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YOUR AIRLINE PICTURE!

EVERY DAY THERE ARE NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS of change in the air travel industry, all of which affect you, the traveler, whether flying on business, for leisure, or off on that vacation junket. The AIR CANADA picture, now that they have a dominate position since the takeover of CANADIAN is one which is watched with much interest by all Canadians. This includes not only all of us who travel, but by the many other carriers in Canada who are making plans to enter some of the markets to give you an alternative for your purchase of travel. Air Canada's operating income was up last year to a record \$503 million, even though the carrier went through that period of 'thwarting a hostile takeover bid' according to Robert Milton, AC President who stated how proud he is of their employees and this excellent performance. ONE WONDERS WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS WITH THEIR 'NEW POSITION' - FOR THEM - AND US, Canada's citizenry!



AMERICAN AIRLINES HAS ANNOUNCED plans to give passengers more room on its planes. The airline is set to remove two rows of seats from each of its more than 700 jet aircraft, giving passengers more leg room throughout the planes' coach sections. "American will be able to provide more room for more coach passengers than any other airline," AA claims. This is good news for those traveling on AA, but those who travel on other carriers, particularly most of the charters will still have a feeling of 'closeness' - especially if you are of any size. (Goes with the pricing, usually!)

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Mavericks bring in new skipper



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE
Milton Mavericks' GM Dave Decaire (left) officially welcomes aboard new head coach John Chandler, who'll take over the reigns from long-time skipper Jim Leworthy.

By STEVE LeBLANC
The Champion

Milton's Jr. B lacrosse team is facing a major rebuild this summer.

But at least they've now got an experienced foreman on board to help with construction.

Mavericks GM Dave Decaire recently announced that the head coaching post — vacated by a retiring Jim Leworthy — would be filled by highly accomplished John Chandler.

The Orangeville native, who's been a longtime member of his hometown's traditionally powerful program, becomes only the third skipper in the franchise's six year history.

"I'm tickled pink to have someone in place that has so much experience and success," remarked Decaire. "This is a logical progression to our affiliation with Orangeville."

Impressive resume

Chandler, who got the nod over a couple of other candidates on the short list, comes packing some mighty impressive credentials.

Over 15 years he's coached at every level from bantam to senior and was a back-to-back Ontario Jr. B Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1990.

With 10 provincial championships and a handful of national titles, he appears to be a very suitable successor to Leworthy.

That's something the local club will definitely need — seeing as the bulk of last year's team, that took national silver, have either gone overage or will probably be graduating to the Jr. A ranks.

While Brantford disbanding could offer a seasoned addition or two, the local club will in all likelihood sport a much younger lineup this season.

Coach likes a challenge

However, that doesn't seem to be of great concern to Chandler.

"I'm not bothered by the idea of an inexperienced team," he said.

"The teaching aspect of coaching is my strength. I know the game inside and out."

According to Decaire, Chandler is also a strong motivator and should bring in some successful systems from the perennial powerhouse Northmen.

"They go with six-man units up there rather than three lines and three spares," explained Milton's general manager.

"It gets all the players into the game more quickly and creates more depth. Hopefully that's one of the things he'll implement here."

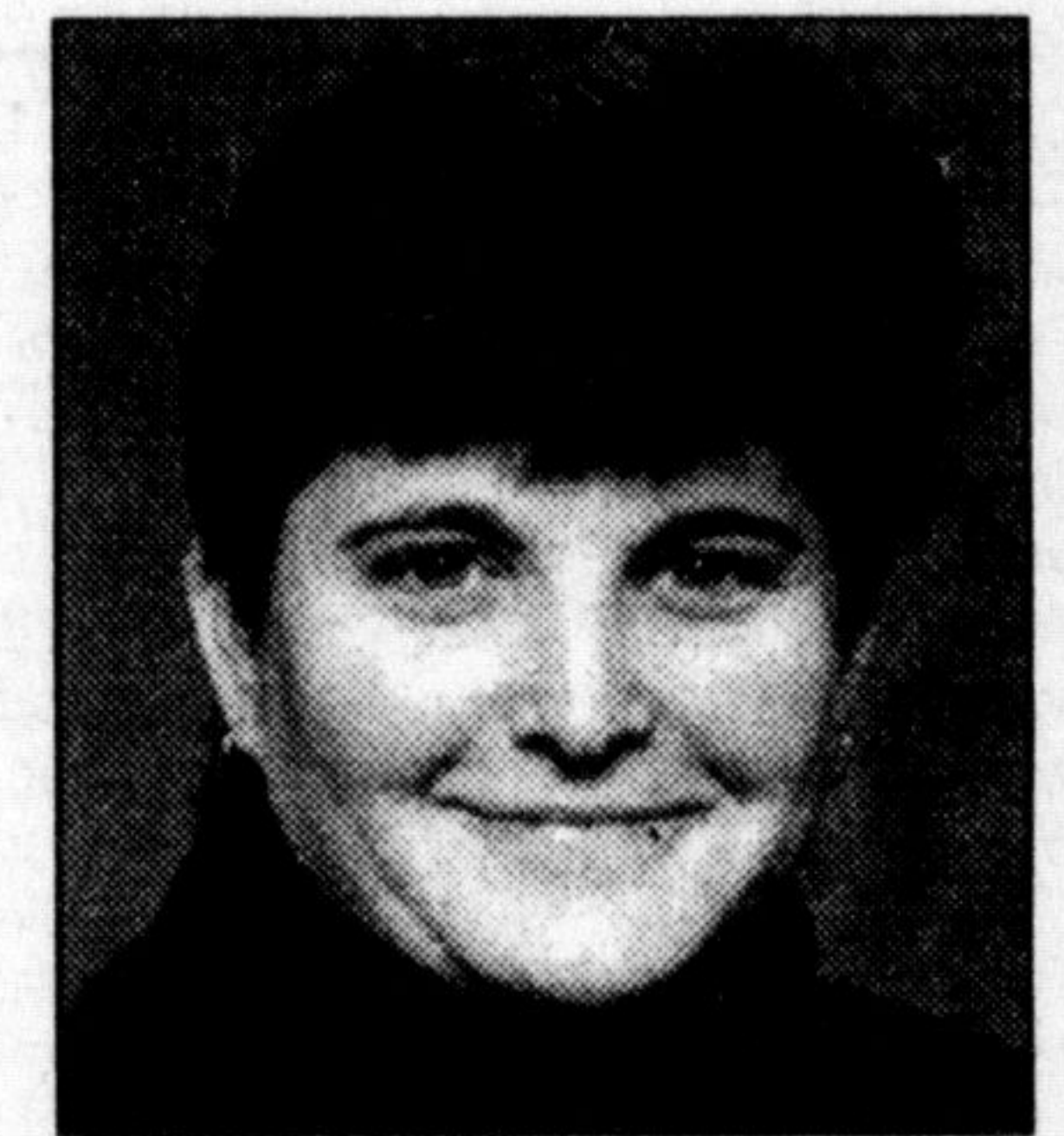
The Mavericks, whose regular season schedule has been upped to two dozen games this year, open training camp in early April. They'll run camp alongside the Northmen.

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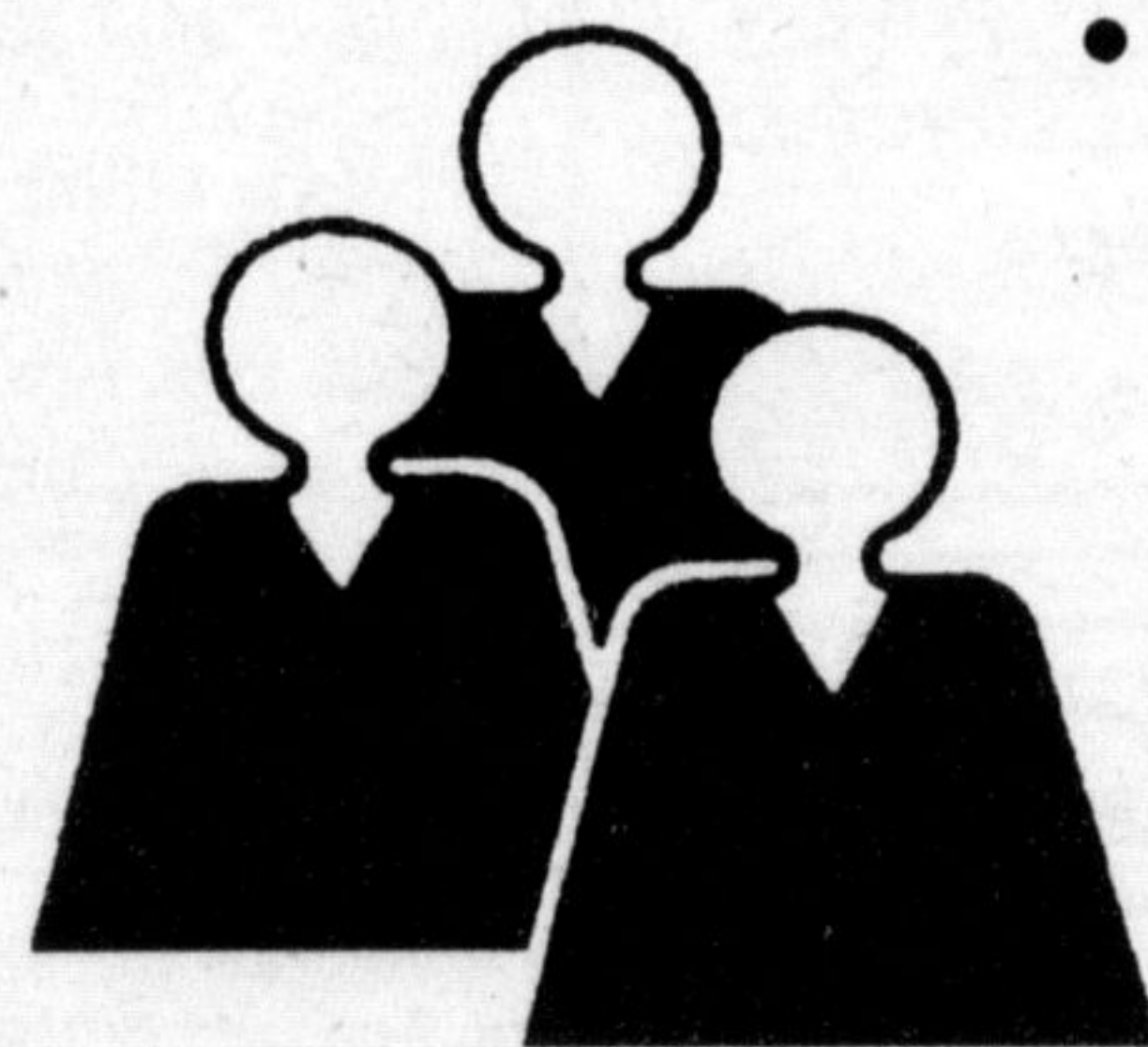


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