Students, teachers like semester system

by Laura Grabinski year Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondard School (ESPSS) is getting a new facelift. On January 30 a turnaround day will mark the end of the first semester. The se-Feb. 2.

The 1986/87 school year January rather than in grade 11 student at ESPSS high school in the area to up on work." semester system. Like is easier than eight. many other secondary cond semester begins on student to 'pick up' a few students and teachers. credits to graduate in

Shawna Sickinger, a new

Midway through the was the first time that the June. It also cuts down on enjoys semesters saying offer a semester system. Penetanguishene high a student's work load; four that, "My marks have gone more organized, but it'll ing every day". (ESPSS) be better next year."

Grade 12 student, Mike Patenaude likes the idea of a fresh start in January. He said, "It's good because you only have four subjects and only four exams. When you're done in January you can start fresh."

Shawn Fisher, another grade 12 student fancies the idea about having four credits behind you at the end of January. He points out, "The only bad thing about it is that you get the same class every day."

a second semester. MacKell said yesterday. turns manning the booth bour Committee was join-

ESPSS is the first public the booth.

change is for the better. received a favoured Stratford school for two says, "The only thing I Semesters allow a senior response from many years that had a semester don't like is that there's not subjects." system. She noted that her as much time spent with other school was, "a bit my family because I'm go-

Grade 12, part-time stu- proching,

Graduating and grade 13

This time of the year when the beginning of second semester is ap-Head of dent, Natasha Chapman Guidance Department, wasn't completely satisfied Dave Paille says, "It's made year because in the first Paille is arranging semester she only had two timetables and helping fly." classes, but in the second students choose classes tackle a full schedule of having a lot of individual agrees that the change was nine to eleven and he says, for the better, saying that, "I'm also busy signing up "With the semester system a number of students not I have more time to catch attending who wish to start semesters.

in February."

John Bayfield, head of Margaret Rowe, an adult students definitely benefit the Geography departschool experienced the subjects to concentrate on up. It's easier. You only student likes this new from semesters. Susan ment, unlike others, is in have to put up with a system for the same ResRochers, a grade 13 stu- favour of the day to day This major change in the teacher you hate for half a reasons as other students; dent says, "Semesters are continuity of classes and schools in Ontario the routine at ESPSS has year." Sickinger attended a beause of less exams. Rowe better for grade 13. I believes that it improves couldn't have handled six the quality of education. When asked what he thought of the school's changeover, Bayfield replied, "I'm very much in favour of it."

> Brian Quealey is also very enthusiastic about with the new system this me busier." In a sense semesters, jokingly he said, "It's fantastic. Only way to

> So it seems as though semester Chapman will twice a year now. Paille is every one at ESPSS is enjoying a trial year with the four classes. But she still counselling with grades semester system and it's definite by the number of positive responses that ESPSS will continue with

Show booth attracts attention

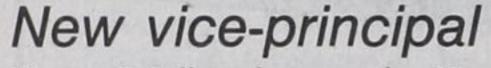
pointed out that the members of the Town very large map of merce, Brian Downer. seasonal 'February blahs' Council, is attracting a downtown Midland with are interrupted by more en- great deal of interest, services of interest to thusiasm from new classes Midland Harbour Commit-boaters indicated. and teachers at the start of tee Secretary Bryan Among the people taking the boat show. The Har-

increase in new students and the Board of Park Harbour Committee merce, the BIA, and this year, partly because Management are sharing members Sheila Carpenter Midland Boatworks

Midland and its harbour Boat show browsers are Committee member Tony

Principal of ESPSS, are represented through seeing a slide show of Osler, Committee Chair-Gilles Cinq-Mars is "very this week at the annual Midland and the harbour, man Wayne Cowdery, happy" with the organiza- boat show in Toronto. large photographs of the Council members Robert tion of semesters, adding A booth staffed by Har- harbour, a nautical chart of Brush, Gale Niblock, and that it is "very beneficial" bourmaster Rick Leaney, Georgian Bay with routes Gail Barrie, and, represenfor a student. Cinq-Mars and volunteers including to Midland marked, and a ting the Chamber of Com-

Last year was the first time for a local presence at Cinq-Mars also noted an The Harbour Committee with the harbourmaster are ed by the Chamber of Comand Gail White, former Restaurant a year ago.



Nancy DeVillers became the Vice- Penetanguishene, where she taught for 18 principal of Midland's Regent Public months. Previous to Corpus Christi she School on Jan. 1. She came to Regent was a teacher for five years at Victoria School from Corpus Christi School, Harbour Public School.

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