My tank runneth over . . .

Thrills and spills at McGregor, Manitoba

by Bradley Bird (CUP - Brandon)

The recent 12,000 gallon spill of vinyl chloride near McGregor, Manitoba, has evoked alarm from environmentalists, assurance from Dow Chemical that no hazard exists, and equivocation from the Manitoba government which seemed helpless during the emergency. Dow Chemical has asserted that the spill represents neither a short term nor a long term hazard to the health of workers or nearby residents. Environmentalists, on the other hand, have described as "insane" the goverenment's plan to allow the chemical to dispearse into the atmosphere, and they expressed concern that workers being exposed to 5 parts per million (and more) of vinyl chloride were risking their health.

Whom should we believe? Quill Staffer Bradley Bird sought the help of Dr. Evan H. Pepper, botonist and professor of environmental science at Brandon University, in an attempt to help to answer this question. Pepper explains what vinyl chlordie is, why it is dangerous, and he comments on Environment Minister Warner Jorgenson's handling of the incident.

Dr. Pepper, just what is vinyl chloride?

Vinyl Chloride is a fairly simple organic compound. It's made up of a couple of carbon atoms and a few hydrogen atoms and a chloride atom stuck together, and there's a double bond betwen the two carbon atoms. It's a small molecule-but in a large, pressurized chloride molecules to bond together to form a very large molecule, a polymer which is called polyvinyl chloride. And it's in that form that we must commonly encounter it. It is used in records, artificial leather boots, plastic containers, just any number of plastic materials that use ploy vinyl chloride.

Photo by Bird

DR. EVAN H. PEPPER

Why is vinyl chloride dangerous?

Well, it's dangerous for a couple reasons. First of all because it's carcinogenic, it's kniwn to cause cancer, not only in laboratory animals but in people as well; and indeed the kind of cancer that it causes in people is an unusual kind and therefore it's fairly easily identifiable. It causes what is called angiosarcoma, which is a malignant tumor. It's made up of a mixture of blood vessels that go crazy, as well as muscular tissue, all of which proliferate and mix together to form this tumor. That's the one thing it does.

The other thing that it's known to do is cause birth defects in children born to women whose husbands have worked around vinyl chloride. So there is in fact a birth defect association with the material too.

Now, one of them is a long term effect and the other is a short term effect. The cancers apparently don't devlop until some twenty years after the initial exposure, so that's the long term effect. And indeed if there is any cancer problem that's going to show up from the McGregor spill, we wouldn't expect to see that until the year 2000. On the other hand, the short term effects would show up within nine months, because they would show up presumably in the children born to those people who might have been exposed. Now, whether this will happen or not nobody knows.

What do you think of the statement of Dow Chemical's toxicologist, Paul Gehring, who said and I quote, "Occasional exposure to relatively high concentrations of vinyl chloride gas represents neither a short term nor a long term hazard." Do you think that's a responsible statement?

No, but of course the industry has been playing these kinds of games as far as vinyl chloride is concerned for years. It was only after a great deal of pressure, primarily from the labour unions in the United States, that they were finally able to get the safe level, or the presumable safe levels of vinyl chloride in the work place down to what is considered to be an acceptable level. This took literally years of lobbying. Throughout the period of time people in the industry were insisting that exposure to 1500 milligrams per litre was not a particularly serious problem and we shouldn't worry about it. Well, the levels now in the U.S. are down to about three parts per million, by law, and that represents a very substantial reduction from the original amount. Industry consistently does this. It costs money to retool, to make changes that are going to bring down the levels of various toxic materials that are in the work place, and so they resist this. And the only time they seem to do it is when they're finally pressured into by governments. So I just find Gehring's statement to be consistent with the kind of responses that industrial spokesman have traditionally made.

What in your opinion is the highest safe level of exposure to vinyl chloride? Some U.S. authorities say one part per milion (ppm); Canadian authorities say five ppm. Whom do we believe?

Well, the acceptable levels at the moment in the U.S. since 1974 when the industry was finally pressured into accepting new limits for vinyl chloride, are three milligrams per cubic metre, which works out to about one ppm. That's the present standard for consistent exposure over an eight hour day in the U.S. The German Democratic Republic, East Germany, permits five hundred milligrams per cubic metre, and I consider that not to be a safe level. I think Sweden is always a good place to look to because they have an excellent record in terms of industrial safety, and concern about human health. In Sweden the limits since 1975 has been the same as in the U.S., one ppm. The Soviet Union has a standard of ten ppm., which is ten times higher than 1 think is probably safe. I'm inclined to go along with the existing U.S, limit for prolonged exposure of one ppm.

Manitoba's Environment Minister Warner Jorgenson said that the best course of action is to, quote, "leave it alone and let it dispearse into the atmosphere." What do yo think of this course of action, or inaction?

Well, I think that Warner Jorgenson ought to leave public statements alone...I think his handling of this situation is extremely inept, and while I don't expect Warner Jorgenson to be at all knowledgeable about the environment or very little else for that matter, it seems to me that he ought to be able to rely on people within his dept. to supply him with adequate information. I can't believe that his dept. is staffed by people who know nothing about the environment, but one is inclined to think that either they didn't tell him, or they didn't know, or he didn't listen. His handling of the whole situation I think was abominable.

How serious, then, do you think the whole vinyl chloride spill near McGregor really is?

I think whenever people are placed at risk because of situations like McGregor or what happened near Mississauga not too long ago–whenever these things happen I think they ought to be taken very seriously. And it's unfortunate government and industrial corporations and other people that bear the prime responsibility for dealing with these situations, respond only to crisis situations and assume that nothing is going to go wrong in the future. I think that's a bad way to deal with issues like the present one.

I'd like to see tougher legislation; I would like to see people trained in the proper handling of dangerous materials like this on standby. What we need for example is a kind of "SWAT" team, not designed to go out and kill people, but designed to go out and clean messes like that in McGregor and Mississuaga. And obviously the people who were sent to clean up the McGregor situation didn't know what they were doing, certainly didn't know what they were being exposed to, and I think that's an unfortunate situation. We need more than just "hot-box" detectors on railrdads, although that's certainly one important consideration. I think we need a whole lot more knowledge about the kinds of dangerous materials that we are exposed to everyday; and people who are prepared to deal with emergency situations like that, in terms of other gear and so on. And none of those things sure done of course. There ought to be a much clear demarcation of responsibility. Who really is responsible? Is it Dow Chemical's problem? Is it the railroad's problem? Is it the provincial government's problem? Is it the federal government's problem? All these things ought to be sorted out, and they certainly haven't been up to the present time.

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Under the Cover

The predictions are out . . . the 80's will bring more cheap talk and expensive prices. Are wage and price controls on their way back in? George Plumley (Conestoga College, Kitchener) has this to say and much more. Read it on the back page.

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Manitoba community college athletes have a good chance at getting back into the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association as long as they promise to follow the rules laid down by the CCAA. For more information see page 7.

As part of an overall government plan, Red River Community College is becoming more safety-conscious. For more interesting details, read all about it on page 3.

They kill beagles, don't they?

by Nancy Ross

(CUP)—"We owe to science a deeper understanding of the world, but there is nonetheless, a dark face to science." John Vyvyan, author of the Dark Side of Science.

Animals are raised in the dark to see what effects this will have upon their vision. The sexual behaviour of cats and rats are analyzed by removing their glands, nerrves and brain tissue. Beagles are used in military research for testing radioactive material, poisonous chemicals, nerve gas, and substances for germ warfare. Animals are blinded in testing cosmetics.

More and more people are asking, or should be asking whether live-animal experimentation is really necessary or whether at least is can be cut to a minimum.

Professors, animal caretakers and other researchers who involve themselves with experiments using animals assure the public that the research is important and should yield credible results. But one wonders if all of it is really necessray, especially those conducted by undergraduate students.

The student who reported the incident said that at the time it was kind of funny but when you think about it, it was kind of perverted.

Many students have heard reports of how animals have been misused in experimentation, especially at the under-graduate level.

One Dalhousie student reported how another student misused a rat, in a laboratory area. The rat was being trained in a maze which had grids through which electricity flowed. The student put the voltage up so that when the rat came in contact with the shock it would jump high above the maze as its muscles contracted. The student put plexi-glass on top of the maze so that when the rat jumped it would hit the glass. Eventually the rat convulsed and died of a heart attack.

One student attending St. Mary's University, who wished to remain anonymous, took a psychology course there which involved experimentation with rats. The students were to train the rats to press a lever on vaious schedules. They were told to feed the rats everyday. The student said that she, along wth several other students, felt it was a drag going everyday to feed the rat and felt it wasn't worth it. So, some of these students injected their rats with Lestoil causing them to die instantly rather than having to feed them. Other students just let their rats die.

It seems that this type of abuse has often occurred.

"Ask not can they talk or reason? Ask can they suffer?" said the English philosopher Jeremy Bentham.

Dr. Ronald Puccetti, a philosophy professor at Dalhousie, who is noted for his concern about the ways animals are used in experimentation said that due to modern reseearch it has been found that animals, even lower vertebrates, are capable of feeling pain.

They produce a hormone named enkephalon which is used to block feelings of pain. Human beings also produce this hormone and it has been found that other animals produce amounts equal to them in proportion to their body weight, said Puccetti. It is produced in the spinal cord in lower vertebrates and in the brain in higher species.

Today, in most experimentation involving animals, anaesthetic is now used bearing these findings in mind. But the question to ask according to Puccetti is whether the cold-blooded killing and mutation of animals which sometimes occurs is always serving a useful function in the pursuit of knowledge.

Puccetti also asks whether might is right. For example, he said, suppose some outer-terrestrial beings landed on earth and decided to experiment with human beings, would we think it was right?

Dr. Jim Love, in charge of the animal care centre at the Tupper building, said all the experiments which occurred there were monitored for pain. He said the amount of pain these animals experienced were cut to a minimum, unless it was pain that was being tested.

Dr. Love said that the cages these animals lived in were kept clean and that they were fed well. Some animals are now being bred in cages and will remain in them until they die or are killed. Animal lovers question the quality of life for a caged animal. But defenders of animal research say it is necessary.

Dr. Phil Dunham, chairman of the university animal care center in the Life Sciences Building said "a lot of time, effort and care go into the planning of the research animals will be involved in." There are some benefits to be derived from animal research and Dunham said there is no other way to obtain them.

This is exemplified by the research carried out by Dr. Cynadr, of the Psychology Department, with cats to study vision. He may suture an eye of a cat, raise a kitten in an environment without light, or place electrodes in their brain all of which he feels is justified if our knowledge of the human visual system is to be increased.

The discovery that it is extremely important to correct vision early if a child is born with crossed eyes or other visual defects was made largely through research with cats.

The majority of anti-vivisectionists, however, are not suggesting that all animal experiments be stopped, but simply that a large number are unnecessary.

Some experiments conducted by second, third, and fourth year students in psychology and other departments involved the implantation of electrodes by fitting a rat into head-holders and drilling a hole in its skull. If they miss the area they were drilling for, they will drill another hole into the skull. Once an electrode is firmly imbedded in the skull the rat can receive electric shocks through a wire attached to the electrode.

A student gave me a demonstration of this after he had implanted an electrode in the pleasure center of the rat's brain. He explained that if the rat was allowed to receive enough volts he would eventually go into convulsions.

Experiments such as this do not seem to be unveiling any new knowledge to mankind but are just providing students with material reports.

Another student reported that in an animal physiology class, the traditional way of killing a rat was grabbing it by the tail and swinging it up against a table so that its neck would break. But sometimes the students failed to kill the rat in their first attempt....

According to an article in the World Atlas Press Review, a few years ago in the U.K. five million experiment on live animals were conducted, of which 592,694 were experiments for non-medical purposes, to test such things as cosmetics, weed killers and household products. In the U.S. 63 million animals were used in just one year of which 85,000 were primates, 500,000 dogs, 200,000 cats, and 45 million rodents.

What bothers humane societies the most is that only a third of the experiments done on live animals are for medical research. Some experiments are of very little or no value.

Animals are often used for the testing of cosmetics. In one routine test, concentrated shampoo is dropped into the eyes of rabbits to see how much damage is done. Since rabbits have no tear ducts they have no way of washing out the irritant. The process often blinds them and always causes them intense suffering.

The exploitation of animals is universal. One may ask do they have rights? Of course they should.

There are powerful arguments to introduce the following measures recommended by the president of the International Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals:

An immediate ban on all experiments on live animals which cannot be shown to have relevance to the treatment or prevention of disease.

An immediate ban on the duplication or repetition of experiments.

An immediate ban on experiments where obvious or prolonged is likely to ensue.

An immediate ban on the use of animals where alternative non-animal techniques exist.

Also, the use of live animals in experimentation should be stopped in undergraduate programs. Chairman of Psychology Department, Dr. J. Fentress, said that one could argue for other methods of learning, especially at the 200 level rather than using animals. For example, implementation of more filmstrips, models of the brain, or live cellular structures could serve as alternatives.

Other psychology professors said that this topic was a sensitive area and involved tricky questions, I think, ones that should be thought about in an attempt to cut down on the number of useless experiments which mutilate and destroy life needlessly.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

North Gym
Thursday, June 26, 1980

Diploma Course Graduates
(Two-year courses)

Gowns - pick up at Orange Lecture Theater BEFORE 1 p.m.
Assemble 1 p.m., mall level, march in 1:30 p.m.

Certificate Course Graduates
(No gowns). Assemble 7 p.m., mall level. March in 7:30 p.m.

Each grad is to carry a name card. PLEASE limit your guests to TWO.

IMPORTANT: Diplomas/Certificates/Finaltranscripts will NOT be issued to grads with outstanding tuition fees/books/supplies/equipment.

Grads not attending the exercises will receive certificates or diplomas by mail - no pickups prmitted. Be sure your correct address is recorded in the registrar's office.

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College Update

Brian Angood
Director

RRCC leads in safety improvements

by Bill McLeod

A wide variety of safety improvements are occurring in the college as a direct result of the Workplace SAfety Act passed by the provincial government last year, according to college director Brian Angood.

Angood couldn't put a price tag on the cost of the improvements because they covered a wide spectrum, but he did say that many improvements were going to be made in fire safety. As a result of the Fire Commissioner's inspections and higher safety standards, fire drills will be held once a month starting next year.

The improvements being made at the college plus the safety legislation suggest that society is becoming more aware of health and safety, said Angood. He went on to say that even before the new legislation had been passed, Red River had a good safety record.

Angood mentioned one specific change, to be made in the dental hygiene area. A material used to make gums for dental plates is hazardous when used in an area without proper ventilation. Angood said that in this case, proper air circulation would be provided in the section.

'Because Red River Community College is a public institution, we should be an obvious model for the private sector,' he said. 'Red River graduates will always be current in health and education.'

According to government figures, one million workers were injured in 1978, 46% of whom suffered permanent or temporarily disabling injuries. Manpower Minister Ken McMaster said Canada's compensation bill reached an all-time record high of nearly one billion dollars in 1978. The Canada Center for Occupational Health and Safety estimates that the total combined costs from working injuries, illness, and fatalities could be as high as four billion dollars annually, McMaster said. 'That works out to $664 per household in Canada,' he continued.

The governments of Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan have all enacted legislation providing for a comprehensive and integrated system of law and administration for the safety, health and hygenic welfare of all working persons.

Angood feels that the college is one of the most up-to-date in health and safety in Canada and says that it will continue to stay that way to provide employers wwith workers who understand safety regulations.

Day care fee hikes bring mixed reactions

by Rick Myers

Extra security guards were summoned to the legislative building during a protest rally staged by the Coalition For Day Care two weeks ago.

The guards kept a close eye on the 300 wellbehaved parents and 40 young children who huddled in the cold around the steps of the legislature to protest the government's recent hike in day care fees.

When Community Services Minister George Minaker appeared to present the government's position on day care, the crowd responded with intrusive comments and resounding boos. He said that due to increased costs, day care fees had to be increased.

Last week Manitoba's government tabled their 1980 budget. Included was a hike in day care fees from $6.80 per day to $8.50, with centers having the option of charging parents an extra dollar. The $7,980 base income level for eligibility for subsidies was raised 8 per cent.

Approximately $4 million was made available for the expansion of day care spaces, lunch hour, and after-school programs. Also, the Child-Related Income Support Program was introduced to provide a maximum of $30 per child per month tax credit for low income famililes.

One protesting parent whose child's day care fee was not subsidized, said, 'I feel like I'm paying twice. I have to pay for those with subsidized day care through my taxes and then I have to pay for a separate day care for my child.'

A couple at the rally said they both have to work to afford mortgage payments on a new house and raise two children. They said that despite combined earnings of $20,000, they could only afford part time day care for one child.

Deb Blower, a child care instructor at Red River, said the day care fee increase is good for those subsizied persons not paying the increase. She said the increase was also good for day care centers since they have not had an increase in the last few years. However, she added, 'It's not the end of the funding that is needed.'

Ron Newman, Supervisor of Student Services and chairman of the RRCC day care center board, said he was satisfied with the government's day care budget package. He said that Red River's day care program had a projected deficit of $7,168, but with the increase the program will be running 'in the black'.

Newman said plans were being made to increase the number of spaces from 30 to 33 children in September.

'I'm quite happy to be able to pass on the benefits to the students of Red River,' he said.

RRCC Day Care, said, 'We are happy with the increase because we got what we needed and we are now able to operate within the increase.' The Day Care center was running a deficit earlier but will not charge parents the optional extra dollar since it won't be needed, Mines said. The day care fee icrease to $8.50 per day became effective April 28.

Mines pointed out that many of the parents were not affected by the increases since their fees were subsized. A clerical bookkeeping student who was subsidized for three quarters of her children's day care fees said her fees actually went down $30 per month due to the eight per cent increase in the eligible increase level. She also had high praises for the quality of Red River's day care services. 'They (the children) learn so much here, like anatomy, songs (58 of them), rights and wrongs, and babies,' she said.

An unsubsidized business administration student said she was satisfied with the day care service her child received. But, she added, she would have to start cutting back on other expenses due to the fee increase. She said she would have to start brown-bagging it to school rather than having a hot lunch in the cafeteria every day.

Howard Pawley, leader of the opposition, and lone Liberal MLA June Westbury said there was a need for further funding and standardization of day care in Manitoba. Pawley said his party was committed to ensuring that 'working people and single parents have adequatre day care so that they may enjoy their economic independence.' Westbury said, 'The only acceptable care is quality care.'

Community services critic and NDP MLA Russ Doern said Winnipeg alone needs $8 milion for health, education, and day care services. However, the government feels the building of highways is more important than education and day care, and they are only granting the city $1.5 million.

'There are obviously some shortages here,' he said.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Students' Association
COUNCIL MEETING

EVERYONE WELCOME

4:00 - D105
TONIGHT

Last chance to get your licks in.

Editorials

Be on the lookout . . .

by Patricia Myketa

How would you feel if there was a rapist loose in your neighbourhood and nobody warned you about it?

And then you're attacked.

Or what if there was a child molester on your block and nobody told you anything.

And your six-year-old doesn't come home from school one day.

Or what if there was a dangerous sexual offender lurking in your favorite community college, a person who has already victimized one innocent by-stander and is probably on the lookout for more, but nodoby gave you any warnings because they felt it would only provoke more of the same.

While the first two situations sound rather far-fetched, the third one isn't.

Students in the college, especially women, be warned. There is another nut case on the loose.

The nature of this person's activities need not be delved into here but suffice to say that they are sexually motivated and indecent. One woman has already fallen prey to these misdeeds and if the rest of us aren't careful, you never know when he'll strike next.

We here at The Projector were informed of this incident and we wanted to print a warning to our readers but would you believe that our efforts have been stymied?!

One of our reporters spent a greater part of last Wednesday tracking down information for a story about this incident but all he found himself up against was a pile of dead ends ten feet high.

It seems that no one in Security Services feels that any of this warrants being made public and they're sticking to their guns.

Chief of security Ernie Marion would not give The Projector so much as a hint of information because he doesn't want this publicized in the least. He feels that this sexual offender will only thrive on publicity and that a story in The Projector will only provoke more incidents of the same.

While he may have a point, it doesn't necessarily mean he's right.

Students and staff at Red River have a right to know what's going on, especially if there's a nut on the loose. We have to be warned so that we can take precautions we might not ordinarily take to prevent such an incident happening to us.

Staff and students invariably stay late at the college, whether for athletic events, course work, extra-curricular activities, whatever. We at The Projector work overtime one night a week, and if there's imminent danger waiting for me as I leave the office, I want to know about it.

In any event, though, BE CAREFUL. If you have to stay later than usual at the college, make sure you're with a friend. Have that friend with you if you're walking down the hallways, going out to the parking lot, and ESPECIALLY if you're waiting at the bus loop. Just don't go out alone when it's dark.

Avoid working alone in a classroom if you have stay after hours. There is safety in numbers and you are less likely to be accosted if you are with other people.

This sexual deviant likes to corner his victims when they are alone (for obvious reasons) so don't let yourself be caught like that.

But in the event that you are victimized, REPORT IT TO SECURITY IMMEDIATELY. Don't be afraid, and above all, don't feel self-conscious or embarrassed. You are reporting a crime.

You'll be doing a lot to help arrest this person, whether you feel like you're helping the situation by reporting it or not.

This is all we have to give you right now.

Forewarned is forearmed.

Be careful.

None of your Business but ...

by Gino Socio

It was late Wednesday night. Stories for The Projector were due Tuesday at high noon. But there was this large blank space occupying the area formerly held by Bob Armstrong and his column None Of Your Business But . . . Where was Bob Armstrong?

We found him later, a caesar in one hand, an empty pill bottle conspicuously hidden in his shirt pocket, and a camera in the other hand. He was trying to explain the workings of the camera to a fellow student as he held the camera up to his eye. 'And this is how you focus it. Jeez, it's night-time already.'

'Where is our None Of Your Business But . . . for this week, Bob?'

He didn't answer, so we resorted to drastic measures. But interrogation under a hot lamp didn't work either. We finally got a word out of him when we started to flog him. 'More, more, more! I love it.'

After professional psychoanalysis, one of three possibilities came out as to the lack of a None Of Your Business But . . . for this week. Choose one.

(a) Bob was pissed off because someone had altered his last story for no good reason at all. There were only students in his story, no rodents, except for the rat that changed the copy.

(b) Bob was pissed off because his right-hand man, Rod Reel, went off and married The Projector's CUP&Features Editor Penni Mitchell. It was obvious that despite Bob's cool-headed approach to the news of the marriage, he was actualy jealous.

(c) Bob had a lot of homework this week and couldn't find the time to write his column.

'That's a likely story, Bob. Give him 20 more lashes. Maybe that'll teach him.'

'Excuse me, but could you make that 40 lashes, and could you add a little salt please?'

It all seemed hopeless. A group of Projector editors and journalists sat in the corner of the office tossing out ideas about what to do with Bob's empty space. Our eyes were red-veined and our vision was rather blurry as the sun began to peek over the horizon.

'I know,' said Shirley the Entertainment Editor. 'The Gross National Product for Portugal in 1968 was 187,037,885.1.'

'I've got it,' said Scoop the News Editor.

'Is it contagious?'

'No no no. Why don't we run a big glossy picture of me in that space?' said Bill.

'Off with his head!' screamed Shirley the Managing Editor.

Frain the new Music Critic suggested that we eliminate the editorial column and run a full page feature on the Knack, his favorite band.

'Off with his head!' screamed Pat the Editor.

Some stunned bunny (okay, it was me) suggested that we write the None Of Your Business But . . . column ourselves. Those are big booties to fill but we decided to give it a try.

We all sat around in a circle, hands joined, holding a brainstorming session. Bill passes around the hay and the holstein hormones.

We're all normal journalists. We don't wear Nike running shoes but we do chew our cuds 100 times per side. See, we all have this secret urge inside of us. We don't discuss these inner feelings with our friends or family but within our little group nobody withholds any secrets, urges, or whims.

See, we all want to be Holstein cows.

Stan Myketa, center of left and captain of The Projector lacrosse team, said, 'Haven't we done something like that before?'

It became a serious mater when we first started our year here at Red River. Our palms were sweating. It was time for the 10-to-12 moo-call. Sure, it all started out as a joke way back in Grade One and most of us outgrow those childish whims, but for some of us it became a manifestation. 'I want to become a Holstein.'

Said Stan, 'Sorry, but that's been done before. Remember the guy who thought he was a horse?'

It figures. Bob always comes up with the good ideas first. (What we've been writing so far has all the social significance of wet chest hair.)

Bill reminded us all about 'No No Nanette' and we all sat back, spilling a little coffee as we did, mooing.

'Well, it was a giggle,' said Bill.

Laughing, his head snaps back and makes this crackling sound, like gaffed bonitos. He flopped around the floor for about three minutes and then his eyes started to dilate. His skin started to turn green. It's the Hulk. No, his skin started to turn pink again. It's . . .

No, it was too icky to watch so we turned our backs, mooed, and whisked our tails.

When we turned around again, Bill was no longer there. In his place now was standing Bob Armstrong (well, they do look alike).

Bob has returned.

He stood there austerly. In his left hand he held a caesar. His camera hung heavily around his neck and the empty pill bottle was still hidden conspicuously in his shirt pocket.

But his right hand was twitching as if his fingers were hitting the keys to his typewriter. Bob has returned to us. We won't have to print this piece of dung. Bob is going to write a None Of Your Business But . . . column this week.

Speak to us, Bob!

'BB-ugh, ugh, ughh.'

'Can you translate that?' asked Fraino.

'BBl-ugh, ugh, ughhhh-bl, ugh.'

Well, it looks like Bob is going to need a little help. Maybe he'll be back next week. Not that he makes much more sense than I do.

Well, Cap'n Jack, Anita Bryant, Hunter S., Bob, it's been swell. This is Gino Socio, my hero, signing off.

Stay tuned til next week when we eat Potato Man (sour cream and onion flavor).

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If you think guinea pig owning is something, do I have a surprise for you. While browsing in our innocent-looking library I came across a book, a Canadian book no less, that is about a woman and a bear. Now you may ask what is a good, wholesome Canadian doing writing about the relationship of a woman and a bear. Some say it is a reflection of Canadian identity, in which case we're in a lot of trouble. Zoologists predict there just isn't enough bears to go around for all of us. Alas, Canada continued unidentified.

Mail box

Dear Editor:

In response to comments printed in the last Projector issue, **should election results in Red River Community College be made public?**

Every person at the last student council meeting supported a motion to make the election results (numbers) public. I was the only one to ask **why**.

Dave Church came up with the flimsy excuse 'The people want to know how their area voted.' Why don't we just get all the voters into the South gym on election day and elect by 'raising hands'.

Why should the number of votes a person gets be of any significance to a student? The candidate takes office if he won by one vote or by 1,000 votes. Never was it considered that a candidate could be embarrassed just because a few students (who probably didn't vote) wanted to compare the results.

Most people I asked couldn't care less who wins the election so why is student council worried about publishing the numbers?

Timothy Tymko

Comment

Student aid is no bed of roses

by Charlene Dion

Some people are of the limited opinion that people who receive student loans become independently wealthy overnight, drop into classes when they have nothing better to do and either drink alcoholic beverages or sleep the remaining time and taxpayer's money away.

Let yourself be informed. In the official student loan application there is one guide book on the Canada Students Loan Program, one informative brochure, the application itself, an extra envelope and one handy cookbook entitled "One Hundred and One Ways to Recook Fried Macaroni."

The MAXIMUM amount of money allotted is eighteen hundred dollars annually. Yearly tuition costs run close to three hundred dollars, textbooks about two hundred and fifty dollars, typing paper, notebooks, pens etc., one hundred dollars, transportation costs, which means monthly bus passes, one hundred and forty dollars. Already this totals seven hundred and ninety dollars, excluding luxury items like food, shelter and clothing. If you're into social evenings, forget it, unless you have a rich friend willing to contribute to a worthy charity.

So...why not make some extra money? Okay, but how? Attending school five days a week and doing homework at night gives you every opportunity in the world to seek part-time employment. Well...how about a boarder? Good idea! Charge fifty dollars a month for your spare room—a rollaway cot in the closet.

A person who receives financial assistance from the student loans branch must report any extra income. The income now stands reported. The office thinks that a boarder is a good idea too. Of course they'll have to take ninety percent of your additional income. After all, Tommy Taxpayer will get very upset if he thinks these independently wealthy students are making extra money; that's positively un-Canadian; it goes against everyting this country stands for.

Rent prices go up, food and clothing costs sky-rocket, tuition fees are steadily increasing, transportation costs excell and what are you doing in school when you could be writing textbooks at twenty bucks a crack? The maximum amount of money allotted for student loans remains the same. Who cares? Have a few friends over; get them to bring their own food and beverages, maybe a couple of extra chairs too. What are friends for anyway?

To be eligible for a student loan you must demonstrate "financial need." This need can be demonstrated by panhandling outside the Student Loan office or by informing the office of each and every penny the applicant happened to come across the preceding year.

The application also asks very impersonal questions so as not to offend anyone; are you married, divorced, shacked up? How much money does your daddy make? What childhood diseases did you have? Did you ever have a lemonade stand? If so, please indicate the stand's gross income and record it on your application. Please allow six months before acceptance or rejection of your application.

Student loans do provide the province and the country with a very necessary service, but the misconceptions about the large amount of taxpayer's money given to students and the students' uncanny ability to abuse their allotted funds are indeed, gross exaggerations.

Equality takes a step backward

by Penni Mitchell

Many Winnipeg women claiming to be liberationists have been jumping up and down in apparent triumph lately.

So, what's all the fuss about?

Male Strippers. Ever since four Winnipeg establishments (The Golden Oak, Osborne Village Motor Inn, The Swinging Gate and Georgies) opened their doors to entertainment "for women only", the nouveau strip joints have been enjoying tremendous profits and business is booming.

Male Exotic dancers. At first glimpse, (if you dare) the long awaited come-back for women to the exploitations they have suffered. The if-they-cando-it-we-can-do-it"school of thought, whose list of accomplishments includes absolutely nothing. No yards gained.

Exotic dancers of the second kind will in no size, shape or form (no matter how tempting) perpetuate the liberation of women, in Winnipeg, or anywhere else on this sexually-divided planet.

Hundreds of screaming women, taunting their most illusive cat-calls to these gyrating objects of desire ARE demonstrating, that's for sure.

But by slinking down to the regressive practices of their fellow exploiters—men—women are demonstrating only that they can perpetuate stereotypes too. Mutual exploitation is no more than a slap in the face to men for slapping women in the face. It's the one step ahead of name-calling and one step further away from liberation.

In order for women to free themselves of the sexual stereotyping they are struggling to destroy, women must take one step — ahead.

Regression is not the answer. As long as women, in the name of feminism, find equality in reducing men to—yes, you've heard it before—a piece of meat, equality remains undefined and therefore unattainable.

It also remains undenied, however, that acquiring a sense of power assertion must be gained by women. This power, begins with a strong self-concept and growing self-esteem, that forms a personal power base. According to Karen Claus and Jane Baily, authors of "Power and Influence in Health care; A new Approach to Leadership", personal power can be spent up when not allowed access to socially interactive releases.

Women have just, in the last ten years, begun to organize in labour unions. This gives them power and respectability as well as bargaining authority, in the REAL WORLD.

By attending these establishments, with solely women clientelle (some actually have sexual restrictions), it may be argued that women, in the name of gaining power, are being socially interactive and taking a step toward gaining this power they so desperately need.

It's too bad, and not much fun either, but a congregation of cat-callers is not quite what the doctor ordered.

When a select few of Canada's 145,000 women workers, at 7,000 bank branches belong to organized labour unions, there is much work still to be done before reaping the benefits of mutual exploitation. So what does this have to do with watching male strippers?

Singly, not much. Collectively and in the name of liberation—EVERYTHING. The truth always hurts and the truth is this.

Although women have the gusto to publicly acclaim having sexual feelings, they are still, in the long run, flat on their backs. Until more progressive actions than stereotyping men as sex objects can be taken by women in the name of "freedom," woman remains a passive partner in matchmaking, loving, family economic decisions and labour market strategies—forfeiting her assertion and pride.

And the idea is nothing new either. As an answer to men's persistence in exploiting women in the same fashion, the argument holds even less water. The demand by men, for female strippers has been on the steady decline in recent years. Men just aren't going to strippers in herds, like they used to. One can only assume this is because the establishments weren't showing much profit. The basis of consumerism is a reflection of supply and demand.

Although women have equalled men in playing the "Superior Sex" game, this display of ignorance will continue for a short time and then pass.

Male exotic dancers will in time come to be one of the passing fads of the decadent eighties. Men stereotypical conditionings were a result of their family and cultural upbringings and their related influences. Sadly, they believed, subconsciously or otherwise, that women were sex objects and they have perpetuated this myth by supporting the market for female strippers, until recently. Women are mimicking men's behaviour in the name of liberation, but lack the brainwashing men were subject to. Men have been struggling to free themselves from the "macho" roles they have been expected to fulfill and as a step in men's liberation are ready to admit they don't get such a kick out of being macho. They've shown us that by leaving empty chairs in Winnipeg's strip joints, an action that is worthy of congratulations and encouragement by women, not by "evening up the score" in the name of women's liberation.

A point of interest to the women who perpetuate this lucrative market with their presence in the name of equality is this: Although women are just as good at jeering naked men as men are at jeering naked women, the differences in the strippers aren't so obvious (even though they may seem extraneous). The men who show all for the women's pleasures are being paid three and four times the amount their women counterparts bring in. That's equality for you.

Applications for Student Aid are now available at the Student Aid office, room C-116. Students should submit their applications before mid-June in order to receive their notification before the start of classes in September. Any students requiring assistance in completing their application should contact the Student Aid office, room C-116.

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Entertainment

Fear and Loathing at Grant Park Cinema

by Bob Armstrong

Where the Buffalo Roam opens with Bill Murray as Hunter S. Thompson sitting behind a desk in his Woody Creek, Colorado home typing a story about his old friend Karl Lazlo (Oscar Acosta, aka the Brown Buffalo in real life) played by Peter Boyle.

Murray is wearing a Hawaii tourist shirt, down skiers' vest, and a Welcome to Las Vegas sun visor. He is drinking Wild Turkey bourbon by the highball glassful. He is muttering obscenities, and when his Xerox Telecopier starts beeping for him to send another page to the editors of the San Fransisco-based Blast Magazine (Rolling Stone), he screams, swears, and whips out his .44 magnum revolver.

Murray, as Gonzo journalist Thompson, is suitably manic, with a nice touch of paranoia and violence. For someone whose only previous movie was Meatballs, he does an admirable job of playing a madman-genius.

But as the movie continues, flaws begin to show up in the screenplay.

Where the Buffalo Roam is "based on the twisted legend of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson," and is about the relationship between Thompson and his pal Oscar Acosta (Karl Lazlo). Acosta was a Chicano lawyer and an outspoken activist for Chicano rights in Los Angeles in the late sixties and early seventies. Thompson immortalized Acosta in his book Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, where the author's 330-pound Samoan attorney, not named in the book, tells Thompson "as your attorney, I advise you to take some of that acid."

But Oscar Acosta disappeared in 1972, and five years later, Thompson, in a Rolling Stone article "The Banshee Screa for Buffalo Meat" told the sto of their friendship.

Where the Buffalo Roam is based on that story, but it only tells half of it.

Murray as Thompson looks back on the good old days, in 1968, when Karl Lazlo-Oscar Acosta (played by Peter Boyle) was a lawyer, defending hippies against unjust drug laws.

Thompson is working on a story about Lazlo for the fledgling underground Blast magazine. After a crazy courtroom scene, where Thompson is taking notes and Lazlo is trying to defend the kids charged with possession, Thompson gets his story into the magazine hours before the presses start rolling.

Throughout the movie, Thompson is working for Blast magazine. The changes it goes through from 1968 to 1972 sum up the changes the 60's counter-cuture went through. Marty, the editor of the magazine, is a character patterned after Jann Wenner of Rolling Stone. Starting out as an idealistic young journalist he ends up a golf-playing, suit-wearing, Scotch-drinking businessman.

Thompson runs into Lazlo at the 1972 Superbowl and on the 1972 Presidential Campaign. They have some crazy adventures, some of which actually happened, but nowhere does the movie examine the relationship between Lazlo and Thompson. The movie shows them as drinking, dope-smoking, acid-dropping clowns.

The makers of *Where the Buffalo Roam* knew what they were doing when they made this movie. They hired Bill Murray because they knew he would draw millions to see the movie.

They also knew the majority of the audience would be people who had seen Murray on Saturday Night Live, but had never heard of Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas. They knew that the audience would not care about Hunter Thompson, the writer, and certainly would not care about Thompson's political or social observations.

It's a funny movie. The interaction between Boyle and Murray is fast-paced and full of good one-liners and outrageous scenes. Murray's encounters with editors, hotel bellboys, campaign reporters and the President of the United States are funny, but don't expect it to the complete Hunter S. Thompson story. The movie serves as a good introduction of Hunter Thompson's Gonzo journalism.

For those of us who are Hunter S. Thompson scholars, the movie is a bit of a disappointment. It doesn't take the viewer into the heart and mind of the Gonzo journalist any better than does the Doonesbury character Duke, who is also patterned after Thompson.

But maybe the movie will make people who wouldn't otherwise read his books get into copies of Fear and Loathing or his anthology, The Great Sha4k Hunt. If the movie does that, it will have accomplished something.

Canadian humor: alive and well

by Dan Tervoort

The spirit of Canadian humor is alive and doing quite well, thank you.

Mediocre material, media indifference and audience apathy had appeared, for a time, to have killed it off for good. Happily there is a quintet of quite-insane young men who have prevailed against these overwhelming odds and kept the fires of laughter burning.

Yuks Yuks they're called.

Yuks Yuks, a Toronto-based comedy troupe, played to a very enthusiastic Winnipeg crowd at their final show at the Festival Cinema last Wednesday. The two planned performances were sold out and the show was held over two more times. If the response they received from Winnipeg is any indication of their universal appeal, they will go far indeed.

Tony Molesworth, comic and juggler extraordinaire, acted as MC filling in the spaces between acts with some light-hearted fun. Molesworth juggled everything from apples to sabres to balloons to his friend Jake the Ball (Molesworth is also an accomplished ventriloquist).

The first act up was Larry Horowitz who set the basic tone of the show. Horowitz systematically ridiculed television commercials ("How about that bra commercial with the woman wearing her bra outside her sweater? It's like me wearing a jockstrap over my jeans.") and American attitudes of Canadians ("I feel guilty watching American weather reports. They always complain of 'COLD GUSTS OF WINTER AIR COMING FROM CANADA DISTURBING OUR GOOD OLD AMERICAN WARM FRONT'")

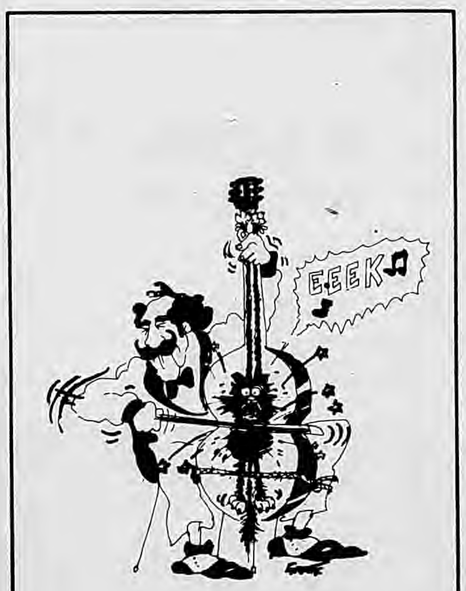
Following Horowitz was Lou Dinos who came off as "the Greek Steve Martin" complete with a spatula sticking through his head. "It's tough at Greek kids' birthday parties," Dinos explains, "I really hated bobbing for french fries." He also related his scholastic experiences ("If you couldn't spell a word teachers always told you to look it up in the dictionary. I spent 3 years looking up 'pneumonia'. Who'd have guessed it was under 'p'") and told of his trouble with names ("Who was to know John and Jack were the same person? In a biography of JFK John was born, John grew up, Jack went to war...Who is Jack?")

Third up was Lawrence Morgenstern whose material focused mainly on old TV shows—Leave it to Beaver("Guess what Dad? Wally got Mary Jane pregnant." "Is that true Wally?") Twilight Zone ("If we brought this show back we'd need some really WEIRD plots like: 'I just pulled into this gas station for a road map and this guy checked my oil, put air in my tires, washed my windows and gave me a 49 cent tumbler. I must be in...The Twilight Zone and feminine hygiene commercials ("I'm just getting tired of seeing women's problems splashed all over the screen").

But the main attraction turned out to be the incomparable Mike MacDonald. After a series of hilarious treatments of going to the bathroom in the woods ("There's a butterfly guys. Let's get him!") and waiting for buses in the winter ("Please let a bus come by soon. I'll pay double fare. Pleeeeassse.") MacDonald launched into an amazing recreation of one of his childhood fantasies. With tennis racket in hand MacDonald leaped and cavorted across the stage in his guise of a punk rock guitarist. He plays the meanest tennis racket this side of Jimmy Conners.

The closest thing to a flaw in the show was, perhaps, the too-similar material each performer used. Each act used school jokes, parents jokes, TV jokes, car jokes and drug jokes as part of it's material. A little more diversity of acts (MacDonald proved to be the only different act of the night) would not have hurt the show at all. However, this is a minor qualm and in no way made the show le funny.

For about the same price as a movie, this "Komedy Kabaret" produced about twice the entertainment. Hopefully the appreciative response the Yuk Yuks received will serve as an impetus for them to return soon. We can all use the laughs.



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Sports

Manitoba back in CCAA?

by Leslie Nielsen

With a little luck, Manitoba may be able to get back into the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association next year. According to Roy Pollock, head of the Phys. Ed. department, the fate of Manitoba Athletic Leagues will be determined, on June 15, at the Annual CCAA meeting in Kelowna, B.C.

Pollock says the reason Manitoba was withdrawn from the Association was not that its teams were inadequate, but that Manitoba didn't have a bona fide constitution.

He said Manitoba didn't have a constitution or bylaws, and wasn't sending any representatives to the CCAA meetings.

Pollock said the reason they hadn't been sending a representative to the meetings was because the last time someone from Manitoba prepared to go to the meeting, the government refused to answer them about the grant. The next year the CCAA complained that the plane fare was sitting in front of them all the time. None of the Manitoba colleges were aware of this.

He said he has gone to two meetings, and those were the only two that had been attended in about six years.

"Personally, I don't see how formal bylaws and constitutions are going to make a league better," said Pollock. "I don't see it as a benefit to the students." He said if the prime purpose of sports is to serve the student needs, then high priced help isn't necessary, since the students are hardly ever affected by it.

Pollock said the chances of getting back in the CCAA are very good, since Manitoba has now written a constitution and a set of bylaws. They have also agreed to sent at least one representative to every meeting.

Joe DiCurzio and Gordon Muir—present and future sports directors will be attending the conference in June, as well as two representatives from Brandon and the Pas, and Jim Goodrich, Provincial President of the Manitoba Colleges and Athletic Associations.

4-West losing members rapidly

by Leslie Nielsen

By the looks of what was discussed at the last Annual 4-West meeting, hosted by RRCC, curling and badminton are the only sports left in the 4-West championships.

According to Roy Pollock, head of the Phys. Ed. department, all other sports are eligible to compete at the national level and therefore cannot participate in 4-West. Badminton may also be able to compete in the nationals next year.

"This would only leave curling," he said, "and I'm not even sure 4-West championships would be continued with only one team competing."

During the conference, members discussed the possibility of adding more sports to the 4-West Championships.

Cross country running and soccer were two sports that were suggested.

Housekeeping and financial issues were also discussed at the meeting. The annual budget for 1980-81 will be roughly the same as the budget for last year.

The college of New Caledonia in Prince George, B.C. will be hosting the curling competition next year, and Caribou College at Kamloops, B.C. will be hosting badminton.

Intramural golf tournament

The intramural student golf tournament will be held this Friday, May 23, at Blumberg Public Golf Course (Highway No. 1, just west of the Perimeter).

The tournament includes both a men's and women's section with separate awards. Prizes will be given for low gross, low net, and high and low hidden holes.

Students may organize their own foursomes, threesomes or pairs. All score cards must be attested by an opponent and turned into the North Gym Equipment Counter by 3 p.m. Monday to be eligible for the prizes.

For any further information, contact Jack Kaplan in the North Gym.

physical education department, but students are responsible for providing their own clubs and balls.

A registration fee of $1.00 will be charged to cover the cost of prizes.

Students must register at the North Gym Equipment Counter not later than 4 p.m. Thursday, May 22.

The Manitoba Marathon: it's for all ages

by Leslie Carey

If you've got running shoes and you like to run, the upcoming Manitoba Marathon is a good event to get involved in.

The Marathon, which took place for the first time last year, attracted 4,700 participants from 13 countries, 18 states, and 9 provinces. It also happens to be the largest marathon held in Canada.

But the best thing about the marathon is that it's just as much for the inexperienced runners as it is for the pros. Novice runners can leave the marthon course any time they wish because of the unique system of exits developed. It allows the runners to finish the race at their own pace.

The marathon is open to all ages, and youths under the age of 15 years run non-competitively.

It's strongly recommended that all novice runners have a complete medical check-up before entering.

Age classifications for the competitive runners are as follows: 15-16, 17-19, 20-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70-plus.

Various awards are given out at the end of the marathon. The marathon champion receives the Mayor Steen Memorial Trophy, the Premier's Trophy goes to the top female runner, the Lieutenant-Governor's Trophy is awarded to the North American Masters Champion, the top runner from Manitoba is given the Province of Manitoba Trophy, the team championship received the City of Winnipeg Trophy, and the Sargeant Cup goes to the wheelchair champion.

The most important part of the marathon is the course itself. The 26-mile, 385-yard course winds its way through Winnipeg streets, the majority of which have a lot of shade.

The marathon starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends at the University of Manitoba. A 'recovery area' is provided where completed marathoners go to collapse, pass out, or whatever else you do after completing a grueling 26 miles.

Positioned at various points along the course will be available medical help and refreshments. If a runner should drop out of the race, transportation will be provided back to the stadium.

The most important aspect of the marathon must not be forgotten, however. Programs for the mentally retarded throughout the province urgently require funds, and that's what the marathon is all about.

So on June 15, dig out that old pair of sneakers you have lying around and run a mile or two. It's for a good cause

1980 Manitoba Marathon In Aid of the Mentally Retarded

The hosting of an event which has seven to ten thousand participants rests primarily on the volunteer. For June 15, 1980, we require about 2,000 such volunteers to help in various capacities. Every committee and duty is vital to the Marathon as a whole. There is no such thing as an unimportant position.

Marathon duties range from working a few hours on race day to being on a technical committee and getting involved for 3 to 6 months.

EACH COMMITTEE REQUIRES YOUR HELP!

Some examples of areas you may want to help include:
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Security
'Huggers' at finish line
Setting up equipment and signs
Results center, and many others

If you have a preference, please use question #8 on the Volunteer Application Form.

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All application forms must be returned to the SA office by May 23, 1980.

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