

Who are you, Whovians?

With most videophile clubs in town, making the link between their name and the accompanying television show or movie is easy.

No one could mistake the Star Trek fan club for people just crazy about hiking around the Riding Mountains while star gazing, or the Rocky Horror fan club for people who live for mixing rocky road ice cream with sardines.

But when faced with a poster advertising the next meeting of the Whovians, one bemused response might be, "Who? Are they with the vacuum cleaner people?"

The 'who' in this case refers to fans of the Doctor Who show which runs on Prairie Public Television and the YTV channel. Formerly known as the Whovians, they recently changed their name to the 'Tardis 204', so as not to be mixed up with Hooverians of the vacuum cleaning ilk or fans of the rock band, The Who.

"We thought people who watch the show would recognize the Tardis, but not know what a Whovian is," said club information officer Allison Conroy. "We wanted to become more visible because people would see our poster and not know what we were about."

School closures sought

Two St. James review committees will recommend that Kirkfield Park School be closed and Assiniboine School's English track program be shut down this June.

The Assiniboine committee says children who live south of Portage Avenue could attend Linwood School, while those north of Portage could shift to Stevenson-Britannia School.

Enrolments in Assiniboine's French immersion program have remained high. But its English track program has seen a steady drop. Ten years ago, the enrolment was 151. This year, it's 96 and expected to drop to 54 by 1993-94.

The 10-member review committee of parents, residents and school officials — appointed last November by trustees — will soon present its final report at a public hearing.

Soon after, an 11-member review committee from Kirkfield School will recommend that its 28 students — all of whom are handicapped — be moved to self-contained classrooms in six other schools.



Susie Strachan

This 27-year series of British radio and television shows and movies features the time lord, Doctor Who, who travels around the universe fighting evil in the Tardis, his British police telephone booth cum time and space machine. The club chose the digits 204 in Manitoba's area code as fitting in with the phone booth image.

Although there are only 20 regular club members, at an average age of 14, other people like to drop in and everyone has their favorite out of the seven actors who have played the Doctor over the years, said Conroy.

"The hardest one to find

anything on is William Hartnell who was one of the original Doctors," she said. "This month we're playing a radio play with Colin Baker as the Doctor in *Flipback*, which I think was a basic radio version of a visual script."

There's always plenty to discuss at the monthly meetings at the Centennial Library, like the trumped up monsters the earlier TV shows relied on.

"There are a number of shows with amorphous blobs," said Conroy, adding she would like to compile a video of the corniest monsters. "I remember one called a routon, which had you looking for the strings as it was going up the stairs."

The Tardis 204 is hoping to produce a newsletter, following in the tracks of the Whoniversity club out of Minneapolis-St. Paul. "They're a bigger club with a lot more members," she

said. "We're hoping to have some outdoor meetings soon and to pick up more people."

The next general meeting of the Tardis 204 is May 19 between 1 and 5 p.m. in the first floor assembly room at the Centennial Library.

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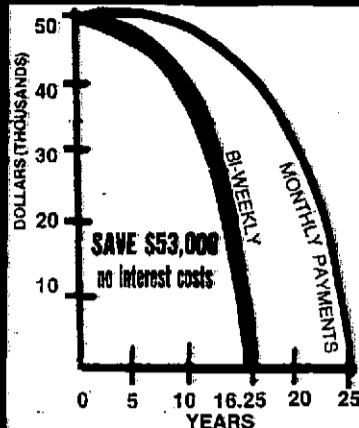
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