

'Casey' gets her scroll!

Casey (Catherine) Clark, an Adult Training Counsellor at the Owen Sound Campus of Georgian College, has earned a General Arts and Science certificate through part-time study.

College Registrar Murray Geddes says, "She is the first College employee and, as far as I can recall, the first person who has become eligible for a General Arts and Science certificate through part-time study". The certificate normally takes one year of full-time study to obtain.

Casey says she has been taking evening courses related to her work since 1968. "At first I started taking them as a night out. But

Five aids to salary hikes

The Simcoe County Board of Education (SCBE) will be using five standards as of January to determine how much increase in salary should be granted to senior administration and technical staff in future.

A board committee will consider the Consumer Price Index, the Industrial Composite Index, the average of the compensation given by Ontario's 10 largest boards, averages established by the private firm Hay Associates, and the compensation given other groups falling under the SCBE.

The annual salary increase will be expressed as a percentage increase for the year for the Superintendent of Operations. Other positions under the new policy will be indexed to that position's salary.

Recommendations must be before the board before the board's second November meeting.

If the individuals involved do not like the recommended increases, the board chairman will appoint a committee to negotiate figures acceptable to both sides.

Inaugural meeting

Although a number of area municipalities have already held their inaugural council meetings for the next two-year term, Midland won't until next Monday night.

On Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. new councillors and PUC members will be sworn into office.

A reception is to follow and then it is down to business this month for the new civic officials.

I met so many nice people and found the courses so interesting and helpful that I didn't want to stop."

About a year ago, Casey decided to see how she could apply some of her credits towards a certificate for a College program. I needed a couple of specific courses so I

selected those and enrolled.

"Some of the courses I've taken were hard but I enjoyed the challenge. I found the Trends in Art course exceptionally good. It was completely different from any of the work-related courses I had taken previously".

Courses
All Casey's courses

have been taken in the evening, in the Owen Sound area. She has also earned a Social and Family Services certificate which took her three years to complete.

Asked how she got her nickname, Casey said her father used to call her Katie. "I had a niece who couldn't pronounce it and began to call me 'Casey'. The name

stuck. Once I attended a workshop in Hamilton and when I walked into the room the people there seemed quite surprised. They told me later they had expected 'Casey Clark' to be a hulking six-foot male".

At 55 years of age; the mother of four grown children (the youngest is 22) and the grandmother of two girls,

Casey says she plans to continue taking evening courses.

"I've made a number of good, lifetime friends over the years at night school as well as many valuable contacts for help with my work. I've really enjoyed taking night classes," she adds.

Program schedules for evening classes in

Barrie, Orillia, Owen Sound, Parry Sound, Orangeville and the Muskokas will be available after Dec. 15. For additional information phone Barrie (705) 728-1951; Orillia (705) 325-2705; Owen Sound (519) 376-0682; Parry Sound (705) 746-9222. Orangeville (519) 941-0930 or Huntsville (705) 789-5454.

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