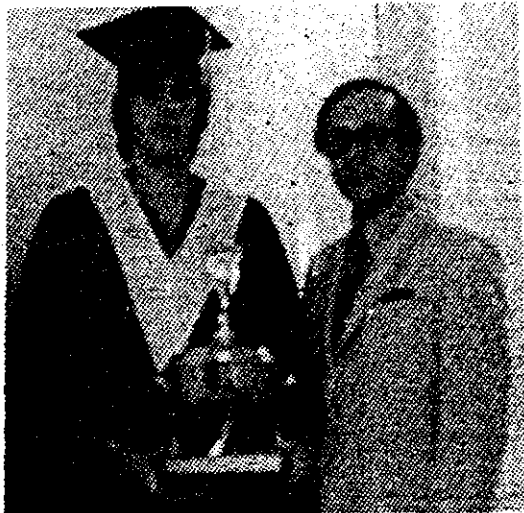


Elmwood's Acton vaults into first place

Blaine Acton was named the outstanding track and field athlete at Elmwood High School and the recipient of the Doern



Blaine Acton (right) recipient of the outstanding track and field athlete trophy for Elmwood High School with presenter, local MLA Russell Doern.

Award which is annually presented by the MLA for Elmwood.

Acton is an all-round athlete who has competed successfully for his school in basketball, volleyball and badminton. During his years at Elmwood, he won the high jump at the Inter High Meet for three consecutive years. At the Provincial Championships he picked up two seconds and a third. He won the high jump at the Manitoba Indoor Games twice, plus at a number of outdoor competitions and a record-setting performance in the Big Six Meet in 1982.

He represented Manitoba in the Canadian Legion sponsored National Midget and Juvenile Track and Field Championships last year. Blaine also excelled in the big jump, triple jump and javelin.

An outstanding talent, Acton was well-liked among his fellow students. He plans to attend university this fall — where he will be playing on the Bisons basketball team.

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Hospital effective the date beyond which safe staffing levels in Labour and Delivery cannot be maintained."

The paper further stated that several of the senior labour and delivery nurses of Concordia have accepted positions at other hospitals, with the result that the hospital could not assure safe staffing levels beyond July 31.

Noting however that St. Boniface Hospital was not able to accept additional maternity referrals by that date, "An arrangement has been worked out for up to three St. Boniface experienced labour and delivery nurses to work at Concordia 'on loan' for 60 days (after July 1983)," explained the announcement.

"There will be no lay offs resulting from this decision," was the promise given in the final paragraph.

And how does the hospital's administration feel about this turn of events?

"I think that the thing that we'd like to

stress is that we do it with a great deal of regret," said Diane Letwin, assistant executive director.

"I had hoped that our MLA's would support the retention of obstetrics at Concordia Hospital a little more," she added.

Ardis Nash, an LPN who works on the obstetrics ward at Concordia was a bit more blunt.

"I feel it's a bad decision," said Nash.

"If the letters I've received to date are any indication of the problem new mothers are currently facing in the large institutions, I hate to see what it will be like when our facility is no longer functioning," Nash said, referring to the letter-writing campaign against the closure, which she spearheaded.

"I think the decision was made basically without any regard for women."

Concordia Hospital origin was that of a maternity service on Machray Avenue in 1928.

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