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EDITORIAL

As your editor for this week's issue of the Conne River Chronicle, I'd like to comment on "The Question of the Week" in the first issue of the Chronicle. The question was, "how do you feel about the social opportunities for teenagers In Conne River?" The replies to this question were all negative. After I replied to the question I thought about what I said and I had other thoughts about the situation. I came to the position where I thought there are good points and there are bad points

Mr. Craig Benoit and Mr. Cecil Meade have done a tremendous Job at organizing sports for all ages in which everyone should Participate. Mr. Benoit and Mr. Meade spent much time organizing sports. Mr. Benoit estimates that lie spends 30 to 40 hours a week in the gym. On top of this they both have their teaching jobs. These two are responsible for sports such as the Intramural System, Jr. I Sr. Table Tennis, Jr. /Sr. Boys Floor Hockey, Ken's/Women 'El Floor Hockey, volleyball, and Badminton. These are Just a few sports that Mr. Benoit and Mr. Meade are responsible for. These sports are for the advantage of all people and you are urged to participate.

Although there are a variety of sports available there are no arcades or hangouts in Conne River. There is a dance now every Friday thanks to the efforts of a group of teenagers. You are also urged to attend these dances. On the weekends most teenagers leave Conne River because of a lack of hangouts. The teens that do not leave Conne River on the weekends find it more boring because there is no people around for them to mingle with. This concludes the Editorial for this week's issue of The Conne River Chronicle.

OUR MICMAC CULTURE – FROM CHILDHOOD TO ADULthood THEN AND NOW

It is said that the killing of his first moose is a sign of passage of a Micmac boy, from childhood to adulthood. With the killing of his first moose and his formal entry into adulthood, the Micmac youth or boy also entered the struggle for prestige and public recognition. It is also said that when he reaches adulthood his childhood is dead, like his new life or stage of life is born.

What I mean by the struggle for prestige and public recognition is that he's got to find his rightful place in the community or tribe. Like if he is the son of the Chief who died and if he is a good brave or warrior and fit to lead the people he will become Chief. When he reaches adulthood, there is lots of responsibilities to be carried out. Some responsibilities are, include getting food, protecting his people, especially your elders. You mostly have to set good examples for the young ones or little kids that are growing up and entering into the stage of adulthood.

Now, you don't have to kill your first moose, or go through a struggle for prestige and public recognition. You just be a good and responsible young adult, and do the job that you want to do. There are some job opportunities for a young adults now. You don't have to prove anything now, and do what you feel is good and right for yourself, and others.

Ask The Chief

Conne River Chronicle
St. Anne's School
Conne River Reserve, NF
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March 10, 1988

Dear Editor:

First let me say, on behalf of the Council and myself "CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS VOLLEY BALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE ALL NEWFOUNDLAND FINALS AND PLEASE ACCEPT OUR EXPRESSIONS OF BEST WISHES FOR THEIR VICTORY IN NOVA SCOTIA. IN ANY CASE, I'M SURE THEY'LL DO THEIR BEST AND I'M ALSO SURE THEY ARE AND WILL BE AS PROUD OF THEMSELVES AS WE ARE OF THEM. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MR. CRAIG BENOIT FOR HIS FINE EFFORTS IN COACHING THE BOYS' VOLLEY BALL TEAM AS WELL AS HIS OWN PERSONAL SUCCESS AT THE ALL NEWFOUNDLAND "B" DIVISION SUPER-VOLLEY."

I also write at this time in answer to one of the articles in the "Conne River Chronicle" called "Ask the Chief" , and I am responding to questions from Corey John, Craig Benoit, and Rose Mary Squires.

Let me express my appreciation in hearing from the "Chronicle" and other people as well and I only wish there were more people expressing their concerns and interests. The avenue has always been there and the door is always Open to anyone wishing to express opinions, concerns, or any topic of interest as well as for anyone who would just like to drop in for a coffee, tea or an informal chat.

I'm going to be responding to the three questions, one at a time, starting with Corey John's question.

Corey John asks- "Why isn't there any hangouts, or places to go for teenagers?"

To answer this question, I'll have to rely in part on my own experience at running a hangout. For a private individual to start a hangout will cost approximately \$ 45,000 for the construction of a building 30' X 45'. Then you have to look at a cost between \$ 1,000 and \$ 2,000 for canteen services for one week. There's only a small profit made on the canteen services and you have overhead cost of heat & Light, minor & major repairs as well as wages for people to operate and clean the building. The private individual is also responsible for cleaning up the garbage which gets thrown around even after garbage cans are put in place for the disposal of such garbage.

I guess these are some major reasons why individuals are not constructing and operating hangouts.

It's true, we are lacking entertainment of any kind, not only for teenagers but for the adults as well. In some cases the adults are a little better off because they have their Bingo's, Card Parties and every once in a while they do have dances. Through the efforts of the present youth Committee, the youth now have dances on Friday and sometimes Saturday nights.

So there are things happening and better things will continue to happen with co-operation between the Band Government and the Youth Committee. There has to be a good working relationship, a partnership between the Youth and Band Government and that will only happen if the Youth Committee want to show leadership, take responsibility, become involved and show support for that kind of thing.

During an Annual Assembly two years ago, there was a proposal by the Youth Council to build a Youth Center but unfortunately nothing came out of that. The Band Government does take direction from all Band members, young and old and one of the results of these directions is the multi-purpose court which is located near the school. The building will house some arcade games as well as canteen services but it will have to be basically run on a volunteer basis by both the Youth and the Adults alike. The Youth especially have to be totally involved with these sort of things and will have to acknowledge that it is a partnership in trying to make a better community, a more enjoyable community for all of us.

Over the years, there's been all sorts of things started by both the Band Government and Private individuals but because of vandalism and lack of involvement by other people, the businesses have not had much success.

The Youth Committee which is in place now has been trying to organize some activities in conjunction with Band Government but they are running into snags in that there are not enough teenagers involved or not enough who want to be involved in making these things work.

I hope this answers your question and I do hope with involvement on both sides, there will soon be place of entertainment for the young and the not so young.

The next question comes from Craig Benoit and reads: "What can we expect Conne River to be like in 20 years time when our present day leaders are unable to lead? For example, Are we, as a community preparing future leaders? If so, in what capacity and are there any long term goals, for the next 10-15 years?"

For starters, who's to say that in 20 years the present leaders are not still going to be the leaders, keeping in mind that there are elections every 4 years for Councillors. Besides which the people who have shown leadership qualities by organizing themselves into a Youth Committee, who's to say that some of those people won't become future leaders of this community.

Right now we are training our Youth as future leaders by giving them responsibilities and we are training future leaders in conjunction with what the school is doing. But it has to go further than that and into the homes by the parents themselves. They should be making sure there is a clear understanding of what the Band Government is about as well as ensuring there are good, healthy discussions on topics such as ~ Aboriginal Rights and Land Claims.

Everybody in the community has a part to play, some by leading and others by following and both are very important and essential to the other. If in 20 years time, there are all new Councillors, then the present day leaders will still be around to provide guidance and advice and to play an active role in community affairs.

Our long term goals are the survival of the Micmac people, the recognition of our Land Claims, to become economically self-sufficient and to hold on to the independence that we have always had.

It is very important to have our Aboriginal Rights recognized because we cannot survive as a Micmac people on 2 square of rock, bog, and clay. We have to become self-sufficient so we don't always have to depend on the Government for handouts.

Ten or 15 years are hard to see without a settlement of our Land Claims and our funding will decrease instead of increase since right now we're really getting monies for catch up since we were not recognized as Indians in 1949 when Newfoundland joined Confederation. The catch-up costs are; renovations to the school, water and sewer, roads, housing, etc.

Once our Aboriginal Rights are recognized, it will be much easier to see beyond 20 years. With the settlement of Aboriginal Rights, we will become stronger and it will become easier to gain our self-sufficiency and independence.

The future leaders of this community will have to be very strong and open-minded and have a strong belief in themselves as Micmac people. Right now the Micmac Language is being taught in our school and is a very important part of our identity as Micmac people. The one question I have in this regard is "Are we doing enough to teach the future leaders of this community about our culture and tradition to enable them to obtain an inner pride in themselves as Micmac people.

The third question comes from Rose Mary Squires and reads: "Can there be anything done with the roads going out of Conne River?"

In response, yes there can be something done with the road but because of the unwillingness of the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide the Band Government with monies to do the necessary major up grading, the road may well be in its present condition for many years to come. That's not to say that we do not lobby both levels of Government on a regular basis to provide funding to make sure there is a decent level of road service coming into the community.

We have been told by the Provincial Government people that we were at the bottom of the totem pole in regards to services before Registration, and since then we've been told that we're no longer there but are now underground for these kinds of services. I think this is very unfair, not only to our Band Members, but to people like you who have to travel over our roads to get to work. I would even so far as to say that I consider this a discrimination against us as Micmac people and also against you as a citizen of this Province.

We have had teachers who have risked their lives travelling across the ice to get to work because they didn't want to travel over the roads. As a matter of fact, anyone who travels over our roads is risking his/her life by doing so.

When I look at the number of people who come from different parts of the Province that work here, they themselves can help to have the road up-graded by writing to their different members in the House of Assembly as well as to the Federal Ministers and say, "Why are you letting the Provincial Government do that, not only to the Micmac people of Conne River, but to us as well because we are citizens of this Province?"

We have people who come from all over this Province and I urge you as well as our own Band Members to write to your member in the House of Assembly as well as the Federal Ministers to

request some action on this matter.

The road in question was built as a forest access road to enable us to get to our timber stands along that road and it was turned into a secondary highway by Joe Rouseau because we had blocked the road to stop people from encroaching on our timber stands. The only way the Government could make it illegal for us to do that was to turn it into a secondary highway, but they still haven't done anything in the way of up-grading.

Over the years, there have been promises made by the different candidates who were running for elections. These campaign speech promises were soon forgotten after the elections were over but it is nowtime to call in these promises and demand action. The time has long gone when we had to trek across the ice to get the basic services and common decency says that the people in this Community deserve a better road than the one we have now.

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I hope I have managed to answer all questions to your satisfaction and I have enjoyed doing so because it has made me think and in doing so, I too,am now ready for some good, positive action. I hope to be hearing from more people with concerns of this nature.

Sincerely,


Saqamaw Misel Joe

TO: The Conne River Chronicle
FR: Linda A. McDonald -- Councilor
DATE: February 25, 1988

SUBJECT:Opinion Pall Article on By-Laws

This is just a comment for information sake in regards to your article on the opinion poll conducted by Carol and Lori McDonald.

One statement which reads as follows "Some people themselves would like it if they had some say in the passing these By-Laws that were passed" ,causes me some concern since these By-Laws were passed at our Annual Assembly in 1987.

At the time of the passing of these By~Laws, I was the facilitator fo'r my group which felt they needed more time to read through and undeistand these By-Laws before passing or rejecting them. When every other group wanted the By-Laws passed, this one group was outnumbered so the By-Laws were passed by the General Assembly.

Again, for information sake, these By-Laws are subject to amendment by the General Band Membership if they feel a change or amendment is needed.

I would like to add that I did not get a chance to read the Chronicle until today, I truly did enjoy it and I urge you all to keep up the good work.

INTERVIEW WITH PETER MORIORITY, CHIEF OF RESERVE POLICE

INTERVIEWER: 1) How do you feel about the way people react towards the Reserve Police?

Peter Moriarity: I've been a member of the R.C.M.P for 32 years, I was hired August 1987 and I came here December 7,1987 to take over the police force here, and having been a member of the R.C.M.P for 32 years there are citizens who will never change there attitude towards the police, some in a negative way, so if I hear or see some negative reaction from citizens towards the police it doesn't disturb me because that is something you have to work at with certain people try, to change their attitude in a negative way towards the police. However, when I came here what I did see as something to overcome was the attitude of the people on the reserve had towards the band police in that they identified them as security officers and not police officers and during the enforcement of the band by-laws the reserve police members find this negative attitude towards them in that citizens say you have no authority, however when there charged for an offence be it a ski-doo on the road, or a dog at large, when given the summons some will throw the summons at the band police officer, curse on him using insulting, obscene language the member will accept this walk away in, yet in court the charge will be heard on a guilty plea. What I'm saying is if the citizens feel the Band Police have no authority why don't they come into the court and challenge it, so it seems like they know that the authority is there,but they are doing this to insult them and not show the respect they should have given him as a Band Police. Just in ending this I think it's going to take a lot of time to turn peoples attitudes around who have that attitude toward our Police Officers that they are not Security Officers but Police Officers and they have full powers of a Police Officer, and that the laws that are inacted for the reserve are laws that are passed by Chief, and Councilers the Band Council the laws are not made by the Police Officers they are made by the Band Council for enforcement by the Police Officers. Police don't make the laws they Just enforce them, and I think if a citizen has an axe to

grind he should take it up at the appropriate time at a general meeting of the Band Council, and not subject our police to the kind of abuse, and insults they are now taking it's not fair and it's not civilized to do that.

INTERVIEWER: 2) DOES BEING A RESERVE POLICEMAN REQUIRE LONG HOURS, AND TAKING A LOT OF CRITICISM ?

Peter Moriarity: Yes, the hours are sometimes long, work requires long hours however since I've been here I drew up a shift for them which is a forty hour shift per/week, they receive their two days off per/week for recreational time as any job should have for their employees. Prior to that shift I made up they were working long day & night hours, right now it's down to a 40 hour week 2 days off a week. They do take a lot of criticism however, criticism is not the biggest issue a police officers should take, criticism it goes with the job. It's something that police officers will hopefully in time dealing closely with the public through public relations they'll have better working relations with the public.

INTERVIEWER: 3) What kind of training does it take to be a reserve police man?

Peter: Once the band council hires an officer and appoints him as a police officer for the reserve the training requirements, right now are being given by the Horlam Police College in Charolette Town P.E.I. graduated from Holmum there are two men presently in Holmum which are Fabian John and Karen Benoit. They will be at Holmum college for six months and then they'll go into the field with another police department for six months. Damien came out of Holmum and went to New Castle Police Department, then they came back to us. The recruit training at Holmum police college is the college for training police officers in the maritimes. The R.C.M.P. has its own training facilities in Regina their officers don't go to Holmum police college, but those officers working for municipalities throughout the maritimes. The maritimes are sent to the Holmum police college, so the native police officers will receive their training from Holmium police college, hopefully they will all receive it, in another few years Damien first graduate. If Fabian & Karren will be going to the Indian police college in Ontario. I spoke to Jerry about this and he's looking into it, so were looking into the Indian police college in Ontario, there's another school with training academy where they can go.

INTERVIEWER: 4) Is the training any different from the R.C.M.P.?

PETER: In some ways the training is different. The R.C.M.P. has extensive training in federal and provincial laws since they are located in every province in Canada.

INTERVIEWER: 5) What would be the difference in the Indian College then the one they're going to now?

PETER: Basic Police training, the academic along with the physical, it would distill in them a sense of discipline.

INTERVIEWER: 6) What is your role in the Reserve Police?

PETER: My role is to take over the Reservation Police Department of setting up the office, give them a sense of experience in leadership, instill in them a sense of confidence, train and develop them in their work. Their training will involve teaching them the administration work that is always required in any job, how to gather evidence, how to do a demeanor report, and hopefully gain the respect as the Band Police Officers after a time.

INTERVIEWER: 7) have you ever worked in any other Reserves in Canada?

PETER: NO

INTERVIEWER: 8) How does the crime rate on this reserve compare to the crime rate in general?

PETER: It's a good one , I look upon Conne River as a law abiding community. In the three months I've been hear there has only been a couple of incidents like ridding a ski-doo on the road which is a hazard; common assults family incidents only three liqour violations nothing serious these are mistermeaners. So as a crime rate I don't see one.

INTERVIEWER: 9) What are the powers of the Rreserve Police?

PETER:They are the same as the R.C.M.P.The R.C.M.P are Police Officers so are the Reserve Police they have the some powers and authority to enforce the Band by-laws and federal statute the provincial statute the Band Police have no power to enforce.

INTERVIEWER: 10) If you had to identify one major problem dealing with crime in Conne River what would it be?

PETER: I haven't seen any change in the while I was here but it seems to be drinking but not in a public place.

INTERVIEWER: 11) How do you like Conne River?

PETER: I LOVE IT

by:Leona Joe



QUESTION OF THE WEEK.



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WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE CONNE RIVER CHRONICLE ?

Miss L. Wilcox : I thought this was a very good idea as it allows people a good chance to voice their opinions. It also allows people a source of information as to what is going on in Conne River.

Peggy Hinks : I thought the chronicle was very well formulated, it included all sectors of the Conne River population.

Mrs. Wetzel : A good idea with room to grow. Keeping a teenagers view is important.

John Stride : Everything was alright but, I couldn't understand the part that Gary Drew wrote, Our Micmac Culture. Want to see more about the Cable.

Ann Hinks : It was really great, it explained alot about Conne River.

Mary Benoit : I read the chronicle several times and enjoyed it very much, especially Mr. Callahans tribute to Mr. Crant. I sure miss him to. Congratulations to all who had input into the paper.

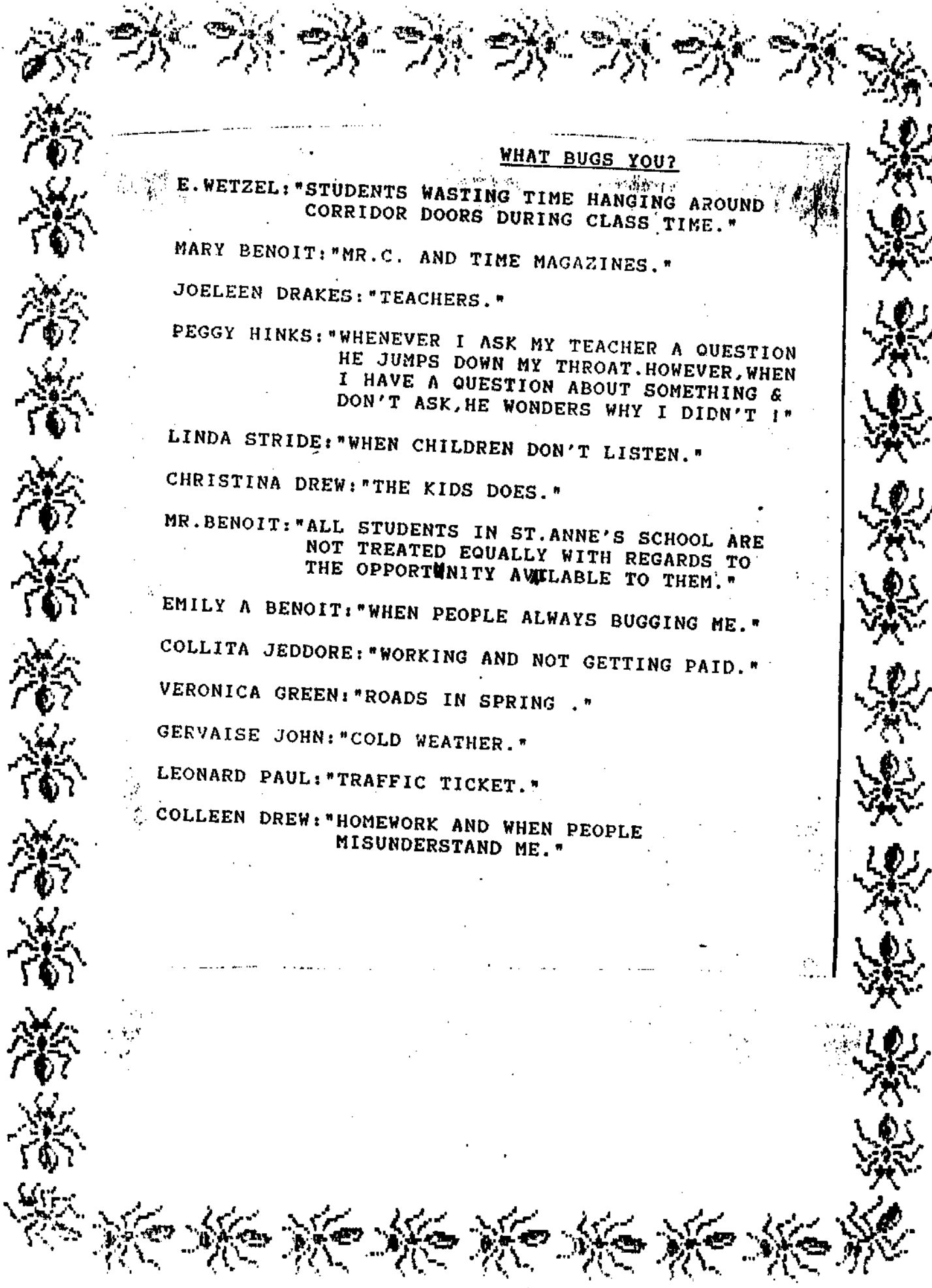
Gorden Stride : It was good.

Garard Jeddore : It was good.

Christina Drew : I thought it was very interesting.

Dean Kelly : I really like the chronicle because it is interesting and gives you a chance to your opinoins.

Rex Drew : Yes! it was good, better than ours.



WHAT BUGS YOU?

E. WETZEL: "STUDENTS WASTING TIME HANGING AROUND
CORRIDOR DOORS DURING CLASS TIME."

MARY BENOIT: "MR. C. AND TIME MAGAZINES."

JOELEEN DRAKES: "TEACHERS."

PEGGY HINKS: "WHENEVER I ASK MY TEACHER A QUESTION
HE JUMPS DOWN MY THROAT. HOWEVER, WHEN
I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SOMETHING &
DON'T ASK, HE WONDERS WHY I DIDN'T I"

LINDA STRIDE: "WHEN CHILDREN DON'T LISTEN."

CHRISTINA DREW: "THE KIDS DOES."

MR. BENOIT: "ALL STUDENTS IN ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL ARE
NOT TREATED EQUALLY WITH REGARDS TO
THE OPPORTUNITY AVILABLE TO THEM."

EMILY A BENOIT: "WHEN PEOPLE ALWAYS BUGGING ME."

COLLITA JEDDORE: "WORKING AND NOT GETTING PAID."

VERONICA GREEN: "ROADS IN SPRING ."

GERVAISE JOHN: "COLD WEATHER."

LEONARD PAUL: "TRAFFIC TICKET."

COLLEEN DREW: "HOMEWORK AND WHEN PEOPLE
MISUNDERSTAND ME."

WEEKLY OPINION POLL

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The question of the week was: "Do you like the way the present school system is being run?"

The average of students out of 50 that said no was 4%.
The average of students out of 50 that said yes was 46%.

The average of adults out of 50 that said no was 0%.
The average of adults out of 50 that said yes was 50%.

The average of people out of 100 that said no was 4%.
The average of people out of 100 that said yes was 96%.

By: LORIANN AND CAROLYN
McDONALD

DEAR LORIANN

Dear Loriann,

I am a sixteen year old girl and I am also a virgin . I have been dating an eighteen year old guy for a period of time now and he has been pressuring me to have sex. I love this guy but I'm saving myself for marriage. What shall I do ?

Confused...

Dear Confused,

I think you should have a talk to this guy and ask him if he really does love you or only wants you for sex. If he really loves you then he will understand how you feel about having sex before marriage and he will also wait with you until you decide to get married. If he doesn't love you or doesn't want to wait, then drop him like a hot potato.

Loriann

Dear Loriann,

I am a really shy fourteen year old guy who has never had a date. Whenever I'm around girls I stumble over my speech and in general make a fool of myself. What can I do to improve my image?

The Nerd...

Dear Nerd,

Try improving your self-image first and then when you think that you are at your best, try to get up your nerve and ask out a girl that you really like.

Loriann

Dear Loriann,

I'm afraid to go into the woods alone. My father makes fun of me, a sixteen year old guy, afraid of the country. I'd rather be home watching television. The thought of going into the country, especially overnight, terrifies me. What can I do?

Embarrassed...

DEAR LORIANN

Dear Embarrassed,

A lot of kids your age are afraid of entering the woods alone and some are afraid when they are with someone. Most of this results from paranoia which, in turn, can be caused from watching too much t.v. I would advise you to watch a little less of t.v. and try to get out and about the area. Maybe sometime you will get your nerve to go into the woods.

Loriann

Dear Loriann,

I am a 15 year old girl and I've been dating a 23 year old man for a while. Lately we've been arguing a lot but we always manage to make up. How can we stop these arguments before they start?

Depressed...

Dear Depressed,

These arguments are normal, a lot of people have arguments. I don't think there is anyway you can stop these arguments. Everybody argues. The main thing while arguing is not to let it get out of hand. Keep your anger under control. Arguing is much better than fighting and sometimes it's a way of communicating.

Loriann

Dear Loriann,

How can you protect yourself from getting Aids?

Afraid...

Dear Afraid,

The best way you can protect yourself from Aids is to abstain from all sexual intercourse. If you're going to have sex it's best to use a condom. This is the only way to prevent the transmission of bodily fluids which in turn spreads the Aids virus.

Loriann

DEAR LORIANN

Dear Loriann,

I'm a 14 year old guy and I'm in love with this girl from St. Albans . . . The worst thing about it is that my mother won't let me go across the ice because she's afraid I might fall through the ice. I'm so in love and can't reach the one I love. What can I do?

Love sick...

Dear Love Sick,

You should know that your mother is only protecting you and doing her job has a mother. She loves you and she's doing her best to keep you safe and alive. So you love this girl from St. Alban's you say, well try any other means of getting to her. You can always get a ride up around the bay by your mother or somebody else.

Loriann

DEAR LORIANN WILL BE A REGULAR FEATURE IN THE CONNE RIVER CHRONICLE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU WANT LORIANN TO ANSWER PLEASE SEND YOUR QUESTIONS INTO THE CONNE RIVER CHRONICLE.



ROUND AND ABOUT THE SCHOOL



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The following document is an interview between GARY HOSKINS and LEONARD PAUL.

QUESTION: "What are your general impressions on CONNE RIVER and the ST. ANNES SCHOOL?"

ANSWER: "Well coming from other reserves, there is a physical one that I ah, that is very obvious to me because, there is a mixed, ah mixed racial group. The kids are fair, much fairer than the other natives. They have much lighter skin and so on. Ah, ok the unseen properties I suppose is ah, I ah, I was watching you folks play basketball and ah, you seem to enjoy playing sports and enjoy a fellow ship, I mean you people are centered in one spot and out there doesn't matter. And when you are playing sports ah, ah, I sense that you are playing sports for enjoyment and so on, not for second and first place. Maybe it just doesn't go with the area, because your different. A very high competitiveness is up there to, not that ah, you don't have it, but ah, ah, it's just, just it's more fun here, just alot more fun here. I just don't really know as far as recreation is concerned."

QUESTION: "Have you discovered any artistic talents in the school since you've arrived to Conne River?"

ANSWER: "Yea, ah, I've ah, noticed in every grade, even a pre-schooler about three or four years old, definitely has talent. Ah, there's alot of talent being tossed around out there. I've seen in grade seven, eight and nine, there is not a whole lot of talent, but there is talent. I think what it is, is that ah, maybe there is more talent, but it takes more time to get it out of them."

QUESTION: "How did you get started at what you do?"

ANSWER: "Well let's see, thats, thats ah, I'll be brief on that one. I started when I was about four, grade four. I realized my drawings were different from other students and I can remember when I was nine years old, in grade four, I was drawing, started drawing. In grade ten I was making posters. I did all the sports you could name, but while I was doing sports I was drawing. I drew in the morning, supper time or when I came home. Then I made it to colledge and I did drawing painting or so on in colledge, and I can remember in, in 76 or 77 I, I had a job. I was married then, I had a job and I quit a nine to five job and decided to take a chance to make a living from art. So its a gamble."

QUESTION: "Does your art focus on the INDIAN CULTURE?"

ANSWER: "No, not at all. Its wild life, indian culture and landscapes."



ROUND AND ABOUT THE SCHOOL



QUESTION: "So it's a mixture of things, is it?"

ANSWER: "Yea."

QUESTION: "Is it strenuous work to develop a beautiful piece of art?"

ANSWER: "Yes, oh yea, sometimes I even hate art. Ah, I mean ah, I guess I guess I like my rough sketches, you know, that I can do in a few minutes, probably even better than the nice type finished ones. The, the ah, I've done an eighteen wheeler, big truck, big tanker and it took me months. When I was finished, I was glad I was finished. It got to the point where it wasn't much fun at the end."

QUESTION: "Are you under much pressure in your field of work?"

ANSWER: "Yea, ah, you could, not this year. It's, it's ironic, I'm busier this year than I was in the previous years, but ah, I've learned to make, to time my commitments. For instance, I'm here for two weeks and I've got other shows coming up in the spring and in the fall, but ah, I could do this latter on in the spring, but it will all into another appointment. That causes alot of stress because you are really juggling, so what you've got to do is ah, write down on a calender these specific times and don't go over your head. I guess living with reality."

QUESTION: "How much of your time do you devote to art work?"

ANSWER: "Not enough, not enough, no I think I'm ah, I've been lazy all of my life really. I've been doing art all my life, but I know that I always could do more. This year I'm doing some work on some shows and I'm going to try and tap in full compacity of my talent. To ah, that means booking exeptions, keeping the galaries happy, the broker and ah, taking on a daily attitude like, each day do something as a work. I juggle my hours a little bit."

QUESTION: "Whats the most you've ever got for a painting?"

ANSWER: "Ah... 5,000, \$5,000, yea."

QUESTION: "Have you ever had a piece of work that you didn't want to part with?"

ANSWER: "Yea, quite a few, yea, quite a few pieces, especially little, little children. I've done some water colors of children, ah, my daughter. Ah their sold, but ah, thats part of being a professional, you just have to part with them."



ROUND AND ABOUT THE SCHOOL



QUESTION: "Have you found any inspiration in Conne River for your paintings?"

ANSWER: "Oh yea, I've found quite a bit there Gary. I ah, went ski-dooing with Jerry last Saturday and went up to North Steady and it was a rush to see caribou on the lake there and to drive up close to them. My ambition hopefully, is to take a month off from my schedule, maybe in the summer or the fall and ah, do some moose paintings, and some lake scenes, oil paintings. Yea, I really want to do some wild life paintings up here, so I could be up here in the fall."

QUESTION: "Have you ever painted a nude model?"

ANSWER: "Oh yea, good old Steve boy. Two years of it, to the point that I got sick of a nude body, nude female. Yea it's true and I can remember when I was in college, every day, every couple a days a week, for a couple a years, we had nude models at the Art College. You know, they come on there, no clothes on and ah, you just have to draw them, you know, from head to toe and it, it gets to be ah, you do to, and I ah, I got to the point that I did to many of them. I guess ah, I was in a pritty jealous spot. I guess alot of people wouldn't mind doing it."

QUESTION: "Do you find it difficult to concentrate on this kind of painting?"

ANSWER: "Not at all. I mean, it's, you, ok ah..., when you see those lines and curves, their, their fun to look at and their fun to draw. Yea, yea, the concentration is always up there."

QUESTION: "If you had one word to sum up your stay in Conne River, what would it be?"

ANSWER: "Peacefull, yea, I've never been..., I've done alot of walking every day, thats about it. I, I guess one comment, the attitude of the kids back at the first question, I ah, I sense there's a great need for, for ah, a complex or something to, to ah, to entertain teenagers, youth. Ah, I ah, I mean, I myself, I walk every day and I don't see anybody, don't see anybody on the reserve. I don't know where they are."

QUESTION: "Do you have any departing words of wisdom for the students of St. Anne's school?"

ANSWER: "Yup, two, I guess two things. For those who have talent, they must believe they have and that their talent can take them anywhere and secondly those, I think education is very important. It's, it's, we need more natives to be educated and, and ah, I would go out there or come down, but to be educated and ah, and, and try to meet the the needs what the reserves call for."



ROUND AND ABOUT THE SCHOOL



QUESTION: "Do you think you'll ever come back to Conne River?"

ANSWER: "If I was asked maybe to teach ah, teach again, ah, another program like this, yea, I'd probably ah, would come back. I, I like to dedicate so much of my time to kids, especially to native kids. I ah, I, there's a good chance I could work something out to come down."



ROUND AND ABOUT THE SCHOOL



From The Youth Committee:

In January, the Youth Council had a meeting with the Band Council to try and negotiate for the Rec Centre, in order to have dances for the teenagers again. We were to draw up a proposal to give to the Band Council. Once we presented this proposal, there was a meeting to discuss it. As a result of the meeting we negotiated rules that both sides agreed upon. The following are the conditions that we have to meet in order to have dances.

1. WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP ALL ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS FROM THE BUILDING.
2. ALL INCIDENTS INVOLVING DRUGS AND/OR ALCOHOL WILL BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE. THIS INCLUDES OUTSIDE THE BUILDING.
3. ALL ACTS OF VANDALISM WILL BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE.
4. A MINIMUM OF THREE ADULTS AND THREE YOUTHS WILL BE SUPERVISING THE DANCES.
5. DAMAGE WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE, UNLESS WE KNOW WHO IN PARTICULAR IS RESPONSIBLE, IN WHICH CASE THEY WILL BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE.
6. POLICE IS TO BE ADVISED EACH TIME THERE IS A DANCE AND ASKED TO DO REGULAR CHECKS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING.
7. IN THE EVENT OF CERTAIN PEOPLE CAUSING TROUBLE, SUCH PERSONS WILL BE BARRED FROM THE DANCES FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS, FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND INDEFINITELY THERE AFTER.
8. IF CANTEEN IS USED A RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL MUST BE IN CHARGE.
9. THE BUILDING IS TO BE CLEANED AFTER EACH DANCE.

Right now, the youth council does not have any long term goals. We are waiting to hear about the Multi-Court building to see if we will be given responsibility for running the canteen and games room. Our only immediate goal is to raise money through tape dances, in order to have a band dance for Easter. Anyone that has any suggestions on raising funds or on what we could be doing, please let us know, either through this newspaper or by contacting us personally.

The Youth Council Members are as follows:

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| President - Tammy Drew | |
| Vice-President - Lori-Ann McDonald | |
| Treasurer - Carol McDonald | |
| Secretary - Peggy John | |
| Directors - Kimberly Benoit | Melissa Joe |
| Thelma Drew | Joleen Drake |
| Beulah Jeddore | Colleen Drew |
| Anita Jeddore | Levina Stride |
| Kevin Drew | |

Even though there has been an increase in participation among the youth, it is still not enough. We would appreciate any one else, who is interested, to join us. The list of responsibilities for directors is short. Once in three to four weeks you would have to go down to help run the dance or clean up the next morning after the dance. Please let us know if you are interested.

If there are any adults who would be willing to help supervise the dance, maybe once a month, also please let us know. We would really appreciate any help you are willing to give us.

Thank you



Two Martians landed on a corner in front of a traffic light.

"I saw her first," said the first one.

"So what" replied the other, "I'm the one she

"Good day Mr. Splits," said Garge.

"My name is Mr. Smallwood not Mr. Splits," replied

the man.
"Well, what's smallwood if its not splits."

"Would you like a ride father?" asked Clare.

"Do you think this horse can pull us up this icy hill?" replied the priest.

"What, this horse could pull the devil!" replied Clare.

Half way up the hill the horse fell to his knees.

"I thought you said this horse could pull the devil?" said the priest.

"Yes, but I didn't say he could pull two."

The boss arrived at his office with a terrible headache. "That's funny boss," commented an employee.

"A few days ago I had a terrible headache, too, but it didn't last long. My wife pulled me over to the sofa, gave me a big hug and kiss One thing lead to another, and presto! My headache went away."

The boss put on his hat. "I've tried everything else," he muttered. "Is your wife home now?"

By SCOTT JOHN



SPORTS



Boys Win Under Sixteen N.F.L.D. Volley Ball

Mr. Benoit, Conne River is a small community of only 500 people, and yet the boy's under sixteen volleyball team has once again won all N.F.L.D. Championship, beating all other major centers on the island, to what do you attribute this supremacy in volleyball from such a small community?

Answer: "Being such a small community with a limited number of students, the athletes in this school have to participate in all school sports instead of concentrating on one single sport. As a result they develop a better overall talent and as well develop their overall strength. The strength factor was maybe the biggest reason we won the championship."

Who was your toughest opposition in Bay Roberts?

Answer: "The tournament consisted of 17 teams from all across the island and when you have such a large number you are bound to have several weak teams. This was the case this week when one or two teams were below par compared to the other teams. Our toughest match we had was our quarter-final match against Sunnyside. They had a tall team and their players had very good basics."

Do you think the teams from larger cities may have under-rated you?

Answer: "I don't think the other teams under-rated us because we are the defending champs from last year. However, last year we had a combined team from Bay D'Espoir, this year the team was strictly from Conne River. We have a much stronger team this year than we had last year."

There are rumours that some of the players from Conne River have been chosen to play on the All-N.F.L.D. Winter-Games team, is this true?

Answer: "The final selection of players for the N.F.L.D. Winter Games teams have not been picked yet. They still having tryouts and various camps. The coaches of both the boys and girls teams are scouting these tournaments for potential candidates. So there is still a possibility for a couple of players to be asked to tryout."

Volleyball now seems to be the dominant sport at St. Anne's, our boys are now the best in N.F.L.D., where do you see the sport going from here?

Answer: "I can see the sport growing immensely in the next couple of years. For example this year we had four teams, a Men's Senior team, a Women's Senior team, a Bantam Girls team and a Midget Boy's team in All-N.F.L.D. competition. We won two of these All-N.F.L.D. tournaments and in the other two we placed exceptionally well."

We have an excellent Junior Girls and Junior Boys program, so these players can only get better with experience and exposure. I know Conne River is getting a name for itself in the world of Volleyball because I've received much praise from people in the Volleyball circle who are impressed with the fine quality of Volleyball which is coming from such a small community."



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SPORTS GAME SCORES

BASKETBALL

Boy's Zone C.R = 69 Englishbor = 70

Girl's Zone C.R = 27 St. Abans =26 Eng. Harbour = 60

MENS VOLLEYBALL

C.R = 2 Gander = 0

C.R = 2 Bayroberts = 0

C.R = 2 Cornerbrook = 0

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C.R = 2 Harbour Breton = 0

CAMPIONSHIP :

C.R = 2 Martian = 1

MIDGET BOYS VOLLEYBALL :

C.R = 2 St. Georges = 0

C.R = 2 Bay Roberts = 0

C.R = 2 Conception Bay Central

SEMI FINALS :

C.R = 2 Conception Bay Central = 0

CHAMPIONSHIPS : C.R = 2 Bay Roberts = 0

BOY'S BASKETBALL ZONE

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| C.R | V.S | CBS | C.R | V.S | ONCA | C.R | V.S | MILLER LITE |
| 0 | - | 2 | 0 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 2 |

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| C.R | V.S | MOLSON CANADIAN |
| 2 | - | 0 |

SIMI FINALS :

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| C.R | V.S | ONCA |
| 0 | - | 2 |

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

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| C.R | V.S | CBS |
| 2 | - | 0 |



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JR. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL -Held In Gander

-- Members of the volleyball team : Colleen Drew ,Thelma Drew ,
Levina Stide , Joleen Drakes ,Sonya Willcott , Edw:na Benoit ,
Kimberly Benoit , Melissa Joe , Anita Jeddore , and Beulah
Jeddore.

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| C. R | V. S | Gander |
| 10 | - | 15 |
| 13 | - | 15 |

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| C. R | VS | Gambo |
| 15 | - | 03 |
| 13 | - | 15 |
| 15 | - | 11 |

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| C. R | V. S | CBS |
| 08 | - | 15 |
| 12 | - | 15 |

Special thanks to Rembert Jeddore for driving + Mary jeddore for helping to chaperoning.

BOY'S BASKETBALL ZONE

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| C. R | V. S | Eng. Harbour |
| 61 | - | 62 |

Members of team

- Dennis Benoit = Captain
- Adam Benoit
- Scott Beoit
- Scott John
- Gary Hoskins
- Kiven John
- Calvin Drew
- Rory Jeddore

Badminton -junior boys. held in St. John's

Adam Benoit and Dennis Benoit represented our school . Both students did exspeccally well before losing in the quater finals.
coach Craig Benoit



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Girls Basketball Zones

Members of the team

- Judy Kearly
- Andrea Hinks
- Peggy Hinks
- Naomi Jeddore
- Colleen Drew
- Edwin R. Benoit
- Beulah Jeddore
- Levina Stride

Championship Game

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|-------------|----|------------|
| Conne River | VS | St. Albans |
| 42 | | 41 |
| Cone River | VS | English H. |

Congratulations to Dennis Benoit on being named MVP, at the boys midget tournament and Adam Benoit on being named to all star team at the boys midget tournament which were held in Bay Roberts.

Badminton = J. Vinille boys held in St. Johns. Adam Benoit and Dennis Benoit represented our school. both students did exceptionally well, before losing in the quarter finals.

Coach Craig Benoit

JR Girls Volleyball held in Gander

Members of the JR girls volleyball team are Colleen Drew, Thelma Drew, Levina Stride, Joeleen Drakes, Sonya Willcot, Edwina Benoit, Melissa Joe, Kimberly Benoit, Anita Jeddore, Beulah Jeddore.

Coach Cec Meade

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| Gander | VS | St. Annes |
| 15 | - | 10 |
| 15 | - | 13 |

MY Trip to Corner Brook

Well we started our trip off by meeting at the school, where we all waited for Sir, also know as "the fig". We waited a little while. We got aboard the bus and went on our way to Corner Brook. On our trip to Corner Brook, we stop in a variety of

places and arrived at the figs place 12:15. We laughed the night away.

We woke up next the morning to find that eat. The fig was to cheap to buy grub for there was nothing to breakfast.

So we hit the road early and hungry. About one hour later we came upon a Irving station. We went in and tried to get something to eat, but the fig literally stuffed the food down our

throat and hurried us off.

When we reached Corner Brook the van was

polluted. We stumbled out off the van and on to the ski slopes. It was great to feel free and fast, flying down those hills again. We

all skied, all except for one, the man who hide behind the little red shack.

After the first day of hard and vigorous skiing we went up and took

to our hotel, Hotel Corner Brook. There we all cleaned up and took off Down Town. There was little movement going on Down Town. The few in number.

girls were ugly and

After having little luck with the girls. We retired to our hotel for a good night rest. Next morning we took off over to McDonalds for breakfast. We should have known better because when

we retrieved to the van we where again face with pollution.

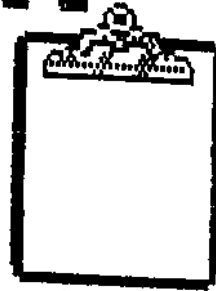
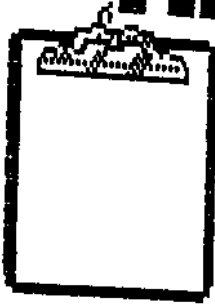
We reapproached the slopes again. It was finally time for many of us to ride the top off the mountain on the chair

lift. We were scared it was a moving experience. After we skied the slope for first time we figured we were pro's, and "king of the hill."

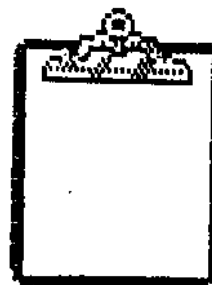
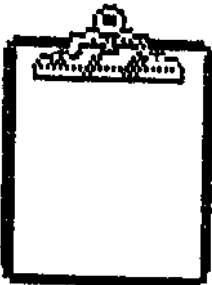
As we so found out we weren't such pro's, because where we were going, we were afraid to go where three and four year olds kids were going.

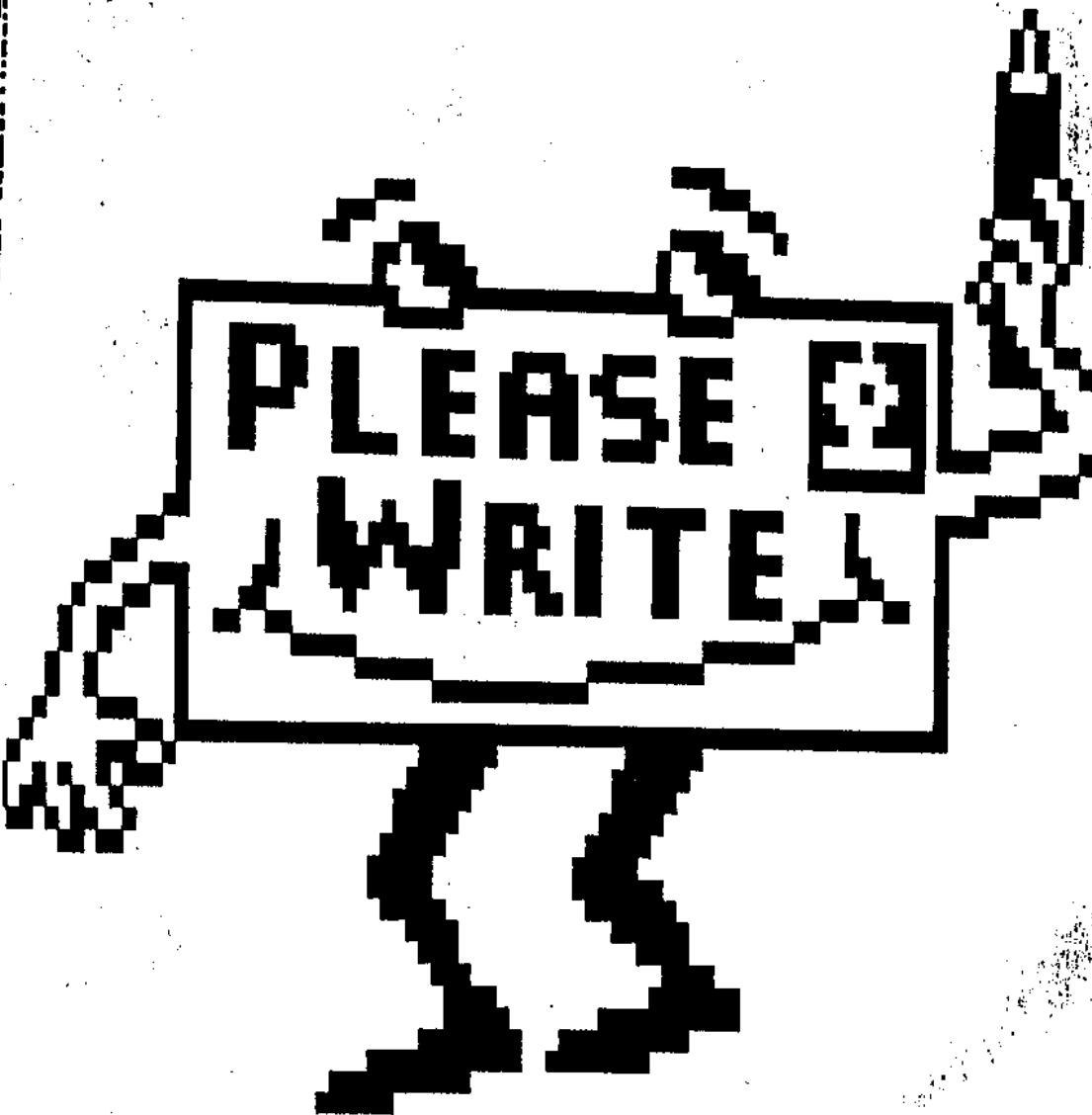
Like my friends and I have said it was fun while it lasted. But then it was time to go home. So we left that evening and come on back in the smelly bus again.

RETRACTION



RETRACTION: In the first issue of the Conne River Chronicle we quoted Mr. Engram as saying "I find it disturbing that the students are not working to the best of their ability." We mis-quoted him and we apologize for this mistake. What Mr. Engram said was " I find it disturbing that some of the students are not working to the best of their ability." Now that that is done we, the staff of the Conne River Chronicle, feel better, Mr. Engram feels better, and I'm sure the students of St. Anne's feel a lot better.





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