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FRIDAY...

Two Georgetown teenagers recently took part in the World Rope-Skipping championships as part of a Brampton team. See Friday's paper for details.

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The doorway to higher learning

Students Tyler and Riley Shippel of St. Brigid Catholic School in Georgetown South were welcomed back to classes on Tuesday morning by new principal Gail Rutherford. An educator since 1973, Rutherford was formerly at St. Joseph's in Acton and has swapped jobs with outgoing St. Brigid principal Colin Simpson. One of Rutherford's first priorities for her 811 new students is to establish the successful Daily Physical Activity program, which was developed at St. Joseph's.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Councillor appeals to parents

Vandalism at Seed Garden escalating

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With a recent increase in vandalism at the Old Seed House Garden, Friends of the Old Seed House Garden committee members Belinda Gallagher and Wards 3 and 4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal are not only annoyed, but concerned.

"The first incident started on Devil's Night (October 30) last year," said Gallagher, "Someone kicked out some of the spindles in the railing of the gazebo. After that, there was only slight damage from time to time.

"But since school has been out, it's a daily occurrence. Every day, we find more damage when we drop by to check out the garden. It's quite discouraging to have such a beautiful gar-

'The damage is becoming more destructive.'

— Councillor Jane Fogal



den, yet seen it vandalized."

"The damage is becoming more destructive," adds Fogal, "We're seeing rocks thrown in the pond, rocks used to smash light fixtures, and all sorts of damage to the gazebo, including smashing lights in the ceiling of it, as well as kicking out the spindles in the railings and carving graffiti into the picnic table.

"It's not only annoying, but very expensive," said Fogal. "At first we had plastic (planter) urns in the garden, and they were smashed, so we got some (more expensive) concrete ones, expecting them to be more durable— they smashed them with rocks as well."

Fogal feels that when the park was built and is maintained by volunteer efforts, it makes it difficult to maintain a "positive attitude among the volunteers" when they see their efforts destroyed almost every night.

"I want to appeal to the parents out there," said Fogal, "If they know their kids are hanging out at the Old Seed House Garden, they might want to ask them what they've been up to when they're hanging out there late at night."

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