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17 Wg Daycare a reality

By Shawna Bruce

Military families who face the challenge of locating good quality daycare for their children can look a little closer to home this fall. The final stamp of approval has been granted for the MFRC to open a military family daycare to be located behind the Canex at Whytewold and Silver on the North site. The fully licensed centre is currently in the design phase and has a projected opening date of 1 September 1999. The centre will be operated by fully qualified ECE (Early Childhood Education) staff and will offer care for both infants (6 months) and pre-school age children.

One of the primary mandates of the centre will be to continually assess the needs of the military community and to strive to meet each of them to the best of their capability. This will include operating hours that coincide with the users schedules and the offering of overnight and evening care in the centre (dependent upon demand). The centre will also have an extra office which will allow the newly appointed Coordinator of Deployment and Emergency Childcare, Catherine Chatterley, to be co-located several days a week. This will give the Coordinator good visibility within the military community and parents who are users of the centre, an opportunity to meet and know who might possibly be making these special arrangements for their child(ren) should the need arise.

While striving to meet the needs of the military community, the daycare must also run in a cost effective, self sustaining manner. The initial funding for the project has been approved by the Wing Commander through the 17 Wing Quality of Life budget, but is a one time only injection of funding. The Wing will continue to support the daycare initiative in whatever ways are feasible, however, day to day operational costs, including staffing salaries, must be raised through user fees. In order to achieve a self sufficient position, the centre will carefully

phase in various services to address the needs of the community in a progressive approach. It may not be able to offer everything to everyone in the first year of operation, but will aim to achieve each of the goals as outlined annually through a review of requirements administered by the Parent Advisory Board.

One concern that many members addressed in the survey was that of the cost of putting your child(ren) into licensed daycare. Unfortunately, the military's hands are tied on this issue as ALL licensed daycare centres have their fees set by the Province of Manitoba. However, one of the benefits of the centre will be to ensure that any military member who is

noise of busy streets and excellent emergency vehicle access make it a good location choice.

Users of the daycare will primarily be members who work within the vicinity (north or south sites) with children of a pre-school age. Many of you indicated in the Child Care Survey completed last March, that before and after school care would be impossible to provide with so many families living in all areas of the city and in some cases, outside the city limits. Before and after school care is also a very expensive service to offer due to the high cost of a vehicle and driver for transportation. Although it remains a possibility in the future, should any funding become available, it will not be offered in the first year of operation.

Programs currently operating at Lipssett Hall for Nursery School and Drop-Off child care will continue to operate as they do now. The programs operating at Westwin Children's Centre will also continue in their current location. The new daycare centre is however, being designed with a multi-purpose room and other features that can only serve to enhance the superior quality of children's programs currently offered by the MFRC.

A steering committee is working to get the initial planning of the project up and running. They will be contacting those who indicated an interest in volunteering on the Child Care Survey once a plan is put into place. The centre will be operating as non profit and will be actively seeking out parents to volunteer and be part of this community project.

More information will be available in future issues of the Voxair on the project's development, registration procedures and a contest to give a name to the day care. In closing, to those of you who offered your opinion during the survey phase, *thank you*. Your comments provided the insight necessary to get this daycare centre to become a reality.

If you have any immediate questions, please call Wendy Richardson at 833-2500 ext 2491.



Wing daycare will help alleviate some of the stresses of deployment.

eligible for child care subsidy be provided with all available information and application forms at the centre, to facilitate the process.

A second concern voiced throughout the survey, was the proximity of the site location to be fair to members who work on both the north and south sites. A number of site locations within the confines of 17 Wing were reviewed before a final resting place was selected. The north site location allows the safety feature of a large, private drop off and pick up area in the parking lot. This coupled with the ability to situate a "south facing" (lots of sun), fenced in, outdoor play area that is buffered from the



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VOXVIEWS

Not a lot of room for error

By Major CM Walton-Simm
Managing Editor

For newspaper staff it's always somewhat intriguing to see one's product in final form no matter how many times you've worked on it and reviewed it in a draft version. The quality of the print, the photo reproduction and layout are nebulous until the printing process is complete. Most of the time we can admire our efforts, file the newspaper away and move happily on to the next issue. On occasion, however, there are those issues you wish had not been printed at all, that the press had completely destroyed or that certain portions had been blacked out and were illegible to the readership.

The 3rd of March 1999 publication was one such issue. In three parts of the paper we referred to the CAS's visit as the CDS's visit. What's up with that? How could this happen? It's one of those errors that can't be explained or excused. It happened as some things often do! We were all blinded by another acronym. I'm sure LGen Kinsman didn't mind the extra

star. I'm not so sure that the individuals being presented the awards didn't mind. When erroneous information is provided in an article concerning recognition of people for significant achieve-

ments, it takes away from the importance of the event.

In order to get it right, in this Voxair issue we've run corrected versions of the events. So we all will know the true facts surround-

ing the presentations and who LGen Kinsman really is! The problem with running an article concerning the Chief of Defence Staff is that there's not a lot of room for error.



Chief of the AIR Staff visits

During a recent visit to 17 Wing Winnipeg, LGen D. Kinsman, CAS, took time out to award Commendations to two members of 2PPCLI,

who demonstrated professionalism and bravery in the face of hazardous situations, thereby bring great credit to themselves and to the CF.



The Chief of the Defence Staff of the Canadian Armed Forces Commendation was awarded to Cpl Steph Proulx of 2PPCLI by LGen D. Kinsman, CAS. Photo by 17 Wing Imaging.



The Chief of the Defence Staff of the Canadian Armed Forces Commendation was awarded to Cpl Jerrett Weber of 2PPCLI by LGen D. Kinsman, CAS. Photo by 17 Wing Imaging.

Cpl Proulx and Cpl Weber came upon the scene of a terrible vehicle accident while on their way to CFC Wainwright on 10 May 1995. They immediately took action and, without regard for their own safety, crawled under a truck and passenger car to aid the occupants by removing glass, debris and applying first aid

to their injuries. Soaked in gas and diesel fuel that was leaking from both vehicles, they steadfastly remained with the victims throughout rescue attempts by military and civilian authorities. Their efforts and assistance calmed the victims and prevented them from going into deep shock.

On a second occasion, on 23

May 1995, near Borden, SK, Cpl Proulx was driving a military vehicle when he came upon a single vehicle accident in which a tractor had collided with a telephone pole. The driver of the tractor had apparently suffered a heart attack and was being aided by four civilians. Cpl Proulx took over and continued CPR until an

ambulance arrived. Although the victim was not revived, the emergency team credited Corporal Proulx with giving him the best chance of surviving.

Cpl Weber's and Cpl Proulx's actions demonstrated professionalism in the face of a hazardous situation and brought great credit to themselves and to the CF.

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Medal & Certificate Presentations

During a recent visit to 17 Wing Air Staff, took time out to present Service twelve members of 17 Wing. Winnipeg, LGen D. Kinsman, Chief of the Medals and Certificates of Excellence to

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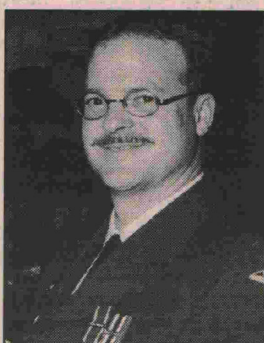
Maj Rory Kilburn receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



MCpl Mike Ward receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



Cpl Richard Cameron receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



Cpl Brian Gough receives his medal for service in Op Determination.



Sgt Tony Merritt receives his medal for Nato Sqn 76-81



Cpl Ivonne Fernandez receives her medal for service in Op Central.



MCpl Dave Coderre receives his Nato Service Medal in relation to the former Yugoslavia, Oct 93 - Apr 94.



Cpl Brian Gough receives his Nato Service Medal in relation to the former Yugoslavia, Jul 95 - Dec 95 and Mar 96 - Jul 96.



Cpl Bill McLeod is awarded 3rd Place in the Professional Military Life colour category of the CF Photo Contest, for his work entitled "Lest We Forget".



Cpl Dave Payne is awarded Honourable Mention in the Professional Military Life colour category of the CF Photo Contest, for his work entitled "Big Wheel Keep On Turnin'".



Cpl Maureen Roach receives her medal for service in Op Central.



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Community Policing Corner

The Cop Down the Street

Reprinted from the *Police News of Winnipeg*

By D. Martel R.C.M.P. (Ret.)

This is an open letter to all parents of all young people everywhere. I am not one police officer, but I represent every officer in every city and town in Canada.

You may know me only as the cop who gave you a ticket last summer, but I am also the guy who lives down the street from you. I have three children and share with you the same hopes, ambitions and dreams that you have for your children. I share with you those moments of agony and ecstasy. I share with you the feeling of guilt, shame or disappointment when my boy or girl gets into trouble.

The scene is a highway with a sharp curve at one end. It had been raining and the roads were slick. A car travelling over 120 km/h missed the curve and plowed into an embankment where it became airborne and struck a tree. Two of the three young passengers were hurled from the vehicle, one into the roadway, where the car landed on him, snuffing out his life like a discarded cigarette on the asphalt. Killed instantly, he is the lucky one. The girl thrown into the tree has her neck broken and although she was voted queen of the senior prom, and most likely to succeed, she will now spend the next 60 years in a wheelchair. Unable to do anything else, she will live and relive that terrible moment over again many times.

When I arrive, an eerie calm has settled over the scene and it

appears deserted except for one lone traveller who called it in. He is sick to his stomach, leaning against his car for support.

The driver is conscious but in shock and unable to free himself from under the bent steering column. His face forever scarred by deep cuts from broken glass and jagged metal. Those cuts may heal, but the ones inside cannot be touched by a surgeon's scalpel.

The third passenger has almost stopped bleeding, the seat and his clothing are covered in blood from an artery cut in his arm by the broken bone that protrudes from his forearm just below the elbow. His breath comes in short gasps as he tries desperately to suck air past his blood-filled airway. His bulging eyes fixed on me is the only communication that he is terrified. I feel a pang of guilt and recognize him as the boy I let off with a warning the other night for an open container of alcohol in his car. Maybe if I had cited him then? Who knows? I don't.

He died soundlessly in my arms, his pale blue eyes staring vacantly. I remember watching him play basketball and wonder what will happen to the scholarship he will never use.

Dully my mind focuses on a loud scream and identify it as the girl thrown by the tree. Her head was tilted at an exaggerated angle. She seems unaware of my presence and whimpers for her mother. In the distance, I can hear the ambulance winding its way through the rainy night. I am filled with incredible grief at the waste of so valuable a resource,

our youth.

I am sick with anger and frustration with people who think that a little alcohol won't hurt anything. I am filled with contempt for people who propose lowering the drinking age because they'll get booze anyway. I am frustrated with laws, court rulings and other legal maneuvering that restricts my ability to do my job.

The ambulance begins scraping up and removing the dead and injured. I stand watching as hot tears mingle with rain and drip off my cheeks. I will spend several hours on reports and several months trying to erase from my memory the details of that night.

Yes, I am angry, and sick at heart with trying to do my job and being tagged the bad guy. I pray to God that I might never have to face another parent in the night and say your daughter Susan, or your son John, has just been killed in a car accident.

You ask me, why did this happen? It happened because a kid, stoned out of his mind, thought that he could handle two tons of hurtling death at 128 km/h. It happened because an adult, trying to be a "good guy", bought or sold to a minor a case of beer. It happened because you parents weren't concerned enough about your child to know what he was doing. It happened because you believe this kind of thing only happens to someone else.

If you continue to regard alcohol and drug abuse as just part of growing up, then keep your porch light on, because some cold, rainy night, you will find me at your doorstep, staring at my feet, with a message of death for you.

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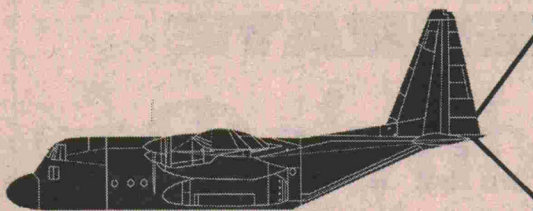
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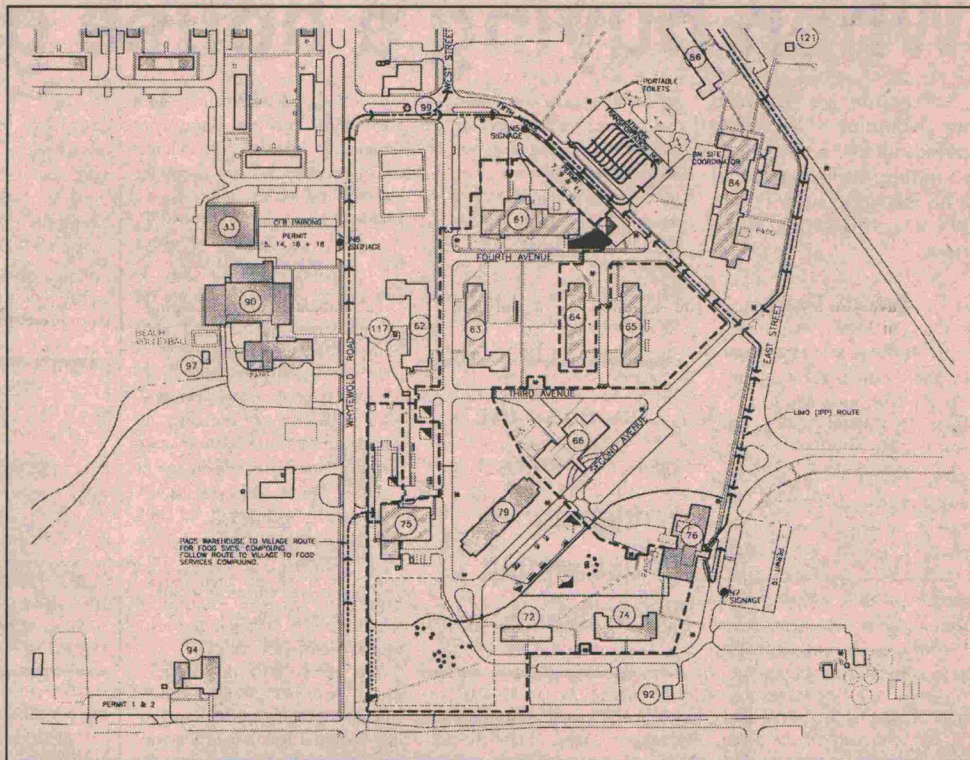
1400 athletes from seventeen countries will be staying on base for the duration of the games (23 July to 8 August 99). The majority of setup for the games will run from 1-22 July.

There could be upwards of 300 volunteers helping out each day at the base.

The 1999 Pan Am games will be the third largest athletic meet in North America ever.

The DCDS has tasked the Wing to provide support for the games. LFWA is heading up Joint Force PanAm Games with our Wing Commander as the Deputy Joint Force Commander. The military is not running the games, we are supporting the civilians who are. Joint Forces HQ will be collocated with PanAm Games Ops Centre (GOC).

In future issues of the Voxair the effects of the games on 17 Wing will be explained in detail.



Part I

Improve yourself through RMC



By Dr. Carl Christie
Part-time Associate
Professor of War Studies &
War Studies Liaison Officer

Are you open to an exciting challenge that will improve your military and second career prospects and at the same time make life more interesting? Try enrolling in a college or university course. Learning can be fun and there are now a number of part-time educational opportunities available to individuals with the initiative and imagination to take advantage of them.

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University of Manitoba programmes already in place, the RMC offerings mean that nobody has any excuse for getting bypassed as the country moves towards better educated armed forces.

All CF members should consider upgrading their education and support the efforts of others in this area. With the courses now offered, it can be enjoyable and liberating. For more information

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Part II

When buying a house goes wrong

Last time we featured the beginning of an article detailing the events surrounding the purchase of a house...that turned bad. We continue that story here.

By Sgt S. Carter

By this time a week had gone by and we were facing serious trouble with no place to go. I called CFHA and told them what had happened in the previous week. When I finished the tale of woe I couldn't believe my ears, CFHA said they had found a place for us. The only condition was that we accept the place as is because there would be no time to carry out any maintenance and, that because it was a two-bedroom bungalow not all of our furniture would fit. However there was a condemned PMQ which we could use for storage of our surplus furniture. To us that was a godsend; it meant a roof over our heads and a place to store our furniture. We also agreed that this was temporary and the situation would be rectified as quickly as possible. For this we will always be grateful to CFHA for coming to our aid so quickly.

Now that we had a place to live the limiting factor became finances. We also had hired a second law firm to carry out the litigation. The two lawyers, two sets of utility bills and three insurances were becoming pretty draining. We were also fast approaching our first mortgage payment and still paying rent. (Quick note: It costs about \$60-\$90 for a certificate allowing the purchase of insurance on an unoccupied home for 60 days. Insurance is void on a home unoccupied for longer than 30 days without the certificate). The litigation lawyer assigned to our case became the controlling lawyer and the real estate lawyer

now responded to him, not us.

During all these events we were still preparing to move. By this time week two was over and our friends, neighbours, and co-workers came together to help us move. These people allowed us to make a move that we had planned to do in two weeks in a weekend. Without them we

...because the defects were hidden, the house should be re-evaluated.

could not have done it. This was another example of how the military community helps each other when the need arrives. Military friends fill in when family is not around and friendships in the military happen quickly and last a long time, even when distance separates people.

In the meantime the loans officer at the bank requested a reappraisal of the house from the mortgage insurance company. This request was denied because the house met the requirements when we were approved in June. Our lawyer contacted the mortgage insurer's legal people and said that because the defects were hidden the house should be re-evaluated. The company again refused, however by this time they were facing the loss of our mortgage because if we were forced to accept the house, our bank's mortgage officer pointed out that we could not afford the personal loan required to repair

the house. This put them in a quandary because if we were bankrupt they would be holding a house that would not be worth the money invested in it. So the mortgage insurer decided that we would have to sign another document stating that we intended to live in the house and make the mortgage payments. We refused.

Now that we had refused to sign the document the mortgage insurer refused to cover our mortgage. That meant that in turn, the bank refused to grant our mortgage causing the mortgage to collapse due to lack of financing. Our litigator notified the vendor's lawyer that the financing had collapsed and it was not too long before an agreement to terminate the transaction was in place. There were still some negotiations and a wait for final agreements and return of down payments etc.

Within a few weeks we were back in the house buying market and we are now the proud owners of a home that we are exceptionally pleased with. It took three

The bank refused to grant our mortgage causing the mortgage to collapse.

months and fifty-three houses to find the first one. This one we found the first day we were back in the market.

This experience taught us many lessons about real estate transactions. We discovered that

the Real Estate Board serves no purpose for the purchaser. It only sees itself as a means of punishing agents and, although it employs lawyers and agents to write the real estate contracts, what we were told in our many phone calls to them was, "It is a legal contract and you will have to go to court and hope a judge

...the Real Estate Board serves no purpose for the purchaser.

agrees with you".

"Because it is now under contract law, we have no responsibility." That was the second most repeated phrase from the Real Estate Board and left us feeling that no one in the Real Estate Board wanted to take responsibility for real estate transactions.

Four different lawyers who specialize in real estate all told me the same thing. You will have to go to court and hope a judge agrees with you. One even suggested that if I changed lawyers it would slow the process down and make the vendors have to respond. My wife and I thought that this was a totally unethical and immoral idea. The lack of response from the vendor's lawyer, other than the

threats, struck us as reprehensible and deceptive, especially when he has information in his hands that support our damage claims. Because of his refusal to acknowledge the damages and negotiate for the vendors we are approximately \$5,000.00 poorer for a house that we entered four times.

This is only a brief story of what happened to us. Most of the minor things and many of the phone calls we made trying to find someone to resolve this issue I have left out. I am writing this to inform people of what can happen during the purchase of a house. If we had just been posted in I don't know what we would have done. It was only because of the support of many people within the military that we were able to get through this. We followed all the rules and did everything that was asked of us, and still were caught. If the laws regarding real estate transactions are not changed there are going to be people, like us, who will be caught in the quagmire of mortgage rules and contract laws through no fault of their own. Phone calls to relatives and friends in four other provinces have confirmed that their laws are similar to those of Manitoba.

The last thing I wish to say here is, if you are the purchaser of a home, stand up for yourself because no one else will. It will cost, but it will be better than being forced into bankruptcy.

And if you are the vendor, set an example, take responsibility for your actions instead of trying to make other people pay for your errors.

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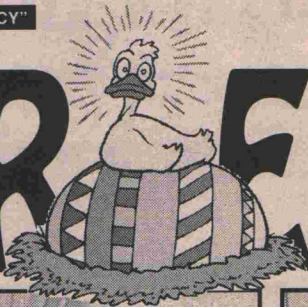
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Around the Canadian Forces

Did you know...

March 8, 1999 - Earthquake Test

Soldiers from the Edmonton garrison reportedly will head to BC today to help test the province's plan to deal with an earthquake. More than 650 Canadian Forces personnel are expected to participate in the exercise, which has been named Thunderbird 4/Cascadia Response. Major John Slater commented that the troops know they are heading for Chilliwack, but will not find out their final destination until later. (G&M A6).

March 10, 1999 - Communications Security Establishment Staff Prepared to Strike

An official with the Union of National Defence Employees, which represents about 750 Communications Security Establishment workers, said that he could not discuss the union's dispute with the Liberal government. The CSE workers reportedly are on the verge of a strike, but since they have taken oath of secrecy they are unable to describe their working conditions or air their grievances. A spokesperson said all union members could do is talk in non-specific terms (NP A1).

March 10, 1999 - State of the Canadian Military

Reporter Jeff Sallot wrote that members of the military bristle at the lack of respect they are accorded by some of Canada's allies, and mentioned U.S. ambassador to Canada Gordon Giffin's call for Canada to boost its military spending. Sallot said the military does not accept the notion that Canadian soldiers can't pull their weight, and insist that despite cuts to defence, the Canadian Forces are strong. Daniel Bon, director-general of policy planning at the Department of National Defence, affirmed that "we have the capability to deploy troops (abroad) much more so than a significant number of our allies", and are "more (combat) capable than are many of our allies who are still dropping dumb bombs". He also cited comment from Major General Kenneth Pennie, director-general of strategic planning, who noted that since the Persian Gulf War, all three of Canada's services have increased their "combat capability". Pennie affirmed that given their improved accuracy, "conventional weapons can be more useful than nuclear weapons". Peter Kasurak, who monitors military spending for the Office of

the Auditor-General, agreed that the level of firepower has increased, but said there have also been advances in defences against new weapons. Sallot pointed to CDS General Maurice Baril's testimony before the Commons public accounts committee, where Baril said that the "bottom line is a modern, multi-purpose, combat-capable force". In conclusion, Sallot said that NATO planners have discovered that many European members of the Alliance do not have the ability to put their troops in the field (G&M A1).

March 11, 1999 - Medals to be Awarded to Canadian Soldiers in Macedonia

Reporter Stewart Bell wrote from Macedonia that Canadian military engineers stationed in the country as part of a NATO force will receive medals on Monday before they return to Canada. Forty soldiers from CFB Trenton, who were among the first troops sent to Macedonia last December to build a camp for peacekeeping forces, will return to Canada. Bell said that their

mission is almost complete. Lieutenant Colonel Serge Duplain, the senior Canadian officer in Macedonia, praised their contribution and said they had to work under difficult conditions. Duplain added that ten medical staff, six military police and several other soldiers will remain at the camp, including himself (NP A14).

March 11, 1999 - Pilot's Family Denied Military Bonus

Reporter Brian Underhill wrote that the Canadian Forces has refused to pay the family of Captain Peter Musselman, who died in a Labrador helicopter crash in October, a bonus promised to the Captain six months before his death. The pilot's father, Clare Musselman, underlined that his son had not quit, but was killed in the line of duty. He added that the "federal government paid \$100 million to get out of a helicopter contract, and they won't pay his wife another \$50,000". The report stated that the military's Dec. 15 decision on the issue is under review (TStar A7, NP A3).

March 12, 1999 - Kosovo

A report from Washington relayed U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin's warning that "If the Kosovar Albanians don't sign (the peace deal) — and soon — it is going to be hard to put the necessary military pressure on the Serb side". An unidentified senior NATO official told Reuters that Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic may "need some stick before he accepts" the agreement (G&M A11).

March 12, 1999 - New NATO Members

Reporter Mike Trickey highlighted the ceremony that made Hungary, Poland, and the Czech Republic official members of NATO. The three new members disagreed with those who argue that expansion unnecessarily provokes Russia, and indicated that none of them had been asked to keep NATO nuclear weapons on their territory. However, they said that they would consider such a request. Sandor Papp of Hungary expressed the view that NATO should not be thinking about destroying nuclear weapons since nuclear deterrence is important to avoiding war (NP A12). An Ottawa Citizen editorial said that it is open to debate whether the world is any safer now than it was at the time of NATO's birth 50 years ago, but acknowledged that the membership of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in the Alliance will surely help these three countries take their rightful position within Europe's social, economic and political framework (Ctz A17).

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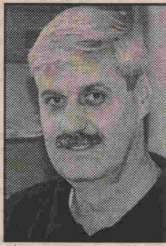
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Comments on Spring

Capt Bob Simmons
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Can't wait for the snow to disappear so the golf course can open.

Cpl Steve Oneill
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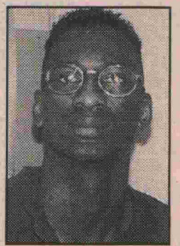
It can't come soon enough for me.

Lt(N) Donna Dynes



It already smells like spring (distinctly different from the smell of fall.)

Cpl Rohan Wilson
Wing Orderly
Room



I'll go fishing and get some peace and quiet.

VP International 30 years of fellowship

By Lloyd E. Graham, Maj (Rtd), VPI Historian

A complete history of the VP International Association can be found at <http://14wing.dnd.ca/vpi/history/>

The P-2000 Club

In a memorandum to his Squadron, the Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Herb Smale, announced that "effective 1 May 1966 the 407 Squadron Neptune Club would be brought into being", at RCAF Station Comox, British Columbia, Canada. The purposes of this club were:

- to provide 407 Sqn personnel who had attained 2000 hours flying experience in P2V aircraft with some form of recognition for this achievement;
- to provide other squadron aircrew members with the incentive to attain this goal; and
- to stimulate publicity for the Squadron both locally and nation-wide.

On that date LCdr J. R. (Bob) Wyly USN, F/L R.(Bob) Stewart RAAF, and 19 RCAF airmen were designated founding members with lifetime membership in this 407 Sqn Club. Within weeks a charter was developed for "The P-2000 Club". It broadened the scope by extending an invitation "to all airmen who had flown the Neptune P-2 aircraft".

Two principal objectives emerged:

- to form an association of airmen who have logged over 2000 flight hours in the Neptune P-2 aircraft for the purpose of promoting harmony and good fellowship; and
- to foster and encourage the formation of additional Branches of "The P-2000 Club" throughout the world and elsewhere.

Formation of the VP International Association

On 28 July 1970, LCol Herb Smale sent a letter to Col G. A. MacKenzie, BComd, Greenwood, outlining a plan to expand the P-2000 Club to a VP3000 or an International Association. He was convinced a new club would still meet the objectives set by P-2000 while promoting the future of VP operations. On 9 October 1970, six P-2000 members met for the first meeting of the VP International Club to develop a charter and a fellowship association comprised of Wings, with a HQ permanently established at CFB Greenwood. During a signing ceremony on 1 November 1970, Col MacKenzie approved the Charter and Constitution, becoming the first member and Official Sponsor of the VP International Association.

On 1 May 1966 it would have been hard to visualize how a select group of 21 Neptune aircrew could have possibly developed from the P-2000 Club into a world-wide Maritime Patrol fraternity of some 4200 aviators called The VP International Association. It would be true to say that our Association is very unique in terms of aviation history and on closer scrutiny it is not difficult to see that it represents much more than just a pin and patch club. There is a lot of professional glue holding this organization together.

Time and space do not allow proper recognition of the hundreds of aircrew who have contributed to the



steady professional growth of the Association. The support of volunteers as executive members, and their ideas, time and personal efforts have kept the Wings alive and in motion. Many of the major milestones achieved over the years can be easily identified with imagination, initiative, professionalism and the personal leadership of those willing to get involved.

The mold has been cast for VPI and it represents an Association we all enjoy. It is quite remarkable that after 30 years this unique organization has managed to constantly focus on the right stuff - professionalism and fellowship in VP operations.

The founding members of the P-2000 Club and VP International, can be justly proud of the unprecedented success achieved internationally by our VPI membership over the past 30 years.

VPI HQ Update - Review of 1998 Activities

During the past year 3 major VPI related events took place. First was the 70th birthday celebration held on 24 May 1998 to pay tribute to Herb Smale. Attended by over 90 people it was a tremendous success. This was followed by the annual Red Tie Luncheon held on 25 Sep 98 where over 100 members joined together in fellowship. Guest speaker was RAdm Dusty Miller, Commander of Maritime Forces Atlantic. We were also joined by 40 members of the Aircrew Association of Nova Scotia. The last major event was the combined 404 Sqn Memorial dedication and the VPI Memorial ceremony held on 18 Oct 98 where approx 300 people were in attendance.

VPI Reunion 2001

On 5 Jan 99 a letter was sent to the President of the Comox VPI Wing requesting their support to organize and run the VPI Reunion in Comox in 2001, the birth place of VPI.

It was understood that it could be held in conjunction with a 407 Sqn Reunion also planned for the same year. Additionally the VPI HQ offered up \$5000 seed money to help with the start-up. This money would be repaid after the reunion. A response has yet to be received.

Support to VPI Wings

The mandate of the HQ to support the VPI Wings was detailed. Information feedback, request responses and the provision of general VPI information are some of the key services for which E-Mail, Fax and the Internet Web Site play an integral part. The expanded use of these communication tools for VPI is under constant review and change. Plans and ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

We invite all to check out the VPI web site that has a number of interesting links. We also offer an E-Mail service to all VPI members that will provide VPI and MPA related information. To get on this service please have the interested parties E-mail me at bertwin@istar.ca Comments may be addressed to vpqhq@glinx.com VPI Headquarters.

Next General meeting of 17 Wing VPI will be March 19th 1999 at 1200 hrs in the Officers Mess main Foyer.

The Supply Line Bull from the Bullpen

By Sgt Colwell and Sgt O'Brien

Where do old Supply Sgts go prior to being put out to pasture?

Well...to what is fondly known as the Wing Supply museum. There are presently two old relics located there, Sgt Ross Colwell and Sgt Terry O'Brien, otherwise known as SNAGS (Sensitive New Age Guys) or as the W Sup O warmly refers to us as the "Bullpen". We are the projects staff in Wing Supply who are looking at everything from what our Squadron may look like in 10 years if we move north, is the W Sup Command Post functional in a time of crisis, the Y2K problem as it pertains to Supply, CFB Sask, CFSSU, training, etc.

The jack of all trades and the master of none by the looks of that list of jobs, or more likely jobs which no one else wants to do!

But seriously, Supply is currently supernumerary a couple of Sgts because of OPRAM and no postings last APS from the career shop, so the W Sup O thought "well there is an empty office down the hall, a couple of crusty old Sgts with not much to do and almost 50 years experience in the CAF between them, why not make use of this before they go senile?"

Terry was the first to be moved into the bullpen on posting last fall from Goose Bay. His initial job was the W Sup coordinator for CFB Sask, which was envisioned as a big job, and later he was given the CFSSU or the Canadian Forces Supply System Upgrade. After a month or so, Terry was starting to get lonely so they gave him a fine Cpl by the name of Diane Germann. Her main task was to assist him in the CFSSU. It was rumoured that Diane was put there to make sure he remembered what he was to do and make sure he did not go adrift. Most people thought it was because of his senility, but we will not speculate on that.

So anyway, Diane so grew tired of him and asked for some help. Enter Sgt Ross Colwell. On return of Sgt Steve Graham from his easy go in the Golan, Steve took over Aircraft Supply from Ross. Ross will be taking his release in April of this year so the W Sup O thought he should go to projects and hopefully she could get some sort of work out of him.

Ha! Little did she know that Ross was already deep into his retirement slump. With a little gentle persuasion, he decided it was in his best interest (veiled threats of loss of leave records etc. were made) to humour the boss and have a look at the massive flow of minute sheets that had been coming out of her office to the bullpen.

Seriously though, the W Sup O is relying on our experience to plan how things are going to work over the coming months/years. She has done what some have forgotten...rely on your people to get the job done. It is great to be all warm and fuzzy and politically correct for this day and age, but sometimes you have to use your experience and let them run with it.

If you are ever over this way and want a cup of coffee and a laugh, feel free to drop by the museum and have a look at the exhibits.

P.S. Please don't feed them!!

435 Sqn in Beaufort

By Anymouse

Recently 435 Sqn deployed to Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in South Carolina. For those of you not familiar with Beaufort (pronounced Bufurd in the south), it is about 10 miles from Paris Island, which is the Marine Corps eastern boot camp. The operation was a refuelling mission to provide support to the Marine Corp's F-18s. Right from the start I new this was going to be a different trip. With two crews, the Chief ICP and Techs, we arrived in Beaufort to +18 degrees on a Sunday afternoon. The first thing that struck me funny was that after we checked into billeting, 10 of the crew members went running! My, how things have changed in the military, it used to be the only running done in the Air Force was to the closest watering hole. The troops were led by USMC Major Worden, I don't think he stopped smiling all week, being in his almatama.

The missions were going well until Wednesday, when on a touch and go, #1 engine would only produce 5000 lbs torque, while the rest were pumping out about 15000 lbs. As the Aircraft started to veer towards the infield, Capt Dupuis' eyes were the size of saucers, the abort was called and handled very professionally. As we pulled off the active and carried out ground runs for desnagging it became evident that the pump housing was shot, which was confirmed by our techs. This meant that we would have to wait for parts from Winterpeg so everyone enjoyed sight seeing in South Carolina for the rest of the day. Some took advantage of the warm weather to swing a club at the local golf course, others just toured the town, but I think that everyone had the opportunity to go to Paris Island Recruit center. Paris Island is just that...an island filled with pride and tradition, which brought memories for us all about our own boot camp days.

The other thing that Paris Island allowed us to reflect on (except for Major Worden) was why would anyone do that to themselves!

Early the next morning after travelling all night and a brief rest in Atlanta, the parts and Techs arrived. The Techs worked all day and night in the warm weather, Darren even got sunburnt...but had the Aircraft ready for the next mission on Friday. The morning mission went well, until on the roll out, #2 throttle would not move past flight idle, again through desnagging it was assessed that the coordinator was U/S. In all my experience on the Herc, I have never had two hard breaks like this on the same trip. So the whole process started again with parts being ordered and so on, the only problem was that in the South they were experiencing severe weather with torrential rains, flooding and tornado's. The drive to meet the Techs in Savanna was carried out by two brave individuals (Marty and Lyle). As we headed out for sup-

per that night we saw funnel clouds over the main gate of the base! Anyway the parts arrived safe and sound with Rick fresh off a world wind tour of California. Some say that this was the last TD he'll see while in 435.

While the number of crew members officially reached Detachment status, Capt Rundel's head started to swell being the Mission Commander in charge of a Canadian Air Force Det in Beaufort, SC. But this was short lived, due once again to our Techs doing outstanding work and having the airplane serviceable by early afternoon.

In all seriousness, the professionalism displayed from the aircraft handling, desnagging and the outstanding time frame of these fixes, demonstrate that not all the experience has left the service and that this Sqn could deploy anywhere, anytime.

Sea Cadets' Winter Games

The 1999 Annual Sea Cadet Winter Games were held in Winnipeg this year from 5th to 7th March 1999.

The games played host to twenty sea cadet units from Saskatchewan, Manitoba and North West Ontario. That translated into three hundred and sixty cadets and their officers.

These young men and women, aged between 12 to 18 years, spent a fast paced weekend filled with a myriad of events, games and social activities.

The Annual Sea Cadet Winter Games is a weekend gathering dedicated to friendly competition and activities that bolster the aims of the Canadian

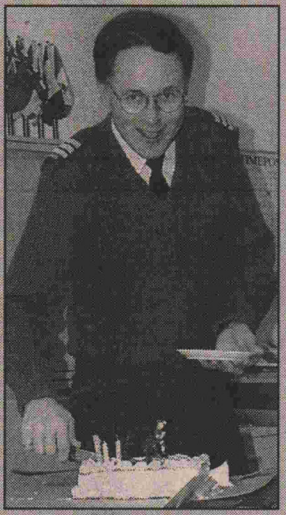
Cadet Organizations. It tests their skills in sailing, seamanship, rope work, first aid, naval terminology and history.

There are also sports, drill and sled race competitions.

The Winter Games started out as a small sport competition between two sea cadet units in North Western Ontario. Since then, the event has evolved to include many other facets of sea cadet training and seamanship and has grown to include over twenty sea cadet units from across the prairie. This event is huge in the undertaking.

The youth that travel in for the weekend enjoyed meeting new friends, learning more about sea cadets and having lots of fun.

Smile of the Day



It's fairly obvious why this man is smiling. LCol Ken Newnham, Wing LogO, celebrated his birthday with members of the Wing Executive. That's a roller blader on the cake. Any hairs that may look grey are the fault of the photographer.

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Warm Pines in the Whiteshell

By David Brown,
Commandant CFS Met

When I got out of the car at Falcon Lake on a sunny, February afternoon recently, I found myself stepping into a balmy, comfortable environment. It felt remarkably warm. It was my personal sense that it was about 5 degrees Celsius warmer than it was an hour earlier when I was over the open prairie landscape to the west. It is a common occurrence that many travellers would notice when crossing from the snow covered prairie to a forested landscape on a sunny, late winter day when all else in the weather picture is equal.

Why is it that on a sunny afternoon in late February when there is not much wind, temperatures can be significantly warmer over the Whiteshell area than over the open snow covered prairie?

The answer to that question has a lot to do with trees. More specifically, it has a lot to do with the nature of surfaces and how these surfaces exchange heat with the air around them. To explain what that means, we'll get a little technical for a moment. The temperature of the surface of most materials comprising or covering the surface of the earth (except water and ice) has a greater range or fluctuation than does that of the air. The temperatures of the surface materials, which in this case are the forest cover of the Whiteshell area and snow covered prairie, are important

because the air is primarily heated and cooled by these surfaces. How these materials are heated or cooled in the first place is a very complex affair. But to make a long story short, let us consider briefly, how it is that the air can be warmed more by forested land than by a snow covered prairie in late winter when the sun is shining and the winds are relatively light.

Most of the solar energy reaching our atmosphere is made up of relatively short wavelengths which, in part, make up visible light and the ultraviolet rays that can produce those painful sunburns. If the atmosphere is cloud-free and clean and dry, there are very few materials in the air which could interfere with the transit of this energy through the atmosphere. As a result, most of the solar energy just passes right on through the atmosphere, eventually reaching the earth's surface. Then, if the solar rays happen to strike rich dark surfaces such as the dark green needles or brown bark of a spruce or pine tree, a significant fraction of this short wavelength solar energy gets absorbed by these dark surfaces. After absorbing the short wavelength energy, the dark surfaces convert most of this energy into longer wave energy which we typically know as heat. Add up this effect for all of the dark green and brown trees in the forest, and it will be realized that a lot of heat is actually generated this way on a sunny day in late

winter. Slight breezes of a few kilometres per hour mix this warmed air downward to the ground raising the air temperature in that environment by several very noticeable degrees. Wind speeds over about 15 km/h tend to mix the warmed air through a much deeper layer or carry it away, reducing the warming effect near the ground.

On the snow covered prairie landscape, the story is different. First of all, snow is an excellent reflector of incoming solar energy. Snow will not reflect all of the energy being received from the sun, but up to 80 per cent can be reflected if the snow is clean. So on the same sunny, February afternoon, a high percentage of the incoming solar energy will be reflected right back into the sky by the huge expanses of snow covered land. The fraction of incoming energy that is not


reflected is available to be absorbed by dark particles in the snow, by the short stubble or the few trees and other objects that may be present on the snow covered landscape. Since not much solar energy is available for absorption, not much heat will be produced. The result is that air temperatures over the prairie will be lower than under a forest canopy, given the same meteorological conditions.

This story won't hold true later on in the spring, however. At that time, vast expanses of dark, dry prairie soil become exposed to the sun. The soil is darker than the forest foliage. Also, bare, dry soils have other physical properties that make them much better at absorbing solar radiation and, therefore, much better radiators of heat than a forest canopy. The prairie usually becomes a warmer environment than a forest on a




bright, sunny day in spring.

So when you next take an afternoon drive on a sunny, calm late winter day to the forests east of Winnipeg and you notice, when you get there, that it is considerably warmer than it was over the prairie, it most likely is because of the presence of all those heat-radiating spruce and pine trees that are surrounding you.



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Left to right: Capt A. Pineault; Laurie Johnson; Capt J. Lintott (WComd's representative); Sgt Avery and CWO Walker.



MFRC Board of Directors, back row, left to right: Don Brennan, MFRC Exec. Dir.; Kim O'Connor; Lynette Plett, Ex-Officio; Sandra Lawless, Jo-Anne Lintott, WComd's Rep. Front row, left to right: Marjorie Lague, 2nd VP; Tricia MacIntyre, Secretary; Laurie Johnson, Chairperson; Kim Reading, Treasurer. Missing: Nancy Galarneau, Diana Taylor, Carla Ryan, Ian Creighton, Deana Rundle, Garrett Lawless.

Kids' Zone

MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES

The Youth Centre will be open regular hours
Monday through Thursday during March break.
The Centre is closed on Friday.

**Pre-registration is required for all these events.
Registration deadline is one week prior to the event.**

Monday, March 29 Easter Crafts
The Youth Centre will be open at 9:30 for a morning of Easter crafting. Cost for the morning is \$5.

Tuesday, March 30 Kids' Museum
You are invited to join us for a morning at the Forks. We will play at the museum and if the weather is nice, we will visit the playground and explore the Forks. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Cost: \$3.

Wednesday, March 31 Glow Bowling
Once again we will be going to Academy Lanes for the afternoon. The Community Recreation Director will be renting the whole building for military families. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost: FREE

Thursday, April 1 Roller Skating
Bring your roller-blades or roller-skates (or use the ones there) and the spend the afternoon roller-skating to the latest music at Saints Roller Rink. Saints Roller Rink is located on Hamlin Street. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost \$2.

Sunday, March 21 Manitoba Moose Hockey Game
Come with us to cheer on the Moose. Game starts at 2 p.m. We will meet at the Youth Centre at 1:00 and travel to the game together. 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (approx.) Cost: \$10.

Mon., Tues. & Wed., March 29, 30 & 31 First Aid for Babysitters and Teens
This course is specifically designed for youth 12+. You will learn how to handle a first aid emergency by a certified first aid instructor who has experience teaching youth. Emergencies such as burns, cuts, possible fractures, head injuries, rescue breathing and CPR will be covered. Upon successful completion of the program, you will be certified in standard first aid and infant/child CPR. Please bring a bag lunch. Southside Chapel, 0930 - 1430. Cost: FREE

Volunteer Program

The Military Family Resource Centre would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out at two fundraising Bingo's at Club Regent. The money raised will be going to the Youth Centre. There will be a paved basket ball area and net, and a new computer.

- B Back Breaking!
- I I'm getting dizzy ==}
- N Nevada tickets anyone?
- G Getting hungry
- O O.K., how many cards do you want?

Thanks again - Sandy Hatch, Kim Clarke, Vlasta Amizic, Anne Gault, Diane and Keith Brine, Mona Currie, Yvette and Donna McRea, Kevin Munn, France Lecuyer, Jo McLaughlin, Marjorie Lague, Colleen McLeod, Kim Anningson, and all the way from Alert - Richard Lawrence.

*Volunteering at the MFRC is fun and has many rewards.
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Starting a Small Business

This series of workshops provide detailed information on the areas that all entrepreneurs should know before starting out in business.

The workshops will be facilitated by Keith Glennly from Manitoba Business Start at the Business Resource Centre.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who is seriously considering starting their own business or is operating an existing business and needs more information.

Session 1 - Pre Business Start Considerations
29 March, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Westwin Community Centre. Reg. by 22 March
Steps in choosing a business; Assessing yourself as an entrepreneur; Expectations - reality vs dreams; Structure of your organization

Session 2 - Marketing Research
5 April, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Westwin Community Centre. Reg. by 29 March
Environmental Scan; Primary & secondary sources of information; How to collect and utilize these sources; Information on competition, suppliers and location

Session 3 - Marketing Strategy
12 April, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Westwin Community Centre. Reg. by 5 April
Describe your competitive advantage; Your product/service & utilize description; Your target market & utilize description; Your pricing, distribution and promotion ideas

Session 4 - Financial Considerations
19 April, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Westwin Community Centre. Reg. by 12 April
Understanding your income statement and its components; How to complete your cash flow projections; Government programs to help small businesses; Basic accounting entries

COST: Attend all four session for \$15 or \$5 for each session.

17 WING SPORTS

What skiing is all about

By **Élaine Gadoury**

The Canadian Military Biathlon and Military Ski Championships were held in Balcarter at the Myriam-Bédard Centre from February 14th to 19th, 1999. More than 156 athletes, male and female, from all over Canada came for the competitions. Some of these athletes will eventually represent Canada at the international level. Moreover, the championship reinforces and promotes a positive image of the CF.

Different disciplines

This week was made up of several different events: 20 km (15 km for women) individual military ski; 20 km (15) individual biathlon; 15 km (10) patrol military ski; 15 km (10) cross-country ski; 10 km (5) military ski and 4 x 7.5 km relay.

The military ski and biathlon are two contrasting disciplines. Military ski is a lot less technical than the biathlon but just as rewarding for the athletes. Some of them said it is more challenging because the equipment is identical for each athlete. Others prefer the biathlon because it is faster and it requires more technical skills.

Different training

2Lt Kelly and Pte Hunter from the 25VC BN raced in the women's individual 15 km biathlon for the first time. They both agreed the CBMB is a magnificent centre for biathlon, but they were not used to so many hills. "After you've done it, you feel good about yourself. You've accomplished something", said Hunter. "Next year we will know what to expect", Kelly said.

Unless an athlete is part of the National Canadian team, they do not train full time. It takes a lot of dedication from each athlete to achieve good results in their sport and to meet the requirements for the national team. Each athlete has a full time job at their unit which is the top priority. A case in point: this year the Maritime athletes were affected to Bosnia and could not participate in the championships.

Monday, February 15th

The week started with the 15 km individual military ski (10 km for women). Cpl Jean Paquet, 1R22R was gold medalist of this event. Sdt Joanne Martin, 2 FD Amb Petawawa, came in first place in the women's event.

Tuesday, February 16th

This day was dedicated to the men's and women's individual biathlon. Cpl Sylvie Boudreault won the title in the women's 15 km and Bdr (Bombardier) Luc Bordeleau won the men's 20 km. They are both Canadian rising stars. Bordeleau has been training for more than 8 years. He says that all this dedication for the sport is truly worth it.

Wednesday, February 17th

Wednesday's event was the

Military ski patrol. Ten teams were racing together for 15 km (10 km for women) fighting against the wind, especially when they were shooting. Quite a few had problems with the equipment, dealing with broken binding and skis. All the teams completed the race with the 5 RGC claiming the highest step of the podium.

Thursday, February 18th

Two events went on Thursday. The 15 km team cross country event (10 km for women) took place in the morning. Teammates were skiing individually but their results were added together as one. The 12 RBC finished first in the cross country event.

During the afternoon, the 15 km (10 km for women) military ski competition got underway. 5 RGC won the competition by a large margin of more than 5 minutes.

Friday, February 19th

The relay was the last event of the week but certainly not the least. The result would break the tie between two equally placed teams. The 1R22R came in first and stole the title from the 12 RBC. The 1R22R preserved their status since they have been champions for many years in a row. The race was exciting because quite a few rising stars of the national team were participating.

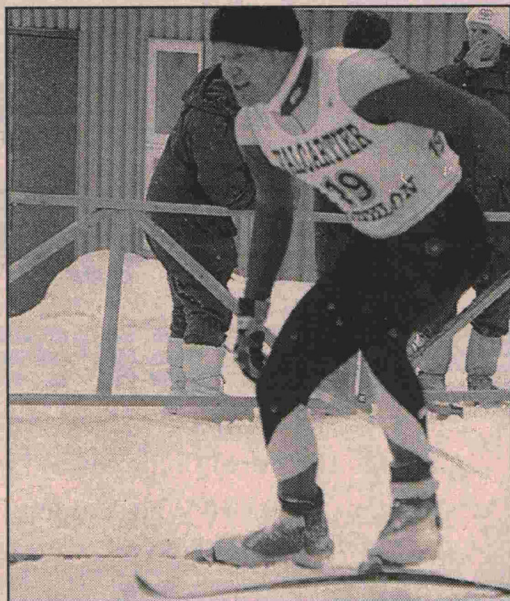
The relay enchanted the crowds because of the non-stop action. The audience sees

each biathlete four times: at the starting line, shooting twice in two different positions (lying and standing) and giving relay to a team-mate. But the most amazing thing to watch was the perseverance and comraderie that came out of each athlete completing the race.

The winning team of the week was the 1R22R. They outmatched their closest opponent, 12 RBC by only 4 points. Nevertheless, it was a friendly rivalry. All athletes felt proud of their performance and were happy to have reached their own goals.



Time to shoot has now come for the only female team, the 2FD AMB. From left to right: MCpl Denise Rodrigue, Pte Mélanie Rhéaume, Pte Joanne Martin and Pte Angela Townsend.



Cpl O'Connor slides past the starting line and finishes 23rd in the 15km freestyle cross country ski race.

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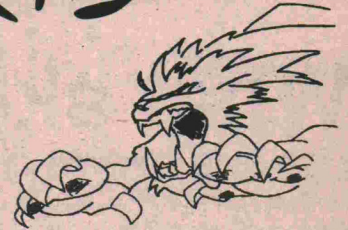
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17 WING SPORTS

Flying Tigers Swim Team

Bringing home the Gold!



Twelve members of the 17 Wing Flying Tigers Swim Team recently swam for Gold at the Provincial B Finals held at Portage la Prairie 17-19 Feb 99. In total there were 220 swimmers participating in these championships from all across the province. The Flying Tigers finished sixth out of the 13 teams entered in the competition.

In the male 15 and over category Jim DeBeer won gold medals in 100, 200 & 400 Free and the 200 IM plus a bronze in 50 Breast, which earned him a ranking of second overall in Manitoba. Rick Bhullar sprinted to 1st place in the 50 Free and nailed down three other medals at the competition. Dave Lowry owned the 100 Fly and swam to a bronze in 400 Free. Completing this age category with a silver in 200 Free was Graeme Sprange. In the male 13-14 cate-

gory Brian Hunter posted impressive PB times in the 50 and 100 Free.

Leading the way in the female 15 and over category was Kristy McBey who ranked fourth overall in the province by winning eight medals—silver in 50, 100, 200 and 400 Free, 100 Back, 50 Breast and two bronze medals. Also accumulating points for the Tigers were newcomers Sarah Bain with a silver in 800 Free and a bronze in 400 Free and Chelsea Kempe with a bronze in 50 Free.

In the Junior program Niall Martin powered his way to a fourth place provincial standing in the male 11-12 category with six medals, a gold in 50 Back and silver medals in 100 & 200 Back, 200 Breast, 200 & 400 Free. Niall also swam to Provincial A times in his 200 Back and 200 Breast. James Bowden, having just aged

up to the male 11-12 category, had a top eighth finish in 200 Back and swam PBs in his other races.

Margaret Fergusson had an excellent outing in the 10 and under girls category achieving A times in both 50 and 100 Back. Margaret's exciting races resulted in gold and bronze medals respectively. Rounding out the team was Navdeep Bhullar whose strong performance in the very competitive female 11-12 category resulted in her placing in the top 10 in her five races.

As a result of their strong showing, Margaret Fergusson and Niall Martin will represent the Flying Tigers at the upcoming Manitoba-Saskatchewan Provincial A Championships, 4-7 March 99. We wish them continued success at this high level meet!

The Flying Tigers have just

started training for the long course season. Anyone interested in joining or obtaining information on the 17 Wing competitive swim

club can call Dan Rivest at 833-2500 ext 5513 or at his home 831-1404.

Spring Break

Soccer Skills Camp

Monday - Thursday, 29 March - 1 April 99 at Lipsett Hall Gym. Ages 5-7 years, 1000-1100 hrs; 8-10 years, 1300-1500 hrs; 11-14 years, 1300-1500 hrs. Cost is \$5 per child and includes a T-shirt.

Children must be 5 years of age or older and have a 17 Wing Rec Card.

Please register with Carla, Community Recreation Director at ext. 2059.

Family Skating

29 and 30 March 99 at the Highlander Arena (red rink), 1871 Ellice, St. James, from 1400 - 1500 hrs.

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CFCA's main objective is one of preventive measures and maintenance. This is normally accomplished through our crime prevention information programs which encourage and stress citizen participation and awareness. By learning how to anticipate and recognize the potential crime opportunities, and what preventing measures or actions may be taken, criminal activities can be deterred and/or thwarted.

Some excellent examples of these strategies and initiatives are already active within your neighborhoods, like Neighborhood Watch, drug/alcohol prevention programs, bicycle safety seminars, Operation Identification, Seniors safety programs, Street proofing seminars and the maintenance of a community information office, where this information is available to you upon request.

Crime is costly, it literally affects you, your neighbors and friends, the whole community where you live. The victim suffers injury, financial loss and

intimidation. Society in total suffers through higher insurance premiums, taxes and consumer pricing, as well as the sense of insecurity and fear that results from criminal activities. It is, by far, less expensive to prevent or suppress criminal activities, than it is to absorb the costs of personal loss and anxiety after the fact.

CFCA is a duly formed Charitable Association, Incorporated, with our own Constitution and by-laws and elected executive volunteers, who are recognized by your Winnipeg City Police Services, Winnipeg City and Provincial government. It is our prime purpose to make the communities in which we reside, a better place for all to live in safety and relative security from harm.

Currently, we are maintaining an information office at 340 Rutland Street, St. James, Winnipeg, MB R3J 1X8, telephone 837-3672. Office hours to general public are Tuesdays from 1300 hrs to 1700 hrs.

Because we are Incorporated under the Manitoba Provincial Corporation Act, we have access to various grants and donations, however, we need to focus our attention on our very own community and it's citizens for the most part of our operating expenses. Therefore, it is imperative that we receive your individual contributions to be fully effective in the maintenance of these crime prevention strategies into the future.

Whether our members and volunteers realize it or not at this

point, we all have been a part of CFCA with our involvement in Neighborhood Watch. CFCA was in fact presented for their initiative and dedication to crime prevention, with the Mayor's Volunteer Service Award for the giving of their time, talents and unending energy to improve the well being of their fellow citizens and neighbors in the area of public safety and crime prevention.

To this end we *Thank You* for all your past support and assistance, in the maintenance of your crime prevention programs.

Clearly, if existing CFCA programs are not supported by our volunteer membership and the general neighborhood citizens, they will not survive. Primarily it is the Block Captains acting as public relations persons, at all levels, that must create an atmosphere in which they will not only survive, but grow and prosper.

We need volunteers to become involved and take an active role in the safety of their community and it's neighbors immediately.

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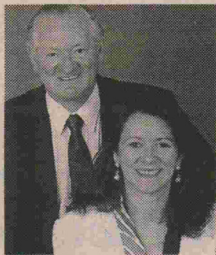
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