

GDHS third best in regional Fermat standings

High schools place well in tests

Results from two Canada-wide mathematics competitions conducted for secondary schools by the University of Waterloo show both Acton and Georgetown District High Schools placing well.

The results released last week by the university rank GDHS 20th among Ontario secondary schools which participated in the Pascal

contest and 46th in the Fermat contest. AHS' ranking was given only for Zone 73, comprising Peel and Halton schools, in which it placed 38th compared to GDHS' seventh-place finish in Fermat and 38th in Pascal, compared to GDHS' third.

More than 14,000 Grade 9 students from 944 schools across Canada participated

in the Pascal contest, named after a distinguished 17th Century mathematician. St. Michael's University School in Victoria, B.C., won the competition with a team score of 425.25 (sum of the three best students from that school), compared to GDHS' team score of 331.

The Fermat contest for Grade 10 and 11 students, some 21,000 of whom entered representing 1,078 schools, is

also named after a French mathematician and saw Scarborough's Woburn Collegiate place first with 395.5 points. GDHS was 46th among Ontario schools entered, with 302.25 points. Acton students compiled 213.25 points.

Three GDHS' Grade 11 students were named to the Zone 73 honor roll in the Fermat contest. Stephen Lukas had 105 points, Shawn

Mau 100.75 points and Tim Hancock 96 points. Top Fermat student Michael Clave, from St. John's, Newfoundland, had a perfect score of 150 points.

In the Pascal contest, GDHS Grade 9 student Scott Pundsack made the Canadian honor roll with 117.5 points. Four students - two of

them from Ontario - had perfect 150-point scores.

Joining Scott on the Ontario honor roll was fellow student Jeff Jansen, who compiled 113 points. Three other GDHS students made the Zone 73 honor roll: Becky Lovelace (100.5), Tom Shannon (98.75) and Johanna Delroy (97).



The top honor that can be earned at the guide level was won by these three young ladies last Tuesday night when they were presented with their all-round cords. Completing the guide level are (left to right) Bunny Mreek, Tanya Hancock, and Erin Santsche, all 12. Absent is Angie Gambles, 11. They'll be going on to the Pathfinders level shortly.

(Herald photos by Ani Pedersen)

Hospice care session

Social worker Elizabeth Kiddle of Milton will relate her personal experiences with Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, renowned author of "To Live Until We Say Goodbye" and an authority on the care of the terminally ill, at the next public forum of the North Halton Hospice Care Interest Group April 15 at 8 p.m. at Milton District Hospital. Ms. Kiddle was so impressed by the author's insights that she attended a workshop with Ms. Kubler-Ross in Winnipeg. The Winnipeg forum on "Life, Death and Transition" will be described and Ms. Kiddle will share her perceptions about "one of the world's greatest humanitarians besides Mother Theresa and Jean Vanier" at the North Halton Hospice meeting.

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Just as big sister Erin Santsche, 12, is getting ready to leave the guide level with her newly won all-round cord, little sister Heather, 9, is moving into the guide level. Last Tuesday night Heather was presented with her guide pin from Third Georgetown Guide leader Shirley Gambles.

Jelinek seeks full review of auto woes

Progressive Conservative automotive industry spokesman Otto Jelinek last week called on the government to bring the whole matter of the deteriorating Canadian auto industry to a Standing Committee for a complete and thorough review.

Last week's revelation that neither the Canadian government nor General Motors has a formal ironclad contract with the government of Iraq for the sale of 12,500 Malibus, while at the same time allowing the Export Development Corporation to underwrite a policy that has now jeopardized 80 million tax dollars, is the last straw, the Halton MP said.

"It is irresponsible and quite obviously a bad business practice to jeopardize 80 million tax dollars on a deal about which neither the Minister of State for International Trade nor his cabinet colleagues were certain of the terms," Mr. Jelinek said.

It is characteristic of the government's handling of the automotive industry that the

revelations should come on the eve of the expiry date of the Japanese auto quota agreement, he noted, leaving Canada virtually alone in the industrialized world at the mercy of unfair and one-sided Japanese export policies.

"It is becoming increasingly obvious that neither International Trade nor Industry, Trade and Commerce have been able to get a handle on the problems facing this industry," said Mr. Jelinek.

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