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### HIGHLIGHTS

RDHS students wrote several scholarship examinations during the spring of 1980.

Eleven of Mr. Ron Chahal's Grade 11 physics class wrote the exam sponsored by the Ontario Branch of the American Association of Physics Teachers. Rideau students were 14.1% higher than the provincial average. The top 6 Rideau students and their rank relative to 396 competitors are as follows: Trong Huan Le (10th), Stuart Fielding (44th), Lori Traynor (88th), Rick Shanks (105th), Carol Collinson and Kim Bryden (118th).

Seven of Mr. John Rooney's Grade 13 chemistry students wrote the "Chemistry 13 News Assistantship" examinations sponsored by the University of Waterloo and the University of Toronto. 5,680 Canadian students took part in this contest. Five of the seven Rideau students received above average scores. Trong Huan Le was the top Rideau student (86th percentile). Isabel Schmid was the second highest (84th percentile).

### DRIVER EDUCATION

This year 30 Rideau students took part in the Driver Ed program. The purpose of the program is to help the student develop good, safe driving habits, and to develop in the student proper attitudes towards driving. The guidelines for the program are set by the Ministry of Education and require that the student receive 25 hours of classroom instruction, 6 hours of actual driving time, and 12 hours of observing others receiving driving instructions.

Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a certificate from the Ministry which is useful for insurance purposes.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Special Education students were probably noticeable to many residents of Elgin and Portland this spring as they began their work-study program by sweeping the streets and cleaning the storm sewers. This has become an annual event for these students, and is part of a program which supplements the in-school learning process.

While some students were working in Elgin and Portland, others were working in Smiths Falls and Kingston in an attempt to gain knowledge about the working world.

### TECHNICAL STUDENTS

Again this year, the Technical students of Rideau have been involved in a work-study program. The purposes of the program are: 1) to provide the student with actual work experience which the school is unable to duplicate. 2) to provide the student with the opportunity to physically view the work place and acquire knowledge that will aid them in planning future careers. 3) to introduce the student to the work place and assist in developing positive attitudes toward work.

This year students from Rideau were employed by local businesses as well as businesses in Kingston, Brockville and Smiths Falls. Generally, the students have been very well received by the business people. And, in fact, one local building contractor has been providing 2 of our students with an excellent opportunity to gain additional experience in Architectural Drafting by employing them part-time since early May, to complete house plans and additions to existing houses and buildings.

### TRACK & FIELD AT R.D.H.S.

The end of the academic school year at RDHS brought with it the end of a long and successful track and field season. Twenty athletes in middle distance running, sprints and field events competed at the L.G.S.S.A. (county) meet at TISS (Brockville) last May. Most of these individuals reaped the benefits of their training by getting to the semi-finals or finals of their events. Four particularly outstanding athletes qualified for the Eastern Ontario Meet. They were Marilyn Wykes in senior girls' javelin, Debbie McCann in the senior girls 3,000 meters, Mike Vincent in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, and David Fielding in the midget boys 800 meters. Mike Vincent set two personal records in his events, running the 100 meters in 11.3 seconds and winning the 200 meters in 23.6 seconds. David Fielding also won his event with a County record of 2:07.9 seconds in the 800 meter race. Debbie, David and Marilyn all qualified for the East Regional Meet (which includes all of Ontario East of Toronto) held at Trenton.

The season was climaxed when Marilyn Wykes and David Fielding qualified for the All-Ontario O.F.S.A.A. championship at Centennial Stadium in Toronto earlier in June. Throwing the javelin in the pouring rain, Marilyn Wykes had to suffer the disappointment of a triple foul in the javelin. David Fielding, enjoying the dry weather of the following day, ran his best races of the year with a 2nd place finish in his heat, and a 6th place overall in the final of the 800. He recorded his fastest time of the year at 2:04.8 seconds. This is a worthy tribute to a dedicated and tenacious runner.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Rideau also hosted the Second Annual Rideau Cross Country Meet for elementary schools this month. Over 150 runners in grades 4-8 from 4 schools in the area (South Crosby, Beverly, Sweet's Corners, Rideau Centennial) participated. The overall junior team winner (grades 4-6) was South Crosby School. The victorious senior team was from Sweet's Corners. Last year, the same 2 teams won, but in the other age

division. They simply had to trade trophies this year.

This annual meet is sponsored and organized by the Rideau District High School cross-country team and the courses are run by the students from this team.

### RDHS

#### EDUCATION CANADA

by Janice MacPherson

One of the best learning experiences possible is travel. You meet different people with different cultures, ways of life, and perhaps they even speak a different language. By living with these people, we learn with pleasure, history (modern and ancient), languages, and many other things that we would normally hate when taught as a subject at school.

By participating in the Education Canada Program, any lucky Grade 11 or 12 student is eligible to partake in these learning experiences.

In February and March, we had 4 visitors at Rideau. Anita Ferdais from Edmonton, Alberta and Katrina Stewart from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan spent their month in Morton with Cass Dean. In Delta, Teresa Lloyd hosted Kelly Côté from Vancouver and Teresa Friedenberg from Edmonton, Alberta. This raised our student population a bit, but it dropped again when one of our students, Lori Traynor, left Westport for Victoria, B.C.

As it turned out March and April were even busier. Lori returned from Victoria to host Daphne Hillard from Mission, B.C. Teresa left for Fort St. John, B.C., the same day as her billets departed for home. To take their place, Louise McRory arrived in Newboro to stay with Judi Murphy after a long trip from Nelson, B.C. Lorraine Earle hosted Tammy Carlson from Fort St. John, B.C. at her home in Lyndhurst. They were all joined by Trina Paulson from Edmonton and Susan Hawn from Red Water, Alberta. These girls stayed with Mary Richardson in Delta. At the end of their stay, Mary left for Red Water, Alberta, where she stayed with Susan for a month.

Each time a new group of students arrived at Rideau, a dinner was held to allow them to meet the exchange students from here. Incidentally, the food was terrific, and we'd all like to thank Mrs. Croskery and her Family Studies Class for preparing and serving the meals.

To wind up the year, all the participants from this year, last year and next year held a dinner at the Opinicon where we enjoyed meeting Jackie Turcotte, who is the Ottawa area advisor for Education Canada. Our guests were Mr. & Mrs. G. Gratton and Mr. & Mrs. R. Dobson. The dinner was a great success.

The costs to students participating in the program is minimal so as to give everyone an opportunity to participate. However, the school must contribute a certain amount per student. To raise this money, we had a bottle drive. Through this we raised \$107.75 and sold tickets on an afghan that was donated by Mrs. Edna Dean, Morton. The lucky winner was Mrs. Susan Burnham, Delta.

Applications for perspective participants during the school year 1980-81 were made available early in March. This year the response was terrific. Unfortunately, not everyone can go. Next year's participants are: Kelly Burtch and Rick Bryden - Elgin, Shari Greenhorn, Sharon Leeson and Tracey Mallette - Delta, and Mary Jane Scott from Westport.

I'd like to wish these people the best on their upcoming exchanges, and if they had half as good a time as I did in N.B. and N.W.T. two years ago, I'll know that they really enjoyed themselves. Bon Voyage.

## GARAGE SALE

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NURSERY SCHOOL

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