A W O R D  F R O M  T H E  E D I T O R

So many people ask the question "What is a Community College?" that perhaps it is appropriate to make a comment as we approach the end of another school year. But before your hopes get too high let me say that space is not available in this issue or even in several issues to adequately answer the above question. Community Colleges have different objectives in different provinces as well as in our neighbour to the South. It is therefore difficult to compose a short paragraph that clearly defines what a Community College is. Consider the difference between the C.E.G.E.P.'s of Quebec, the CATT's of Ontario the Institutes of Technology and junior colleges that exist almost side by side in other provinces and one begins to see the variety of purposes that private and public organizations had when such centres of learning were conceived. Some people think of a Community College as being an extension of high school, a sophisticated trade school, another kind of institute of technology or even an un-university. These very comparisons indicate the range of the level of instruction at which people perceive the community college to operate. It is obvious that there is a great need to reach many people in business, industry and education in all walks of life to inform them of the goals of such a college. While this situation exists all over North America, it is particularly important that every effort be made to get the message to Manitobans. Many people seem to be aware of the courses we offer but there is considerable evidence that many (even some of our own staff) are unaware of what we are or where we think we should be going.

All people should have the right to a good education, suitable training, the opportunity for self-fulfillment, and the privilege of contributing, as a citizen, to the economic development of the country in which they live.

Somewhere back in the early concept of the community college movement someone felt that there should be an opportunity for people so inclined regardless of color, race, creed or economic circumstance to have the opportunity for that type of fulfillment. Obviously no one institution can be all things to all people. Development has to take place.

The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.
Changes have to be made as the need arises. With these things in mind we can make some generalizations.

Firstly, the community college is a post-secondary institution, non-degree granting, accepting applicants with varying degrees of academic accomplishment into courses that may be either academic or vocational in nature.

Secondly, they are intended to be responsive to the needs of the industrial and business community by providing educational upgrading or vocational training at various levels on or off campus as required by individuals or groups to maintain or improve their position in the community.

Thirdly, the community college should be anticipating the advances in business and industry, especially those in the locale that the College serves, and providing trained personnel at the time they will be required.

This is only a part of what we are.

Many thousands of people in Manitoba know what we are doing and accomplishing now. Perhaps it is timely to ponder on what the future may bring. There will likely be some trend toward more part time students where people work part time and train or re-train part time. There will likely be an increase in short off-campus courses operated to meet the requirements of small rural communities. In effect the college will go more to the community to provide training there than it has done in the past. This is already evident at KCC but will most likely occur at ACC and RRCC to varying degrees. College facilities will be used an increasing amount by outside groups to make it more truly a community college. This is what its all about, being flexible enough to meet the needs of individuals or groups within the sphere of operation of the College at the post-secondary level at a reasonable cost and within a reasonably short time. One of the greatest difficulties they face is in establishing an image as a dynamic, responsive and unique post-secondary institution that is an integral part of the community and the people where it is located.

GRADUATION NEWS

The (one year) certificate graduation will take place in the North Gym, Thursday June 27 starting at 1:00 p.m. Students will assemble at 12:30 p.m.

The (two year) diploma graduation will begin at the same time in the same place on Friday June 28 and will be characterized by the wearing of gowns.

Both graduations will be chaired by Mr. Talbot and Bob Baergen will sing "O Canada" accompanied by John Green on the organ.

There are 1500 potential graduates in the certificate program with 747 in the diploma program.

Instructional staff are encouraged to attend the graduation which will be followed by a buffet luncheon in the Tower Lounge area.

Nothing is quite so annoying as to have someone go right on talking when you're interrupting.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The College was saddened to hear of the passing of Gordon Dunn's father. Condolences go out to the Dunn Family.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Teacher Education is offering an extra course in Audio Visual Aids In Teaching from July 29 to August 13, 1974. Classes will be from 8:15 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. There are a few vacancies available in this class. If you're interested please call the Teacher Education Office at local 222.

All notices regarding summer school will be mailed by June 5, 1974.

Bob had another idea -- and it worked.

Last fall the local postal authorities were contacted with respect to obtaining a Canada post office box on Campus. A representative of the Post Office visited the College and explained why it was not possible to have same. Among the reasons were that it was not Postal Office policy to establish boxes on private property unless there was a postal substation.

Bob Barr of the instructional staff wrote to the Postmaster General and the following letter was received:

Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C OKO
May 8, 1974

Mr. Robert M. Barr,
57 Cordova Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
R3N O29

RE: MINISTERIAL 8049 - MAIL RECEPTACLE - RED RIVER COLLEGE

Dear Mr. Barr:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of April 19, 1974 addressed to the Postmaster General concerning mailing facilities at Red River Community College.

I am pleased to inform you that a survey in that area has been made and a street letter box will be established as requested.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention.

L. Macauley,
Manager Customer Service,
Manitoba Postal District.
ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D)

We now have a post office box located in front of the bus loop. Thanx Bob.

R.H. Newman

Beginning with this edition we are starting a "Letters To The Editor" column. We prefer to receive letters that are signed and such correspondence should be addressed to The Editor, RRCC News, C719.

Editor, Red River Community College News

Dear Sir:

We receive copies of your interesting and informative Newsletter at Assiniboine. I find the publication to be a vital source of "news" about your fine institution, its staff and its activities.

However, I do have one complaint that has become downright irksome. Will you please omit your cute barbs concerning the females? At least you should attempt equal coverage for males or strive for neutrality.

Yours truly,
Carole Shoup

Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned, wish to make a complaint regarding the appearance of sexist "jokes" in recent issues of the Red River Community College News. We feel it is unnecessary, discriminatory, and demeaning to publish such comments in a paper which is meant to inform and entertain workers in an institution which is well supported by a population of both men and women.

We, therefore, request that in future if "humour" is to be a part of the Red River Community College News, that such "humour" be non-sexist -- that it be person-oriented and not women - or men-oriented.

In closing, we would like to point out that...

... When a person lowers his voice, he wants something; when he raises his voice, he didn't get it.

... Some people are weak in punctuation. They never know when to stop.

... Some people are always trying to put on weight, take it off, or re-arrange it.

Yours in human rights,

Marlene Drury          Elizabeth Podosky          Sherry Ventnor
Connie Wickstrom       Jane Botting           Bobbie Enns
Anne Giesbrecht        Diane Tyler            Ida Cunningham
Bernice Stobbs

The best way to forget your own problem is to help someone solve theirs.
EDITOR'S NOTE

Apologies of the editor are extended to those offended by the "one liner" funnies at the bottom of the Newsletter. These "one liners" were obtained from a variety of sources and certainly not intended to offend anyone.

ANSWER TO YARDMASTER'S PROBLEM

Shunt P to A
Connect Q to P and bring to D together
Disconnect Q and take to A - then take down to B
Pick up P and take to C.

Answers to

"Puzzles to Puzzle You"

1. Write the numbers 1 9 2 like this: 3 8 4
   5 7 6

2. One of the women is the grandmother, and her two daughters are the mothers of the other four daughters. So there are seven of them altogether.

3. The doctor in Toronto was a lady doctor — so she was the sister, and not the brother, of the lawyer in Calgary.

4. Push the cork into the bottle, and shake out the dime.

5. The farmer arranged the twelve long fences in the shape of six joined-up triangles. Then he used the six short fences to divide each triangle into two, like this:

6. Write the seven 4’s in this way:
   44 ÷ 4 ÷ 4 ÷ 4 + 4 = 100.

7. Put a finger of your right hand on "B" to prevent it from moving. Then with your left hand shoot "A" against "B," thus causing "C" to move away. Now "A" can be moved into the vacant position.

8. Thirty percent of the population speak both languages.

9. Draw the four straight lines through all nine dots by extending two lines outside the area.

10. The dotted line represents the new pool twice the size.

Those who have interesting puzzles are requested to forward to the Editor, RRCC News C719.

You never get a second chance to make a good first impression.
NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Chanrawatie Balkissoon
Keypunch Operator
Computer Centre

Peter Hiebert
Storekeeper I
Supply Section

Walter Monkman
Draftsman
A/V

PURCHASING PATTERN

Just a reminder to make sure you order your calendar pads and diaries early this year. The forms are available from our office.

In order to help you order the correct pads, this information may be of some help. The number shown on your pad will be either:

- Ideal Pads
- Jumbo Pads
- Jubilee Pads
- Everyday Pads

or

#W190
#W170
#W5803
#W5803MH

Please place your order by using either one or the other. We are currently on flex hours for the summer months. To give you better service, you can call on us from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. until August 30, 1974.

It isn't the ice that makes people slip; it's what they mix with it.
PURCHASING PATTER (CONT'D)

We are experiencing a problem on the cost estimates provided on E.P.O'S. The estimated cost is running lower than the actual cost by approximately 20% on each order. The commitment system has control features included which necessitates a manual check on each of these vouchers to guard against duplicate payments. If each of us were to give accurate estimates based on the current prices available from suppliers, we could reduce this check to next to nothing.

Our commitment system can only be as good as you and I are willing to make it.

G. Anderson

COLLEGE EVALUATING VIDEO HARDWARE

The Educational Support Services of the College are presently considering purchase of video equipment for individualized instruction. Two Panasonic models, a 1/2 inch cartridge recorder and a 3/4 inch cassette player, are now in the LRC on a trial basis (in the study carrels just outside the Audiovisual Distribution Section). Students and instructors are invited to try them out -- the tapes are available from the AV Distribution desk. Both models are fully automatic, with push button control, and equipped with headphones for volume -- directions for use will be posted by the machines.

Educational video tapes, whether R.R.C.C. or commercially produced, offer a wealth of instructional material. This equipment will make them available for individual use. Please help us determine which model will serve our purposes best and pass your comments on to the Media Librarian (Lucille Warren, extension 233) or call her for more information.

WHY WORRY

There are only two things to worry about,
Either you are well or you are sick;
If you are well there is nothing to worry about;
If you are sick there are two things to worry about;
Either you will get well or you will die,
If you get well there is nothing to worry about,
If you die there are only two things to worry about;
Either you go to heaven or hell,
If you go to heaven there is nothing to worry about,
But if you go to hell you will be so damn busy shaking hands with your friends ... you won't have time to worry.

A man is about as big as the things that make him angry.
The following sample memorandum was given to us anonymously for publishing in the Newsletter.

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: C.A.R.E. CORPORATION
SUBJECT: NEW SICK LEAVE POLICY

It has been brought to our attention that the attendance record of this company is a disgrace. Due to the lack of consideration of your job with such a fine company, as shown by such frequent absenteeism. It has become necessary for us to revise some of our policies. The following changes are in effect as of today.

SICKNESS . . . . No Excuse . . . . We will no longer accept your Doctor's statement as proof, as we believe that if you are able to go to the doctor, you are able to come to work.

DEATH . . . . (other than your own) - this is no excuse. There is nothing you can do for them, and we are sure that someone else with a lesser position can attend to the arrangements. However, if the funeral can be held in the late afternoon, we will be glad to let you off one hour early, provided that your share of work is ahead enough to keep the job going in your absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE . . . . (for an operation). We are no longer allowing this practice. We wish to discourage any thought that you may have about needing an operation as we believe as long as you are an employee here, that you will need all of what you have and should not consider having anything removed. We hired you as you are and to have anything removed would certainly make you less than what we bargained for.

DEATH . . . . (your own). This will be accepted as an excuse but we would like two weeks notice, as we feel it is your duty to teach someone else your job.

ALSO . . . . Entirely too much time is being spent in the restroom. In future we will follow the practice of going to the restroom in alphabetical order. For instance: Those whose names begin with "A" will go from 8:00 a.m. to 8:05 a.m., "B" will go from 8:05 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. and so on. If you are unable to go at your time, it will be necessary to wait until the day when your turn arrives again.

THE MANAGEMENT

Two caterpillars were crawling across the grass when a butterfly flew over them. They looked up, and one nudged the other and said: "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!"
FLOWER OF MANITOBA

This prairie crocus concrete bound
Found life from two rich donors
Now they keep the green scene sound
By weaving and clipping.
Running through the hunter's dream,
They meet in warmth and laughter;
Winter traps them in embrace
Till his season's over.

The stigma of this crocus fair
Is frozen in his race;
He looks down upon the wanderer,
The worker and the space;
Then looks toward the Sisters,
And feels their Mothering grace.

Beneath his glittering feet
Stems an ever-changing cause:
Alloyed by its members' seats
And words that find applause -
Some just sit their Riding out
While others, like the boy,
Run with the pioneer spirit
To unfold the inlaid joy
Of growing from the settled Red
Without the cultured ploy

But, sadly, as this flower grows
From gains we mortals reap,
It borders on Ol' Leningrad,
Where Social blossoms creep;
Edged with bureaucratic stocks,
Parasites dwell within;
Their wealth is from a Holy bag
Made of Poverty's skin.

The fragrance of this crocus
Is from bees who buzz to give;
Their hearts are filled with goodness
To see that others may live
Their lives are gentle - mellow,
They hum the Keeper's score:
Written in The Good Book
Hidden from the one-look,
By virtue of God's Law.

This then, was the hunter's dream
He had not long ago:
He glanced at man's own image
In a crocus found in snow;
He saw a camp, food and shelter
Beside the water's edge;
With a hungry heart, unsettled
He pulled his empty sled.
But in the snowy distance
He heard an unusual sound.

The Pioneer Spirit approaching
With a crocus concrete bound.

Submitted by Robert S. Hayes
Drafting Department
LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S MEDALS

The Honourable W.J. Mckeag, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, is pleased to announce that he will again be awarding medals for proficiency to graduating students in the Manitoba Community Colleges. These medals will be awarded to students who, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, combine to the greatest extent in their graduating year:

a) Academic and Technical ability;
b) Participation in College activities; and
c) Good character and personality.

The awards at Red River Community College will be made to one student from each of the following groups:

1) Diploma Course student from the science-based curricula;
2) Certificate Course student from the science-based curricula (Including Academic Upgrading);
3) Diploma Course student from the arts-based curricula;
4) Certificate Course student from the arts-based curricula (Including Academic Upgrading).

The Selection Committee will be composed of:

1) One senior administrator from Red River Community College;
2) Two members of the instructional staff of the Related Subjects areas of the College;
3) Two members of the Student Association of the College.

Nominations can be made by any four or more instructors and/or students and must contain justification as outlined in paragraph (1) above for making the nomination.

All nominations must be in the hands of the Selection Committee by June 5, 1974.

Nominations can be sent to either Room C719 or the Student Association Office, and should be marked "Selection Committee, Lieutenant-Governor's Medals".

SPECIAL THANK you to all members of staff for their continued cooperation involved with groups visiting our College.

Bev Burns, Secretary
Counselling

The best age for children is too old to cry and too young to borrow the car.
MINUTES
DIRECTOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL
APRIL 30, 1974

Administration: G. L. Talbot (Chairman),
D. Williamson, A. Miah,
R. H. Newman, W. Grant,
S. L. Ursel

Faculty: J. L. Bechert, I Karasick,
A. Good, F. Thiessen,
J. McMillan, J. McKay

Department Heads: L. Rodkin, I. Gold, P. Hunt,
A. B. Ramrattan

Faculty Association: B. Harvey

Students: J. E. Coy, Bob Gadsby

SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Concern was expressed for the students of the College who are handicapped but not visibly handicapped. The problem seems to be that instructors are not aware of the student's handicaps, and as a result there are learning difficulties. It was suggested that Mrs. Gray from the Society for Crippled Children work with the College in this respect. It was also suggested that the instructor could check with Admissions, Counselling Services, or the nurse. If there is a problem Mrs. Gray could be contacted.

CLASSES CANCELLED OR CARRIED ON DURING OPEN HOUSE

The need for more communication between Administration and the instructors was emphasized in respect to Open House. The instructors reported that they were the last to know whether classes were to be cancelled or carried on during Open House. Mr. Talbot stated that this decision was left up to the principal and that in some sections it was impossible to hold classes. A suggestion was made that instructors should be encouraged to get involved in Open House.

EDUCATIONAL LEAVE

It was noted that instructors could apply for Educational Leave. The committee for the Task Force on Staff Development will submit a directive on the above as soon as possible. When submitting your request to Mr. Talbot, be sure all information regarding leave is attached.

The goal of criticism is to leave the person with the feeling that he's been helped.
CENTENNIAL PROJECT

For Centennial this year, it was thought a good idea if Red River Community College participate in offering a Centennial Project. Some suggestions were as follows:

1. A day care centre be established at the College.
2. The College submit a project in the Association of Canadian Community Colleges when they meet in Winnipeg in November of this year.
3. Cleanup program.

These suggestions will be given careful consideration. Members are to offer further suggestions at the next DAC meeting, after discussing with other staff.

DIRTY ROOMS AND DESKS IN THE COLLEGE

In future, instructors will be encouraged to get students to clean out their desks at the end of the classes. Mr. Ursel will look into the matter of cleaning out the rooms in the evenings, e.g. garbage cans.

INSTRUCTOR EVALUATION

Only 20% of faculty so far, has agreed to an Instructor Evaluation. Various departments, though, volunteered to undertake a study of the project, e.g. Computer Centre, various departments under Mr. Bill Porter, etc. Meetings will be held to discuss aspects of this project such as how valid would it be, etc. Majority votes shall then be taken. Mr. Talbot to further channel also.

ENERGY CONSUMPTION

The Department of Public Works reports that starting in the Fall, in order to conserve energy, Bunker fuel will be used with 1/2 the amount of fuel as was used last year. Imperial oil will be closing down a year from now. To compensate some of the discomfort which could result from this cut in fuel, lower temperatures will be used in the more active areas and insulation for various buildings which face the cold winds.

STICK ELECTIONS

Certain problems existing within the Student Association's Stick Elections were brought up. The one year courses or less are lacking certain benefits, as are the Industrial & Technology Division, where they are paying for benefits they do not receive (e.g. honorariums). The Student Association are currently trying to overcome certain problems such as these, and hope results will show up in the near future.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

It was noted that some departments do not wear protective clothing. These departments will be notified as to whether they will receive protective clothing.

COSTING

An inquiry was made as to who would be charged for the ordering of garbage pails for certain departments. The person who orders them should be charged.
in addition to acquiring print and non-print materials, the LRC offers a number of services such as:

Display Case
- Available to students and staff for displays, exhibits, etc.; for a minimum of two weeks, maximum of one month.
* Book in advance at Reference Desk or call extension 233.

LRC Tours
- Thirty minute introduction to LRC services and how to find information; for classes or groups of students (minimum of six, maximum of twelve).
* Book in advance at Reference Desk or call extension 233.

Class Lectures on LRC
- Introduction to LRC services given in the classroom.
* Book in advance at Reference Desk or call extension 233.

"Library Skills" Assignments
- To be planned jointly by instructors and Reference Librarian.
* Contact Reference Desk or call extension 233.

Seminar Rooms (2)
- Available to staff and to students (with instructor's signature).
* Book in advance at Circulation Desk or call extension 322.

Bibliographies
- Computer print-outs, arranged by subject or call number, available to instructors and to students for special projects.
- Other bibliographies available from Reference Librarian upon request.
* Contact Reference Desk or call extension 233.

Special Projects Requiring LRC Assistance
* Contact Reference Desk or call extension 233.

THE LRC STRONGLY ENCOURAGES YOUR PATRONAGE OF THE ABOVE SERVICES.
On May 4th the Employees Club sponsored the 2nd annual "Spring Beer & Liquor Fest" in the Old Gym. Robert Schneider's "Polka Dots" provided an evening of fine dancing music. Attendance was 200 and shown below are some photographs testifying to the good time that was had by all.

John Herman

Eleanor Hemming, Rose Hess, and Joan Herman served the food which many said was superb.

Mary Chipura
Jackie Perehinec
Pat McSkimming

Antoinette Lee
Deanna Komadowski
Mary Pryma
Pat Esslinger (the one with the fork in her mouth) said that anyone who didn't attend really missed something!