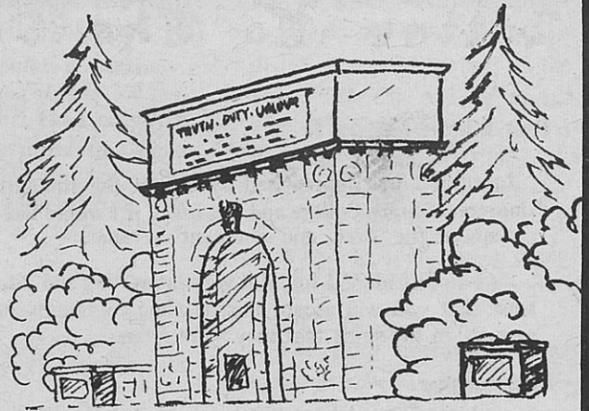


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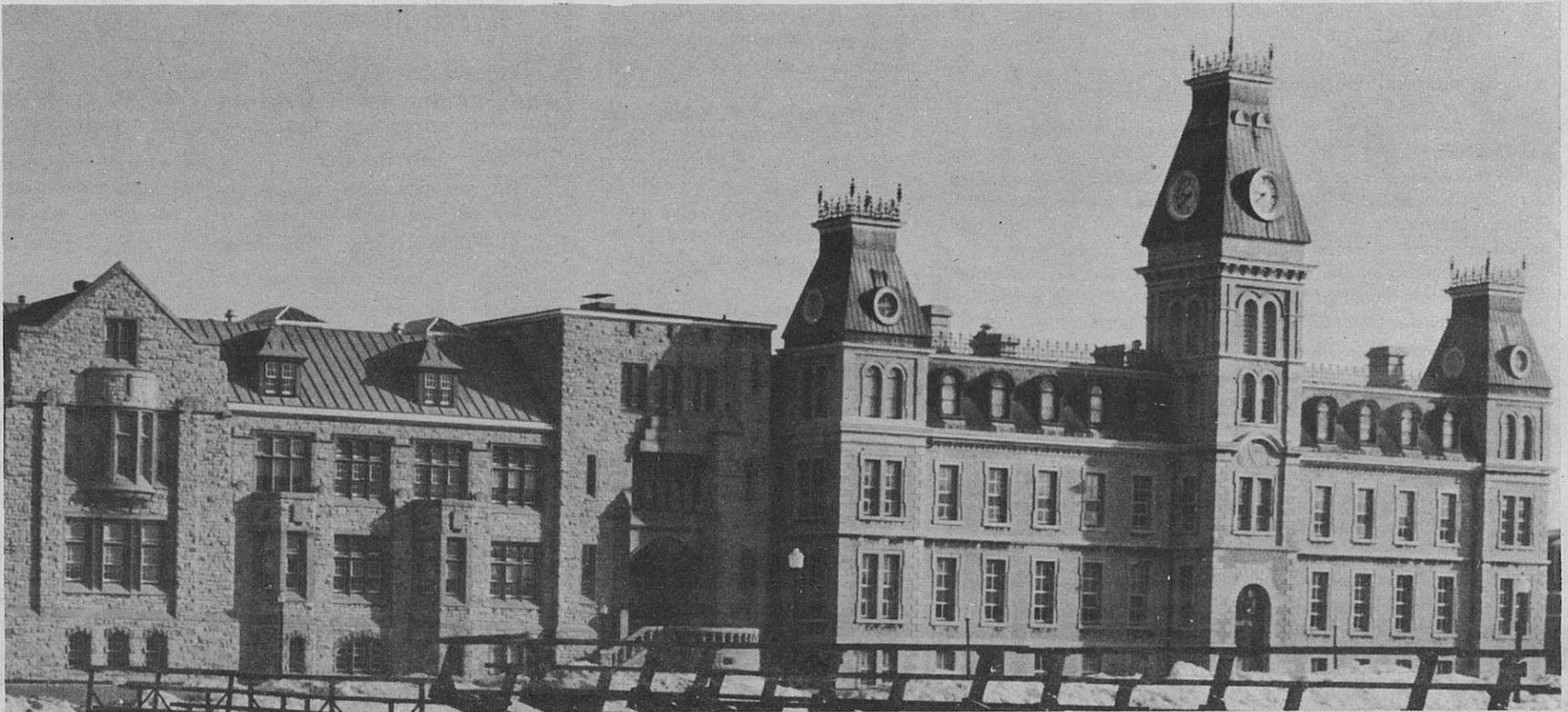


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1984 MOINS DIX

En apercevant pour la première fois le fatidique 'Janvier 74' sur le nouveau calendrier que vous venez de placer quelque part en vue, peut-être avez-vous aussi senti cette espèce de nostalgie pessimiste qui nous revient à tous, périodiquement, alors qu'encore une fois, nous nous arêtons à déplorer la vitesse du temps qui passe. L'époque est encore toute proche où nous écrivons des dates de 1960, 63 et 65 à L'en-tête de nos devoirs quotidiens et toute la période qui nous en sépare paraît aujourd'hui éphémère et effacée. Serait-il possible que dix courtes années nous séparent de la même façon de l'âge si différent que nous vivons dans une décennie. Serait-il possible que nous soyons à la même distance chronologique de 1964 que nous le sommes du nébuleux 1984 qui nous promet tant d'imprévu? Au fond, n'y a-t-il pas dans tout cela une quelconque illusion ou un mythe étrange qui nous fasse voir le futur plus lion et plus insonable qu'il ne l'est réellement?

En fait, il est peut-être particulier à l'homme d'aujourd'hui de raisonner de cette façon et d'entrevoir le futur avec une

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THE "DOUGLAS COLLECTION"

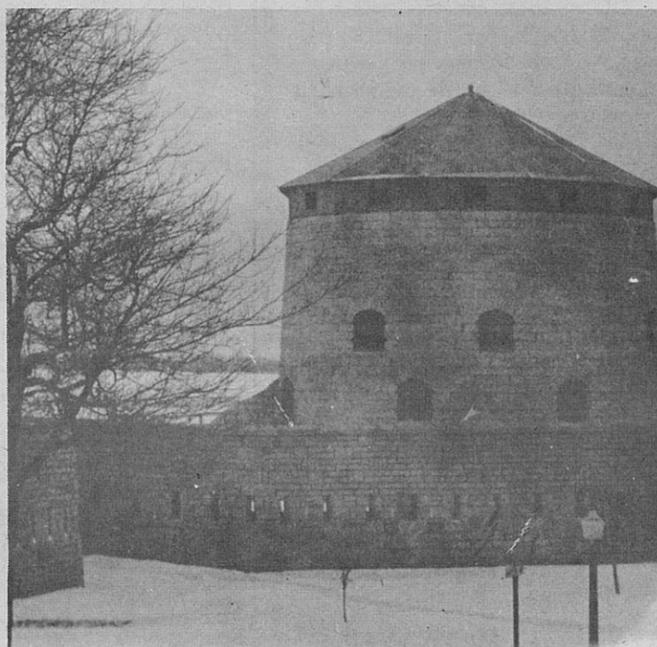
For the second time in two years, R.M.C. has had the misfortune to experience a theft of articles from its famous "Douglas Collection." To the casual observer, the "Douglas Collection" is a masterful assortment of weapons, many of which are on display at the college museum.

Assembled by Porfirio Diaz, President of Mexico from 1884-

1910, the collection consists of a large majority of Remingtons, Colts and Winchesters. How R.M.C. gained possession of the collection is a story in itself. In the early 1900's, Walter Douglas, from R.M.C. in 1890, Vice-president of the Santa Fe Railroad in Mexico. Being a wealthy and prominent man, he eventually came to meet President Diaz, who shortly afterwards

was ousted from power. The latter apparently suffered from financial difficulties, and consequently borrowed \$100,000 from Douglas. Diaz died in 1915 and with the debt still outstanding, the deceased's family agreed to part with its collection as repayment to Douglas. But when Douglas attempted to bring the collection back to Canada, the Mexican authorities refused to permit such a removal of historical articles.

The Collection remained in Mexico until 1939, at which time it was finally presented to R.M.C. Plans were made concerning the housing of the collection, but by 1942 nothing had been done. Until the museum opened, the weapons were stored in wooden boxes and placed in the central vaults of the college below Yeo Hall. While the museum displayed all of the best items in the "Douglas Collection," in addition to a small collection of South German, Swiss and Austrian hunting rifles, many remained, and still remain, in storage.



R.M.C. MUSEUM T. Tischler

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WINTER CARNIVAL

The RMC Winter Carnival 1974 proved, for the most part, to be what it was put up to be. It was a weekend of fun, entertainment, and sports. Everything from illusionists and fire dancers through log-sawing to a hockey game between CWHQ and the RMC Staff was on the Winter Carnival schedule.

The mixed broomball games between the squadrons proved to be quite unique in themselves. Surprises came everywhere in the games, especially from the females engaged in the sport. One huge, strapping cadet, while nursing a wounded elbow obtained on the rink of battle, was overheard commenting on the exceptional expertise of the female players with their cross and hip checks.

This conquest by the females was not entirely restricted to the bounds of broomball. Some of them can throw a pretty mean saw too. Don't believe it? Then ask 4 Squadron's rough and ready team of Wiley Kemp and Brian King whose downfall was brought about by a female at the saw.

The Winter Carnival's sports hayrides, and dances definitely made a good weekend. But there was icing on the cake with Fred Werthman and the CWHQ/Staff Hockey Game—a game that nearly sent all the spectators rolling in the aisles.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently I was approached by one of the students from the Kingston Military College and was asked if I would like to read their newspaper the 'Arch' and comment on same.

'As an outsider,' I found it very interesting and informative and trust that you will accept the attached comments and suggestions as such, in the spirit that they were given.

CRITICISM

1. Why do some articles appear in French and some in English? Is it possible to have a bilingual publication?
2. There are a number of short forms scattered throughout the articles. For those individuals with no 'Military' knowledge, the terms may be confusing. Perhaps an explanation could be provided explaining the short forms used: e.g., ROTP, CMR, LBTY, etc.
3. Grammatical errors—spelling, sentence structure.

COMMENTS

On the whole, I found the January issue both enjoyable and educational. For instance, the article re 'What is a soldier' was particularly interesting to me and I'm sure to many others who have or had members of the family employed in the Armed Forces. Too often the member of the Armed Forces is looked upon as a 'second rate citizen' not equal to his civilian counterpart. This article does justice to the profession. Hooray for Andre Therrien.

Perhaps another article could be written on what contributions are made by Armed Forces personnel during peace time. One tends to forget the Armed Forces and regards them only as a 'fighting' entity.

More articles on the operation of the car would be welcome. Your article on 'Cool it on Car Coolants' was very informative.

I presume that the publication is restricted in its distribution to individuals with some affiliation with the Armed Forces—if not, perhaps you might clarify this. Personally, I think many 'civilians' would find The Arch interesting reading.

I cannot close without making some comments re your comic strips—precious, simply precious. I hope you do not lose your source. The jokes are in good taste and add comical relief to any serious reading.

Keep up the good work boys!

An Interested Reader

(signed) D. Proulx.

Dear Miss D. Proulx:

Thank you for both your constructive criticism and comments. With letters like yours we can get to know what our readers look for in the Arch.

The Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcomed from any of our readers on any topic or article written in it.

Please write in, even if it means to criticize and suggest better things.

THE BLIND

Said the first year to his blind date:

'You are the best thing that happened to me since I broke my leg..'

Don't tell me why I cannot do something. Tell me how I can do it, then let me do it!

B.I.

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Editorial

Recently while attending one of RMC's social events I was pleasantly surprised to see the existence of a new breed of cadets.

There, upon a stage, before a large gathering of cadets and their dates were a few entertainers who if judged by their performance would have been mistakenly called 'pro's.' However, these entertainers who displayed an endless flow of effort, pride and talent were cadets!

Yes, these were cadets who exhibited their capabilities in something that was not 'normal' for the stereo type cadet. Maybe something which was not even normal for the system. Such an image is indeed rare among cadets.

Why so rare? Well, four years of living in the cadet environment have shown and proven to me the existence of a totally different cadet-image. This image is that of self defeat, helplessness...the feeling of the 'little man.'

This cancer of helplessness can be clearly detected from the rook class to the grads. (Those that have tried to get something done by themselves or through others, will surely know what I mean.) The worst of the problem is that this cancer is not left behind by the graduating cadets but somehow it influences their actions on later date. This may result in cases where cadets (or officers) don't take initiatives for fear of repercussions and thus do not develop their capabilities and talents to their full extent.

However this sickness was started, (through nature, the system or regulations,) it must be realized that this feeling of helplessness (and therefore apathy) among the cadets is damaging above all you the cadets!

I strongly believe that each one of you fellow cadets, is capable of achieving a variety of goals and developing endless talents (related to both the military and civy life.) This helplessness is something that is limiting us and destroying our individuality and capabilities.

There are many ways that we can recover from this cancer mentioned above. One of these methods is to follow the example of these cadet entertainers—to develop one's talents, to perform, to develop one's capabilities and to remain an individual within the system.

As for the other ways...well I wonder what you have to say. Please send your written comments or replies to The Arch and we will attempt to print them.

R. Kuban



Don't Eat Yellow Snow



RMC - WHAT IS IT?

Why are you here? Many respond that their immediate wish is to get a commission in the forces. Others purport that free-education can't be beat. My personal goal is to obtain my degree so I can become a commissioned pilot in the forces. What about yourself? Is it the free education, 30 days paid vacation, an assured job or a respectable engineering degree?

The point I have on my mind is whether or not these goals are being accomplished. RMC is here to manufacture officers, "educated" officers for the CF. I would be tempted to believe the primary function would be the successful acquisition of a degree. After all that is the magic key to success. Once you have that degree, you have your commission. Your military background really doesn't matter. After all, the DEO's get their commission for merely having a degree. They have no requirement or pre-requisite of military pro-

ficiency for four or five years. Nor does he have to get up at 0700 and stand outside to prove he was home, or demonstrate his prowess at walking 3 miles to church. Mind you he has to pass his OCS at Chilliwack, but remember all the civy "U" types who passed with as much ease as the CMC candidate.

Motivation, that is a deep subject. One would believe you would have to be motivated to endure the hardships of RMC. But are YOU motivated? I go back to my first question. Are you accomplishing what you want? Is primary consideration being given to your supposed goals. I strongly believe that this is not being done at present.

The first mistake or point of divergence is the apparent goals issued to us from that ominous place... "across the square!" My belief is that too much is being done to preserve the 98 year old image of the college in lieu of educating officer cadets for

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From the Bull's Pit

I had an odd dream last night that I would like to share with you, as it could concern all of you directly.

The time was early spring. The place - RMC. The actors included all the third and fourth year cadets as well as the military staff. Each year the new cadre is selected and the CWHQ and CSL candidates are informed of the jobs and responsibilities that would be theirs next year. Well, in this instance, the candidates were informed of their selection to the honoured membership in this elite group but they all declined the appointment with its consequent "leadership opportunities." Yes, I used the word declined. They ALL turned down their big chance (?)

The Military Wing was astonished, annoyed, and, needless to say, became quite upset over this apparently "quiet" revolution. They asked themselves if perhaps something was wrong with the selection system used in choosing the cadet-officers - nonsense. Could it be that they had simply chosen a complete set of 'duds' who were not, in fact, the best people for those positions? That would mean that a complete overhaul of the present assessment system would be required. They decided that some sort of error had been made somewhere. However, after selecting a second cadre of completely different individuals, they received the same response. "No thank you, Sir."

Immediately, all of the third and fourth year cadets met with the officers in Currie Hall. An explanation was demanded but no real response could be given. None of the third year cadets would accept a fourth year position involving either bars or responsibility.

Many questions were raised. What would, or could, happen to the college itself, not to mention the whole CanMilCol system? What could be done with the cadets returning next year? Who would look after Rook Camp? Had the present fourth year cadets instilled some sort of mutant ideology in their juniors perhaps. Can you imagine two hundred Slack Seniors? How could this problem be breached?

There was a deathly silence in the Hall for several minutes before a quiet, little man in the last row of seats silently rose to his feet, cleared his throat in preparation to speak. He said, "..."

Suddenly I was wide awake, sitting bolt upright in my "pit." What was this man going to say? Did he have an answer? What would happen if that same situation arose next year, even as a joke? Never fear, there's always at least one ambitious soul who would rise against the flow of apathy in his companions and snatch up the reins of authority over his peers. Really now, wouldn't YOU rather be the cadet-officer and not the S/C?

BULL

RMC-What is it...

It was the belief back in the good old days when "they" were rooks that a strict militaristic atmosphere produced a superior candidate. However, all I have heard that past few years in MLM (military management and leadership) is about the advantages of a laissez-faire system. I've heard how minimum punishment has much more effect than the maximum or more severe sentence. I've heard how an organization's efficiency increases when consideration for its personnel is demonstrated. I feel that society has changed, but the old stalwarts are still clinging to the past.

The emphasis upon the military life at the college has a tendency to distract one's mind. We have our spare time constantly being filled with tutorial drill classes, a cadet wing hike to church, extra drill on Saturday, listening for a phone to ring that never will, and getting up Thursday mornings to prove we still can't march. Where does all this get us?

What about those academics? Where do they fit into this marvelous system of antiquity? We have study hours every night. However, you can pack that in. Somehow they have a tendency of being lost to other pending matters. This results in the all night shift which merely worsens matters for the energy crisis. Soon after you hit the pit you have to get up and get dressed, stand outside your door once again to prove to that guy down the hall you're still here.

The recent, and more serious break-in, occurred sometime between the evening of 31 December and the morning of 2 January, 1973-4. Thirty-six items were stolen, many of which were among the most valuable of the "Douglas Collection." But on 10 January, the Chief of the U.S. Border Patrol informed the college that a man had been taken into custody in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on a charge of "illegal entry after deportation." At the time, he had in his possession a number of revolvers, \$37,000 worth of stolen Canada Savings Bonds, a considerable amount of stolen jewelry, and a large box containing eleven rifles, assorted pistols and revolvers. All the weapons were engraved either with the initials "P.D." or with the full name of the ex-President. The police traced the weapons, and by the 25 January, 32 of the 36 stolen weapons had been positively identified as articles from the "Douglas Collection." Mr. Spurr, the curator of the collection, has expressed confidence that the items would be back on display for the summer opening of the R.M.C. museum.

The second theft, although potentially the more serious of the two, turned out to be less of a loss. The college is naturally grateful. However these two incidents raise the question of museum security. No person or institution can afford to lose historical items; they are irreplaceable. The weapons have a story to tell, and is it fitting that they end up in a pawn shop?

Gary Nason

Whoever has reason for living endures almost any mode of life. Neitzche.

The ArchAngel



KGH Nurses win again! Carol, a student at KGH, seems to enjoy her reign as the RMC Winter Carnival Queen! W. Brandt

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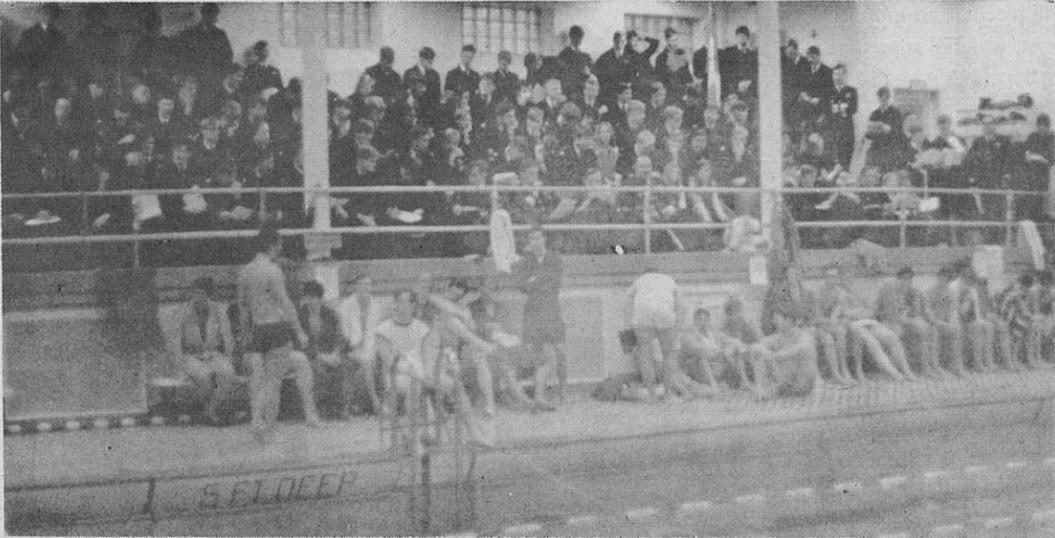
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Cadet Swim and Diving Competition

The 1974 Cadet Swim Meet, organized by OCdt MacGillivray and supervised by CSL Craig was held on 23 January. Needless to say, it started off with a 'bang' in spite of the three faulty starting pistols. Both squadron and individual spirit was definitely shown in it's finest form by the spectators - both those in and out of the water. I recall in fact that one spectator got somewhat 'carried away' by his squadron's victory and performed the great plunge off the three metre board - clothes and all.

In squadron results, first place and the Prince Fushimi Cup (1907) went to 3 Squadron which obtained 45 points followed by 8 Squadron - 41 points, 7 and 4 Squadrons tied with 33 points, 1 Squadron - 28 points, 6 Squadron - 16 points, 5 Squadron - 15 points and 2 Squadron with 10 points. It has been emphasized by 1 Squadron (known as Spider Squadron) that they are mainly a dry-land species rather than water-spider oriented - so said, 'Don't knock our points!'

The 200 yard Medley Relay went to 1 Squadron with a time of 2:06.2 - comprised of Cdts Prediger, Read, Stewart and Normandeau. The 200 yard Freestyle along with the Patton Cup was won by third year Read of 1 Squadron with a time of 2:10.3. Cdt Linscott of 4 Squad-

ron won the 100 yard Backstroke with a time of 1:11.4. The 100 yard Breast Stroke was won by Cdt Lazenby of 3 Squadron who edged out Cdt Prediger by .1 seconds.

The 50 yard Freestyle, won by CSSO McCracken of 3 Squadron, was followed by a close second place Hache of 7 Squadron. McCracken's time was 26.9 seconds.

The diving competition concluded with three finalists, Cdts Jacobson - 5 Squadron, German - 8 Sqn. and Haag - 4 Sqn. The winner was Cdt Jacobson with 116.98 aggregate points followed by German - 114.53 pts. and Haag with 106.02 points. Smiley Dave Jacobson was also presented with the Capt E.C. Hamilton Trophy.

The 200 yard Novice Relay was won by 8 Squadron comprised of Cdts Cepella, Kerwin, Howson and Matthews. CSSO McCracken starred again in the 100 yard Individual Medley with a time of 1:08.9. The 100 Yard Freestyle along with the Navy, Army, Air Cadets of Winnipeg Trophy was won by Cdt Rodgman of 3 Squadron with a time of 1:00.2 followed very closely by Cdt Lipnicky - 4 Squadron. A new college record in the 50 yard Butterfly was made by Cdt German, 8 Squadron with a time of 27.0 seconds. The previous

college record was 28.4 in 1963 by Cdt Geddie. The final race, the 200 yard Freestyle Relay was won by 7 Squadron by Cdts Cutbill, McManus, Hache and McDougall with a time of 1:49.7.

Due to circumstances, Brigadier-General W.W. Turner was unable to make the awards presentations. In turn, the Swim Meet was concluded with presentations by Lieutenant-Colonel D.M. Youngson, Director of Cadets.

The swim 'chuckle' of the year went to fourth year Hug whose 'slow' excuse was that his swimming suit kept lagging behind and he had to wait for it to catch up but we all realize Greg that your swim suit passed you in the opposite lane.

On behalf of the organizers, I would like to thank Lieutenant-Colonel Youngson for the trophies and awards presentations, Capt K.E. MacDonald, the PERI staff, Mr Watt our starter and all the spectators for your support. In general, the meet went fairly smoothly resulting with several winners, one new college record and others, tired but self-satisfied. For those motivated non-swimmers, I leave you with this thought - start now, think positive and we'll perhaps see you in the finals in a couple of years.

OCdt J Kotlarz

The training room

Impressive showing by our Redmen teams in everything except hockey is the good news for this issue. The supposed 'less glamourous' teams have really done a great job in showing their ability to the fullest and coming up with wins. The basketball team came up with a top notch game and defeated Carleton Ravens in a one point squeaker. Judo members have continued to impress everyone with their showing, and the wrestlers are tuning up for their OUAA Championships.

The wrestlers have not been mentioned before in this article and a salute to their hard work is the least that can be done. They have been working since

November, and the peak of the year is closing fast. They lost six people to graduation last year and finding replacements for guys like the late Bill 'Muff' Moffat, Bobby Mayo, Brent Hobson, Jim Prudhomme and Brian, 'BJ' Forsythe is no easy task. The added level of higher competition has also given pressure to the team, which is now in the OUAA. They also lost their very capable coach MWO Jim McClelland. Put it all together and you have a young spirited team which has had to work extra to do well, and which expects to place above average in the OUAA finals on 15 and 16 of Feb. Their top wrestlers and hopes lie with Al McCluskie

(126 lbs), Dave Long (190) and Bob 'Boob' Howson (Heavyweight). Let us wish you the best of luck and let you know that we are behind you all the way.

In Hockey the Redmen have taken a serious series of setbacks on the ice but the game against Queen's was really fantastic as they tied 6-6. Then the trip to USAFA started it all again as they lost both encounters 5-2 and 7-5. Changes were made, and probably the most enlightening of these was the goaltending of Derek Rolfe, who had been used only in practice until the tie with Queen's. After the heartbreaking trip to USAFA, which is supposed to be

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HOCKEY: USAFA '74

The Redmen took to the air on Thursday, 27 Jan, and when they landed they were in Colorado. Five hours in a Hercules is a long time but Jack Cox and Batman made the whole trip enjoyable.

After a short bus trip from Peterson Air Force Base to the Air Force Academy, the Redmen, along with the Pipes and Drums and the Senior Staff support Party, were treated to an excellent meal and then taken to their accommodations. The Pipes and Drums found that they had cadet hosts while the of-

icers Quarters. The poor Redmen found that they had no host and would have to stay in the field house. They call it the USAFA Hilton. I guess the hockey team doesn't rate.

Friday morning's practice was good. The boys felt like winning. Friday afternoon, everyone visited the Cadet Store where everything is half price, then walked around the campus. Later everyone returned to the Hilton to rest up for the game.

Finally 7:30 rolled around and the puck was dropped. That was probably the only thing the referee was to do right for his next 120 minutes of hockey. Referees like that bring back fond memories of West Point and Oswego.

Friday ended with the Falcons 5, Redmen 2 although Derrick Rolfe had played a good game and the Redmen had outplayed the Falcons for most of the game. Saturday would be different. Beating Air Force would prove no problem if the

large ice surface, thin air, two referees and one linesman could be mastered. But again Sprout found out who controls the game, as did Dave Hall and Gord Brown. The Reddies came out on the bottom once more, and Air Force won the series 12 goals to 7. Well, maybe next year, eh!

On Saturday night everyone relaxed. Some went to the party at the Recreation Centre, some stayed at the Hilton to do homework, while some went to visit the bunny in the playboy club in Denver.

The Hercules took off early Sunday and the feeling of close companionship returned as seventy people crammed into the troop seats to lock knees for the next five hours. Watch those guys with the skirts!

Trenton appeared on the horizon as everyone prepared for the annual customs rip-off. Almost everyone made it; some paid duty. The customs officers were pretty sharp. What shoes? No, I usually carry three overcoats. There's nothing in there but hockey equipment. I have nothing to declare.

The buses hurried back to Kingston as everyone was anxious to get home but no one had forgotten the beautiful buildings, the exciting hockey or the proud wail of the bagpipes and the standing ovation they received. No one would forget the hospitality, a "dooley" saying "Good Morning Sir" or row upon row of Corvettes, 240Z's and Porches.

Beware Air Force, you beat us this year but in '76' we'll be back.

Wilton



P. Mosher

THE BATTLING REDMEN OF RMC

This has been a long and grueling season for the RMC Redmen Basketball team. It is their first season in the OUAA and it has been a very disappointing one for Coach Ray Bootland. The team presently stands at one win and twelve losses with the final game against Ryerson remaining. For several reasons, I don't believe that the Redmen are as bad as their record would indicate.

The team lost three starters from last year's winning team.

They have been hard to replace, but so far Mike Maxwell and Roger Haag have done well filling in two of the spots. The centre spot sees Steve Christensen and Ralph Meyer sharing. Steve is leaving after this year, so this leaves us Meyer. He has gained some experience this year and should soon be a well developed player, but experience comes at a price and the Redmen have felt it this year.

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Training Room...

having a bad year, the Reddies took on Queen's on Queen's-RMC night and lost. They lost Brian Hook early in the first period with a very serious eye injury. Then they lost the game 6-2 and Queen's took control of the game after the injury to Hooker.

Winter Carnival was very hospitable to Guelph, and they left with an easy 9-1 win as the Reddies were watching them skate, pass, shoot and score. Come on Reddies, lets not let down, but pick up, we can't have this small college lose spirit or we will surely die. Give your fans the spirited performances which had become your trademark, and we'll back you win or lose.

The Reddie Basketball team came up with two surprise showings of note since our last ARCH. They surprised a confident U of T team but lost it in the fourth quarter. They were more than looking good in that game. In their next home encounter, versus the Ravens from Carleton, they put it all together in a fine show of determination as they came up with a one point victory which was a fine topping to their Winter Carnival weekend. Atta go Reddies, we knew you could do it and so did you. We wish you added success in the closing games of the season.

CWRSO Burke is hoping to get the Canteen to order Rep

team and plain RMC T shirts. This is to provide continued availability at less cost. The plain T shirts would be the same as the Rep team ones without the team name on them.

The Reddie Badminton and fencing teams have had very successful warmups to the OU-AA championships. In Badminton Rusty Bassarab, Greg Burke and John Czich all won their respective divisions, and then Rusty combined with Randy Hayden to take the Doubles Championship. also. This high standard performance was in the Divisionals which are a warmup round for the championship to be held at Waterloo on the 16th of Feb. On the ninth of February, the Badminton sectionals will be played at Queen's. Good luck to the team!

In fencing the team placed first in the standings as Chuck Oliviero won the foil and Bob Orzechowski was second in foil.

These were the divisionals also and since all teams go to the sectionals on the 9th of Feb at Queen's they feel confident in coming up with another impressive showing.

Unfortunately, our gymnastics team is weakening but only in members and Whitey's ankles and wrists. The Reddies are working hard as witnessed by their fine output in the McMaster Invitational on the 3rd of Feb.

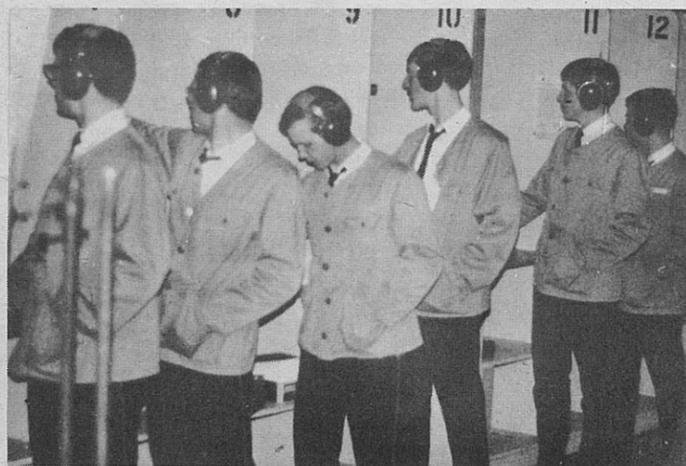
Jacques Strappe

QUEEN'S-RMC NIGHT

The teams of RMC were spirited and determined; their fans were rowdy and enthusiastic, but when the Queen's-RMC Night ended, the Queen's delegation was found to have been victorious in all contests. This annual demonstration of friendly cross-town rivalry had been revised this year by limiting the number of events and spacing them throughout the evening, thus allowing spectators to catch a Smorgasborg of games and displays.

The volleyball, hockey, and basketball games were dominated by strong Queen's squads which seemed to be simply physically larger than their cadet opponents; but even the most ardent Queen's supporters were impressed by the skillful gymnasts of the RMC High Box team. Everyone acknowledged that even the antics of the Queen's "Meatballs" on the trampoline, or the grace and beauty of the Queen's Synchronized Swimmers, paled before the blur of red and white flying and twisting through the air. At the conclusion of the sports, the Leonard Brockington Trophy was received by the Queen's representative when the final, total score (made of points for results being over-shadowed by those for fan involvement) left Queen's with a tiny edge. The cadets returned to the college empty-handed, tired and hoarse, but vowing revenge next year.

F.R.D. Tupling



T. Tischler

BLOWING OUR OWN HORN

'Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,' would make a good theme song for the RMC Pistol Team - and nobody cares! Take thirteen young men who hardly knew what a pistol was before coming to RMC, add one coach stir in many hours of practise, bring to a hard boil-over over certain prejudiced elements of the military wing, and then chill for 7 months in an indifferent cadet wing. This not so familiar recipe produces one of the most consistently successful teams at RMC.

Let's take a trip. Imagine yourself on the college pistol team. For the first two days after Christmas Leave you practice in the sickening smell of fresh paint - because someone decided that would be a nice time to paint the pistol range. (They weren't going to let you practice at all for those two days, but eventually, they let up.) Wednesday, you have a practice without the painters, and Thursday, at noon, you find out that you can't practice that evening since you will be attending a military guest lecture. You are not perturbed since you know that one rep team is excused, even though it doesn't have a scheduled practice, and that another RMC rep team is excused though it has to try

hard to come third in a two-team game. No, you aren't perturbed, even though you have two important league matches this weekend. You will be shooting against men who have fired pistol for up to twenty years. You are expected to win, even though you have additional opponents across the square. Friday comes, and you lose your match by almost 100 points, probably because you gave up eating a decent lunch on Friday to devote an extra hour to practice. Sunday comes and a nine o'clock practice produces results - a victory by over 100 points against Watertown. How many other teams would go through this? To top it off, an officer you respect highly asks you what the chances are of beating West Point on March 2nd. Believe it or not, for the first time in 4 years, we have the potential - if we can overcome our opponents across the square first.

Shooting pistol is far more frustrating and mentally exhausting than sports in which you can lose your cool and work off your steam. You shoot for a team, but every bad shot is your own. If you don't believe me, come down and try sometime.

R.J. Currie

Battling Redmen...

Marc Walton is a rookie forward who should see plenty of action next season. We are losing Phil Eivemark this season and it will be hard to replace him, but the Coach has confidence in both Bill Sergeant and Bob Henderson. They are both second year and are improving.

At the guard position, the Redmen are strong with Maxwell Jim Bureaux, Jim Gerhart, Mike Vinnins, and rookies Guy Robson and Ken Jones. These latter two have seen some service and will do well next season. So in a way it was a rebuilding year for Coach Bootland.

As we all know, this year RMC is in the OUAA and this league is a lot tougher than the QUAA. No excuses for our record, but the Redmen have been consistently facing good opposition. This forces us to play ti-

ght and, thus, we make mistakes. In this league mistakes usually mean baskets for the other team. The Redmen have been careless at times but the opposition has been making their own breaks and capitalizing on them. It is on this point that I say that not only the Redmen basketball team suffers but the whole college suffers. We have been outclassed in several sports and it cannot be attributed to us being poor athletes, but that our competition is better and keener in their skills.

These are some reasons why I think the Redmen have been losing in basketball. I know the fellows, and I know that they work hard even now that the season is lost and almost over. I hope that the cadets respect their efforts as I do, because they really put their best into those efforts.

J. Pyka

Hero's worship

Everyone was saddened by the news of Brian Hook's eye injury. He was rushed to the operating room at KGH for immediate surgery but the eye could not be saved. It was removed to prevent any infection from getting to his other eye. He was, I am happy to say, in very good spirits when he came to after the operation. He was getting his nurse to give him continual "back" rubs - atta boy Hooker, eye injury - back rub - she was really good eh?

Everyone knows how hard it will be for you to come back off this loss, and knowing you were hoping to make a career of hockey makes it even more sorrowful. By the same token we all know you are a spirited guy, who is very much respected. We know you will fight back and surprise us all!

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telle intensité d'appréhension. Deux guerres mondiales et une technologie sans cesse en ébullition lui ont appris à attendre de la réalité qu'elle dépasse les prévisions. Les Jules Vernes d'aujourd'hui se risquent à peine à envisager la forme que prendra la vie à la fin de ce siècle déjà entamé aux trois quarts. En fait, il semble que jamais, plus qu'au XXe siècle l'humanité n'ait ressenti une telle incertitude face à son avenir.

Ce sentiment peut sans doute être partiellement expliqué par le fait que l'individu, dans notre siècle plus que jamais, doit se plier aux nombreuses exigences de sa communauté, qu'elles soient exprimées par un dirigisme étatique ou par une coercition capitaliste non moins puissante. Un culte nouveau pour l'efficacité a fait naître un essor universel de la société organisée, où chaque individu consent à jouer un rôle infime, pour le meilleur ou pour le pire, livrant son destin au succès ou à l'échec d'un tout où il accepte de n'être qu'un rouage.

Il est vrai que cet engouement pour l'efficacité a apporté une technologie formidable, que l'on a d'abord voulue au service de la sécurité et du confort. Elle a mis entre les mains des hommes une énergie jusqu'alors inconnue. Mais cette même énergie qui lui permet de si bien construire permet aussi à l'homme de bien détruire. Et c'est là que se trouve précisément le hic. La sécurité d'une société ne s'établit-elle pas sur le fatal 'para bellum', cette inconditionnelle loi du plus fort? Si la sécurité d'un état est proportionnelle à sa capacité à détruire nul doute que sa collectivité cherchera le maximum de force face aux autres états, et cela d'abord en orientant l'activité de la population par une organisation serrée. Et l'individu, là encore, se voit de plus en plus profondément dirigé par la volonté nationale, même dans sa vie de tous les jours. Il apprend à se soumettre dans l'effort vers un but commun, tout distant qu'il puisse être de son univers journalier.

L'homme du XXe voit ainsi son avenir d'avantage lié à celui de son état et il en perd de plus en plus le contrôle. Il développe un sentiment de petitesse et d'insignifiance face à ce monde où il n'exerce aucune influence et dont, pourtant, il ressent si vivement les exigences. Ce que sera demain demeure pour lui une hypothèse toujours susceptible d'être contrecarrée par une intervention indésirée; cette intervention pouvant aussi bien être directe, telle une guerre, ou indirecte, telle l'obligation de participer au système économique national planifié.

En somme, l'homme de 1974 se sent déjà glisser inexorablement vers l'univers romanesque Orwellien, du moins éprouve-t-il certains symptômes qui portent à le penser. Sa seule assurance est celle de savoir qu'il reste encore du temps devant lui, qu'il peut essayer d'en jouir et qu'

après tout, force et rage ne sont pas des moyens efficaces de régler les problèmes. Il s'assoit donc confortablement devant son calendrier neuf et se remémore avec délices sa dernière décennie, tout en essayant de se convaincre qu'au fond, il est peut-être vrai que rien ne change sous le soleil..
J.M.

K.I.C.

The Social life at RMC for '74 has really moved into full swing in the last few weeks. The Six Pax dance was received with mixed reactions by most of us who attended. The group did a lot of Tijuana Brass and Chicago, and although they were very good to listen to, some people, myself included, found them very hard to dance to. Their songs seemed to be too long, after dancing for ten (10) minutes to one song without a break, you were not only tired of the song but also were on the verge of collapse! Who knows, maybe the P.T. Staff had a hand in the selection of Six Pax for this dance.

Things were relatively quiet at RMC over the USAFA weekend. Everyone who could be was on leave, those of us who weren't 'held the fort' at the mess, and prepared for the busy week ahead of us.

We lost the Queen's-RMC night again! I think that although crowd participation was good, we could have mustered up a lot more spirit if we had indulged in a more intensified Psych-up campaign. I think if we had had a TGIF before going over to Queen's we could have made more noise than the Queen's students; band or no band. However, we did put forth a valiant effort and did very well under difficult conditions.

Winter Carnival '74 started off on a different note with TGIFN. The magician and fire-dancer were entertaining, more because they were different rather than being exceptionally

good. Were you ready for that exotic dancer? She waddled across the stage with all the grace of a pregnant duck, but then with the memory of Karim Ali still fresh in our minds, she had a lot to live up to.

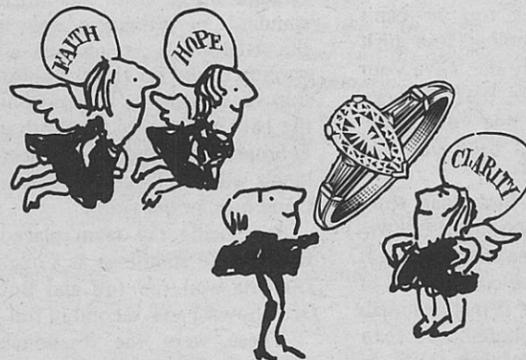
Commander Green Jeans and the Upbeats were excellent. Everyone has been talking about the band since. Variety Night put on a great show and really impressed the crowd. The combination of good music and an enjoyable stage performance made their show not only fun to dance to, but also fun to watch. I think it would be decent if we could have them back again to play for an entire evening. Maybe we could have a greaser night or something. I'm sure something of this nature would go over quite well.

Saturday was the busiest day of Winter Carnival Weekend. After watching 8 Squadron completely smash the rest of the wing in W.C. Sports, we had a pregame drink and watched Guelph smash the Redmen, but with free beer at the mess the loss seemed to be easier to take. Gertie really out-did herself on the Candlelight dinner, we'll be eating stew for a month; but that dinner was worth the future heartburn. Alabama was a dynamite group, the New Gym was packed and everyone there thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Alabama was billed as the main attraction of the Carnival entertainment, and they lived up to everyone's expectations.

Winter Carnival '74 was brought to a close with the winning combination of food, free beer and Fred Werthmen at the Mess. Fred has the knack of knowing the mood of the audience and selects his songs accordingly. By the end of the afternoon, Fred had even the most conservative among us standing, stomping and singing.

I'll close by congratulating CWHQ for annihilating the Senior Staff hockey team on Sunday afternoon. It was excellent to watch two players go into a corner and hope that neither player would survive!

B.E. MacDonald 8 Sqn



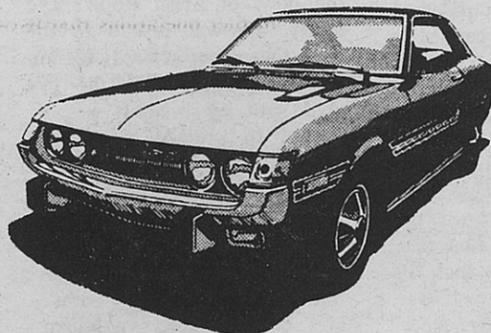
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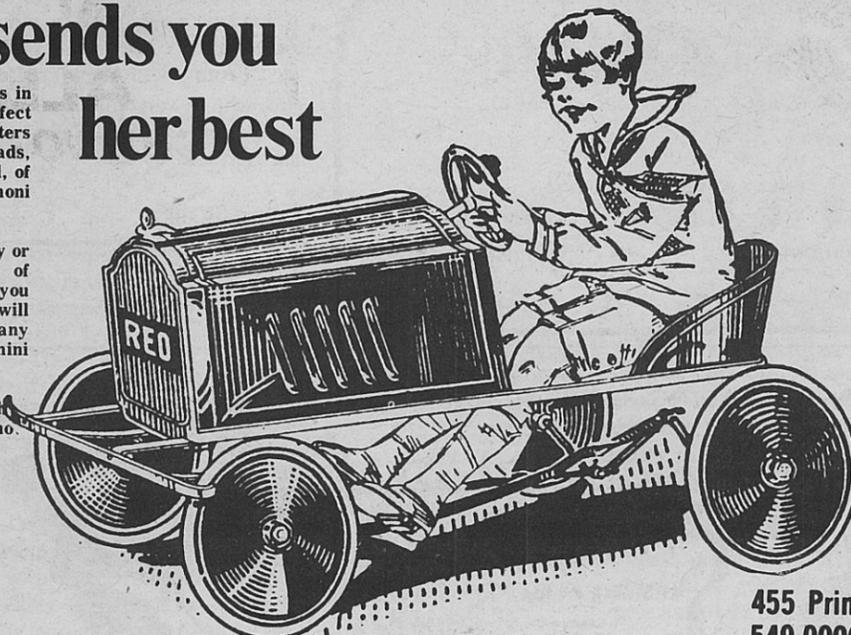
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I.M. SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASKETBALL

R.D. Melnuk

The Big Maroon Machine from Brock Squadron made no mistakes and ended the term undefeated. Led by its two high scoring captains, Bob Jensen and Martin Tate, the Brock squad stayed on top all term winning the Bexhill Trophy.

Looking ahead to next term, the captain of the Maroon Machine, Martin Tate, is very confident in repeating a championship performance. Tate says the team will be stronger this term, possessing a lot of hustle and ball control. Jensen will be back looking for another successful term, but Tate looks toward a new addition, John Edkins, to add a great deal of strength to the team.

'We lacked height in rebounding,' says Tate, 'but I think Edkins and Garrick Bradshaw can do the job this term.'

As far as the opposition goes Tate can fear no evil from 'B.W.' Alkitt and his Baby Blues this term, due to the fact that 4 Squadron will not be fielding a team. But an almost certain threat will come from Bob Banks and his 8 Squadron Green Hornets.

Akitt ended up winning the scoring title with an impressive 145 points followed by John Gardener of 7 with 112 and Tate with 102.

HANDBALL

When the Frigate makes its mind up to do something right, it doesn't fool around. The Frigate Handball team completed the term undefeated with 12 straight victories, enabling them to walk off with the trophy as soon as the I.M. department gets a hold of one. The 6 Squadron Six Pak proved to be the Stone Boat's toughest competition, losing only two games all term, both to the Frigate by narrow scores of 9-8 and 15-13.

Both squadrons will be back to fight it out this term, but the Frigate will have to do it without the services of Kris Gammeljord, Henry Szwejk and Paul Amyotte, who were the team's top performers. According to I.M. rules all players must play a different sport each term unless the team requires veteran players in order to fill the roster.

The BIG THREE: Gammeljord, Szwejk and Amyotte came out on top of the scoring leaders getting 75, 54 and 51 points respectively. Other big scorers were Michel Larocque of Wolfe Squadron and Wiley Kemp of Frontenac Squadron each with 50 points.

ICE HOCKEY

It took the last game of the term to do it, but Pontiac Squadron upended 5 Squadron 5-2, capturing the Osler Cup. The victory allowed the Worriers to edge out the LaSalle Reddies by one point, which must have been a disheartening let down for Reddie captain, Robert Guay, whose team led for much of the term. But, even tho-

ugh they had to settle for second place in the standings, two of its very talented players, Roger Richard and Dale McLaughlin, were on top in the scoring department netting 20 and 17 points respectively.

Worrier captain, Duncan Watt, said the biggest reason for the team's success was the way they played together. Their only loss was suffered at the hands of the LaSalle Reddies in the first game of the term and it was then Watt realized the team's strategy would be to play good position hockey. It obviously paid off for Watt who went on to cite Tom Harbour and Mark Denomy as two of the team's strongest performers.

FLOOR HOCKEY

You couldn't have had a much closer finish than the one in floor hockey. After all the final points had been computed, 7 Squadron emerged as champions and walked away with the Kiwanis Shield.

Asked what the reason was for this late surge, 7 Squadron team captain, Normand Rousseau, attributed it to no few individuals, but to teamwork and a bit of luck. If there was any one area that stood out, it was the defence, with Rousseau giving praise to Paul Hussey and Lorne Facey.

MacKenzie Squadron, who showed strong indications of winning the league title, will have a chance to get back this term under the new team captain Brian MacDonald.

Top scorers were Brian Hanley from 6 Squadron with 16 points, Rick Johnson of 4 with 15 points and 'Jake' Jacobson also of 4 Squadron with 11 points.

WATER POLO

Brock Squadron had another winner in its water polo team. Winning all its games the team was led by its high scoring captain Don Brodeur along with John Edkins, Graeme Hardy and Larry Nuttal.

A good hard effort by 8 Squadron enabled them to slip by 6 Squadron and take second place. If 8 picks up where it left off it may well be the team to beat this term, taking the place of 5 Squadron which will be absent from the league.

In the scoring department, Brodeur never let up, ending the term with an amazing 27 goals scored in only six games. Brodeur was 10 better than second place finishers Gary McCracken and Greg Hug each with 17 goals.

The 5 Squadron team was the first recipient of the John Colin Hall Memorial Trophy which was presented by Commander John S. Hall (Ret'd) of Victoria, B.C. The trophy is in memory of John C. Hall who passed away recently, and while he had attended RMC was very talented in water polo, therefore, the family graciously donated the award which now highlights the trophy showcase.

MORE HAIR . MORE HOPE

Last issue I disclosed to a grateful public how cadets can, after having the "ear readjustment operation", get away with having longer and thicker hair. And I promised to reveal two further operations that have the same net result. All three oper-

ations in conjunction give the new "RMC Look."

The second of the three operations is described in CFAO's and CFMO's as the "neck elongation operation." Basically, this operation is the reverse of having

a disc removed from the spine; a new disc, made of tef-

lon or shock-absorbing rubber (your choice) is surgically added to the neck section of the spine. This can add up to an inch of length to the neck, and that's an inch more of hair-coverable space! Short cadets (i.e. under 5 foot 8 inches with their parade boots on) and any ever accused of being "spineless" are eligible.

The third operation is for the mustache aficionados: it's called the "oral extension operation." As mustache-bearers know, the ends of the mustache aren't supposed to go below the corners of the mouth. This operation is valuable because it consists of cutting the corners of the mouth each a half to a whole inch down and out (i.e. 45 degrees below the horizontal): in effect, the corners of the mouth are lower and the mouth wider, allowing much more expressible mustaches to be grown. Especially eligible are pipe-smokers, debaters, bag-pipe players, plus, of course, anyone known to be close- or mealy mouthed. Candidates for this and the "neck elongation operation" should report to MIR asap.

It can be readily appreciated that cadets undergoing all three operations will have a very distinctive appearance. This, I say should become our own "RMC Look!" What better way to demonstrate one's allegiance to the College, now and in later life? What better way to enhance one's looks and sex appeal? Just think of the admiring glances an "RMC Look."

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**THE PUB DEBATE
ACT I**

The stage is set and the crowd restless, as for many it would be their first witness to the spectacle. The audience is divided between roving-eyed singles and bright eyed couples. A few engage in intelligent conversation but most topics are trivial and those who sleep make no attempt at discussion. A stir passes through the spectators as a cloaked figure approaches with deft self-assurance and is immediately recognized as the chief trainer for the upcoming act. He carries a broom, his only training aid to control the performance.

Then, with only a short introduction, the first performer begins his verbal onslaught. The crowd draws back and frightened eyes turn to the pedestal of the trainer; will he not hold this animal back? 'No,' he proclaims 'fend for yourselves!' With this

challenge it is not long before insults upon insults fill the hall. Can this lewd forum of one-lined obscenities be considered intellectual conversation? Will it never cease?

ACT II

Suddenly this animal is no more, yet as he withdraws, we find ourselves listening to 'The Rebuttal'. The dialogue now is more brutal and several of the crowd exit, while many continue to participate. Again the trainer makes no attempt to control the ring and now the act and the spectators are as one. . . .

When all is quiet again, for some there is a feeling of loss and cause for re-evaluation of the environment. Where lies the difference between act, actor and animal? . . . Resolved I will not preside at next year's Pub Debate.

I'm not impressed

KINGSTON COAT OF ARMS PRESENTATION

On Wednesday, January 16, 1974 in a brief ceremony, held in the Council Chambers at Kingston City Hall, the CF units in the Kingston area presented the City of Kingston with a handsome replica of the City Coat of Arms. RMC provided twenty-two per cent of the funds towards the purchasing of the coat of arms and the College was represented at the ceremony by the Commandant, the Director of Cadets, the Director of Administration, and the Principal, Doctor Dacey. There were also ten cadets in the Commandant's party.

In the actual presentation of the replica, Admiral Davies stressed the close cooperation between the City of Kingston and area units throughout their long and happy association. After Mrs. Davies unveiled the replica, His Worship Mayor Speal accepted it on behalf of the people of Kingston. After completion of the official ceremony, the ceremonial party and the numerous guests retired to the Memorial Hall for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

In the Memorial Hall, Admiral Davies again spoke. On this occasion he reminisced of the tercentenary celebrations this past summer and of how Queen Elizabeth bestowed the Official Coat of Arms on Kingston during those same festivities. Before the reception in the Memorial Hall was over, there was one more presentation. This was made by Major Townsend of CFB Petawawa, who commanded the battery of artillery which performed the three hundred gun salute to Kingston's Tercentenary at Fort Frederick. The presentation itself was the three hundredth shell casing which was attractively mounted and encased in glass.

Mayor Speal again graciously accepted the gift and the festivities continued till the supper hour. Of the several hundred military and civilian persons in attendance, all seemed to enjoy themselves and the feeling of comradeship between area servicemen and Kingstonsians was evident throughout City Hall.

II Tokei
No. 6 Sqn.

Winter Carnival...

All in all, it was a terrific carnival; everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and have fun-well, that is just about everybody. There were a few dissenters, most of them first years. But really they can't gripe since very few first years took part in the carnival. After all, they were shafted to keep things running. Let's face it, without the Rooks, who's going to take those unwanted, but necessary jobs needed to run social events—jobs that ironically result in the fouling up of one's own plans for the evening, day, or even weekend?

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