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Study of Blackbird Creek system selects options to restore water quality

The Jackfish Bay Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Team, in consultation with the Public Advisory Committee (PAC), has commissioned a study of the Blackbird Creek system. This study will answer a number of questions which will assist the PAC and the RAP Team in selecting remedial options to restore the water quality and aquatic habitat of Jackfish Bay.

There were five specific questions put to the consultant. These are:

* Are the historic contaminants in Blackbird Creek and its associated lakes contributing to the overall toxic/contaminant load to Lake Superior? If so, where are the sources and how significant are they.

* If the pollutants, contained within the sediments of Blackbird Creek and its associated lakes, were to remain in place,

for what period of time would they continue to contribute to the Lake Superior contaminant load?

* What remedial options are available to assist in the natural recovery of Blackbird Creek and its associated lakes and what are the costs of each option?

In the 1984 feasibility study of outfall alternatives, prepared for Kimberly-Clark of Canada Ltd., five options were proposed for effluent dispersion. The costs estimated for each option in this report were based upon 1984 dollars and construction methods. What costs would be essential with each option based upon current market conditions?

* Assuming that Kimberly-Clark of Canada Ltd. were to cease discharging effluent into Blackbird Creek system, how long would it take for the sys-

tem to recover to background conditions (sediment and Water)?

The study has been completed and will be circulated for PAC review in early August. The PAC has also had the opportunity to review some introductory information regarding question four and a Preliminary Baseline Study of Vegetation and Rehabilitation Potential. This study outlines the use of wetlands as a cleaning system for Blackbird contaminants.

The PAC will be meeting to discuss this report on August 8, 7 p.m. at Birchwood Terrace in Terrace Bay. This meeting will become the first in a series of meetings where the PAC will review options and recommend what action will best achieve the water use goals for Jackfish Bay. PAC meetings are always open to the public.

Two local high school students attend summer science school

Kerry Robinson and Francis Maltais from Lake Superior High School joined the Northern Summer School of Science and Technology at Lakehead University

During the month of July the two students stayed at Lakehead University and studied science. The course, sponsored by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, involves students from Northwestern Ontario and introduces them to different branches of science such as biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics,

geology forestry and engineering.

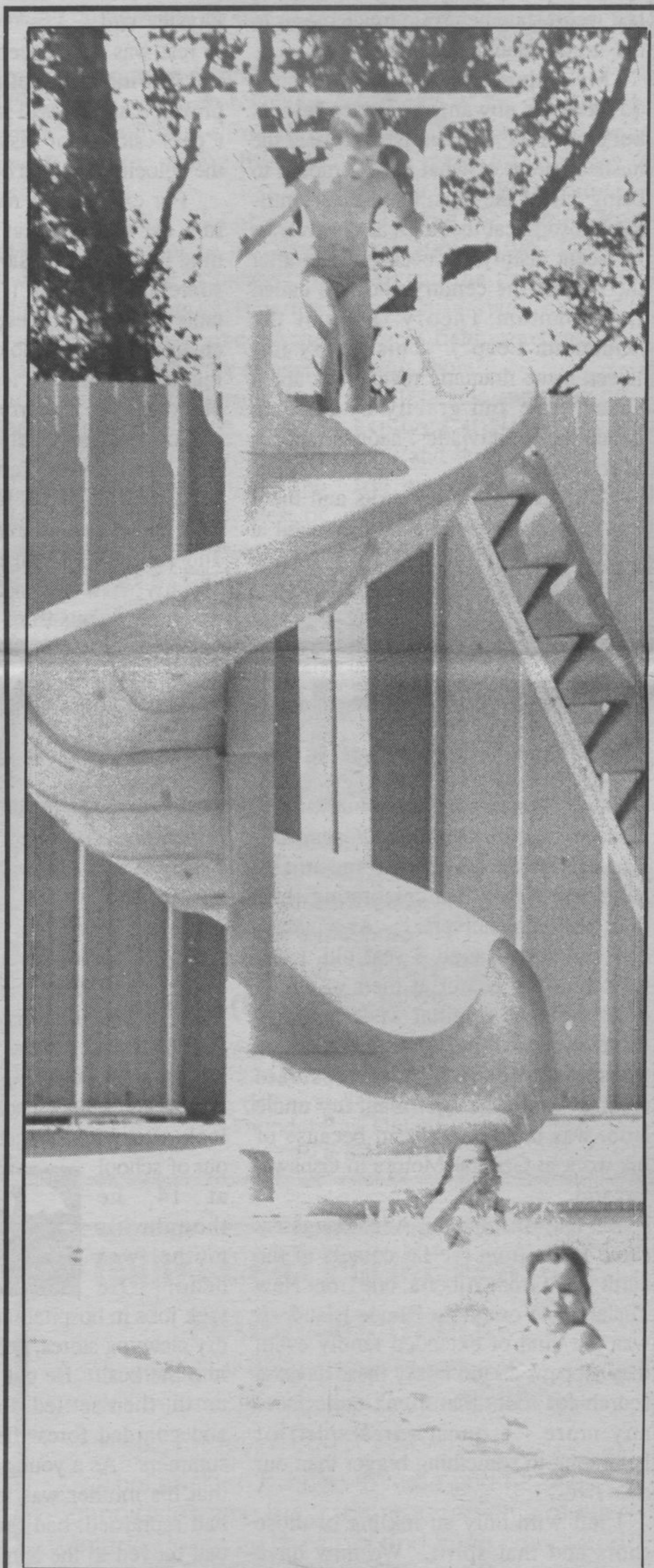
Students enjoy 'University Life'

The students spent the month in Lakehead's residence, enjoying what many of them describe as University Life. Seven days a week the students worked hard in lectures, field trips and labs but are well rewarded with new knowledge for the fast paced technical world they live in.

Francis Maltais says, "In

Grade 2 my parents smiled when I said I wanted to be a doctor, my friends in Grade 8 laughed; now as I enter Grade 12 no one laughed. I persevered and I am still proving to them my dream. I am determined and I will succeed."

At the end of the program each student received a \$1,000 scholarship. Everyone agrees that the Northern Summer School of Science and Technology is a great learning experience and a perfect way to meet new friends.



Water Babies

Young swimmers take time for a quick slide after lessons at the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre pool.

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