proved to me I'm not really worthy."

An important factor in every woman's marriage is this feeling about herself, Ms. Stonechild said. Do we really think we're worthy people or are we really staying in a relationship which says we're lousy because if we lost that relationship, we'd have no role?

Women's strength today in their struggle for independence lies in having a very good feeling about themselves; a feeling that is not dependent on a man feeding her ego. Women are not out to put men down but to be equal. Ms. Stonechild believes a woman's strength is not to tread on men. It is within herself.

The law however, supports the view that women "owe something" to any man who demands it. It maintains that women's financial dependence is "natural", her being on call for every service is "natural" and a woman who does not "give out" when called upon is "unnatural".

We have to use all resources available to us to protect ourselves against violence, said Pat Armstrong, speaking about the law and how it affects the lives of women.

"We have to use the resource of feeling good and strong about ourselves so that we are not psychologically devastated," said the University of Manitoba law student. "We should also use criminal law to the best effect it can be used: to stem this tide of violence against women, not to retaliate."

Our Criminal Law: A Complete Hodge-Podge?

Our criminal law is a complete "hodge-podge" when it comes to sexual offences, said Ms. Armstrong. She believes it has not been revised relating to these offences since the 50s and that it has grown up in a strange way with penalties to the perpetrator being determined by the age of the woman involved. For instance, an offence with a woman under 14 can result in a maximum sentence of life imprisonment whereas if she is past her fourteenth birthday the maximum sentence is five years.

"It makes no sense at all," she said. "The age limits set for certain offences range from 12, 14, 16, 18 and 21 and none of those relate to the sexual or emotional maturity of the woman involved. They are arbitrary laws that are set."

How effective are these laws? Studies by the RCC estimate the rapist has one chance in one hundred of ever being punished, in any way, for his crimes.

The rapist usually gets away with his crime because the woman is afraid to come forward, said Ms. Armstrong. This is compounded by the problem of proof in the rape case. The court does not have the body and it does not have the "hot goods" that can be pointed to. Police play a major role in determing the number of cases that are prosecuted.

Police statistics for 1976 show that police in Winnipeg reported 89 rapes in this city. A more accurate estimate would be 900 rapes in Winnipeg alone based on studies which estimate only one out of ten rapes that occur are reported to the police. Of these 89 reported rapes, 23 were determined by the police to be unfounded: The police did not believe there was enough evidence and they did not believe the woman.

In New York City, where a rape squad of female officers has been created, the number of unfounded cases dropped to two per cent of the total, said Ms. Armstrong But they can work only until 11.00 p.m. and most rapes occur at night.

"Women officers on the rape squad are unheard of in Winnipeg," she said. "It's somewhat suspicious and sounds a lot like it's the set mind of the police officors involved that is creating the large numbers of unfounded reports of rape."

More and more, women are being encouraged to overcome their fear and report the rape. If rapists are not apprehended there is no reason for them to stop.

The most important action a woman should not do is bath or change her clothing immediately, Ms. Armstrong said. The semen, the tears, the bruises and her body are evidence that can be used to prove her case. The woman should go to the police in exactly the same condition she escaped in, as quickly as possible.

At the police station, the victim is questioned very closely by two officers, who will almost always be men, she said. Their primary objective is to find out, in their opinion, if there is enough evidence to go ahead with the charge and to test the woman's stamina as a witness. She will most often have to tell her story in court and it has to be credible.

"If the woman has been to the Rape Crisis Centre first, a counsellor will accompany her to the police station to at least be there to give her moral support during the questioning."

After the questioning, the woman is taken to the emergency ward of either the St. Boniface Hospital or the Health Sciences Centre for a thorough examination. Her injuries are treated and she is allowed to go home.

If the rape is founded by the police and it does go to trial, the woman of course, is not on trial in theory, said Ms. Armstrong, but in effect she often is. The rapist is the one on trial. The victim is merely a witness for the state.

In 1975, the federal government amended the criminal code stating the victim's credibility could not be brought into the court unless there had been previous notice of it approved by the judge.

This amendment has not given women any more protection than they had under the law, Ms. Armstrong said. It is still in the hands of the judge to decide whether her credibility, such as any previous relationship she may have had with the accused, is relevant evidence or not.

"There is a fine line between cross-examining a witness about her character and her morals in order to determine her credibility, and dragging out her sexual experience in order to discredit her testimony and cast doubt on her consent."

At the outset of her research on rape, Ms. Armstrong assumed the laws could be changed; women could be protected without being humiliated in courtroom procedures. She believed these laws–written by men and administered by men–were just out of date.

She is not so sure anymore.

"The only way we can deal with rape is by eliminating it," she said. "I don't think there's any fair, just way of dealing with rape through the court system."

PARKING NOTES

The two ticket system for parking violations has been abolished as of November 7, 1977.

Previously two types of tickets had been issued: one by the Department of Public Works (DPW) a $5 fine and one issued by RRCC, a $2 fine.

Essentially the method payment and the amount of the fines will not change. All tickets will simply be issued by the college. Fines will remain $2 or $5 depending on the nature of the parking violation.

Tickets may be paid here at the college or downtown at the Law Courts Building, Room 125.

Also, all parking tickets must be paid within ten days after they are issued or a summons will follow. There will no longer be the customary warning letter.

To avoid parking offenses Security Supervisor Jim Semeschuk suggests that be certain parking decals are clearly displayed on the front windshield of their vehicles and students must have a parking decal in order to park in either the reserved or scramble lots. All fire roadways and driveways must be kept clear.

If students have a problem with a vehicle parked in their reserved spaces they are to report this to a parking lot commissioner. Students who randomly park in another space will be ticketed.

If a commissioner is unavailable, park in the scramble lots and notify the security supervisor in CM-26, mall level of Building C, just off the Tower Lounge.

Semechuk said one of the most common offenses is students who do not park in spaces designated by their parking decals. A student with a reserved decal cannot park in scramble lots or visitors' parking.

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UMSU Looks into Alternative Banks

by DOUG SMITH

The U of M student union (UMSU) is looking for alternative banks because the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, UMSU's present bank, has loaned money to the government of South Africa.

The decision to look for alternatives was made at last Wednesday's meeting. The council also voted not to reinvest approximately $100,000 in term deposits with the Bank of Commerce.

The Bank of Commerce is a member of an international consortium of banks which have lent $3 billion to the government of South Africa.

The council will invite a representative of the Bank of Commerce and a local anti-apartheid organization to make presentation to it at the next council meeting.

The issue of banks came up at the National Union of Students conference in October where a motion was passed urging student unions to remove their deposits in the Toronto-Dominion Bank, the Royal Bank, the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Commerce because all four banks make loans to South Africa. The loans have been condemned by the African National Congress (ANC) the major liberation movement in South Africa.

The council also passed motion calling on the government of Canada to break off diplomatic relations with the government of South Africa.

Another motion was passed condemning any organization which supports the policies of the government of South Africa through investment. These include:

Alcan Aluminium Corporation
Brilund Mines
The Canada Development Corporation
Canada Wire and Cable Co.
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The council also urged a boycott of all products imported from South Africa and urged the University Centre Commission to do the same.

The major opponent to the resolutions was Stewart Bartholette of education who said that it was akin to "saying that I am going to take my money out of my piggy-bank and put it in someone else's piggybank because someone is robbing my piggybank."

Bartholette felt that it was improper for UMSU to single out the government of South Africa since there are other governments, including that of Great Britain, which practises what he consideres to be oppressionistic and segrationistic policies.

Rick Elson, a former UMSU vice-president, pointed out that the segragation in South Africa was statuatory. He also said that South Africa's system of apartheid is an inducement to foreign investment because it provides such a cheap supply of labour.

Paul Johnson of St. John's said that while he thought the government of South Africa was viscious and insidious and that he was opposed to investment there, he was afraid of what the Bank of Commerce could do to UMSU if it withdrew its investments from the bank.

Michael Crutch, the director of administration pointed that if UMSU withdrew its money from the bank his bank might retaliate by calling UMSU's considerable number of loans.

Elson said that he was more afraid of his own conscience than the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He also said that such actions as withdrawing its money from the bank and condemning the investments would hopefully have a snowball affect.

Manitoba's great white elephant went back to normal last week as a re-bricked tower emerged from the clutter of scaffolding.

R.C.M.P. Given Access to Student Aid Forms

WINNIPEG (CUP) – According to Manitoba Student Aid Director, Rick Kleiman, The RCMP are given access to student aid forms, providing they have authorization from the student loan office in Ottawa.

Kleiman said the RCMP are allowed to gain access to the forms if they are investigating possible "abuse of the student aid program." This included instances where students were suspected of applying for aid in more than one province and instances where a student had not declared that they had previously received student aid.

Kleiman said there had been one case where an RCMP officer who was "inexperienced" had tried to get information without the proper authorization. Kleiman said he refused to give out the information. The officer later came back with the proper authorization and got the information.

Kleiman said the normal procedure was for the officer to get the authorization from Ottawa, then go to the provincial assistant deputy minister of education with the proper authorization letter. If the minister approved, then the officer was allowed to look at the student form required. The officer would require a warrant to remove any file from the office.

Kleiman said that only application forms were shown to the RCMP. He said that tax information had "never been re requested" by the RCMP in the past.

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PC's Break Promise

By laying off 18 administrators in the Jobs in Small business program the Conservatives have broken their promise to honour all contracts until they expire, the Winnipeg co-ordinator of the program said in a recent interview.

Soam Narrine said the people had been on contract until May 1978. He pointed out "Being laid off before Christmas has a tremendous impact on people."

Former Minister of Industry and Commerce Len Evans said that during the first phase of the program 1,500 people were given jobs in small businesses. Most of them were young people looking for their first job. The government agreed to pay half of the minimum wage of anyone hired under the program provided the hiring was a net addition to the labour force. Narrine said that he had received 200 - 300 inquiries about the second phase of the program.

Minister of Industry and Commerce Bob Banman questions the value of the program in creating permanent employment. He feels that many of the people hired under the program would have been hired anyway. Banman says that the policy of his government will be to create jobs by creating a healthier investment climate.

Speaking of the cancellation of the program Evans said, "I think it's idiotic on the part of the new government because unemployment is a serious problem among young people." He also said that, "The Tories are being naive in the extreme if they think they are going to stimulate the economy using the fiscal apparatus." He points out that provincial corporation taxes have little impact relative to federal taxes and that many other factors besides taxes influence the location of industry.

Johnston to Let Contract Lapse

by HERB CAMPBELL

Lyn Johnston, Activities Program Director for RRCC Students' Association has decided not to renew her annual contract which expires March 4, 1978 after being with the college three years.

Of the nine full-time program directors on Canadian campuses, Ms. Johnston is the only one working without the assistance of an activities board.

This board is usually made up of students who coordinate certain facets of the student activities program such as licensed social functions and films.

It handles the brunt of organization involved in coordinating events, allowing the director to oversee and supervise more effectively.

Lyn has the task of devising activities programs, presenting budgets, coordinating events, and assisting in their production. She had little assistance until two months ago, when the Students' Association hired a part-time assistant.

Another problem she has faced as full-time director of activities, Johnston said, has been the wall created by new student executives each year.

"The first few months are spent educating these newcomers," she said, "and it can be very frustrating for an experienced director to attempt to explain and justify a budget to them."

Considering the lack of facilities, and the involved process required to get the use of the existing ones, Lyn feels the program has been developed to its present potential.

She has been the advocate of a Student's Union which could provide student-owned facilities such as a licenced lounge and possibly a theatre with a seating capacity far greater than the hundred or so seats available in any of the lecture theatres.

Interest has been growing in an RRCC alumni association, the prime reason being the high quality and increased number of activities that the college has seen since Ms. Johnston became program director.

Lyn says she has loved working for and with the students at RRCC. However she has several options to choose from for her future endeavors but she has made no decisions as yet.

One offer has come from the music industry in Toronto, but "the twenty-six hour days of the Toronto rat-race" don't appeal to her, she says.

"Considering the lack of facilities .... the program has developed to its present potential."

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Credit Union Adjusts for Students

by CATHERINE HAMILTON

In this day and age five bucks buys anyone very little of anything. There are exceptions however, such as a $4 membership share in the RRCC branch of the Co-operators Credit Union.

According to Dave Omichinski, Credit Union manager, this branch currently requires new members to offset pertinent internal problems.

"The complications are snowballing," he said. "When my employees cash cheques and make change for non-members of the Credit Union, the service to members automatically suffers. But if these non-members became members, we'd have enough surplus money through new membership and accounts to hire more staff and offer better service. Until then we can only compromise."

The resulting compromise is two express wickets, already erected with the tentative operating date set for Friday, January 6.

The wickets will provide change and cheque cashing for non-members on Fridays. Other days non-members can receive service as usual from the counters.

"Line-ups are alarmingly long on Fridays, our peak day, because Manpower cheques and payroll cheques are issued then," said Omichinski.

The express wickets represent the solutions to the now historical RRCC problem of non-members of the Credit Union expecting service.

In the Manitoba "Credit Union Info - Guide" one major difference between chartered banks and credit unions is noted. It reads: "... while other financial organizations serve customers sharing no further relationship, your credit union only can serve those who are shareholders, ..."

This excerpt of credit union policy exemplifies a largere compromise made by the RRCC branch of the Co-operators Credit Union. In other words, they are not held responsible to serve the public at large, which includes the populus of RRCC. The campus Credit Union is under no obligation to make change and cash cheques for non-members.

"We go through an astronomical amount of coin, and coin costs money," said Omichinski. "We carried out a survey and found an average of 130 non-members want change every day, not including the non-members who cash cheques and purchase bus passes."

Service to members is lacking resulting from the influx of non-members in the Credit Union.

"Since tellers are almost continuosly dealing with counter traffic, they have little time to perform other duties. For example, chequing statements may not be promptly mailed out and this upsets our members, and they have every right to be upset. But one thing most students and workers at the college don't understand is that this inefficiency is largely caused by the non-members who obtain service from us," said Omichinski.

The main problem he foresees under the new express wicket service is non-members may complain about segregation and perhaps make the mistake of waiting in the usual line the first Friday.

Co-op Credit Unions new manager Dave Omichinski and the new express wickets to open Jan. 6, 1978.

Funds for the express wickets were supplied by the Credit Union and they were built by the Department of Public Works. Employees will be hired on a part-time basis to man the wickets.

When questioned about hiring students for this purpose, Omichinski said, "students are usually not able to work 9 - 5 hours and probably will require training. The manager's alternative is to hire past employees, since time-consuming training would then not be necessary.

Canteen Vendomatic and Intercity Leisure, the two vending machine companies serving RRCC, are helping the Credit Union offset the cost of coin by supplying a certain percentage of it free of charge, said Glen Stewart, SA Business Manager.

He added that the Credit Union is currently experiencing a cost-profit squeeze. "If costs take a jump, such as hiring another full-time employee to better the service to members, profits to the members will decline."

The transient nature of the major account holders at the Credit Union, namely RRCC students, creates extra work for Credit Union employees. A substantial percentage of bank statements, letters, etc. are returned to the Credit Union.

"If account holders would submit address changes to us, our workload would be greatly eased," Omichinski said.

Another problem facing Credit Union employees at RRCC is abusive behaviour on the part of students. "Both members and non-members expect quick and efficient service without realizing we face obstacles created by our location and the nature of Credit Union policy," he added.

Foul language and abrupt mannerisms directed at Credit Union employees is common, according to Stewart. "But what recourse does the Credit Union have? One person abusing another is inexcusable, and it points out individual personality problems among students," he added.

Omichinski said, "Some students expect everything from us, and don't want to give anything in return."

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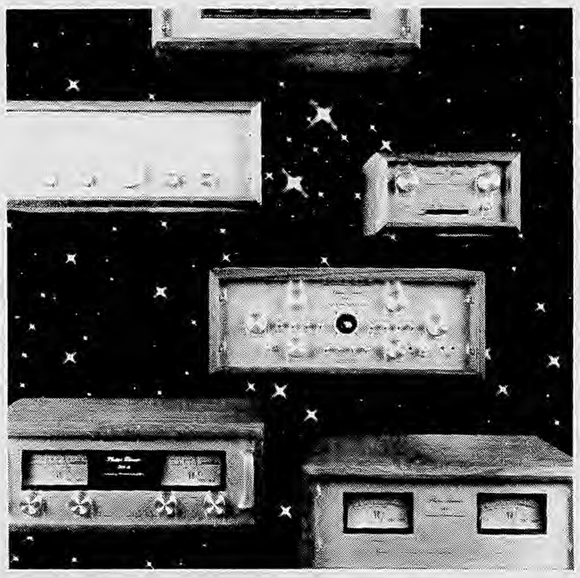

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Editorial

It's about time and long overdue. Last June the Canada Labor Relations Board announced a decision allowing the unionization of Canadian banks on a branch to branch basis.

I spent a year working within the conservative halls of one of Canada's fine banking institutions and experienced enough of low wages, overwork, understaffing, overtime and sex discrimination to send me willingly into the unemployment line.

There will be a long struggle ahead organizing Canada's 7200 bank branches. So far two small unions have been leading the most successful organizing efforts, the Canadian Union of Bank Employees (CUBE) in Ontario and the United Bank Workers (UBW) in British Columbia, a section of the Service Office Retail Workers Union (SORWUC). During the summer 21 branches were certified.

Most of the organizing has taken place in B.C., a few branches have been certified in Saskatchewan, Ontario and one in Newfoundland. SORWUC will soon begin negotiating its first union contract with the B.C. branches.

Here in Manitoba, the Retail Clerks Union recently announced plans to begin organizing bank employees in the province.

And the Canadian Labor Congress has set aside one million dollars to help organize bank employees.

These efforts indicate that a unionizing drive is well underway despite bank managements' tactics to appease employees and hold back unionization.

For example, one month after SORWUC applied for certification of Bank of Nova Scotia employees in Regina's main branch, the Bank of Nova Scotia announced an increase in holidays from two to three weeks after one year for all their employees across Canada.

Promotions, Introduction of dental plans and a general encouragement of good management-employee relations have become part of the subtle yet obvious forms of attack against unionization.

These improvements may be interpretated by some employees as a sudden realization of employees' needs but there is no guarantee these benefits will not be revoked unless there is a binding agreement between management and employees.

The Royal Bank, is taking the offensive route saying it will appeal the Labor Board's decision.

Bankers are clearly concerned particularly on the question of what wage increases will mean to the entire banking industry if these initial contracts are settled.

In a recent article in the Financial Post a bank executive said, "Those agreements will set a standard that we'll have to follow across the country. It's nice to know we're protected for now by the Anti-Inflation Board rules."

And it's just nice to hear it confirmed by a banker who benefits by AIB guidelines. But the banker's fear will be the worker's benefit.

Jean Rand national president of SORWUC said during an interview with Next Year Country, "There's no doubt that higher wages in the banking sector would boost women's wages in the clerical sector--like insurance for example."

There are too many inadequacies in the clerical pay scales and working conditions. SORWUC says that bank and office employees are among the lowest paid in Canada with the average salary for women being only 57% of the average salary for men.

Then there are the day to day and branch to branch injustices workers endure.

In the bank branch where I was employed, a teller was given a promotion to an accounting desk when two other employees had more seniority.

Each month when customer statements were prepared for mailing, tellers were required to work overtime until they were completed.

When our filing clerk retired another was never hired. Tellers took on the extra responsibility.

Obnoxious customers could run staff in circles if his or her account was large enough because the supreme business law prevailed, "The customer is always right."

Female bank staff were encouraged to participate in a beauty school course, partially paid for by the bank, to improve our appearance.

Of course unions and strikes make the headlines so frequently these days making unions appear more trouble than they are worth. But according to government statistics most contracts are settled without a strike and having the right to strike gives employees some power to wield in trying to win their demands. It's about time.

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I am doing my best to improve my lot in life but I come up against countless barriers while persuing this endeavor.

When I go to look for accomodations I get sneers and treated abruptly as if I am untouchable.

When I try to get aid that I am rightfully allowed as a tax-paying citizen, I get the eternal run-around and am told to grin and bear all the prying and curt questions.

And then when the fat-cat bureaucrats make a boo-boo they have nothing but flimsy excuses for their incompetence.

Then, they tell you to be patient while they bumble along, cause they're doing you a favour With favours like that who needs hassles.

Yours sincerely,

A. Student

Dear Projector,

This letter is dedicated to all those unfortunate people in RRCC who, besides their extensive knowledge in their respective fields, are functionally illiterate.

These poor people who teach and are taught in this college have long been suffering from this terrible handicap. It is sad that they are unable to read simple English printing.

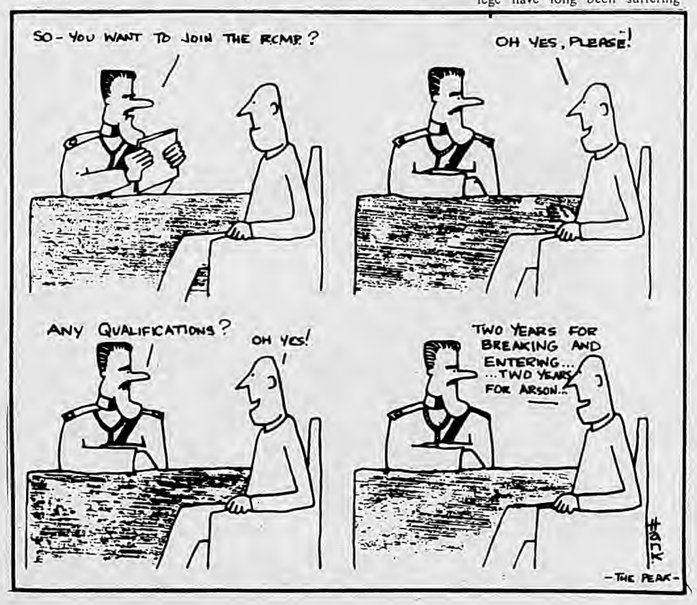
I cite as my example the dilemma of our unfortunate students and instructors who, in spite of six clearly posted signs in Buffalo Place, still pull out their packs of cigarettes and smoke merrily away, unaware of the boldly-lettered signs looming overhead.

Is it fair to us that because of their ignorance of the printed word, we non-smokers should lose our only refuge from those selfish inhalers of smoke fumes? Or is it fair that we who believe in clean air and pleasant meals should have our rights infringed on because of people who are unable to read six words: PLEASE NO SMOKING IN THIS AREA?

So come on SA. Put up some pictorial signs of the smoldering cigarette with the red slash through it. Maybe in this way smoking will stop in the non-smoking section of the Buffalo.

To those who suffer from this illiteracy, I can offer you no condolances because, after all, you can't even read this article, can you?!

Ron Riesenbach



ANOTHER WAY

by KATHY MICHALCHUK

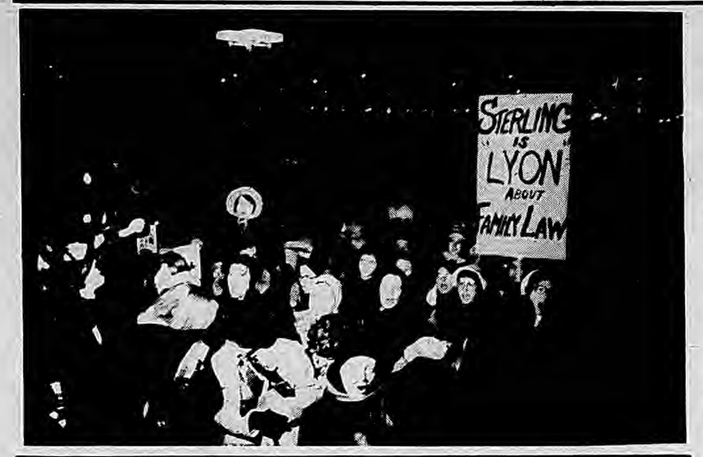
Christmas is quickly approaching and with it comes an increase in sweet snacks--hard candy, chocolates and candy-coated popcorn. Packed with calories, these treats are hard on your body. Stay healthy before, during and after the Christmas holiday by trying out as a snack instead: raisins, apples, carrots and celery. Deserts like Christmas cake and pudding appear more frequently. Cooked fruits, such as prunes without sugar, contain fewer calories and serve the same purpose. Here's an easy delicious recipe to follow:

Fill a quart jar partway with dried prunes. Add a sprinkling of raisins. Add more prunes, more raisins, and so on in layers until the jar is loosely filled. Put a slice of lemon on top. Fill the jar with boiling water. Cover. Let stand at room temperature 24 hours. Replace any absorbed liquid with more water. Refrigerate.

Try a new twist with your sit-ups. With the right elbow touch the left knee, lie down, then touch the right knee with the left elbow. Let each touch constitue one sit-up and be careful not to hold your breath--breath freely during the exercise.

If you are a person who has little extra time for regular exercise then turn walking into a form of exercise. Step out and stretch your legs a good distance at each step. Walk with long strides for a fast pace, swinging your arms briskly in rhythm with the walk. This promotes general circulation, it exercises muscles, improves skin respiration and tones up normal appetite. Walking can become a healthy hobby:

If you think you need a tranquilizer, do not take a drug go out and tranquilize yourself with a two or three mile walk. —Dr. Paul Dudley White



Demonstrators Protest Family Law Suspension

by MARGARET HARVEY

On November 28, at 7:30 p.m., roughly 500 people gathered at the legislature to demonstrate against the provincial government planned suspension of the Family Law Bill.

The demonstration, organized by the Coalition on Family Law, lasted for about twenty-five minutes. The crowd chanted "50-50 or fight!" and "Sterling's Lying about family law!" until the appearance of Howard Pawley, the former attorney-general, and Lloyd Axworthy, MLA for Fort Rouge. Both had previously agreed to speak to the demonstrators. They stated their support for the legislation as it now stands. The crowd cheered when Pawley said that marriage was not an "employer-employee relationship," and again when Axworthy said that equality was "not only for men, but for women."

An announcement was made that although the Coalition had approached Premier Sterling Lyon a number of times, he had not agreed to speak. Lyon appeared before the demonstrators shortly thereafter. He claimed that the law was currently unworkable in an administrative sense; and that the committee (the review committee established to reword and clarify the bill) wanted to hear what the people had to say.

Lyon kept smiling as the chants started again amidst profuse booing.

Norma McCormick. Liberal candidate in Wolseley in the last election, has been involved with the Family Law Bill from its origins. As well as belonging to the Coalition, she sits on several women's groups in the province. She said that Lyon didn't reassure her as to the future of the bill. "He's asking me to trust him, and I don't." She felt that the crowd had generally felt that way.

McCormick also responded to Lyon's allegations that the demonstration was staged by the NDP saying that she wasn't an NDP'er. She felt that neither the Conservative Party nor Lyon had expected the massive reaction to the planned suspension. She said that she thought that Lyon was a very arrogant man, and that he had been as hostile towards the crowd as the crowd had been to him. She said that this reaction will, if anything, give Lyon "a sadistic sense of satisfaction" in suspending legislation.

McCormick said that it wasn't over yet, and that the Coalition was encouraging people to lobby for this legislation.

Bank Employees May Unionize

by DOUG SMITH

The Retail Clerks Union has recently announced that it will be attempting to organize employees of Manitoba's 341 bank branches, making it the fourth union to start organizing bank workers in the past year.

Last June the Canada Labour Relations Board ruled that a single bank constituted an appropriate labour bargaining unit.

Since then the Canadian Union of Bank Employees (CUBE) and the Union of Bankworkers (UBW), a subsidiary union of the Service, Office and Retail Workers Union of Canada (SORWUC) have been organizing workers in Ontario and British Columbia. SORWUC has also applied for two certifications in Saskatoon but it appears that the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) is also going to try to unionize workers in Saskatchewan.

Bernie Atamanchuk of the Retail Clerks Union said that the union hoped to have some certifications by the end of the year.

There has been some concern expressed over how a contract can be negotiated on a branch by branch basis since a strike would be relatively ineffective. Atamanchuk said that he thought it would depend on who succeeded in signing up the employees. After that he said that some type of bargaining arrangement would have to be made.

He also said that the banks are trying to scare many of their employees by saying that unions are strike happy organizations that will cost them more than they gain.

Many banks are also engaging a variety of anti-union activities such as suggesting that if unionization becomes too serious many employees will be put on part-time hours making them much harder to organize.

The Royal Bank has recently announced that it will appeal the Canada Labour Relations Board decision. The banks claim that the unions should only be certified after they have signed up 50 per cent of all the employees of each bank across the country.

A recent article in the Financial Post said that for every one per cent increase in salary for bank employees there would be a 1.5 per cent decrease in bank profit.

While the banks are not too concerned over the possibility of strike at individual branches the shut down of the major data-processing and computer operations could cause the banks considerable problems.

The Canadian Labour Congress has established a fund of one million dollars to aid in the organizing of bank workers.

The banks have made a number of other moves which have been interpretted as efforts to halt union organization. In an interview with the Saskatchewan news-magazine **Next Year Country** Jean Rands of SORWUC said that the banks have recently brought in a dental policy. She said that the Bank of Commerce had only recently dropped a practice of making tellers pay out of their wages for mistakes at the till.

In one of the banks in Simcoe that has been organized almost every staff member has received a promotion or title change in the past year.

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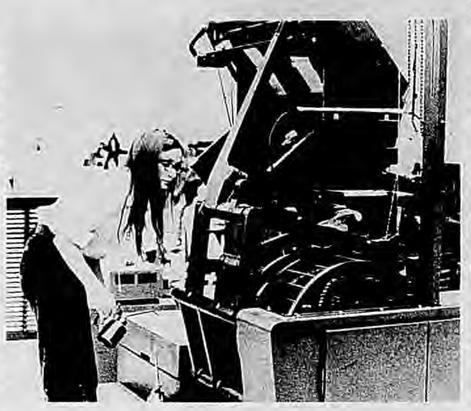
Women in Trades

by KATHY MICHALCHUK



These times are changing and with them, women's attitudes towards work. Once viewed as the stop-gaps in women's lives, jobs are becoming their lifetime careers, a means of self-satisfaction and self-realization and a means of supporting a family.

More women are finding themselves the sole supporters of the family. And the more common women become on work sites, the easier it is for all the other's out there, said Jean Dudley during the "Women in Trades" seminar Nov. 24 at the Winnipeg YWCA.

This is a second seminar in a series sponsored by the Manitoba Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Ms. Dudley, the second woman in Manitoba to become an plumbler, and two other women on the panel spoke out to promote the concept of women working as skilled labourers.

The main advantage of being in the trades area of work is that the pay is very good, said Ms. Dudley, but the work is hard. Strength is a problem but not impossible to resolve. The stronger you become the easier the work gets.

"I felt totally incompetent at first," she said. "Sometimes the men wanted to do things for me because I am a woman, until the second or third time. Then they feel bitter and begin to think 'she's not pulling her weight. She's not strong and she's not doing her share!.'

Much of her work is done outside which gives her the advantage of feeling healthy and feeling strong.

"Who you're working with is really important," she continued. "Journeymen in Manitoba must carry their own work load at the same time as they are teaching the apprentice. The apprentice is a pain in the neck and has to humble himself. You get by better if the journeyman likes you."

The President of Women in Trades, a newly-formed association, and graduate of a pre-trades training course, Ms. Dudley said being in an unskilled position in the labor force is worse. The most degrading thing in her life was going out and begging for a job.

There is a demand in the job market for people with a trade, she said, but keeping employment is just as difficult, if not more difficult, than getting it.

Although more women are considering formerly male dominated trades and apprenticeships, they do not know about all the trades open to them, said Laura Neild. organizer for pre-trades training at Assiniboine Community College (ACC) in Brandon.

The program, also taught at RRCC, is designed to give women more knowledge about their abilities and aptitudes to help them make the best career choice.

The pilot course for the six-week training program was held at RRCC in Nov.-Dec. 1976. Two more courses followed in the spring of 1977, as well as one at ACC. The program, which has been modified from the first to the second year, follows a basic structure: Week One–classroom lectures featuring guest speakers, testing and self-evaluation; Weeks Two to Four–hands-on experience in the shops at the colleges. The trades involved included painting and decorating, welding, automotives, electrical construction, piping trades, drafting, carpentry and domestic electronics; Weeks Five and Six–actual on-the-job experience in the woman's chosen area of work.

This program must be sold to the employers because they don't get anything out of it, said Ms. Neild.

Carpenter, Sue Lynn, founding member of Carpentry Co-op, gruaduated from the carpentry course at RRCC in June, 1976. This third member of the panel said without the practical experience and knowledge of terms she learned at RRCC she would not have obtained a job.

A film presentation, produced through FOCUS, on Women in Trades was shown at the start of the seminar to provide an overview of women working in the trades.

The pre-trades course tells you what to expect especially from men, said a woman construction-worker in the film. There is a lack of communication. Men don't know what to do; they apologize for swearing as if a woman has never heard those words before.

Also speaking in the film was Heather Bishop, the pre-trades course instructor at RRCC.

"Too many women, especially the female high school students, do not know all the trades open to them. All high schools should teach life skills to all students. Forget about women's roles and men's roles. The education system is really lacking if it can't turn out people who can take care of themselves."

NCBW Organizes Winnipeg Branch

by PATRICIA OLD

The National Congress of Black Women wants to dispel a few myths, make known a few facts, and start off with a clean slate.

As one of the enemies of multiple oppression among black women in Canada, the relatively new National Congress of Black Women (NCBW) is striving to relieve pressures facing black women from being discriminated against as black people, black women, and black participants in the work force. Clarification and recognition of the black Canadian woman are the primary objectives of the organization.

First concieved in Toronto by the Canadian Negro Women's Association in 1973 the NCBW has since branched out into almost every province in Canada. A Winnipeg branch has just recently been organized.

Shyrlee Williams, one of the national coordinators of the NCBW and coordinator of the new Winnipeg affiliate denounced the tradition of multiple prejudice aimed at black women.

"It is an attitude, a kind of an exhibition of racism that affects us economically, politically, socially; it affects us in every facet of social life." said Mrs. Williams.

"Our position is to reject whatever the tradition of discrimination has been and start from that square and build another kind of image of a black woman in Canada."

North American history, as it pertains to black people in general, is certainly not one to be proud of. Weighted by a heritage of slavery and blatant discrimination, the black citizens of this country have been, for many years, involved in a constant struggle for recognition and acceptance.

When Canada's history is coupled with the struggle for recognition of the black race, and with the struggle for recognition of women in general, there arises a compounded problem for the black woman in Canada.

The NCBW intends to provide and foster a climate in which it is acceptable for black women to openly examine the problems of compounded prejudice.

The organization also intends to create awareness of the subtleties of racial discrimination in Canada and how they affect the black woman.

"Racial discrimination, racism or prejudice, tends to make people unable to view other people as people. So that if you believe, or strongly suspect, that you are a person entitled to all the things that people are entitled to, you have akind of violation of yourself, and this happens very regularly." said Mrs. Williams.

"When you then say something about the violation that you percieve to be happening to you on the basis of your color; in a society like Canada where there is not too much name-calling, people tend to say you're overly sensitive."

Consequently, many black Canadians become frustrated with attempts to bring racial discrimination into the limelight. The NCBW hopes to become a vent for this frustration as well as an effective forum for the united voice of black women in Canada.

One of the obstacles to creation of a new image of the black woman in Canada is the tendency to place all black races under the broad category of "black people". The phrase implies great similarity between all races of black people, when in fact, there is none. As a result of this gross generalization, cultural barriers and differences in heritage begin to disintegrate and individuality is lost.

The term "black people", to

many North Americans, connotes a "doer of menial labour". This attitude is most prevalent in the Manitoba school systems where many black children are being channelled into non-academic courses. To the Winnipeg branch of the NCBW, this procedure is met with growing concern.

"There is a need to have people do custodial care and menial work; there is nothing wrong with that as long as it does not deny you your right to make the contribution you can to society said Mrs. Williams. "I don't mind cleaning toilets but I do mind cleaning toilets if cleaning toilets is considered to by my place."

One of the strategies of the Congress is to attack the problem at its root, within the school system.

"We have sense enough to know that you cannot change the school system, or discrimination in the schools, by attacking the problem "one on one". We are trying to prepare information as to how racial discrimination is passed on, the subtleties of it, and ways to correct it." said Mrs. Williams.

Problems differ in each province of the country. The high rate of unemployment in Nova Scotia creates an added problem of unemployment for black women in that province. "The highest ratio of unemployed people in Nova Scotia would be black women, "Said Mrs. Williams. "There's an old adage that black people are the last hired and the first fired."

Nationally, the Congress involves approximately 1000 active members who deal with problems as employment, housing, education, or welfare rights. Total involvement with the organization numbers about 4000. In cooperation with other local, national, and international organizations, the NCBW intends to grab hold of the discrimination situation in all parts of Canada and clarify the role of black women in our society.

"We want to become an integrated part of this community and recognized as such." said Mrs. Williams.

In the future, the NCBW hopes to expand into an organization able to provide scholarships counselling, training, occupational development and research. As the Congress expands, so may their aims and objectives. But one point seems destined not to change.

"We will no longer permit the kind of racial discrimination that we see to be existing."

Textbook Publishers Wield Power

by RAY L. CLEVELAND
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Textbooks have for decades accounted for the largest and often most lucrative section of the publishing industry in North America. The basis for this is the size of the clientele and the fact that the customers form a captive market. School systems cannot choose whether to buy books or not to buy books but only which to buy: University students do not even have that choice. An economically disadvantaged segment of our society, one without full-time income, is required to purchase prescribed texts which on the average cost twice what they should cost.

Among the many factors contributing to the expensive format of textbooks are the goals of those academics who write them – often it would be more accurate to say, who rewrite class lectures and call them books. The author wants the book to bear the external appearance of what he or she thinks it is worth. Also, as often the writer receives a percentage of sales, the higher the selling price, the higher the writer's profit. While these profits are generally less than expected by the writer and than is commonly supposed, there is still an interest in an expensive book.

Furthermore, in many universities instructors may receive increases in salary or even promotions on the basis of writing a textbook. So the teacher has a strong economic motive for having a book that will impress administrators, who without specialized knowledge of the subject can't judge much beyond appearance. The bigger the book looks and the more attractive it looks, the more likely the promotion. So teachers who write the textbooks generally favor the expensive format.

Then there are the selectors of the textbooks. Why do instructors select the titles they do? The publishers think they know how to influence the decisions. Many of them provide teachers, especially those with large classes, with free valuable textbooks.

The instructor who has examination copies delivered to the office without effort is furthermore not always motivated to search through book lists or write to minor publishers about alternative texts which are quite as satisfactory and less expensive.

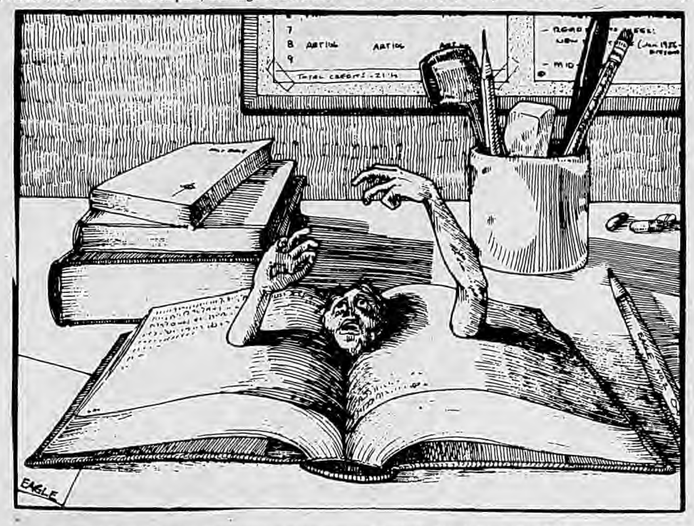
More ominous than rising prices of textbooks is another development. Some major textbook publishers are implementing policies of having more texts written by their professional staff writers in order to make them "more readable." In some cases academics will be used as consultants; in others the academics will work in cooperation with the professionals. The cause for alarm is that in many of the new contracts, once the academic has sold his name for the book, he no longer has legal control over what wording may be used. It may be easier to read a new model book because a very complex problem has been inaccurately simplified by a non-specialist. Or important nuances of meaning may be lost because the editors insist that words more current be used. Or certain scholarly conclusions may be omitted because the publishers feel they are not popular at this time and may harm sales. Truth to publishing firms is what makes sales volume increase, and the new contracts are giving them additional power to overrule the scholars.

The increasing control of the publishers over the contents of textbooks may loom more menacingly in view of the ownership. The giant Holt, Rinehart and Winston is owned by the Columbia Broadcasting System in the U.S. CBS also owns three other publishing houses, as well as a score of popular magazines, TV and radio stations, Columbia records, and a string of retail stores. The publishing house of Little Brown & Co. is owned by Time Inc., along with many other publishing interests, newspapers, films, broadcasting, and pulp and paper companies. The publishing group made up of Random House, Alfred A. Knopf, Pantheon, and others is owned, along with the National Broadcasting Corporation in the U.S. by RCA.

The New American Library, along with eight other imprints, belongs to the Times Mirror Company, which also owns TV stations, "information services", newspapers (several major ones), seven magazines, two paper mills, and 320,000 acres of timberland. Simon and Schuster and its half dozen other imprints belong to a multi-national corporation named Gulf & Western, which also owns paper companies, diversified manufacturing and financial interests, Paramount Pictures, and 51% of Famous Players Ltd. and its 300 theatres in Canada. Some half dozen corporate giants already have enormous power to influence public opinion, and now they are taking tighter control of the contents of the textbooks which they issue.

There are dangers in the situation. For example, textbooks on political science, history and economics could be restricted in their discussion of conglomerates. Orviewsheld by a scientific consultant on natural resources and the environment may never find a place in books published by a firm associated with mining interests. Other views held by scholarly consultants may become blurred at the hands of a professional writer, for whom accuracy would not hold so high a priority. In short, in the expected course of events, textbooks will take on the political coloring of the management. This trend should be one of concern to all groups in the academic world, as well as to society at large.

Factors accounting for the unreasonably high cost of textbooks include the high-quality materials and format, the uncontrolled duplication of effort and expense by competing publishers, the personal goals of the authors, and the absence of strong pressure from those who select texts for more economical alternatives. The exorbitant costs are not the fault of your local university book store; for the most part, the high costs can be explained only by factors outside the campus scene and – because of the high percentage of imports – outside of Canada.



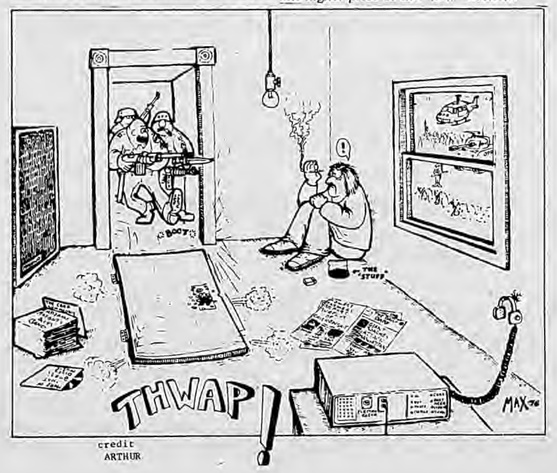
Separate from the factors mentioned above is the system of distributing books in Canada. Except for the inexpensive paperbacks of a few publishers not intended exclusively for use as texts, imported books are marked up 20% to 30% by the distributors located in the Toronto area, although many of these distributors for Canada are merely subsidiaries of publishers in Britain or the United States. The secondary handling entails overhead costs requiring such a mark-up, given the necessity of maintaining large inventories for the smaller Canadian market in order to compete for the profits.

Now for the main problem. Many textbooks will be obsolete (if not already so at time of printing) within five or ten years and normally be of no value. Yet they are printed on expensive papers with high-cost special inks and enclosed in a solid binding to insure that they can under ordinary conditions endure without deterioration for three to five centuries! Are these merely practical books from which a student can learn or are they fetishes?

Consider the expensive treated paper which will not yellow or become brittle until long after the purchaser's remains consist of only a yellowed skeleton in the grave. These heavy papers often cost four times as much as paper which is serviceable for only 20 or 30 years. Or consider that the actual production cost of a hard binding on an octavo book is now above $2 minimum and sometimes nearly twice that. When these bindings reach the shelf of the book store, the hard cover has increased in value to about $3 to $5, or even more. If given the choice, how many students would prefer a 50 cts. stiff paper cover? But students are seldom given this choice by the major publishers.

With less expensive inks, printing processes, layouts, paper and binding, the book you now pay $18 to buy could, except unusual books like art books, be sold for $5. One wonders if the fact that many of the publishers are owned by conglomerates which also own paper mills, printing plants, ink manufacturers, and binderies has anything to do with the kind of books which are offered to the captive customers.

Competition in the market place is supposed to result in lower prices and less expensive wares, but this has not happened with textbooks. Publishers have instead vied by making the textbooks more attractive and therefore more expensive in order to persuade the selectors to prescribe their books rather than the competitors'. Also, in order to get in on the big sales to introductory classes, publishers put out competing titles. In some fields there are a score or more textbooks on the market with little or no significant differences. Each publisher then has to revise its book in that field every few years so as to give the illusion of being improved and brought up to date. So each firm then is paying duplicated costs of designing, layout, and typesetting of its "new" edition, which is seldom better than the old. This duplication of production costs must be covered by the higher price of the "new" edition.



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WCM Releases Tenant's Handbook

by Mal Rawlings

"Know your tennant rights", a handbook sponsored by the Winnipeg Citizens Movement, is not merely an information booklet according to spokesman Nick Ternette, but more of an advocacy handbook.

"It is a tool people can use to get organized as an effective lobby for their rights as Ternette said.

However, all the information in the handbook is guaranteed accurate and certified by lawyers.

The need for a handbook on tennant rights became obvious to Ternette after receiving multitudes of calls from people having problems with tenant-landlord relations.

"Most people don't know what their rights are in any aspect of tenant-landlord relations," Ternette said, "and many don't know who to see about their problems."

Problems with fire and safety regulations, and the loss of lives in a rash of recent apartment fires in recent years, persuaded Ternette therewas a fundamental need for a handbook encompassing all the rights and regulations a tenant should know.

This is the first handbook of its kind because in simple, straight-forward terms it points out all the key parts of every aspect of tenant-landlord relations.

The handbook is indexed allowing direct access to areas of specific concern and a rundown of individuals or agencies to deal with the problems.

"We've also included a simple summary of city by-laws which many councillors probably don't know who the hell concern," Ternette said.

Also in the handbook is a listing of agencies that can deal with tenants problems and a guide for starting tenants associations to counteract well-organized lobbying from the Manitoba Landlords Association.

"The Manitoba Landlords Association will probably be trying to get changes implemented in the Landlord-Tenant Act and have rent controls removed" Ternette said.

"So I think its important that people realize they can't fight on their own.

"They have to get themsleves organized into a tenants group or join ATAC (Associated Tenants Action Committee, Inc.) to be more effective in having the tenants views heard."

The handbook was authored by Nancy Birks, editor of Metro One and researched by Ina Kobrinsky, who previously worked for the rent control board and is now studying law at U. of M.

Funding for the research was provided by the Provincial Employment Program and printing funds were donated by PLURA (Presbytreian, Lutheran, United Church, Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches).

The handbook is available now from agencies such as Legal Aid, MHRC (Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation), Neighborhood Service Centre of Winnipeg, Kinew Housing Corporation, Indian and Metis Friendship Centre (Winnipeg) Inc., and the St. Mathew's Maryland Community Ministry. Or by writing to Winnipeg Citizens Movement, 153 Lenore St., 783-3525.

Power to the People

If you've been complaining about lack of electrical power in RRCC's parking lots, here's your chance to find out whether your laments are valid.

As was the situation last winter, no power will be supplied to the plugs until the temperature drops to -14 degrees C.

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For the remaining hours, power functions every 40 out of 60 minutes. In other words, plugs are live for 40 minutes and dead for 20 minutes in each hour.

Correction: Parking Tickets

In the November 23 issue the Projector stated that all tickets for parking violations would be issued by the college as of November 7, 1977. It was also noted that fines could be paid at the college or Law Courts Building within ten days.

Correction reads that all tickets are issued by the Department of Public Works and must be paid within five working days at the Law Courts Building, Room 125.

Tentative Site for Student Residence Chosen

by Mal Rawlings

The S.A. executive has determined a tentative site and probable size for a student residence in consultation with architects according to Glenn Stewart, SA Business Manager.

Preferences are for 12-four person, self-contained units to be built west of building 'E' near the cemetary.

Each unit would consist of four rooms, containing bed and desk, all attached to common lounge and kitchenette facilities.

However, Bruce Hamilton, SA president, says he would like to see provisions for some single and double rooms, if the demand was there and the costs reasonable.

Currently, the SA is waiting completion of a feasibility and cost survey, and an architectural concept of the residence.

Hamilton anticipates a presentation will be ready for the college director, Les Talbot, by the new year and in the meantime meetings are coming up this week with Marvin Blauer, Associate Duputy Minister of Education to discuss acquiring land from the Department of Public Works.

Once presentations are made and hopefully support is gained, the next step is to procure funds for the residence.

Unfortunately, Glenn Stewart feels the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) may not be too helpful to this project because section 47 of the CMHC Act makes senior citizens housing a priority.

Other possible sources are the private sector or else the Assistant Rental Plan (ARP), operated by the government which will grant up to $100 per unit per month, to be repaid after 10 years.

In a recent interview, Hamilton proposed that the main floor of the residence contain a convenience store and a laundromat, run by the S.A., to bring in revenue and defer costs.

"These facilities could also serve the Brooklands community at large," Hamilton said, "and there would be a definite need there to provide such services to the students in residence if they aren't nearby."

Management of the residence also poses other areas of concern.

In regards to the management of any student residence, Bruce Hamilton says he would prefer to see the Administration take it over, but if it was run by the S.A. a separate corporation would be set up.

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Entertainment

Dance for the Disabled

by HERB CAMPBELL

If you need a reason to participate in the RRCC Charity Dance Marathon, December 16, how about this one?

Net proceeds from the dance will be given to support Lakeside Camp, pictured above, a unique and innovative camping facility which allows disabled people to experience a fresh air environment on a year round basis.

The camp features seven cabins overlooking Lake Winnipeg, each accomodating eight handicapped people. Additional sleeping area for forty people is provided by an adult accomodation wing. A large central activity lodge and an enclosed, heated swimming pool are also featured for campers' pleasure.

All buildings are inter-connected by enclosed and heated walkways. Facilities designed to provide comfort and convenience for the disabled such as wide doorways, wheelchair accesses and other physical accessories have been incorporated throughout.

Manitoba's outdoors provide days of pleasure to many of us at RRCC. While we may take it for granted, there are many disabled who haven't had the opportunity. This camp provides that opportunity, and in helping support it we can lessen the gap between the able and disalbed.

Come on out and dance your legs off, or sponsor a couple, but please participate.

Postcard Campaign for the Arts

Theatres across Canada are facing the threat of withering operational grants. This reality caused the Manitoba Theatre Centre (M.T.C.) to participate in a national postcard campaign directed at the federal government.

Along with other members of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres (P.A.C.T.), M.T.C. is urging the government to increase its operational grants to theatre.

History proves that Canadian theatres have had such grants frozen despite the increased costs of their survival. The grants supply the life blood for the organizations to meet their daily expenses.

The postcard campaign does not represent a struggle for additional funds for touring or other expansional activities. Rather, the concern lies with covering the cost of necessities.

As part of the campaign, M.T.C. has been requesting its audience to sign a postcard enclosed in the programmes of the current production of KNOCK KNOCK.

M.T.C. has measured the response as fabulous. From only seven performances, over 2500 audience members have signed and posted the cards in the lobby boxes allocated for the purpose.

After December 10, the closing date of KNOCK KNOCK, the postcards will be collectively mailed to Secretary of State, John Roberts and to selected MP's.

Planetarium Explores Birth of Christ

by KATHE SWITZER

The Planetarium began its Christmas programming Thursday with the premiere showing of "The Christmas Star" which will be shown, with "Imagination," until January 8.

The story unfolds as a discussion among three characters, played by Rober Christie, Walter Cavaleri and Colleen Collins. Alan Small reads from the book of the prophet Micah and the Gospels according to St. Luke and St. Matthew: David Harris is the voice of first century historian, Flavius Josephus. All of this discussion centres around the exact year of the birth of Jesus Christ, and exploring the possibilities of what the Christmas Star really was.

One theory proposed is the very rare triple conjunction of planets which occurred in 7 B.C. Since the Magi were most likely astronomers, this would be of special significance, especially since the conjunction occurred in the constellation Pisces, which represented the Hebrews. In those days, too, planets were called 'stars.'

The birth of Christ is also pinned down, to some degree, by examining the events which surrounded his birth. The high taxes which forced Mary and Joseph out of Nazareth, Herod's death, and other events recorded by historians of the day help to put the birth of Christ at approximately 5 to 7 B.C.

A note is thrown in, too, about the celebration of Christmas on December 25, although Christ was almost certainly born in the spring (the only time of year shepherds watched their flocks by night). Christians, who were foretold of Christ's imminent birth by Micah and others, were being oppressed by the Romans, who on Dec. 25 celebrated the winter solstice as their wildest celebration of the year. The Christians adopted the same day to celebrate their religion, because the Romans would be too occupied to bother with them.

Although it was the premiere run of "The Christmas Star," and technical coordination difficulties were to be expected, the show ran fairly smoothly and was mildly entertaining, especially for children.

Sharing the billing is "Imagination," the "space age day dream" which takes Isao Tomita's electronic interpretation of Gustav Holst's renowned "The Plants" and sets it to dance and photography. The theme is a photographic and musical excursion through the planets, where the line between reality and imagination is "drawn much finer."

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Sports

Jocks' Sock Needs You

The RRCC Intramural Jocks' Sock is an effort to gather Christmas donations for the needy during the festive season. Half the donations received will go to the Free Press's sports hamper and half to the Tribune's.

Intramural director June Graham hopes to accumulate $1000 dollars in this year's Jocks' Sock. This amount may seem somewhat high as the previous totals for the "sock" have been $340 and $360, but as one student put it, "If every intramural team that did not default donated their $5.00 default fee (which is mandatory) to the Jocks' Sock and were able to match this $5.00 with another $5.00 or more from the players, their supporters and class in general, we could reach our goal."

A Christmas floor hockey tournament has been set up starting Wednesday December 7. It will run for two weeks between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. There will be a $20 entry fee for participating teams and this money will go directly to the Jocks' Sock. There will be a slight admission fee to spectators which will also go towards the thousand dollar goal.

Challenge volleyball will also contribute to the fund. Students can challenge the staff to a contest, or another group of students. For a donation-entry fee June Graham will make sure the game has a court and referee. A lot of fun and all for a worthwhile cause. That's not hard money to spend.

The intramural program plays a vital role in the lives of RRCC students. There have been 108 volleyball teams and 57 table tennis participants entered in competition so far this year, giving intramurals a "total participation figure" of 1200 students. It's time you gave something back to the intramurals, while helping people in need.

Any individual donation would also be appreciated. The Jocks' Sock needs every dime it can get. Let's show everyone that RRCC students care. You can do that by contributing to the Jocks' Sock in one way or the other.

June Graham will be accepting any donations up until Wednesday, December 21 at which time she will be turning the total over to the Christmas Cheer Board via the sports depts of both newspapers. We need your support, and so do the needy people of Winnipeg.

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What's Next for Georgie Best?

Georgie Best is at the crossroads. Again. Best, at 31, is undoubtedly one of the world's most skillful soccer playersand is arguably the biggest gate attraction the sport has ever seen. His popularity is overwhelming and his stature is unquestioned. But the new George Best wants security and stability, and his present soccer status is cloudy.

Three teams seem to be in the battle for Best's services: the Los Angeles Aztecs of the North American Soccer League, Fulham of the English League and Feyenoord of Holland. Feynoord have offered the Aztecs, Best's present club, close to a million dollars for his transfer fee. But complications have set in. The Fulham club claims they own Best, while the Aztecs are upset because Fulham has reneged on some of their promises to both Best and themselves since they loaned him to the English side during their off-season. To be blunt, nobody knows what is going on. Least of all Best, who continues to train at his home in Manhatten Beach, California.

Playboy Best, who used to be the equivalent of "a three alarm fire in a cathouse," has made a remarkable turnaround since his arrival in L.A. two years ago. Only his soccer genius has been mentioned in the press since that time. He hasn't decked one reporter or seduced one Hollywood starlet. Well, not that we know about anyway. He has spent his time honing his remarkable skills back into shape after a long layoff caused by numerous bouts with alcohol. The Best that NASL fans swarmed to see in 1977 was a Best near the top of his form.

When the Irish dribbling wizard is on form it is impossible to take the ball away from him. He is, without question, the most skillful and daring dribbler the game has ever seen.

But Best is growing disillusioned with soccer. He has been to the top and he has seen the bottom. Will the middle be interesting enough for him now? The answer is hazy, because George Best is a man of moods and whims. I hope its enough, because if it isn't sport will lose one of its most skilled performers.

Basketball Tourney at RRCC

RRCC will host an invitational Men's Basketball Tournament on Dec. 17-18. The Sat.-Sun. affair will include eight teams, four of whom have already been confirmed: The University of Manitoba Juniors, the University of Winnipeg Juniors, St. Boniface and the Westwood Alumni. There will be a handsome championship trophy up for grabs, plus gold, silver and bronze medals.

Admission is free, and spectators can see 10 games. The action begins on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. with the final game of the day slated for 8:00 p.m. On Sunday the day opening tip-off is scheduled for noon, with the championship game going at 6:00 p.m. The Rebels will be in the thick of the title hunt, so come out and cheer them on. Let's make this tournament a success!

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NOTICES

This is the final notice for varsity athletes to get their money in for team jackets. The deadline is now! See Jeff Krause or Joe Di Curzio in the North Gym immediately.

Congratulations to both the Men's and Women's Volleyball teams for winning their respective titles at the Winnipeg Bible College Tournament held from November 12-26.

Qualified swimming instructors are required immediately to assist with the operation of the Red River Community College Physical Education learn-to-swim program. Expenses and a small honorarium will be paid each instructor. Please see Roy Pollock in the North Gym immediately!

Upcoming Sporting Events

HOCKEY -

December 13 at Warroad. Warroad Arena. Game time is 8:30.

December 16 at Transcona Turbos. Roland Mitchner Arena. Game time is 8:30

LADIES BASKETBALL

December 8 at RRCC vs. Jr. Manitoba. Game time is 7:15.

December 15 at RRCC vs. Wpg. Alumnus. Game time is 8:30.

VOLLEYBALL

Every Monday at RRCC

Williscroft Heroic in Defeat

Barry Williscroft knew he could do the job. All he needed was a chance to prove himself. And he got that chance last Tuesday night when the RRCC Rebels hockey team faced off against the North End Flyers at the Old Exhibition rink.

Williscroft is part of the three-goalkeeper system employyed by Rebels coach John Schillinger. Kerry Fisher does most of the playing, while Williscroft and Roger Grieg do most of the sitting. Williscroft hates sitting on the bench. Any athlete worth his salt does. When a substitute gets his chance to play he'd better make the most of it. Or pick up splinters all year long.

Barry Williscroft made the most of his opportunity. In spades. He was literally magnificent in the Rebels' net. North End eventually won the game 9-1, but that is certainly no indication of the way Williscroft performed. Coach Schillinger estimated that Williscroft faced between fifty to sixty shots. And that my friends is an awful lot of rubber.

The Rebels as a team looked sloppy and unorganized. North End players were allowed to roam free in front of the Rebels goal, and consequently five goals came directly off rebounds or scrambles. Undoubtedly this disorganization is due to the lack of ice time the team has had during the month of November. It was also evident that their conditioning is lagging. Rebel defencemen were constantly caught up ice, and the team as a whole slowed noticeably in each consecutive period.

The Rebels desperately need some size. Say a gorilla or two. Or three or four. The team has some fine skaters and skilled puck handlers, but to survive in a rough league like the MAHL they need some muscle. They were constantly being pushed off the puck on Tuesday night, and it wasn't due to lack of effort or enthusiasm. Schillinger estimates that the league's style has kept at least ten fine hockey players from joining the Rebels.

Schillinger is trying to arrange for the team to practice on the newly-flooded Stony Mountain ice, and is hoping the team will begin working out twice a week in the near future. Let's hope so, because on Tuesday night Barry Williscroft could have got by with a little help from his friends. And that help can only come with practice.

Women Hoopsters Improving

The 1977-78 edition of the RRCC Women's Basketball team is short on experience, but long on effort according to their coach Joe Di Curzio. The girls have not won a regular season contest as of yet, but have "been steadily improving with every game."

This assessment appears to be accurate, as the girls dropped a very close decision to the University of Winnipeg Junior team in their last outing. The score was 49-43 and the game was tied going into the final minute.

Di Curzio cites a lack of depth, as well as inexperience, in the team's poor performance to date. Many of the girls are in only their first or second year of competitive basketball, and so mistakes are to be expected.

In the U. of W. contest, guard Barb Kuz was outstanding hooping 16 points. Centre Gail Nowak snagged eight for the Rebels.

The league is being divided into two sections after Christmas on the basis of their records. This means the girls will be more competitive in their new division. Get out and support them.

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