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The other morning an L.R.C. staff member was reshelving books when a bundle of papers fell out of one of them into her hands.

She started to throw the papers away but hesitated when she noticed that they seemed very old and weathered. Then there was something familiar and arresting about the messy, undecipherable writing and the doodles and diagrams which filled the pages - rather skillfully but crudely sketched illustrations of gears, a primitive sort of bicycle, weird flying machines, etc.

Other members of staff were also intrigued and puzzled by the papers. Some one noticed that the scrawled writing seemed to be in Italian, written backwards!

We lack the space here to describe adequately that flash of excitement which comes with the realization that one is witnessing a unique moment in history.

Very calmly, we informed the National Library of Canada, the Italian Embassy, the Louvre, the Smithsonian Institution, C.K.R.D., etc. that Red Deer College, like the National Library at Madrid seven years earlier, had uncovered an authentic and previously unknown portion of the Holograph writings and drawings of the immortal (and apparently indefatigable) Leonardo da Vinci.

While preparing our press statements and awaiting the arrival of the experts, we discovered something new in one of the smaller drawings, a design so spectacularly simple, so conceptually bold, that it seemed certain to eclipse all the other achievements of the great master, even the "Last Supper" itself. There, on a lower corner of the page, in breathtaking outline, apparently complete with specifications: the electric spoon!

Peering more closely at the characteristic writing beneath this priceless sketch, someone managed to translate a few words. They appeared to be in frontwards English after all. The inscription read, in part:

"(Undecipherable) Esks blew it again!!

Phone Sandy re. Thurs. nite.

(Illegible) Physics labs are

(expletive deleted)!"

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A little closer to the real thing is the Leonardo da Vinci display on the main floor of the L.R.C. The display is devoted to his mechanical inventions and features reprints of his plans along with some carefully-made working models illustrating how his inventions could have been (or were) executed. It's a fascinating display: when the gears start grinding in your head, take a few minutes off and marvel at how smoothly the mental machinery ran in the brain of this 15th century genius.

COLLEGE BROOMBALL

On December 1, the Red Deer College Broomball team made a come-from-behind effort to defeat the Rough-Comp Squad 2-1, in a Red Deer Commercial Broomball League game. Ed Kamps opened the scoring for Red Deer College with help from Jim Boomer and Jim Guilbault. The short-handed goal came with just seconds left, with Jim Sutherland tipping in a shot from Ed Kamps.

On December 4, experience was the key factor as the Park Hotel Team defeated the Red Deer College Broomball Squad 5-0. Although the College lost; Herb Wing and Gary Boulding showed good individual effort, more of their kind of playing will lead to College victories in the future. What we need now is fan support. Come out and watch your team play on December 11, 9 p.m., at the Kinex.

BASKETBALL KINGS SPLIT ON ROAD

The Basketball Kings broke even in A.C.A.C. play in the South this weekend by defeating Medicine Hat College Antelope 81-80 on Friday night, but then losing 69-52 to Lethbridge Community College Kodiaks 69-52 on Saturday afternoon, Kings first loss in S.A.C.A.C. games.

At Medicine Hat, the Kings trailed throughout the first half as the Antelope led 12 points at one stage and were still ahead 41-36 at half-time. Switching to a press defence, Kings took over the lead quickly in the second half and, at one point, led by 9 points. Then, Medicine Hat, with a press of its own, narrowed the margin to 3 points but to no avail as, despite scoring a last second basket, their comeback left them 1 point short.

Murray McLean was outstanding for the Kings scoring 31 points and leading the offence. Bill Bowd held high-scoring Joe Grosswiler to 10 points while scoring 11 points himself. Other Kings scorers were Lionel Leiske - 16, Gord Graves - 15, Keith Thompson - 4, Greg Lunde - 2, and Rod Kennedy - 2.

Kings grabbed the early lead on Saturday afternoon at Lethbridge with a 13-4 margin after 5 minutes. Then, Kings shooting went cold and the Kodiaks gradually assumed control, leading 32-22 at half. Bill Bowd was again outstanding for the Kings, limiting Lethbridge's star forward, Greg Hess to 7 points, while scoring 10 himself. Keith Thompson played his best game of the season for the Kings, picking up 10 points and 5 rebounds. Kings top scorer and rebounder in the game was Gord Graves with 12 of each. Other Kings scorers were Murray McLean - 10, Lionel Leiske - 6, Rod Kennedy - 4, and Pete Koleyak - 2.

Kings now break for Christmas exams and the Holiday recess returning to A.C.A.C. action on Friday, January 10, 1975 when they host the NAIT Ooksiks at the College Gym.

NOTICE TO EDUCATION STUDENTS RE

EDUCATION PRACTICUM 207

Education Practicum 207 is a credit half course available normally to second-year Education students, providing them with a minimum of ten days of supervised classroom experience within the schools of the College district.

The Education Department is now prepared to accept applications from students. Those students who are already registered in the course, as well as those who are considering taking it, are invited to contact Mr. P. Raffa (Office 3110) for further information and application forms.

While the course is officially scheduled for the second semester, work on meeting its requirements can be begun in this semester.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAMS

The College has been operating an internship program for Education students since 1967. This enables students to obtain practical classroom experience in the schools within the College district as well as elsewhere.

While this program is provided primarily for Education students, those in other university transfer programs who might be contemplating a career in teaching are invited to participate. This program might help them decide about a teaching career.

The College makes a payment of \$5.00 per day for such service. Further information can be obtained from P. Raffa (Office 3110).

Jack Raffa is the director of the program. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta and has been teaching in the College district for many years. He is also a member of the Alberta Teachers' Association and the Canadian Education Association.