

Sheridan grads include four from this district

Four Midland and area young men and women graduated recently from Sheridan

College during convocation ceremonies. They included Janet Elizabeth Leclair,

Kenneth Brian Maheu and Glen Edward South, all of Midland and Debbie Ann Robb from

Waubashene. Sheridan College president John M. Porter, convocation

speaker, told the 1,516 graduates that they were casting off a shell at convocation, and

entering a different world. He explained that society always builds

shells for protection, comfort and security in the way of religion, ethics, and moral codes, but someone always comes along to crack the shell. "A new shell will eventually be created to take its place, but until a new one grows, we are very vulnerable," he said.

He urged graduates to never resist the challenge to cast off shells. "The time to worry is when you stop casting them off. That's when you are old and then you simply become an old crab," he said.

President Porter noted that Sheridan's 12th annual convocation was unique.

First of all, it was the largest ever with just over 1,500 students graduating; this year's ceremony saw the largest group of part-time graduates, those who completed diploma requirements through the college extension program; and this year's ceremony was the first of the 80s.

The graduates received their diplomas and certificates at three separate convocation ceremonies — two at the Oakville Campus and one at the Brampton Campus.

Students graduated from 70 full-time and part-time programs in 11 different schools and divisions at the college.

Board of Governors' Silver Medals were presented to 55 students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in their programs.

President Porter was convocation speaker for each ceremony.



Ronald E. French
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold French of Midland, graduated May 25 from Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ont. with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology. He is a graduate of Midland Secondary School.



Susan Jay
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jay of Elmvale, recently graduated from McMaster University with a first class standing. Susan received her Bachelor's degree in music and will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor for her Masters of Performance next year.



Christopher James Lyons
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Lyons of Midland graduated from the University of Waterloo Co-op program, with a degree in Chemical engineering on May 24, 1980. Chris is a former graduate from St. Theresa's High School and Midland Secondary School. He is employed by Dow Chemical in Edmonton, Alberta.



Brad Jones
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Jones, RR 1, Midland, Brad Jones graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Applied Science (Electrical Engineering). Brad will be moving to the Ottawa Valley to accept a position with Leigh Instruments of Carleton Place.



Kathleen Burtch
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Burtch of RR 1 Midland, graduated May 24 from Queen's University at Kingston with her Bachelor of Nursing Science degree. She has accepted a position at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta. She is a graduate of Midland Secondary School.



Wendy J. French
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold French of Midland, graduated May 24 from Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario with her Bachelor of Nursing Science degree. She has accepted a position at the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton, Alberta. She is a graduate of Midland Secondary School.

Public service maintains rapport

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Recent reports out of Ottawa have not encouraged confidence in the quality of the Federal public service.

The Report of the Auditor General, tabled in April, revealed many examples of waste, badly appropriated funds and mismanagement. In his Report, the Auditor General observed that the Federal public service could easily be reduced by 24 per cent without damaging the quality of government services.

In Ontario, the situation with regard to the public service is much different, and, as far as the taxpayer is concerned, much better.

To begin with, the size of the Ontario government workforce has declined considerably during the past few years. From March 1975 to December 1979 there was a reduction of 4,180 positions, or 4.8 per cent.

During the same time, the population of our

Province has grown 4.2 per cent. When you consider the two figures, it would appear that the productivity of the Ontario public service is increasing by 1.8 per cent a year.

In achieving these results, the Ontario Government was careful not to concentrate its staff cuts in any particular area or income position. Both management and secretarial positions were closely examined; in fact the over-all staff reduction of 4.8 per cent began with a 15 per cent cut in permanent senior management positions.

During the same period, while Ontario was reducing its public servant staff by 4.8 per cent, the Federal government was continuing to expand its workforce by 7.3 per cent, adding more than 22,000 staff to the payroll. These facts may explain why the recommendations of Federal Auditor-General do not apply to our situation in Ontario.

Efforts
Echoing the Ontario

Government's over-all efforts to control the size of its workforce, the Management Board of Cabinet has stressed the need for prudent and efficient management of all programs and services provided by the public sector. A close look is being made at the results of each program and the resources required to ensure that quality is being maintained.

Ontario has maintained a good record with its public service. This is attributable to the dedication and effort of individual public servants as well as the priority that the Government has assigned to good management and effective use of resources. But Ontario is not resting on its laurels.

The Provincial Government is continuing to explore ways that will further enhance the management process, that will ensure economy and yet not damage the quality of

service offered to the public or erode the high morale in our public service as a whole.

As a politician, I am made aware everyday of the hard work and dedication of the Ontario public service.

Their support of the initiatives of our elected representatives has ensured a stable atmosphere for growth in our Province. Their dedication to the betterment of the Province

and of government services to the public, is worthy of recognition.

It is my hope that the Report of the Federal Auditor-General will not damage the public's perception of all government employees.

The situation in Ottawa is not common to other jurisdictions, and certainly not in Ontario. Indeed, in our Province we have a public service of which we can all be proud.



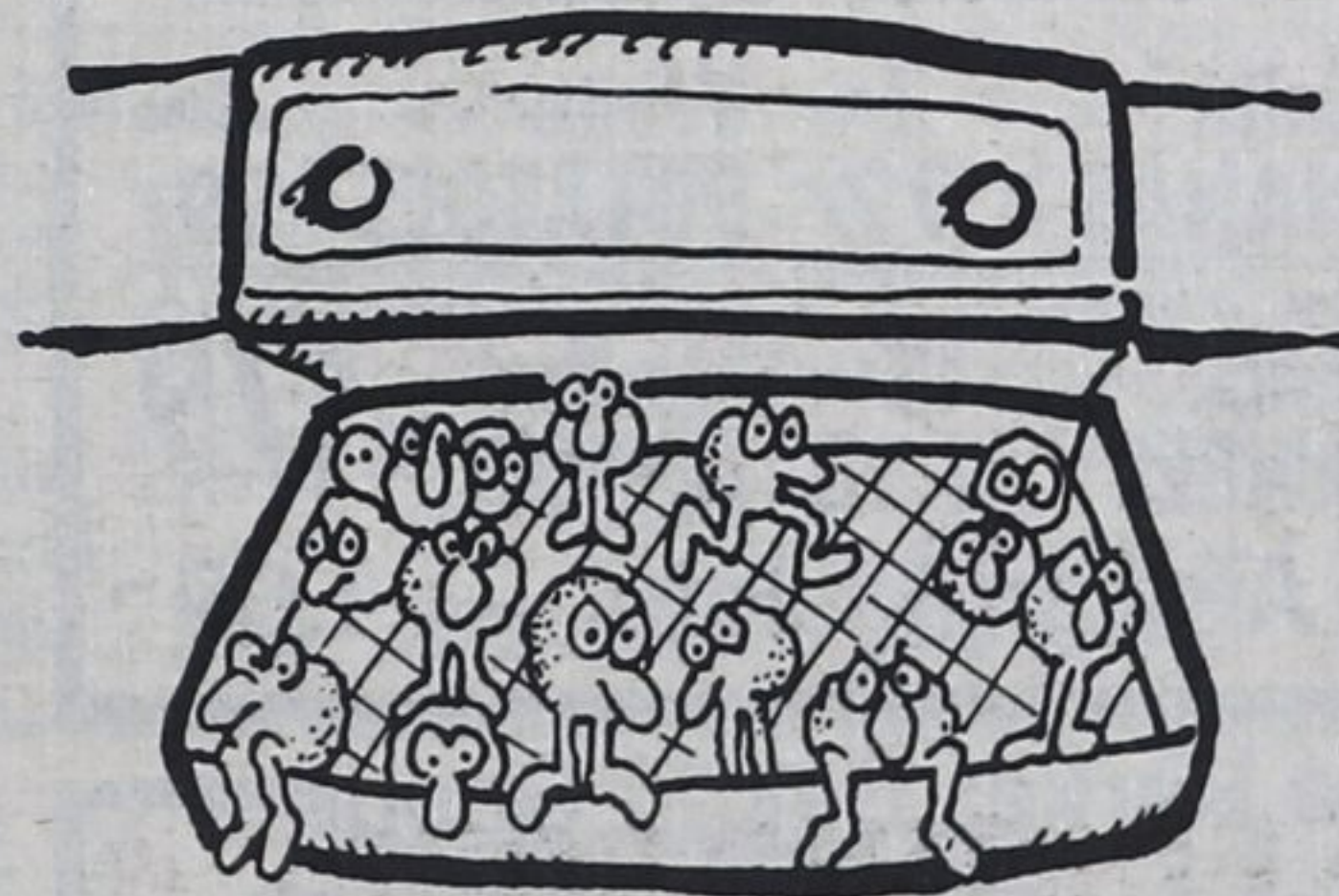
Elizabeth Anne Denise
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Denise of Midland graduated on May 31, 1980 from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay with an Honours Bachelor of Science in Forestry.



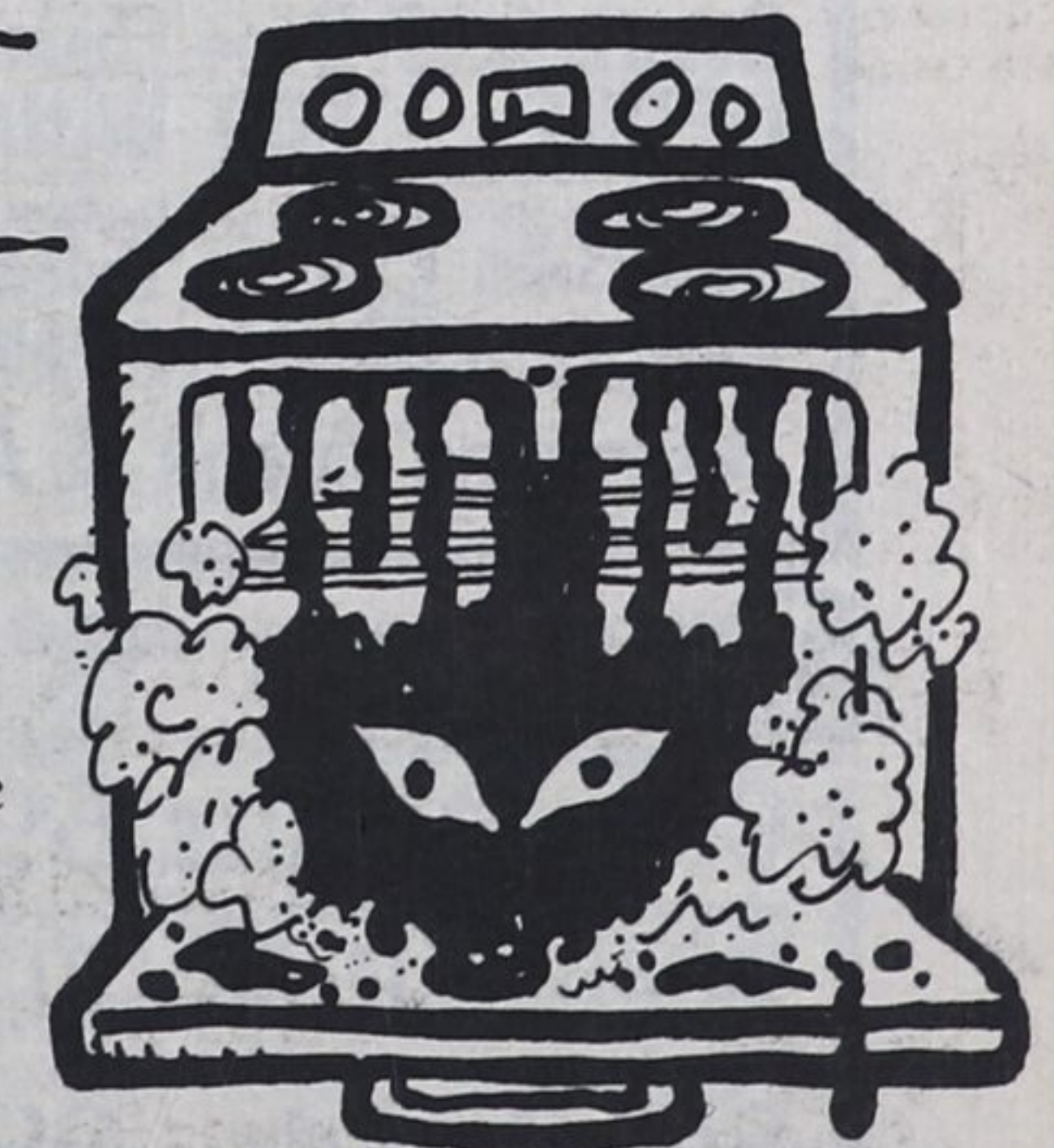
Getting the picture

Constable Rick Watt, right, attached to the Orillia detachment of the RCMP, was kept busy last Thursday afternoon explaining the contents of a drug display, and answering questions. Students at Midland Secondary School, where the display was set up, were excluded from the area so that adults would be able to benefit from it, said Cpl. Ben Jenkins, also of the Orillia RCMP detachment. The drugs in the display were genuine.

Look who's stealing your electricity.



A stove exhaust fan filter clogged with grease and grime makes the fan motor work longer and harder to draw air through. Just soaking the filter in mild soap or detergent will fix this energy waster.



Use Energy Wisely

Tune-up, clean up. It's simple. Appliances that are clean and well-cared for last longer and use less electricity. Over the long run, you can save money on appliance replacement. And of course, the less energy you waste, the more dollars you save.

Grease and burnt-on food really reduce your oven's efficiency. A clean oven works better and uses less electricity. Opening the oven door too often also wastes valuable heat. If you have a window in the oven door, keeping it see-through clean can clear up the problem.

Don't waste your energy.

