

School News



Bird-watching?

Bird-watching was one way students from Glen Williams Public School learned about the environment on a trip to Blue Springs Scout Camp in Acton

Thursday. Peering through the dark trees for birds were (left to right) Michelle Gellik, Ally Barkley and Kristy Shall. (Photo by Kelly Lavigne)



Hands-on learning

After Michelle Coe (left) dumped her strainer of specimens from the pond at Blue Springs Scout Camp in Acton into the tub, classmate Chris Martyniuk went looking for water insects while Grade 12 Acton High School student Sean Sears (right) waited to see what he'd find. The young students

from Glen Williams Public School pursued environmental studies at the camp on an overnight trip Thursday and several Acton High School students helped teachers supervise the hands-on learning. (Photo by Lisa Boonstoppel-Pot)

Students to receive special awards

One student from each Roman Catholic School in Halton Hills has been chosen to receive an award of excellence at the Halton Roman Catholic School Boards "Sharing the Spirit" awards ceremony at Notre Dame Secondary School in Burlington June 5.

Geoffrey Freeman of Holy Cross School in Georgetown, Scott Lahey of St. Francis of Assisi School in Georgetown,

Scott McDonald of St. Joseph School in Acton and Melissa Blais of Ecole Sacre-Coeur in Georgetown were chosen by their school principals to be the Halton Hills students honored at the ceremony.

Each student was chosen for demonstrating outstanding qualities in the following areas: Catholic leadership, family commitment, involvement in school

affairs, involvement in community activities and commitment to a difficult situation or task. Students may not be selected more than once for this award throughout their school career.

A gold medallion and a certificate will be presented to each student. In total, 35 students will be honored at the ceremony.

Ontario high schools praised by minister

Ontario high schools are meeting provincial standards for examinations in Calculus at the Ontario Academic Course (OAC) level, Education Minister Marion Boyd announced recently.

"Teachers, principals, and school boards have worked closely with my ministry to improve examinations in the Calculus course," said Mrs. Boyd. "Consistent standards of evaluation across the province will assist universities in selecting applicants from Ontario schools."

Mrs. Boyd released the document, Provincial Report OAC Calculus Examination Review, which found that 91 per cent of the 833 secondary schools surveyed in the 1989-90 school year had designed OAC Calculus exams that satisfied provincial criteria for examination format to a high (41 per cent) or moderate (50 per cent) degree. The study also found that 87 per

cent of the 780 marked examinations submitted to the review had been marked in conformity to provincial standards.

The OAC Calculus Examination Review is part of an ongoing program to develop province-wide consistency in Ontario Academic Course examinations. OACs are academically rigorous courses required for students intending to enter university.

"This program, and others such as Benchmarks and provincial reviews, demonstrate Ontario's commitment to meaningful accountability in education," said Mrs. Boyd. "They deal with student achievement in the context of classroom realities. They identify strengths and weaknesses in important areas, such as curriculum and teaching methods, that tests alone cannot measure effectively, and give direction for change."



Classic Tunes

Belting out some classic tunes by 'The Police' and 'The Clash' were members of the band "Pass the Hat", Tom Evans (left) and Mark Rattenburg (right). The group took part in a talent show at Georgetown High School Thursday night that was organized by a group of Independent Study students. (Herald photo)

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