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In this, the October 98, Issue:

- Too many "In This Issue" headings
- Cox sidelined for a month after stubbing toe. Club Captain and doctor, the Eagle, recommends a heart transplant: "I suggest we replace his ticker with something of similar size and capacity and to this end I ask club members to bring forth road kill squirrels so that we can check for compatibility". Specialists also indicate that there will be further difficulty in finding the original heart to replace, "since it clearly isn't in the right place."
- Kelvin High School issues a recall statement on 1984-86 Rugby squad members. A spate of recent accidents has shown that models from this year have structural faults, which may collapse when put under any stress. A spokesman from Kelvin says that the BM, GF and SH models may be reconstructed but are unlikely to be of any further use. "Any two of us together equals two good legs, so we'd be able to run around and referee if you strap our bad legs together and make us share a whistle." Problem is, Harland only calls foul play when Morden's playing, Morden only blows the whistle on mistakes in the backs, and Gordie would spend the whole game pointing at infractions and complaining about the calls.

- Nicholson checks son into ballet lessons "Eventually I would prefer him to play rugby but I think it is important that he also be able to get around the field gracefully, unlike for example Ward King, or without tripping over like Macleod".
- New arrival Stott settles in fAiRLY well, closing consecutive off-field deals before the ink had dried on his new Wasp contract. The Eagle claimed two assists but stated "I'm not sure if he has been forced to go Indog-neato and that is the reason for the new thatch but this will really test my skills as the set up guy".
- "Unabomber" Majewski returns from BC sporting a beaded hat, a 6 month beard (among other symptoms consistent with neglected personal hygiene) and exaggerated stories of bear attacks. While this may be 'chick magnet' stuff in the wilds of BC, the Juice has found that this kind of appearance doesn't cut it in dating circles frequented by the River Heights Posse.
- DART House refuses to allow Fecyk to take Darcy's place while the Caveman is on exercises, quotes Andy, "The popularity of a dive like ours is based on the acronym. I'm only here 'cuz the guys needed a vowel. How are we going to get girls to come back to the place if you replace the "D" with an "F"?"
- Scott "MacGyver" Harland fashions tow rope from dog leash and rubber band to save floundering Eagle at Maple Grove. While the tow was appreciated, the recipients unanimously agreed that Harland's desire to stress test the creation on the Perimeter bridge was neither necessary nor appreciated.

Thunder from Down Under

As many of you will already know, the RAG is now available online. This is a considerable saving for the club in postage and time so if there are any more of you out there with email access, please let me know tandrews@gov.mb.ca

- The Wasps windup banquet will be held on the 21st November at the Holiday Inn South. Last year's banquet was well attended and a good night was had by all -so mark that date on your Calendars
- Wasps are selling Entertainment books. Buy it from us before anywhere else!
- We have had an excellent response to our request for DUES so thank you to all those people who have paid.
- I have a number of Wasp jumpers for sale for \$10-20. Call me if interested (284 6806). We have ordered a new set of jumpers for the 1sts thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tropicana juice Co. We are now in the process of ordering Wasps jumpers for people who would like to own their own and these will cost \$80 incl tax- contact me if interested.
- You may be surprised to know that club shorts arrived from big China in time for the finals. The shorts are black, buttonless and have a Wasp embroidered on the front of one leg and "Tropicana" on the other leg in Gold- they look MINT. These are \$25 incl.

- tax for members (\$30 for non-members) so call me if interested (284 6806).
- The club is sounding out prospective coaches for the 1999 season- it's worth a thought!!
- Remember that plans are underway for a club tour to France next year for the World Cup of rugby. Call tour organizers Wheel or Pacman for you tour itinerary.
- Wanna drive to a Vikings game? December 6th vs Chicago, or Nov 15 vs Cincinnati. Call me at 284-6806

2nd Annual Wasps Car Rally

Where else to start off our 70's dress-up car rally but the Bridge, where both the decor and the age of most regular patrons are consistent with this theme. The Wasps were represented by a good cross section of members and this was highlighted by the fact that Helmut had to ask his mum what his dad wore in the 70's while Haji just had to get some stuff from the back of his closet. Honourable dress mentions go to Janita and Thumper whose outfits should have come with volume controls while Capt Caveman reluctantly swapped his army greens for a sleazy (but still khaki) safari suit. Foxy and Jason Guy were a mix of Sherlock Holmes and English hound masters. Ironically the Tuna, who has recently been awarded GOLD membership status at Value Village (pronounced villarsh by gold members), was not kitted up in 70's style claiming that he felt like a change.

All entrants were eagerly fueling up before heading outside to their cars. Barfske's unit stood out proudly and was noticed by everybody, highlighted by the curve hugging pinstripes (of his trackpants). The anticipation built and finally climaxed with a gasp as each team read the list of outrageous requirements. Highlights included:

- reading a cubicle door sign at Club 200 (as it turned out this was a gay bar but the most disturbing aspect was the amount of time spent in there by some of the entrants)
- how many Winnipeg taxi drivers have the last name 'Singh'
- the digested food offered by the caveman in a ziplock bag in the 'something smelly' section
- Foxy's team fortuitously finding a Yale St sign just laying around (on a signpost) for huge points
- the failure of Janita and Barfske to fully protect their eggs signed by Iceworks staff. As everybody knows, Eagles prey on unguarded eggs and this evening was no exception (this was to prove pivotal when the final placings were announced).
- Everybody acknowledged that Will Smith deserves at least some credit for singing "getting jiggy wid it" after the efforts of our 2 complete strangers
- the number of mayoral election signs collected by all entrants. Some entrants claim to have been callously harassed by passers-by as they industriously collected their mementos. While it has been said that the general public has not shown any interest in the upcoming city elections, certainly that does not hold true of the Wasps - and they

displayed their enthusiasm and impartiality by displaying signs of every nominee on the lawn of the DART house.

The packed DART house hushed for the announcement by Tuna of the winning squad. As points were tallied, it became obvious that the innovation and enthusiasm of team Christie would get them 1st place. As they rejoiced the DART house resembled Die Machine as the rest of the unfashionably clad crowd divided themselves between the memorable tunes of ABBA on the main floor while the younger members moved to the downstairs sportsbar. Unlike the well known Osborne Village establishment, there was no washroom basin clogged with vomit at the end of night and no pierced figures offering to wash our windcreens for a loonie as patrons attempted to drive home.



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Westcoast Waffle- Miles Jones

Firstly, I would like to lay claim to the title of being the only West Coast correspondent ever to correspond. The lack of professionalism of my Albertan counterparts, Jenkins and Fontoura, the Saskatchewan exiles Carter and MacCaulay was not only noted but also expected. After having cast a critical eye over Vancouver rugby, I am happy to say that, in general, BC rugby is not much superior to ours. The Wasps 1st Div. team could beat all but 3 or 4 of the Vnancouver teams and finish in mid to upper third of the competition. Fitness here is undoubtedly higher and this comes with better competition and more commitment. The 3 games I have watched were played at high speed and intensity but lacked originality and flair and I believe these weaknesses are hurting our national team. I recently watched Meralomas vs UBC Oldboys and felt that, even though all of the centres had been capped, only Meralomas' Jason Hall was at all creative. The overall defense was good but was rarely stretched due to predictable attack of crash, ruck, scrum ad nauseum. I have joined the Meralomas club and practice consists of a ridiculous amount of running and other fitness oriented drills. When I mentioned that I was a friend of the Scottish pocket rocket Roddy "she's my acquaintance" MacLeod to coach Ian Bertwell, he automatically assumed I would drop the ball and throw up. Ironically this is what he did when I told him I played standoff. On a far more inspired note, I had the opportunity to watch Australia vs Tonga live in a local pub. At half time it was Aust 41, Tonga 0 Guinness 5. I didn't make to the 2nd half though I'm sure

the Aussies were able to hang on to their slender lead for a change. Anyway I would like to wish all Wasp teams the best of luck in the playoffs and look forward to a clean sweep in the finals. PS well done Stottsy, my brother.

(Miles also stated that he finished last in all of the fitness drills with the Meralomas. This is a considerable improvement for Jonesy who was never known to finish a drill in his 7 years with the Wasps-Ed.)

(Of course, Miles belief that watching a game from a pub is "live" exemplifies his approach to running at practice - other Ed.)

(Who are these Eds, and when are they and that Jerry guy coming to practice?

- Nicholson)

SNOW RUGBY!!!

Okay. Let's get this straight. Touch Snow Rugby STARTS at 1:30 p.m., Saturdays, beginning with Hallowe'en Saturday. We play until 3:00, at which point the smokers, alcoholics and wimp-asses leave. The rest of us play until 3:30, then we join the deserters at the Cambridge. Too much popcorn, lotsa Labatt's, and some unparalleled pizza help make up for frostbitten noses, broken sunglasses, windburn and losing at Liar's Dice to those damned cheaters. The rules of Touch Snow Rugby are simple-try to touch the ball carrier with two hands, if you touch him and you're sure that he didn't pass before you got him, yell "TOUCH". He has to return to the point where he was touched, the defenders have to retire to their offside line (5 steps away from the ball carrier), and the ball carrier restarts with a tap-kick (like a penalty tap). When Nicholson plays, repeat the rules in chorus every 5 minutes. Teams get 4 possessions (restarts) before the ball is turned over. After the third touch (last down) the ball may be kicked. . Tackling Simone gets you the serious beats. After an interception or kick, the first touch is "zero", so four possessions remain. Out of bounds and knock-ons are turnovers. Pay

attention on defense when you're on Blake's team-no tea parties!

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Some correspondence from the Cheetah in Edmonton:

"Heya Toddy, How goes it? Thanks for getting my fleece to me. My tits and I appreciate it. Had a great long weekend; Darcy, Jimmy Foulkes and Barfske were all in town. Jarhead unwittingly wound up throwing a party in his new house, and I promptly christened it by spilling crantini all over his brand new carpet. Fluff from the Pirates then became the first to throw up off Jarhead's deck after a vicious round of Dr. Peppers (Beer, Coke and Ammaretto). We overstayed our welcome and then I found my clothes and we left. I hope to be out there for the banquet. Say hi to the fellas for me, and I will hopefully see you soon".-Big Sid



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- 1991 F150 XLT 302, at, extended cab, 4x4 short box, new tires and motor, excellent condition. \$12,500
- 1994 Tempo, 4cyl, 4dr, at, low mileage.

In news just at hand, the RAG'S New York political correspondent has filed this report:

Monica Lewinsky, in a statement released today, has spoken out about the Clinton sex scandal: "I have had enough. This whole experience has left a bitter taste in my mouth. I feel as if I am getting the shaft, that this ugly matter has come to a head and blown up in my face. "This may be a load to handle, but when things get hard, that is when I am at my best. I have faced hard things in the past, and I know what is coming. I will meet this challenge the only way I know how: head on. "I have licked bigger things than this before, and I will again. No one will ever be able to say that Monica Lewinsky isn't a finisher, that she quit before the job was done. I will work non-stop and fight this, blow by blow, until I am wiped clean of this dirty affair. I will not be stained by it. Thank you."