

Halton senior students on par with province

Senior level students in Halton registered in advanced level physics and chemistry scored on par with the rest of the province's students.

The Region's students are slightly above the provincial average in physics while slightly below in chemistry, the Halton Board of Education's superintendent of educational services (curriculum) Graeme Barret told trustees at a recent board meeting.

The Ontario Ministry of Education's test was administered during the 1987-88 school year. Mr. Barret said a team of Halton teachers are currently analyzing the results and will be advising individual schools which courses that need most attention.

In the subject of physics, students were tested in the areas of mechanics, waves and sound, light, current electricity, electromagnetism, and atomic structure and nuclear physics.

Chemistry courses tested were introduction to chemistry, atomic structure and aggregates, gases and mole problems, chemical reactions - quantitative and qualitative - and solutions.

Trustees were also told that of the total number of chemistry students in the Halton board, 48 per cent are female. In physics the ratio is 38 per cent female, and 62 per cent male.

These statistics correspond with those of the province's other school boards.

Mr. Barret was pleased with the enrolment ratio of female to male students in chemistry. But he said more work had to be done in popularizing physics among females. This means encouraging some parents to lose their "stereotypical" attitudes towards physics being a subject for only boys, he said.

The board also plans to continue running in conjunction with the University of Guelph, "The Girls in Physics Program." Mr. Barret also pointed out teachers particularly in the lower grade levels need to re-assess their programs to encourage girls to continue their studies in the physical sciences.

There is also a need to establish more female role models in the instruction of the physical sciences, Mr. Barret said.

Lethal drug stolen

A lethal drug used by veterinarians in the euthanasia of animals was stolen from a Milton veterinary clinic last week.

One vial of Euthanyl and 100 disposable syringes were stolen from the Brookville Veterinary Clinic on the Guelph Line between Sideroad 15 and Sideroad 7, during the afternoon of July 13, Halton Regional Police say.

The Ontario Provincial Police in London also report that six vials of the drug were recently stolen from a London-area veterinary clinic.

Sergeant Welsh of the Halton Regional Police Force says there is no connection between the two thefts. Sergeant Welsh thinks that in both cases, whoever stole the drug, mistook it for another.

Both break and entering occurrences are currently under investigation.

Couple wants street paved

A Georgetown couple fed up with petitioning Halton Hills, sent a letter to the town recently asking to have their street paved.

Elizabeth and David Capperault have lived on McGillvray Crescent in Georgetown since 1957. They say the street is "99.9 per cent" in excellent condition. "The only sign of neglect and deterioration in this crescent is the street itself," the couple writes.

"I would invite yourself or any of your councillors to drive or walk around McGillvray Crescent and see for yourselves," they said in a letter to Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller.

Peel may pull out of GTA

By DONNA KELL, Herald Staff

Peel Region is considering pulling out of the Greater Toronto Area committee - the organization formed to search for a solution to southern Ontario's waste disposal crisis.

If Peel pulls out of the committee the organization could fold.

A resolution was passed at Peel Region's last council meeting to meet with Premier David Peterson and James Bradley, Minister of the Environment. The details of that meeting were not available at press time.

Peel, along with Halton, Durham, York and Metropolitan Toronto formed the GTA earlier this year. Part of each region's mandate in the GTA is to suggest a landfill site for Metro's waste disposal.

Halton Regional chairman Peter Pomeroy who represents Halton at the GTA meetings, says Peel's decision on whether or not to remain in the committee could affect all the other regions.

"I would assume that if Peel's out of the GTA, then there would probably be no GTA," said the chairman Tuesday.

But he added that Peel would "have to decide what they want to do" before the GTA's future is determined.

Recently the Toronto press pointed to the Acton quarry at

Sideroad 22 and Fourth Line as being on a private ministry list as Halton's landfill site for GTA membership. While Halton Region has not officially endorsed the site, Peel has chosen a 200-acre property in northeast Brampton, according to Peel's planning commissioner and acting chief administrator, Peter Allen.

The site is located north of Countryside Road near Airport Road.

But the GTA is not helping Peel solve its present garbage crisis, Mr. Allen said.

"We have less than a year's capacity and we're desperate," Mr. Allen referred to the Britannia Road landfill site that expires for use in 1990.

"We've been seeking approval (from the Ministry of the Environment) and we're just not getting it," he said.

"The dissent is between us and the province."

Peel chairman Frank Bean and Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion met with the environment minister last week. Results of this meeting will lead to Peel's deci-

sion, which will be announced at a Regional meeting in Peel Aug. 10, said Mr. Allen.

Although the GTA could collapse if Peel opts out of the committee, chairman Pomeroy says it would not be in that Region's best interest to leave the Greater Toronto Area committee.

"Peel needs the GTA more than the GTA needs Peel," said the chairman.

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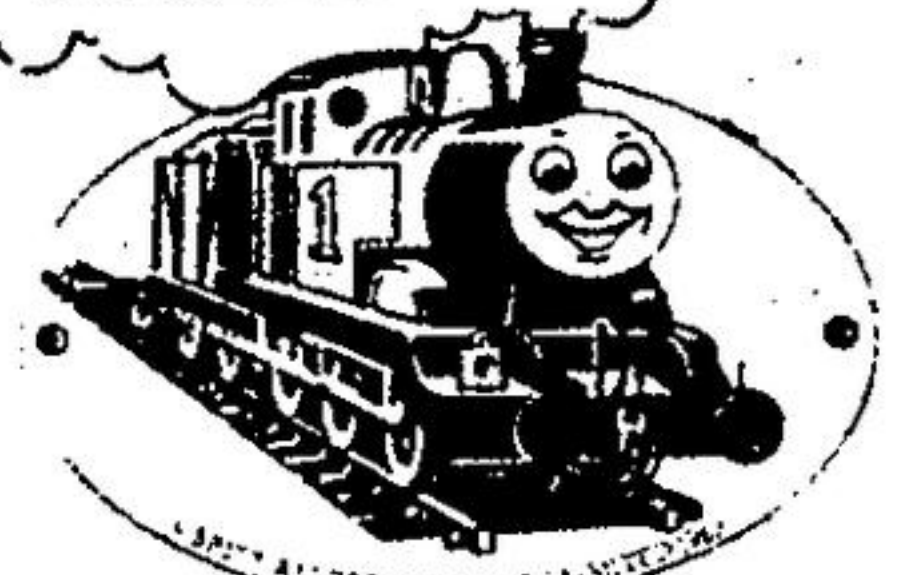
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