



Friends of Sainte-Marie honoured

These five people have reason to smile. They were a only a handful of the 133 volunteers who were the guests of honour at a special reception held in the Mariposa Room of the Holiday Inn in Orillia on Friday. (From left to

right) James Hunter, Sandra Flint, Cathie Malcolm, Dr. Mildred Randall and Anne Faragher were each presented volunteer pins and five year certificates for their work as Friends of Sainte-Marie. Friday evening's

awards were only one of 20 receptions that will be staged across the province this month to say thanks to more than 2,800 volunteers in Ontario.

Student in France

Christopher Charron, son of Dr. and Mrs. Claude Charron of Penetang, is presently studying for six months in France.

Chris is a recent graduate from St. Joseph's public school in Penetang and is in his 2nd year at St. Andrew's College in Aurora. Chris's trip to France is all part of an educational program which will permit him to better his knowledge of the French language as well as to gain experience in all other facets of life in another country.

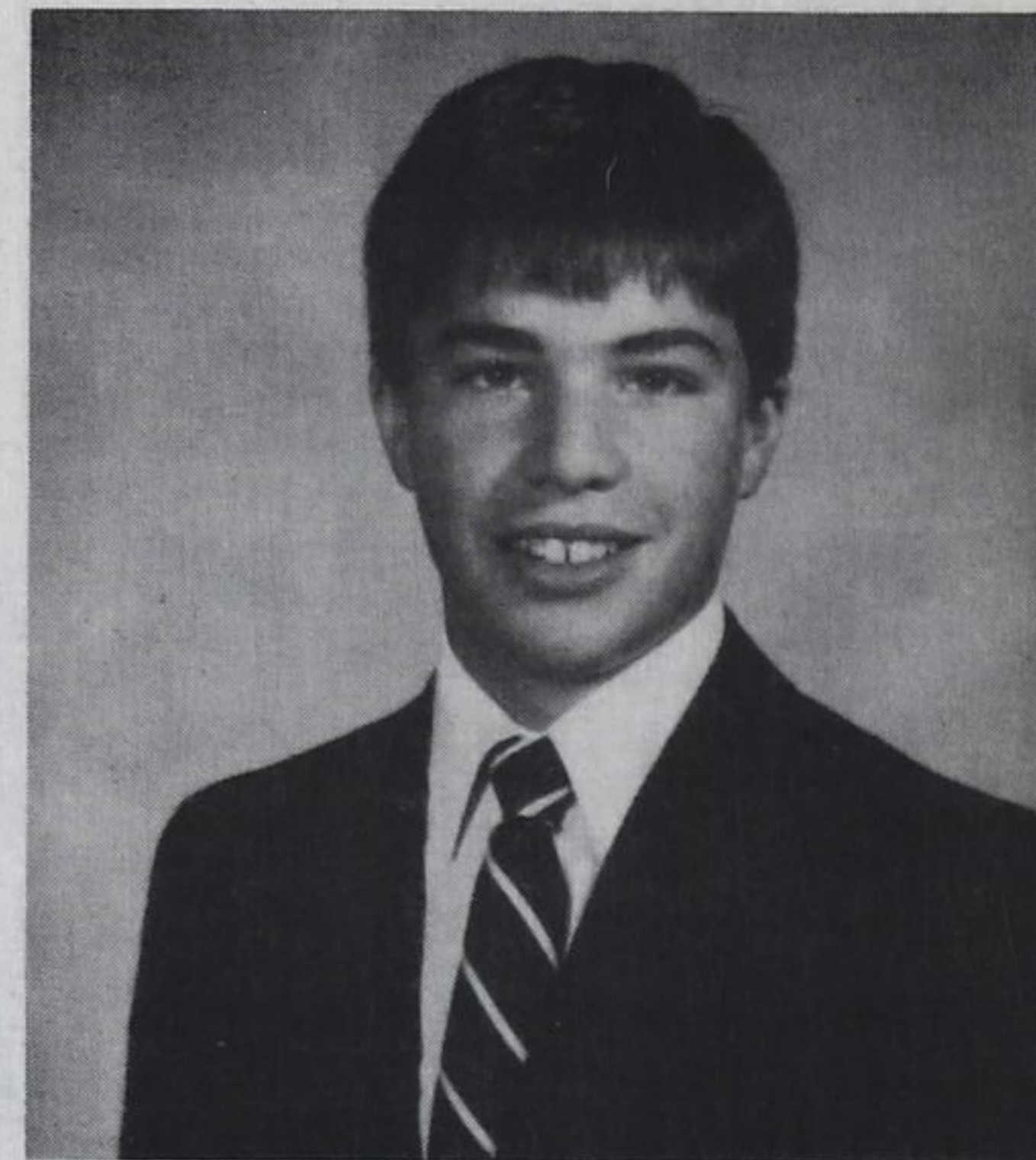
Chris is presently on the scholar's roll at St.

Andrew's which means his grade average is over 80%. He will be awarded the scholar's tie for his academic standing.

Beyond his academic achievements, Chris is also a prominent member of the swim team and is the most improved player on the volleyball team where he is now co-captain.

His family visited him in France from April 1st to April 14th and have reported to us that he's enjoying every minute of it.

His former teachers wish him good luck in his endeavours.



Christopher Charron

Long weekend could produce sunburn

The long weekend in May is the traditional start of summer. Friday night thousands of city folk will head up the 400 to open the cottage for the summer.

Despite the fun and activity associated with the first summer weekend in Huronia, there are hazards that you should be aware of in order to have a safe and happy weekend.

With the warm weather comes the BUGS, especially blackflies and mosquitoes.

By the late summer these little pests are reduced to minor irritations as the hot weather kills them off but in the early spring when they come out in large numbers to breed, they can be downright dangerous.

To breed these insects need blood and that's where humans come into the picture.

Young children and the family pet are the most susceptible. Enough bites can make a young child sick forcing you to take him to the hospital for a shot of antibiotics.

For the rest of us to many blackfly bites can cause swollen fingers and sore necks, avoid swampy areas and walks in the bush without proper clothing.

The warm weather with its abundant sunshine causes another problem, sunburn. When venturing into the sun for the first time each summer, white bodies that have been covered up during the long cold winter easily burn.

Although it feels good, only expose yourself to the sun for short periods of time and wear a good protective sun tan lotion. To much exposure, instead of giving you a dark attractive tan will turn

your skin a deep red and could make you sick. Enjoy the sun but with moderation, whatever you do try not to fall asleep on the beach.

Because the weather is starting to get warm doesn't mean the water is warm enough to swim in yet. Again use moderation, the waters of Huronia, especially Georgian Bay, are cold and you can get sick if you try swimming to early, not to mention numb.

While we are on the subject of water, this year in Huronia, as it is all over Southern Ontario, water levels are higher than they have been in 20 years. Keep this in mind when you let young children play around at the beach.

Because water levels are so high water authorities report an increased number of dead heads floating in Huronia's

rivers and lakes. Dead heads are pieces of docks, old ice fishing huts, logs and debris that have been washed off the beach into the water.

Because they have been in the water for quite a while they become water logged and float just below the surface and can cause a serious mishap for boaters and water skiers if they are hit.

It is a good idea to drive your boat around your lake a few times at reduced speed with someone on the bow keeping an eye open for dead heads. If you spot one, a rope

throw around it and tow it to shore. Be extra cautious when you are on the water at night.

Last but not least, watch your drinking. Every year tragedy strikes some happy vacationers who have a mishap caused by overdrinking. There is nothing wrong with a cold beer after putting the dock in but over indulgence can cause you to have an accident either on the road or in your boat. Don't be afraid to have a beer, but easy does it.

Winning musicians

The winners of scholarships and trophies awarded during the 40th annual Midland Music Festival, which ran through the past two weeks, were announced yesterday.

Outstanding musicians winning scholarships were Michelle Mailloux (vocal),

Nicole Dupuis (instrumental soloist), Kathleen Farley (guitar soloist), Deanna Melnyk and Patrick Lai (senior and junior pianist), and Renee Cingolani (accordion soloist).

The Concert of the Stars will be held tomorrow, starting at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Presbyterian Church.

Library has magazines too

The Canadian Periodical Publisher's Association has declared the week of May 12 as Magazines Week. This non-profit organization represents Canadian magazine publishers and is in the business of promoting Canadian magazines. The Midland Public Library subscribes to over 100 magazines whose subjects run from politics to sports to photography to yachting. Did you know that we circulate magazines just as we do books? Ask us about it!

The following is a list of new books available in the library as of May 9.

Fiction include Alba, The Last Wolf by David Stephen, The Tartan Ringers by Jonathan Gash, The Left Handed Policeman

by Robert Westbrook, Inspector Chote's Good Crusade by H. R.F. Keating, Magic Kingdom For Sale - Sold! by Terry Brooks, Strangers by Dean R. Koontz.

Non-fiction include The Complete Guide to Anti-Aging Nutrients by Sheldon Saul Hendler, and Ford 1903-1984 by the Auto Editors of Consumer Guide.

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To avoid such embarrassment, a person who could not attend the service ought to make a personal condolence call afterwards. He should also explain to the family why he could not attend.

Although one must make these decisions individually, as the situation requires, it must be pointed out that funeral attendance and condolence calls are social responsibilities. We occasionally observe this "loss of friendship" when a simple phone call might have prevented the hurt feelings.

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