

# No acceptance problems for local students at U of T

by Don Lawrence  
Students in the Midland-Penetanguishene area planning to apply for entry into the University of Toronto may have been given a bit of a scare due to some confusing news released over radio Wednesday.

Reports told of how

some students may not gain entry into that school because of a new policy on some Grade 13 credits and their acceptability for graduate programs.

The general committee of arts and science at the university decided that they would not accept such subjects

as data processing, marketing and merchandising, other business studies, secretarial practice and technological studies as valid credits toward acceptance in their school.

The university will also only accept one course out of the group

including accounting, dramatic arts, family studies, law, multidisciplinary studies, other art studies, physical and health education, screen education and visual arts.

That decision will take effect for the next three years while they

review the courses in question in detail.

All decisions have to be agreed upon by two other committees at higher levels before they become campus policy.

Local students must have wondered if these decisions affected their chances in any way.

According to David Chambers, principal at Midland Secondary School and David Paille, guidance counsellor at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School, students in this area have nothing to worry about.

Grade 13 course

selections at both schools are basic enough to ensure that whatever courses they choose, they will be able to meet all requirements by the University of Toronto.

Students at MSS can choose from Art, two English courses, Canadian Geography, Canadian History, Music, two French courses, German, three Mathematics courses, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, none of which are affected by U of T's restricted list of subjects.

At ESPSS, Grade 13 students can choose from two English courses, two French courses, History, Geography, four Mathematics courses with one of those in french, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Music and Art, all of which are acceptable at this time to the faculty at U of T.

Besides that, both gentlemen have stated their guidance staffs do good jobs in making certain their students choose programs that will entitle them to enrollment in all schools of higher learning.

# Midland Transit tries new bus

by Murray Moore

Midland Transit riders this week have had a possible preview of things to come in the way of public transportation around the town.

A demonstrator bus from Ontario Bus Industries of Mississauga has taken the place of one of the town's present buses on a regular route.

Ken Cave, Midland Transit co-ordinator, says public works staff are preparing a report on the qualifications of the \$94,000 Orion bus for the

future consideration of the town's public work's committee.

The Orion is eight feet longer than the buses the town now owns, 30 feet long. It has maximum capacity of 31 passengers. The town's three buses were purchased in 1975 and carry a maximum of 17 passengers.

**Bigger**

One reason for considering buying the bigger

Orion. Cave said, is to act on the expectation that the number of people using public transit will increase in proportion to the rise in price of gasoline.

A survey of the general economic situation leads to the conclusion, he said, that there is "very reason to believe the number of people using the bus will increase."

The number of riders increased last year, he noted.

Cave also said that maintenance costs on the three 1975 buses are high. A basic subsidy of 75 per cent of the basic price of a bus is available from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

The Orion comes with options that add to the basic price of \$94,000.

The town has been thinking of buying one or more buses for a year, he said.

The Orion is being driven by one of the town's regular drivers and will be returned to the Mississauga factory after a week.

This time of year makes for a good time to have a bus on approval running a regular route, Cave said, because the driver and staff can see how well it operates under difficult winter conditions.



## Something new

Bus in the TOP photo has the word "demonstrator" across its front and that's exactly what it's been doing this week in Midland. The Mississauga produced bus has been making regular runs in town to give Midland Transit of-

ficials and idea of how it performs since Midland Transit is considering buying a new bus or buses. BOTTOM photo shows familiar green and white Midland Transit bus.

# ESPSS Reports

by Marjory Hammond and Bev Fitzgerald

Welcome to the new year!

An update of sports action at E.S.P.S.S.

In boys' basketball our midgets have had the most successful season so far with four wins and two losses. The boys went down to defeat in Barrie before the holidays against Eastview by the score of 28-71. They defeated MSS in the same week 51-32.

Michel Brunelle and Dave Bayfield were high scorers for Penetanguishene.

Our juniors have a record of two wins and three losses. They lost to both Barrie Eastview and Midland, 39-64 and 32-37 respectively.

Top scorers for both games were Paul

Balabuck and Gilbert Quesnelle.

Penetanguishene's seniors hold a record of one win and five losses. Eastview and MSS defeated ESPSS.

Ken Cascagnette netted the most points for Penetanguishene's offense in both games along with Paul Parent.

Girls' volleyball season for Penetanguishene's three teams begins Jan. 13. The midget, junior and senior squads will be travelling to Cannington to face Brock and Orillia District teams.

ESPSS's senior girls coach, Bruce Brown, states that his team has a very busy schedule with approximately 48 games between Feb. 5 and Feb. 20. Spectators are welcome to come to

Penetanguishene's first home game Jan. 22. The first match begins at 3 p.m.

To start the new school year, the student council is holding a

dance this Friday. The Good Times Band will be providing the music and tickets are \$2.50 with a student card, \$3.00 without. We'll see you there.

## Stephenson to appear on phone-in show

Minister of Education Bette Stephenson will be answering questions about education issues telephoned to her in a TV Ontario television studio next week.

Stephenson will be appearing on the TV Ontario program Speaking Out at 10 p.m. on Jan. 15. Viewers can telephone the live program and watch the guest reply on the television screen.

Prominent issues likely to be touched are the issue of French-language instruction in Ontario for anglophones and francophones, the effects of the new Bill 82, and the implications of declining enrolment.

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