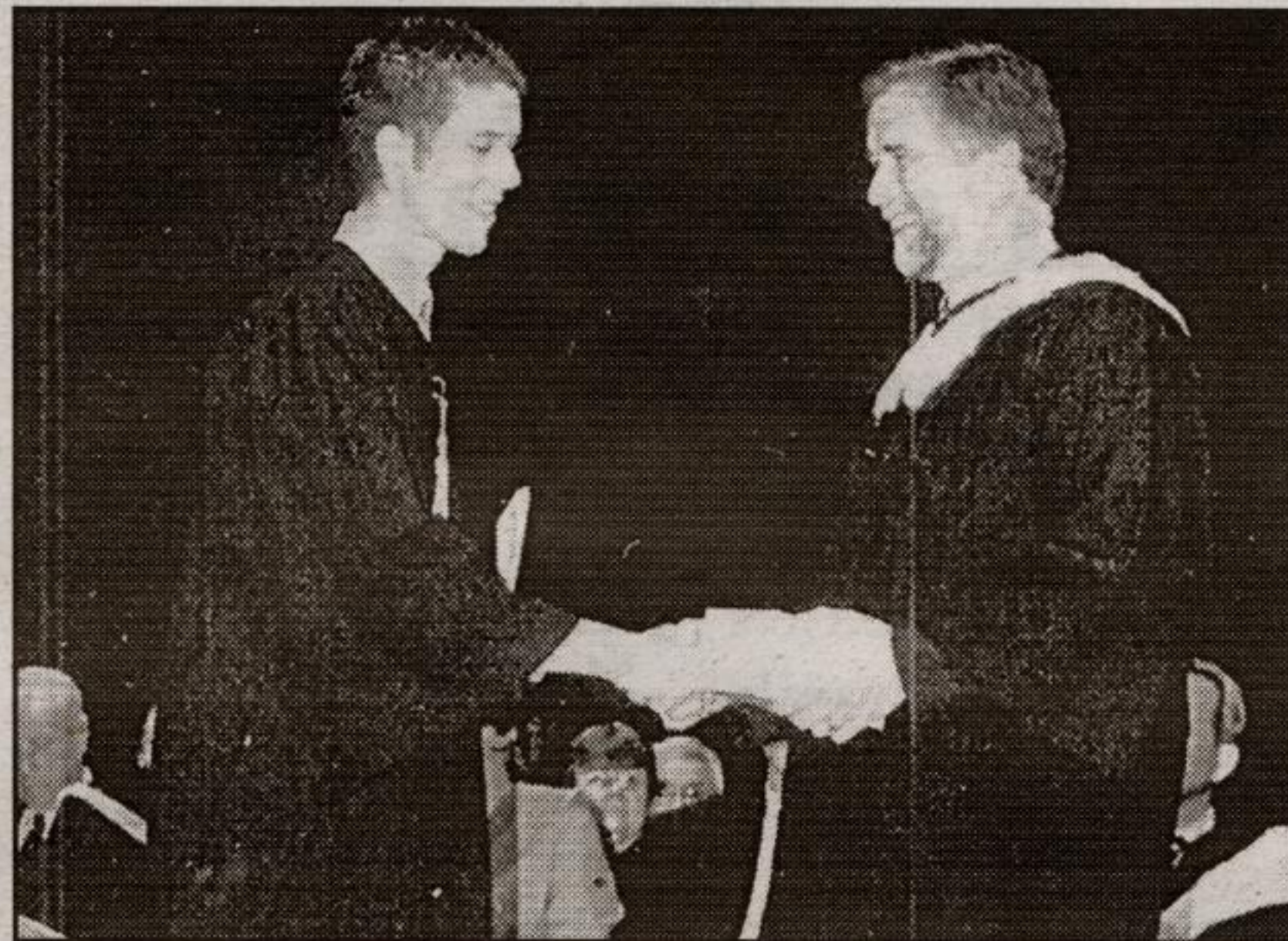




GREAT GRADS: Some of the best and brightest students who graduated from Acton High School last year gathered before their commencement exercises on Friday. The grads included, from left: Emma Webster, Rebecca Chapman, Thomas Mahon, Dawn Vanderstarren and Mark Bailey. — Frances Niblock photo



ACE STUDENT: Acton High School graduate Thomas Mahon's 97 per cent average last year earned him the Governor General's Academic Medal, an award he received from acting principal Bill Taylor at the school's commencement exercises on Friday. Mahon earned eight awards. — Frances Niblock photo

Numbers tell the tale

Acton High grads are tops

The numbers tell the tale and for a graduating class, you can't get much better.

Collectively, last year's Acton High School graduates won over \$30,000 in scholarships, 17 are Ontario Scholars and two won national Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation awards.

Seven earned Aiming for the Top tuition scholarships, and one, with a staggering 97 per cent average, earned the Governor General's Academic Award.

Graduates also earned Gold, Silver and Bronze medallions in Tech Olympics and placed first, second and won an honourable mention in the Hamilton Home Builders competition. They ranked in the top 10 in Canada in national mathematics and chemistry competitions.

Acting principal Bill Taylor extolled the students' many successes in the classroom, on sports fields and in the community, as he wel-

comed them to the school's annual commencement exercises on Friday.

Taylor, urging grads to give their parents and teachers a round of applause for their support, said that it's a time of both excitement and anxiety.

He also said that the future belongs to those who are flexible problem solvers and risk takers with a passion for constantly learning.

"At Acton, (High School) we are fortunate because the skills that these young people have already demonstrated are ones which will lead them to continued success wherever their paths may take them, which means that our future is in very capable hands," Taylor said as he thanked the grads for their hard work, dedication, leadership and dreams.

Halton District School Board chair, Ethel Gardiner, who is the Halton Hills trustee and a former Acton teacher, said recognizing the

achievements and success of students is the most important, and one of the more pleasurable, parts of her job.

In times of world turmoil, negativity and conflict, Gardiner urged the graduates to keep positive and "never fail to find some joy everyday" and said commencements are reaffirming.

"Because, when I look at you, I recognize your wonderful strengths, skills and talents and I know with certainty that we're doing something right in Halton."

The top student of the night was Thomas Mahon who received eight awards, including the Governor General's Academic Medal for a 97 per cent average, which also earned him the Outstanding Graduating Scholar Award.

In his valedictory address, Mark Bailey, who earned numerous academic and sports awards, reminisced fondly about his student days at Ac-

ton which he called "stepping stones on the road to life."

"We will never remember that math test that we failed in Grade 10 or the 50-point loss in a basketball game to Nelson High School, but we'll remember the teachers and coaches who helped us along the way and the good times we spent with people we met during our time here at Acton High School," Bailey said, adding he hopes he doesn't lose touch with his fellow students and teachers.

Bailey is enrolled at McMaster University, studying science with hopes of becoming a doctor.

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Georgetown Councillor Jane Fogal said she hoped the Town was already being energy efficient and cautioned that turning down or shutting off lights in public buildings could make for "dingy, gloomy" facilities that could result in increased vandalism costs.

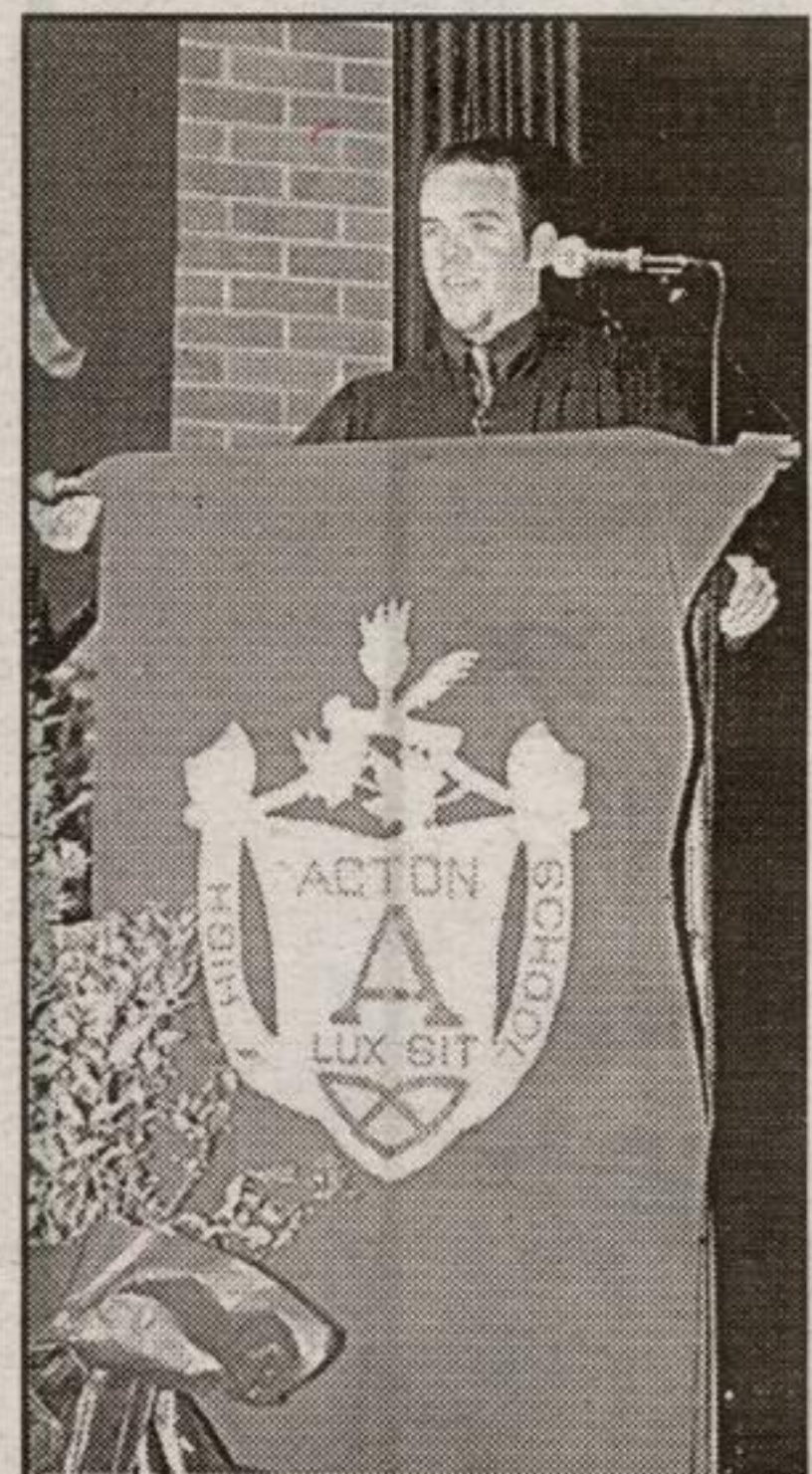
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FAREWELL ADDRESS: Acton High School graduate Mark Bailey, now studying science at McMaster University with hopes of becoming a doctor, urged his fellow grads to dream and strive in his valedictory address at the school's commencement exercises on Friday. — Frances Niblock photo

Thank you to all Kid's Club Members who participated in the Halloween Costume Contest. Congratulations to:

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