



Swan Lake revisited at Fairy Lake? Not likely, although these two swans found an acceptable place to perch amongst their ducky cousins on Acton's Fairy Lake. Photo by Jamie Harrison

## Local educator spends time in Grenada

By Wheldon Emmerson

Not everyone receives a personal invitation to spend five days in residence with an honest-to-goodness Governor-General. Tom Ramautarsingh of Halton Hills did. He was the guest of Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon, and Lady Scoon, of Grenada W. I., May 26 to May 30, 1992.

The Governor-General was educated at the University of Toronto, during the 1960s, and graduated with a Master of Education. He and Tom became friends in 1984, and their friendship has flourished ever since.

Tom's educational work in the educational field in Grenada over the years gave him another pleasant reward when friends arranged a meeting with the Prime Minister Nicholas Brathwaite. In Tom's mind he thought the meeting might be for fifteen or twenty minutes, but was pleasantly surprised to find the Prime Minister prepared to renew their personal friendship. The meeting lasted over an hour.

Entering Prime Minister Brathwaite's office Tom was thrilled with the courteous gesture by his friend to have the Canadian flag positioned on his desk.

The two old friends discussed social economic, and educational conditions of Grenada, and Canada. It was a pleasant meeting between two old friends, and Tom was thrilled with the warmth, courtesy, and charm of the P.M.

During his stay Tom was chauffeured everywhere in the Governor-General's car bearing the furred flags. Visiting the Prime Minister was no exception, and of course the official car drew looks of admiration, respect and even a salute by the rookie guard as it passed through the official wrought iron gates giving entry to the Governor-General's residence. Tom was impressed, but more so surprised.

For the last eight years Tom has given addresses, workshops and taken other educational personnel to Grenada. Some of the areas of importance dealt with in Grenada

with Tom's guidance have been; latest researches in education, reading, curriculum development, curricular assessment, guidance, counseling, computers and development of reading tests.

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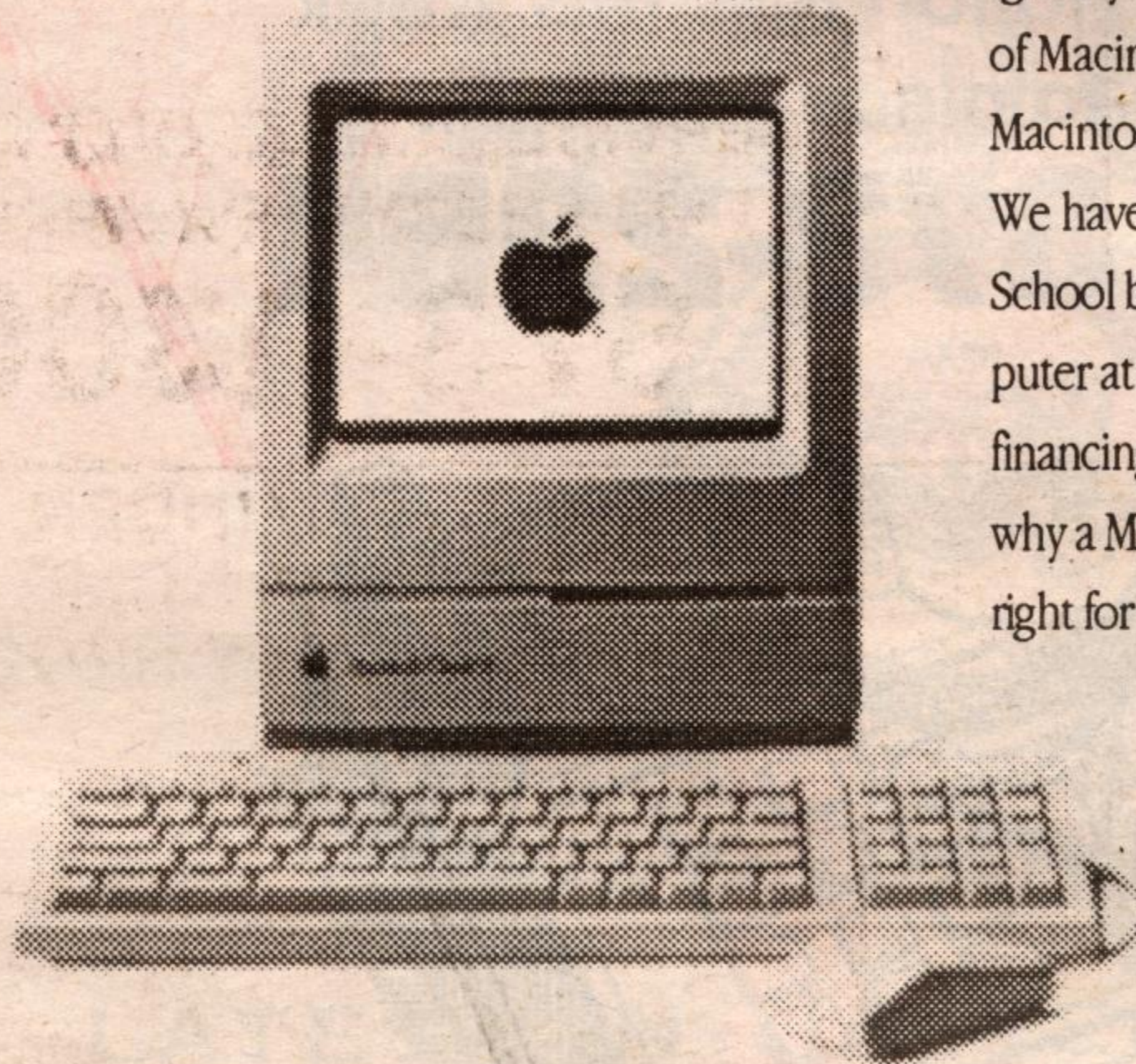
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