

School days getting shorter

ESPSS principal's 3rd edition news letter

by Gilles Cinq-Mars
The school year is rapidly growing to a close: there are exactly 39 school days left before the final examinations, and 51 days left before graduation night. I would hope that you will bring this fact to your student's attention with a view to their preparation for the June exams.

The E.S.P.S.S. timetable is being done this week. All students are called to the cafeteria by class and together with the vice-principal, guidance personnel, and some department heads, they schedule their courses for next year. Many schools in the province have begun using computers to timetable. We have not because we want to maintain the personal contact with the students. For example, if a student has a conflict (apparently cannot schedule two courses in the same time slot), then having the student there facilitates the task of moving courses and periods around until his choices do fit. All other, less personal methods cannot do that and conflicts must be resolved during the summer or in September. We feel we have

a better system.

We are presently in the process of developing a Student Code of Behaviour as prescribed by the new regulations of the Ministry of Education. In so doing, we would welcome your involvement if you should care to assist us in this process. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please call Mr. Martin Albert at E.S.P.S.S. at 549-7446.

Our adult education program continues to provide many adults in the community with an opportunity to up-grade, to learn new skills, and to earn graduation diplomas. To date our numbers already registered for next year are very near our total adult enrolment this year. This must mean that you are getting what you want and that we are doing something right for you. We are very happy about that. For more information, please call Miss Venante Francis (549-7446), ext. 31.

Within the driver education program, the students develop knowledge, skills, and most importantly the proper attitudes for the safe use of our streets and highways. The following students have completed the course

this year.
Kevin Wagg, Kelly Steele, Robert Gauthier, Lisa Chevrete, Kevin Jennett, Jody Blanchard, Angela Kim, Denise Mailloux, Claude Beausoleil, Chris D'Aoust, Pat Dion, Sheryl Duquette, Tony Rye.

Another factor of which we are quite proud of at E.S.P.S.S. is our Driver Education program. This year some 51 students have completed the driver education course at E.S.P.S.S. and are eligible for lower insurance rates as a result. The program is offered as a continuing education course; the students receive 25 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of in-car instruction.

The area car dealers support the program by providing cars for which we are grateful. Bourgeois Motors of Midland provided a 1983 Mercury Zephyr; Lockhart Motors of Victoria Harbour

supplied a 1983 Chevrolet Citation; and Alex Currie Motors of Elmvalle provided a 1983 Pontiac 6000. These dealers' participation is essential to the functioning of the driver education program and we compliment them for their involvement.

Peter Hamelin, Beth Lewis, Louis Pilon, Bruno Robitaille, Janine Tucker, Brenda Morrison, Denise Laurin, Monique Lablanc, Bruce McNee, Diane Buxton, Frank Lamoureux, Lisa Gravelle, Steven Fournier.

Laurie Asselin, Guy Parent, Harold Levack, Ann McNamara, Doug Shirriff, Nathan Crawford, Suzanne Gignac, Bernie Belcourt, Catherine Desroches, Michelle Dubeau, Patrick Guillemette, Pat Laurin.

Shelley Desroches, Donna Dupuis, Kevin Hamelin, Andy Lesperance, Sherry Menard, Philip

Quesnelle.

A reminder that the E.S.P.S.S. Spring

Concert featuring the Junior Band will take place in our auditorium

on Thursday, April 28. Your attendance is much appreciated.



Fire fighters on the job

Penetanguishene Fire Department was called out early last Friday morning to quell a mattress fire at a residence on Chatham Street in the town. Art Lizotte (left) and Deputy Fire Chief Laval Dubeau look on, as

another smoke eater gets a closer look at the damage. Fire was contained to the mattress, and no estimate was made of the damage. Cause of the blaze was careless smoking.

Laurier to offer new credit courses

Five locations in county picked for 1983 program

Wilfrid Laurier University, marking its 20th anniversary of offering degree credit courses in Simcoe County, will be offering a number of courses this spring and summer at five locations.

Courses will be offered in Barrie, Orillia and Midland with several starting dates—April 29, May 2, June 20 and July 4. In addition the university will hold its second summer of music at the Orillia Opera House with three workshops and many performances, and continue its Indian archaeological dig at a site near Orillia.

Three courses will be offered at Barrie in the spring term with lectures beginning May 2. Taught then will be courses in business law, introduction to sociological theory, and an introduction to sociological data collection methods.

Another five courses will be offered in Barrie with instruction given on eight weekends beginning April 29.

They are astronomy and space science, history of art from the renaissance to the present, history of the Indians in Canada, a religion and culture course on western religious thought from the 16th century to the present, and introduction to sociology.

Barrie summer courses, beginning July 4, will be in seven areas: cultural anthropology, a lecture and laboratory course in physical

geography, contemporary European history, two physical education courses dealing with health, introduction to psychology, a psychology course on explaining and modifying human behaviour, sociology of religion, and values education.

In Orillia, there will be a number of courses offered at the second annual voice-opera workshops, in archaeology at the nearby dig site, beginning July 4. In addition a fine arts course covering the basics of drawing and rendering will be available beginning July 25.

Two courses will be offered in Midland on eight weekends, beginning April 29. The courses are one designed to place Ste. Marie-among-the-Hurons in a broad cultural, political and religious context and a second on the sociology of the family.

Fees are \$110 for one-term courses which earn a student half a credit toward the 15 needed for graduation with a B.A. degree and \$220 for two-term, full credit courses.

Courses are taught at the Innisdale Secondary School in Barrie, at Georgian College in Orillia, and at Ste. Marie-among-the-Hurons and the YMCA in Midland.

The archaeological dig will continue at the site near Orillia and the voice-opera workshop will run in three sessions at the Orillia Opera House.

Tea today for volunteers

This week is Volunteer Week. A tea is being held this afternoon in Penetanguishene General Hospital to honour all of the volunteers who work in or for the hospital. Fundraising committee chairman Louise Leclaire had the following to say last week about volunteers.

"If we pause a moment to examine the roots of the volunteer service in health care in Canada we will discover that it is as old as the country itself with health care service being introduced to Huronia over 350 years ago by the Jesuits at Saint-Marie Among the Hurons. Like that Jesuit mission most of the hospitals were established by religious orders, their works mainly those of mercy and charity towards the sick and impoverished who were unable to care for themselves.

Marguerite D'Youville, foundress of the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who operate the Penetanguishene General Hospital today, was one of those early health care volunteers. She opened a hospital in Montreal in 1737 and the provision of health care remains one of the Sisters' missions to this day.

Sister Mary Camillus who has worked in many areas of the health care service and who herself was administrator of this hospital is now retired for active duty and is a regular volunteer pastoral care visitor.

Volunteer service continues to be a strong tradition in the provision of hospital services in Canada. The combination of local voluntary boards and financial support from the province provides the foundation for our excellent health care system. Members of our hospital boards spend precious hours involved in meetings and special projects to ensure that our communities benefit from optimum health care services.

The hospital auxiliary has been in existence since the first hospital opened in Penetanguishene. The earliest records date from the 1920s. An indication of their work and records of their dedication over the years can be seen on display in the front hallway.

The auxiliary saw the hospital through thick and thin and continues to contribute much of the vital capital equipment needed.

Recently several additional volunteer groups have joined the hospital's volunteer services. One of these groups works in the chronic rehabilitation unit helping patients with crafts as well as offering their friendship and support.

We have an active group of pastoral visitors who under the direction of our pastoral care director devote much of their time to our patients, often during the long hours of the night.

We support the Meals on Wheels program, seeing that nutritious meals are available for the dedicated Meals on Wheels team who distribute them to the elderly. The program and the actual delivery of the meals is taken over in the summer by the hospital's own staff.

The fund raising campaign last year would not have been such a success had it not been for the overwhelming support we received from the many volunteers in the community who spent long summer evenings canvassing on our behalf.

Auditor's findings expected, FLAC member says

The fact that, according to a provincial auditors' report, the running of Ecole Secondaire Le Caron did not cost the Simcoe County Board of Education money, but in fact produced a surplus, was not a surprise to the local French Language Advisory Committee (FLAC), says member Basil Dorion. "We expected something similar," he said, yesterday. "We felt all along that if there was a shortfall it would be very minimal."

The school board had predicted that operation of the school would cost it several thousand dollars. Provincial auditors say the board has an extra \$60,000 because of its operation of Le Caron. The board amassed a surplus because of grants available because it now operates two high schools instead of one high school in Penetanguishene.

The report shows, Dorion said, that "all the bad publicity brought about by the Simcoe County Board of Education against Le Caron was false." The proof is in the report, Dorion said.

This turn of events is still another argument for a new, francophone school board, in Dorion's opinion.