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# Co-operative education is a value to all involved

by Bev Paget

Co-operative education, common effort between the school and the community, provides learning experiences outside the classroom.

Through the school, students are placed at work stations that highlight specific in-school learning experiences. This way, teaching and practical experience are combined in a beneficial way.

Senior students in business, technical and vocational courses, can enter co-op or students in independent study programs and high achieving students, who want the enrichment of practical experience. Students who want to clarify their career objectives and students in early apprenticeship programs can also join. Other

students that can join are potential drop-outs and students who want to re-enter a secondary school program.

A student can also earn a credit or credits upon successful completion of the program. The in-school course forms approximately one-third of this program while the remaining two-thirds is formed from out-of-school experience.

While in this program students can explore tentative career choices, and develop academic social and occupational skills. Students develop mature attitudes, self-confidence and good work habits as well as learning to work effectively with others.

The students also experience the needs and wants of business and

industry. Along with the transition from school to work, and while in this program they have an alternative method of earning school credits.

While there are benefits for the students, there are also some for the people who employ them.

The employers share directly in the educational process by instructing a young worker in the skills required for employment. These employers render an important public service and develop sources of new workers and evaluate potential employees.

This co-op program will develop and maintain a better relationship with business, industry and the community. It will provide students with individualized

instruction and training to meet their specific needs and it will also help them prepare for satisfying and successful employment. The program will evaluate and adapt courses in light of business and industry suggestions.

The Co-op students enjoy a better attitude toward the community and utilize its

resources more effectively. It will help students develop an awareness of local job opportunities and improve the liaison with the school system.

If you are a student interested in learning more about co-operative education programs, please consult with your guidance counsellor of your co-

operative education teacher.

Co-op teachers are: J. Agnew - Co-ordinator; D. Alberts - Welding; D. Bonthron - Family Studies; B. Capps - Accounting Applications; E. Clark - Information Processing; J. Herr - Information Processing; M. Miller - World Issues - Geography; J. Norton -

English Tutoring; H. Paterson - Society Challenge change; G. Pollard - Electricity/Electronics; R. Ritchie - Marketing; E. Rothwell - Data Processing Applications; F. Stewart - Architectural Drafting; G. Stewart - Machine Shop; L. Ubbens - Auto Mechanics; and F. Woodley - Basic Level Programs.

## Federation meets in Midland

The Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre of Midland has been honoured to be chosen to host the quarterly meeting of the Ontario Federation of Friendship Centres from Jan. 22 through 25.

Delegates from 19 friendship centres across Ontario will be arriving on Jan. 22 along with the executive staff of the Ontario Federation.

Arrangements have been made for the meetings and accommodations at the Highland Inn.

The Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre has planned two social events for the delegates during their stay in Midland. On Friday, Jan. 23 there is to be a tour of the St. Marie Among the Hurons which will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Bill Byrick, co-ordinator of programs, has been most co-operative in assisting and arranging for the complex to be open for this occasion.

On Saturday, Jan. 24 the Friendship Centre will be hosting a dinner and dance

at the Athenian Hall in Midland. The dinner will be for the delegates and Friendship Centre Board of Directors and staff, but the dance beginning at 9 p.m. will be open to the public. Cost of the dance, which will include a buffet, is \$5 per person or \$8 a couple. Live entertainment will be provided by the group The Phantom Four.

The Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre has been in operation since July of 1984 and has been a member of the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres since then, along with 10 other Centres from Windsor in the South West, Ottawa in the East and as far North as Moosonee and Atikokan in the Northwest.

The Centre at 522 Elizabeth Street in Midland is a drop-in centre serving the Native population in the area. Staff of the centre include the executive director, secretary-bookkeeper, referral worker, housing officer, youth worker and the newly hired community development worker. The centre is

managed by the Board of Directors representing Honey Harbour, Port McNicoll, Midland-Penetang and Christian Island. The drop-in area is open to the public and the Centre's membership is also open to everyone at the nominal fee of \$1 per year.

The Georgian Bay Native Friendship Centre's board of directors and staff have been very busy over the past month preparing for this occasion and extend their best wishes to the visiting dignitaries for a successful and friendly meeting.

The Centre is also sponsoring a couple from Nicaragua who will be attending the meeting of the Federation and who will be introduced to the delegates. It is expected they will make a brief presentation on the effects of their war-ravaged country on the native people of Nicaragua.

Any interested persons from the community, particularly the Friendship Centre membership are welcome to observe the meeting.

Lets all make the delegates feel welcome and at home.

## Liberals gather Friday

An array of local politicians and education officials are expected to join Liberal supporters from across the riding at a major social event being held in Midland this week-end. The guest speaker for the evening is to be the Honourable Sean Conway, the Minister of Education for Ontario.

This is the first formal get-together in this area for Liberals since the formation of the new Muskoka-Georgian Bay Liberal Association (MGBLA) last fall. The wine and cheese party is being held at the Budd Watson Gallery on Friday, Jan. 23rd, and is scheduled to run from seven until ten o'clock in

the evening. The event is being billed as an "Open Forum", and is open to the public, as well as to party members and supporters. The riding association has invited local politicians from this area and Muskoka, as well as education officials and trustees from all the surrounding regions.

The MGBLA is hoping this social function will provide an opportunity for people to get together in a relaxed setting to discuss their feelings and ideas about issues, and particularly education, which concern this area, and the province. The only formal part of the evening is expected to be a brief address

by Mr. Conway.

Organizers are also expecting the evening will give the growing Liberal membership, and interested observers and supporters, a chance to get better acquainted. They say they are anticipating a full house at the Gallery, with significant attendance from across the riding. Bus transportation has been arranged from various points in Muskoka.

Tickets for the event, which are \$5 per person, can be obtained in the Midland area by calling 526-9419 during the day, or 526-2526 during the evening. Tickets should also be available at the door.

## Business seminar

The North Simcoe Development Corporation is sponsoring the fourth in a series of seminars on managing a small business.

Tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. at the Highland Inn, in Midland, representatives from the NSDC and the Federal Business Development will offer a

seminar on Strategic Planning.

Kamran Khozan, commissioner of the NSDC said tomorrow's sessions emphasize will be placed on small and medium size businesses and the roll strategic planning plays in the growth and development of these businesses.

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