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It's off to Calgary and the national finals in June for this group of scholars from Bayview secondary school. And the finals they're in are those of the Reach for the Top, CBC high school television contest, being held throughout the land. After

winning locally, the team from Richmond Hill journeyed to Windsor on the weekend and captured the southern Ontario championship. Members of the team are, left to right, Alan Tambosso, Paul Tomkins, Lorne Farr and Vernon Stringer.

(Photo by Hogg)

Youth on rampage

A youth went on a rampage in Newmarket on the weekend, beating and slashing both a policeman and a civilian when they tried to subdue him.

According to York Regional Police, it all started when the youth tried to pick a fight with a man on the Canadian Tire lot. The man refused and the youth walked away on Davis Dr., screaming and swearing.

Car salesman, John Verdoold tried to calm him, but was punched, kicked and cut with a knife for his trouble.

The same thing happened to Constable Steve Campbell when he arrived. He needed the help of another policeman to finally subdue the youth.

Charged with mischief, causing a disturbance, assault causing bodily harm, assault to resist arrest and possession of a dangerous weapon, was Michael John Gallie, 17, of Toronto.

Cyclist attack

Two Sutton men face a possible term of life imprisonment in connection with the robbery of a 14-year-old boy here last week.

Police said two men grabbed the youth while he was riding his bicycle on High St.

After threatening the boy and demanding money, one of the men held him while the other took 65 cents from him.

Gary Holder, 20, of Garrett Dr., and James Turnbull, 17, of East St., have been charged with robbery with violence, which carries a maximum penalty of life.

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Liberals ready for election a year ago

By Jim Irving

While the Progressive-Conservative party may have just set the date for the provincial election — June 9 — last week, the Liberal party in York centre was ready for it a year ago.

At least that's the time they held the nomination meeting for the riding, in which present member Alf Stong of Richmond Hill, was unopposed.

That means Stong will be back contesting the seat against Richmond Hill Councillor Bill Corcoran (who received the PC nomination two weeks ago) and either Christopher Olson or Jim Newton of the NDP.

Olson and Newton will go after the nomination at a meeting tonight (May 4) at 8 o'clock at Crosby Arena in Unionville.

The Stong nomination meeting came about when the Conservatives threatened an election last spring.

"I thought I might as well get it over with, so we held the nomination at that time," Stong said.

It took just 28 seconds for Stong to be declared, causing Liberal Leader Stuart Smith, who was guest speaker, to remark it was the fastest nomination meeting he'd ever been at.

"We've been gearing up for it (the election) ever since," Stong said.

The Liberal member has his campaign headquarters at 10249 Yonge St.

The telephone number is 887-5184.

At press time, Corcoran had still not established where his campaign headquarters would be, but was expecting to have a location shortly.

The second nomination meeting was made necessary when Roman decided to stick to municipal politics and bowed out of the race.

Roman was defeated by Stong when he first ran in 1975.

The two candidates in the NDP camp are both from this area.

Newton, an employee of Metro social services department, lives in Richmond Hill. Olsen recently moved to Toronto from Thornhill.

He is an associate professor at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Newton is making his first bid for public office, although he has been active in the trade labor movement and a member of the NDP for 12 years.

He is a member of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, (CUPE) Local 79, which represents Metro inside workers, and has held various positions, including that of second vice-president.

He said he was approached to run for the nomination and was informed there was no other candidate at that time.

Also making his first bid for public office is Chris Olsen, who moved to Toronto from his Thornhill residence a month ago to be closer to work. He now finds himself spending most of his time in this area.

"That just shows I didn't have any idea of running until recently," Olsen told The Liberal.

He said he had been working throughout on the election committee of the NDP executive and riding association in York Centre, and planned to continue to work for it during the election.

However, after approaching some first-rate prospects, who decided against running, Olsen decided it made a lot of sense for him to do it.

Both he and his wife, Carole, pursue their own careers — she's a civil servant — and Olsen plans to take a leave of absence if he's successful in getting the nomination.

Guest speaker at tonight's meeting is Dr. Charles Godfrey, MPP for Durham West.



Jim Newton
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