

# Rhodes scholar injured in hit and run

Michael Albert, a Penetanguishene Secondary School graduate and PhD. candidate at Oxford University in England is recovering in a British hospital for injuries suffered when he was struck down by a car while jogging.

Michael was training for a marathon in his spare time. At 19, he has already written a qualifying thesis for his master's degree and is beginning his doctoral

studies in pure mathematics at Oxford.

Michael graduated from Waterloo University in 1981 before receiving a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford for post-graduate work.

Hit from behind, the young student woke up 20 hours later in hospital with a concussion and multiple fractures to his left leg.

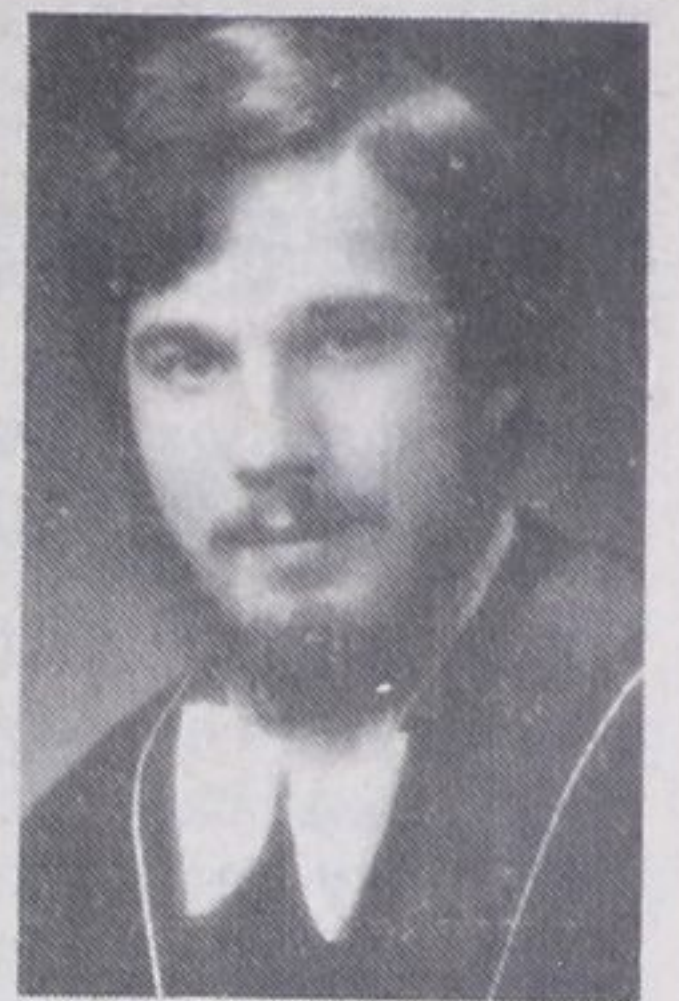
Michael's father, Martin Albert, says his son is recovering well

and "his doctors say he will be swimming and running by late summer."

Michael was visited by his mother last week, shortly after the accident Feb. 20.

Both his parents will be travelling to England as planned to see their son during the March school break.

According to Martin Albert, his son's accident is still under investigation by British authorities.



Michael Albert



## Happy occasion

Here's a very good reason to be happy as a result of the CWL's Public Speaking Contest in Penetanguishene. Here winner Julie Merkley, front row left, and runner-up Lise Magnan,

front right, appear with Don Deschambault, back row left, principal of St. Ann's School and president of the area CWL Louise Leclaire, back row right.

## They spoke out for good cause

The annual area Catholic Women's League Public Speaking Contest was held at Laboureau Hall, Feb. 17.

Julie Merkley, of Main Street, Penetanguishene, a Grade 7 student at St. Ann's School was winner of the event with her presentation on "The Royal Wedding".

As well as the formal speech, the other required element of the contest was an impromptu speech, in which Julie spoke on "What I like about winter". She will represent the area CWL council at the Regional Contest to be held at Guardian Angels Parish Hall in Orillia, March 7.

Runner-up in the contest was Lise Magnan who attends Grade 8 at St. Joseph's School. She spoke on "Teddy Bears" and "My Favourite Sport".

Other contestants were Any Marchildon and Lisa Forget of Corpus Christi, Peter Dion of St. Joseph's and Joanne Gignac of St. Ann's School.

All contestants received a small token for their work and effort. The name of the winner and runner-up will be engraved on a plaque which will be displayed at the winning school for one year.

Judges for the event were Mrs. Sandra Mason, Mrs. Mary Carpenter, Miss Elise Devillers and Mrs. Rita Smith.

Miss Augusta Boyer was time-keeper.

Refreshments were served following the speeches by Mrs. Alma Vaillancourt and Mrs. Joanne Mailloux.

An event such as this requires much planning and preparation and is a worthwhile learning experience for the participants.

The CWL wishes to thank all involved for making this event a success.

## Pleased with results

### St. Amant attends Grits' leadership convention

Penetanguishene Deputy-Reeve Frances St. Amant was one of 14 Simcoe Centre delegates to the Ontario Liberal Leadership Convention recently.

St. Amant was "very pleased" with the election of David Peterson as leader of the party.

She praised Peterson as "highly qualified, and running an excellent campaign." St. Amant noted that she had voted for Peterson at the last leadership convention and said "I supported him totally again."

Peterson heads a family business in London and is also a non-practising lawyer.

St. Amant predicted that second place candidate Sheila Copps "will be taken as part of Peterson's team, as will all leadership candidates." Copps

will be "the next lady premier of Ontario a little bit down the road when she is more seasoned" said St. Amant.

Copps is fluent in four languages, "a terrific speaker who was embraced by the ethnic groups" observed the Deputy-Reeve.

St. Amant was "surprised that Orillia's Jim Breithaupt didn't do better" in the leadership race, and described John Sweeney as "a gem of a person—too nice to be a premier." Although Sweeney finished last in the voting, St. Amant thought "he gave the best speech of all, and I told him so."

Following the election of their new leader, Ontario Liberals were united in an unusually "good, warm feeling," said St. Amant.

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by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Official invitations to up-coming Centennial events were issued to Simcoe County councillors last Thursday by four Penetanguishene representatives.

Councillor Robert Klug, Deputy Reeve Frances St. Amant and Grand Marshall Joyce Sauve accompanied Centennial co-ordinator Diane Greenfield to Midhurst for the ceremony.

The party of four was ushered into the council chambers in full centennial costume at 11 a.m., Councillor Klug reports.

The Penetanguishene delegation "was very well-received" says Frances St. Amant, providing a welcome diversion from budget deliberations which had taken up most of the morning session of council.

Diane Greenfield "gave a terrific presentation" according to Klug, recounting the three major Centennial events held so far. Copies of the Penetanguishene Centennial Proclamation, the program calendar and invitations to the up-coming Heritage Banquet were given to all county councillors.

Deputy-Reeve St. Amant personally presented Warden Russell Cooper with his invitation and proclamation.

## It's new and it could save lives...

by Bob Murray

A new innovation in personal home security devices was unveiled at Penetanguishene General Hospital, Tuesday afternoon. It's called "Protectalert."

It is designed mainly for people who live alone. It can summon help within minutes in a situation of medical emergency such as heart attack or stroke where the patient is unable to dial a telephone number or where a person has been injured and cannot get to the phone.

This system relieves the anxiety for convalescing patients who while living alone, can be assured of help arriving in minutes should the need arise.

The system is comprised of a pager-type transmitter which can be worn on a belt or carried in a pocket and a base unit that is connected to a telephone.

When the transmitter is activated within 150 feet of the base unit, the base unit sends a unique coded signal to the 24 hour protectalert response centre in Toronto.

Upon receiving the signal, the trained personnel activate a pre-arranged plan of action. First the subscriber is called back to determine if the alarm is real or accidental. If there is no answer, according to the plan a call is placed to one of usually four "Request Alert" numbers, possibly a close neighbour or relative, ambulance, police or whatever arrangements have been made.

The only requirements for having this service is that you have a private telephone and live in Ontario or British Columbia.

The cost for this service is a one time installation fee of \$25.00 and a monthly service charge of \$19.75.

The Protectalert service in this area is being handled by the Penetanguishene Hospital Auxiliary and further information on the system can be obtained from Mrs. Lil Gignac at 549-8998.

Shown above with the Protectalert Transmitter is Shelly Faubert, Sales and Distribution Manager of Protectalert in Toronto.

## Message for the brain at Poyntz Plaza Mall

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

It's all in the way you look at things. That's the message my brain received at the travelling exhibit from the Ontario Science Centre now on display at the Poyntz Plaza Mall.

The exhibit shows how images are relayed through the eyes and to the brain for interpretation. Illusions, colour perceptions, movement, shadows, reversals are all used to demonstrate how important the brain is for the digestion and understanding of optical messages.

Paul Terry and Vince Guagliana of the Ontario Science Centre were on hand setting up the exhibit Monday, and giving mini-tours Tuesday morning for the press and early shoppers.

Brian Murrant, Penetanguishene downtown development officer is contact person for the exhibit, which will be manned by a series of townspeople during its one-week stint at the mall.

### St. Ann's had best float

St. Ann's School, Penetanguishene, with its float, Centennial Coin, took the first prize in this year's Winterama parade.

A honourable mention was awarded to the Destination Sainte-Marie float from Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

The parade was one of the best ever seen in the town. Thousands of people lined the parade route along Main Street and at the town dock. An estimated 2,500 people turned out for the Puddle-Jump the next day.