

The members of the Human Resource Project Committee at Rideau District High School are seeing the first fruits of their labours with the release of over ninety taped interviews. The idea for the project was first discussed in the spring of 1985 and implemented the following fall. It entails students actively gathering information on the history, lifestyles, geography, farming and social issues through interviews with senior residents of the surrounding communities.

The main objectives of the project have been: 1) to establish a major historical link between students and members of the community, 2) to increase interest, knowledge and appreciation of students in the fields of geography, history, lifestyles and socio-political studies, 3) to promote and develop basic and more advanced research skills, which will be advantageous to students in their future endeavours, 4) to enrich, using local material, programs in history, geography and English, 5) to give a large number of students a first hand experience in a unique resource based method of learning, 6) to give students the experience in the organizational skills required in operating a research project.

The first of these taped interviews has now been catalogued and processed and over ninety of them are now in circulation in the Library Resource Centre at Rideau.

To produce each of these tapes, senior citizens of the area were asked, through the local media, to contact the school. One of six senior level students then completed the initial groundwork and did a preliminary interview with the resident. The resident was then interviewed by two students from a year one history or a year two geography class. The tape was then monitored and analyzed by one of two senior level "editors" who summarized, in point form, what was discussed on tape. The Library Resource Centre staff would then assign a Dewey Decimal classification number and subject heading according to the Sears List of Subject Headings. The tape was then processed like any non-fiction book in the Library Resource Centre at Rideau. Now for the first time, the grade nine students this semester will be using the completed tapes as part of their history course.

Although the Human Resource Project Committee feels that it has a good number of tapes as a starting base, it is continuing to seek senior residents for interviews. The committee

feels that the retention of the resources of our senior citizens provides a vital link to our heritage. For this reason, in an endeavour to cover all the communities of the school area, the committee is still searching for senior residents from across the jurisdiction and especially in the Lyndhurst area. As well, citizens who have considerable knowledge of specific topics and are willing to describe them are invited to come forward. These topics might range from such things as being a war bride, the running of a mill, the tapping of maple syrup, a barn-raising bee, to training camp for any of the armed forces during the first or second world war. These are but a few examples.

Senior citizens with expertise, experience and/or knowledge on any subject matter are invited to contact Dwight Purdy, Human Resources Project, Rideau District High School, R. R. 2, Elgin, Ontario, KOE 1E0 (telephone 359-5391).

All of Rideau's boys' basketball teams advanced to the L.G.S.S.A. Finals after action in the Lions Den on Monday, February 22. The Seniors defeated Gananoque 66-52 while the juniors ousted North Grenville 82-50 and the Midgets eliminated Athens 100-24. It was particularly encouraging for team players to see former Rideau graduates in the gym cheering them on to victory. Many thanks to John Murray (St. Mary's), Paul McCreary (McMaster), Dana Smith (McMaster), Drea Steves (Queen's), Tim Simpson (Carlton), Tim Best (Queen's), Glenn Pattinson (Loyalist College).

#### Results from Wednesday's Championships

##### Midget Boys

Not only did the Midget coach win the "most Improved Dresser" award but the Rideau Midgets came away with the L.G.S.S.A. Championship.

Rideau Midgets have had consistently strong performances all year and Wednesday night the trend continued. Rideau 80 - North Grenville 37.

Top scorers for Rideau were Brad Mainse, twenty-six, followed by Derek Campbell, twenty, and Timon Garreau, sixteen. Shawn Plancke and William French led all players in the assist category.

The Midget Lions advance to the E.O.S.S.A. Championship in Deep River on March 8. Go Lions!

Parents interested in arranging travel with the team should contact Mr. McDonnell at the school (359-5391).

#### Junior Boys

Rideau Junior Lions met their traditional rivals, the Grenville Christian Lions in an exciting and entertaining basketball game in the Athens gym on Wednesday, February 24. The two teams battled throughout the first half, the lead changing hands many times but with Rideau holding a 28-24 lead at the buzzer. In the second half, the two teams again took their turn leading by as many as six points but always yielding to the others' tough play so that the game remained close. With two and a half minutes to play, G.C.C. led by a score of 44-40 but the Rideau crew reached deep. They exploded for eighteen points in the final minutes to win 58-49.

Todd Mallette and Paul Cairns, Rideau's guards, controlled the game tempo with excellent ball handling and passing while Dennis Serson and Ricky Taylor controlled the defensive boards. Glenn Hayes spent much of the second half shadowing the G.C.C. top scorer and limited him to four points. Top Rideau scorers were Paul Cairns with seventeen, Ricky Taylor with thirteen, and Glenn Hayes with ten.

#### Senior Boys

In the L.G.S.S.A. Final Wednesday night Athens Senior fans had a hard time finding a place to sit as Midget and Junior Rideau fans stayed on to cheer the Senior Lions on to victory. Rideau Seniors 62 and Athens 44. The Rideau-Athens rivalry has to be one of the best in Leeds and Grenville. Both teams play their hearts out every time they meet but there is always a strong display of sportsmanship from both sides and the final was no exception.

Rideau had top performances from their big men. Chris Lemcke netted twenty-five followed by Todd Visser with thirteen and Scott Wykes with nine. Scott Halladay and Kevin Cairns played outstanding defense and gave a new definition to the term hustle. Steve Visser provided leadership and was recorded with seven assists and seven steals. Congratulations junior girls. All members of the junior girls' volleyball team are to be commended for a terrific season. They earned second place standings in league play with a 17-13 win/loss record. The team developed their skills to such an extent that they were able to play with the best. Overall it was a successful season girls. Thanks for representing our school so well.

Senior girls finished their season last week at the L.G.S.S.A. Championships in Athens. In a semi-final match against their long-time rival, Sharbot Lake, the girls decisively won the first game 15-12. Unfortunately in the next two games, the team fell

behind early and lost 15-8 and 15-4. Rideau's seniors finished third in the competitive five team league and deserve congratulations for their efforts and hard work.

On Tuesday, February 16, a rumble was heard by Mrs. Kennedy's grade 11 gym class. The rumble of curling rocks sliding down the ice! The class ventured out to the Smiths Falls Curling Club to throw a few rocks. Our skills were improved with assistance from a few of the area's most noted curlers, Howard Landon, Wally Cliff, Bill Minnikh and Ken Dirraugh who are master curlers. The students' reception at the club was warm and they much enjoyed themselves. Thanks are expressed to the Club and its helpful members. The Terry Fox Centre was established, after Terry's death, as a centre where young people from across Canada can gather. It is open to all young people aged 15 - 17 to apply. Laura McEwen from Rideau applied and was accepted. This is her reaction to her experience.

"On Sunday, February 21, 1988, I commenced an exciting week in Ottawa with Encounters with Canada Program at the Terry Fox Centre. I knew as I boarded the train that I was going to something that would be a lot of fun and very educational.

"During the week, I attended seminars on physics, atomic energy, chemistry (which was really funny) and space. Also, the group I was with went to the Museum of Science and Technology, the Parliament Buildings, the Supreme Court of Canada and a tour of our National Capital region. At the museum I viewed Jupiter through the telescope and learned of Canada's contribution to Space. It was very exciting to see a ring of clouds around the planet and three out of four moons.

"At the Terry Fox Centre, I met over one hundred and thirty students, between the age of 15 and 18, from all over Canada. On Sunday night we had breaking-in games to get to know one another. Also, we went swimming, skating, shopping, and went to see a play at the National Arts Centre. A lot of the kids spoke French so I learned a bit during the week. Finally on Friday night, all of us graduated and had an all-night dance. The majority of us did stay up all night!

"Then Saturday came all too soon. Every single one of us was sad to leave our new-found friends. Now I have several correspondents all across Canada. I must say that never in my life has one week had such an impact!"