



After four years as manager of Harvey's Tire Centre in Moore Park Plaza, Jules Russiani (centre) has bought the Firestone dealership in Georgetown. Last Thursday Firestone's District Manager Jim McCintion and area marketing manager Joe Lanza were there for the official opening of Halton Hills Tire Centre. Russiani is known in the area for his involvement in junior hockey, coaching both the Acton Sabres and Georgetown Gemini. He has also sponsored local teams.

Role models lacking girls forsake Science

By ALEX MATHESON
The absence of female physical science teachers in secondary schools is one of the most significant lacks in science education, says the co-ordinator of science for the Halton board of education.

It is a main reason why more female students don't select the subjects, said John Pettit.

The ratio of girls taking biology is about the same as boys, but for those taking chemistry and physics it's much less.

Female teachers would be a role model for girls, likely increasing their interest in those subjects.

Also at fault in science education, said the recent Science Council of Canada report, is the preoccupation with teaching the subject toward university objectives. More emphasis should be put on teaching it for other aspects of literacy, said Mr. Pettit.

The societal implications of science are valuable as part of a general education, he said.

This may involve a consideration of the effects on humans of the use of a pesticide to control insects.

The ethics involved in science are important. This may be relevant evaluating the impact of genetic engineering or nuclear science.

Some science courses are too abstract and don't show how the principles are related to everyday living. The impact of science on medicine and in turn on health are links that could be better illustrated, he said.

The science council's position is that the subject, along with mathematics and language, is one of the three basics for a literate person.

Another criticism of the science education from kindergarten to grade 6 is that only 25 per cent of teachers took any science courses beyond high school. In addition, the ministry of education has no provision for declaring a science specialist for elementary schools, although there are specialists in many other subjects, said Pettit.

In grade 7 and 8, many of the science teachers have a strong interest in science even where they are generalists. How good the program is in the school to a degree depends on the interest in the subject by the teacher and the principal. Where there is a strong interest, there is a good program, he added.

The council also recommended, said Mr. Pettit, that there be a stronger Canadian context in the science program and that Canadian references be used where possible. In addition, Canadian scientists such as Tuzo Wilson, who have made major contributions to science, should be made known to students.

Mr. Pettit said the report didn't say that science education was a disaster, rather that there are areas for improvement. It is reasonably accurate in describing the state of science education and will be of value to science teachers for a long time.

Currently, Halton schools have been tested as part of an international survey of science education, he said.

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SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS
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