

Students honoured at OHS

Each fall, Opeongo High School salutes its undergraduate students with an Awards Night. This year's edition was held last Wednesday evening in the school cafeteria.

As was pointed out during the proceedings, being recognized for achievement in a certain subject does not necessarily mean the student had the highest mark. All the students on stage last week did have a couple of common traits, those being hard work and initiative.

Staff members and other members of the community presenting awards noted this as well.

"It's a great pleasure this evening to talk to students who have proven their excellence," said principal Don Whillans, whose address was on the subject... excellence.

"You are living in an extraordinary age," he told the students. "You have far greater challenges than any one of us faced... far more exciting."

Mr. Whillans was clearly disturbed though that technology is forging ahead at an incredible pace while human affairs is suffering.

"The process in technology is nothing short of amazing," he said. "The progress in human affairs is an absolute disgrace."

Poverty, crime and ethnic conflict are but three examples he used to illustrate his point.

Shifting to the function of the right and left side of the brain, Mr. Whillans felt the educational system was geared to benefit the logical and rational side of the brain while the creative side was all but ignored.

"All our schools have been designed to work with the certain part of the brain," he stated.

Shifting gears again, Mr. Whillans told the students they are the product of hard work, initiative and intuition.

"You've got the future ahead of you," he said. "They sky's the limit."

The principal told them to be proud of their achievements. "Keep going, don't slow down now. The future's in your hands."

"Don't forget your

dreams and high expectations, you can't succeed without dreams," Mr. Whillans said.

At the conclusion of the evening Mr. Whillans had the pleasure of presenting the coveted Principal's Award, for the top all-round student to Rodney Neitzel. Rodney didn't take all the credit thanking his teachers for their encouragement and support.

Perfect Attendance

Vice-principal Jim Haskins presented these awards. Achieving perfect attendance, he said, was a "valuable trait" for a student to have.

Grade nine recipients were Shelly Burwell, Joseph Bruzzese, Genny Kauffeldt, Ian Walterhouse and Tammy Boldt. Not missing a day in grade 10 were Robert Hartwig, Sherry Rathwell, Jeannie Kauffeldt, Brian O'Malley, and Jay Rose while grade 11 winners were Ian D. Dixon, Keith Rook, David Ilgert, Bernadette O'Malley and Patsy Zohr.

Grade 12 recipients were Cathy Madigan, Christel Miller, Pat VanWoezik and Deborah Pilgrim. The lone year five winner was Darryl Warlich.

Sorry!

"Sorry!" said guidance counsellor Len Kirby.

When Renfrew County Medallions were presented at the June Commencement Ceremonies grade nine student Kerri Lynn Andrews was inadvertently overlooked. The school made up for this oversight last week. Kerri Lynn was present to accept the Medallion.

James Tripp of the Cobden Civitan Club and Civinette Margaret Stewart were pleased to present Citizenship awards to Rick Kasaboski and Krista Quinn.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion in Eganville sponsors an award for proficiency in Canadian Studies and this year's winners are Rachel Valiquette (History) and Jerry Enright (Geography).

Ray DePratto presented the N.J. Tremblay Memorial award for the highest mark in the three levels of grade nine French to Jennifer Koch (advanced)

Julie Fleece (general) and Todd Lynch (basic.)

Department Head Joe Schwartz and John Scott had some admittedly tough choices to make as far as the Science awards were concerned, but choices had to be made.

Thus, the recipients, were Michelle Kenny and Steven Hoffman in the junior advanced and general classes, respectively, Margaret McKay in the general basic class and Cathy Madigan in the general science senior class.

The 1985 owner of the 'E. Coli award' in Biology is Cindy Boal while the recipient of the Physics 'Slinky award' is Rodney Neitzel. David Ilgert won the 'Scoopula award' in Chemistry and Environmental Science award went to Terry Yuke.

Walter Hobden saluted the Business Studies award winners for their initiative and "real hard work". Assisting Mr. Hobden were Terry Roche and Dave Lesaux.

Recipients were: Kerri Lynn Andrews, Susanne Bennett, Joy Berger, Cindy Boal, Cynthia Boldt, Julie Boldt, Tammy Boldt, Shelly Burwell, Karen Buttle, Cindy Dale, Carolyn Dombroskie, Traci Dunn, Jerry Enright, Judy Felske, Linda Goodwin, Eddie Grundy, Dana Gutzeit, Colleen Keller, Cherie Kelly, Lori Kuehl, Pat Kutschke, Sheri Luloff, Margaret McKay, Karen McLaughlin, Bernadette O'Malley, Allison Peever, Carolyn Sadler, Annette Sell, Diane Stewart, June Swan, Brenda Timm and Angela Vos.

Geography and Math

Seven students received proficiency awards in Geography which were presented by Department Head Stu Jack.

June Swan was recognized for her work at the basic level, Genny Kauffeldt, Jennifer Koch and Erin Warren, in grade nine, Wanda Keller, grade 10, Susanne Bennett, grade 11 and Carolyn Dittburner, grade 12.

To honor her contribution at Opeongo and dedication as an instructor in mathematics, Marjorie Ferguson's counterparts in the

department got together this year and donated an award named after her. The first recipient of the award, presented to a deserving intermediate student in the advanced level, is Michelle Kenny.

The E.A. Barron Reality and Insurance award for intermediate basic level went to Linda Dombroskie and the winner of the Star-Set Jewellers award (senior basic level) is June Swan.

Steve Hoffman received the Bank of Nova Scotia award for his work in the intermediate general level while the Eganville and District Business Association Award was won by the senior general level student Sheila Douwes.

The Cobden and District Business Association award for achievement in the senior advanced level was earned by Leanne Enright. Making the presentations were Marjorie Ferguson, Karl Krose and Tom May.

English, Family Studies and Tech

Kathleen O'Grady and Ron Price presented the awards for proficiency in English. The winners in the basic courses, starting from grade nine and up were Patrick Lafont, Elizabeth Coughlin, Lana Masson and Jerry Schruder.

Recipients in the general level, again beginning with grade nine were Ronald O'Neill, Cathy Consack, Lissa Weinert and Sharon McGrath.

On the stage receiving awards in the advanced level were Andrew Procher, Carolyn Sadler, Rodney Neitzel and Sheri Luloff.

Betty Slump presented Family Studies awards to Tina Darou (grade nine) and Marsha Dagg (grade 10.)

Senior Technical awards were presented by Derek Tolhurst to Bruce Peever (auto), Curtis Thompson (Drafting), Dave Rathwell (Woodwork), Mike Palmer (Machine Shop) and to the most improved student in basic welding, Pat Coulas.

Opeongo Scholars

Student council president Shelley Welk and vice-president Traci Dunn presented council awards to OHS undergraduates who achieved an average mark of 80 per cent or better.

Beth Alexander, Kerri Lynn Andrews, Kelly Behnke, Susanne Bennett, Joy Berger, Cindy Boal, Julie Boldt, Tammy Boldt, Michael Brouse, Kent Brown, Ann Mae Bruce, Jerry Enright, Joanne Enright, Joe Felhaber, Judy Felske, Elizabeth Fletcher and Geoff Good were recipients.

Other Opeongo Scholars were Eddie Grundy, Rob Haydock, Calvin Hoffman, Steven Hoffman, David Ilgert, Genny Kauffeldt, Bernard Kenny, Michelle Kenny, Jennifer Koch, Lori Kuehl, Pam Kutschke, Laura MacKercher, Tammy Marquardt, Kathleen McHale, Karen McLaughlin and Elaine McMaster.

The honor roll also included Rhona McNab, Rodney Neitzel, Brian O'Malley, Ronald O'Neill, Ryan O'Neill, Barbara Pape, Dave Patzer, Allison Peever, Andrew Procher, Krista Quinn, Harvey Rook, Brent Stewart, Diane Stewart, Brian Turner, Rachel Valiquette, Christine Wong and Carolyn Wren.