



House trailer: guess what we spotted on Yonge Street in Midland the other day?

Exams are over

by Andrea Dault

Whew! All ESPSS students can finally breathe a sigh of relief. Exams are over! In fact, most students should already know their results. Let's hope they were up to the students' expectations, and if they weren't, well, at least they're over. All we can do is try harder next term.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, our Senior and Midget basketball teams hosted those teams from Twin Lakes. Results of those games will be printed here in the near future.

Our Senior boys should be well prepared for their game as they had a chance to practice against the California Cuties last week. Although a few fancy maneuvers from the California Cuties did baffle a few of our team members, I think they had a great time, and gained in experience

and teamwork.

By the way, these games brought the ESPSS cheerleaders from their temporary retirement back into the gym. Keep on waving those pompoms girls!

This is a notice to all graduating students. Mike Odesse will be taking graduation pictures on Dec. 6-7. Please make a note to have them taken as they will go into this year's yearbook.

And finally, I'd like to say congratulations to Mr. Thomson who became a daddy to an eight pound, eleven ounce, baby boy on Wednesday, December 1. So, if he seems to be taking his time on returning those Physics exams, give the guy a break. I'm sure he's had other things on his mind!

Wayne Bush tells Y's Men Georgian College has plans in the future

by ANDY WICKSTED

"Georgian has plans to come up the road to Midland in the future."

This statement made by Georgian College President Wayne Bush summed up a professional public relations presentation to the Midland Y's Men's Club at their regular Tuesday meeting in the YMCA board room.

Bush hinted at several other changes for the college which serves 500,000 people from Holland Landing to North Bay.

The college has not always enjoyed its present success—over 4,000 full-time students and some 16,000 part-time students taking a wide variety of courses, to post secondary school courses.

Three times it has gone broke.

The college which was first built on the university model and by Bush's own admission did not really offer the best courses, suffered financial hardship twice before Bush arrived and again in 1979 the year after Bush took over.

Large administration costs, expenses, accrued from protecting jobs that were unnecessary, and quick expansion into small communities such as Midland were cited by the gregarious president as reasons for the college's financial difficulties.

Now the college is being run as a business and administration can get "fired at the blink of an eye." Even Bush has no tenure.

Since Bush took over in 1978 the number of students attending Georgian has doubled. This is no coincidence.

Changes have been made in programming. Courses such as the air traffic control program, a tourist program, and a dental hygiene program are among the best in the province according to

Bush.

Georgian even offers a "day out" program where employees of certain companies are allowed to return to school during the week during work hours.

This idea came from Midland Industries according to the president.

Although the federal government covers 65 per cent of the cost of running the college, Queen's Park contributes a certain percentage, and student fees cover a certain proportion the college could not function if it could not sell services to the community and other countries.

A recent computer center cost the college \$1 million. \$125,000 was contributed by government funds but the remaining \$875,000 was raised by the college.

Bush hints that some programs at the college may move to a co-op situation as at the University of Waterloo.

Students attend classes for a certain period of time intermingled with periods of work experience in their area of study. This will lead to "better employment of graduates."

Changes such as the above can only auger well for the Barrie College.

One cannot help being convinced by the enthusiasm of its president that "day out" programs, co-op education programs, and programs of interest combined with a businesslike administration will make Georgian a success both financially and educationally.

And don't be surprised if Georgian expands into the area and is successful where it has failed in the past. Wayne Bush won't be surprised.

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