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The winners of the Easter Colouring Contest were: Eric Jean, 5 years old, Beverley Borsa age 7, and Karen Fournier age 13 (who unfortunately was not available for the

picture.) Special thanks to judges Linda Olavsson (pictured above) and Mrs. Knauff for their help, and to Schreiber Foodmarket and Costa's for their donations.

Allan Report recommends "Keep Schreiber School Open"

The long awaited Allan Report was made public last week and it had good news for Schreiber. The message was, **Keep the High School Open.**

The first recommendation in the sixty page Report was that, "The Board maintain the two campus organization for the Lake Superior High School." "It is in the best interests of students, staff and the two communities to maintain the status quo."

The Report was the final stage in the work of a one man Commission of Inquiry into Small Secondary Schools in Northern Ontario. The Commission was set up by the Minister of Education in the midst of the controversy surrounding the Lake Superior Board's decision to close down secondary education in Schreiber.

"On May 26, 1982 the Minister of Education appointed G. Rodger Allan as a one man commission to investigate the provision of secondary education in small northern Ontario secondary schools. The Commissioner was asked

to "examine the provision of secondary school programs by the Lake Superior Board and other related matters such as the financing of small secondary schools, the governance of education in northern Ontario and the support services available for secondary school students."

In the nine months since his appointment Commissioner Allan has looked at the situation in the Lake Superior Board, held public hearings in Schreiber, Marathon, Terrace Bay, and Manitowadge and travelled across northern Ontario to take a first hand look at the problems that exist.

Allan says in his report that, "Many of the communities in northern Ontario and certainly the ones that are considered in this report, have similar characteristics. They are built on economies based on natural, either minerals or forest products. As such, they are, for the most part single industry communities and their well being is completely related to the market conditions that

affect their products. They are in some cases living with the Sword of Damocles hanging over their heads, namely, the depletion of the resource itself. It is a boom or bust economy."

"The various Ministries of the Ontario Government have made significant improvements in the health services, including a back-up system of air ambulances, environmental services in water and sewage treatment systems, transportation with the service of Norontair, and other modern necessities such as community cable systems and family support services have made a tremendous difference in terms of reducing isolation and improving the kind of family life in the North."

"The bad news is that the same improvement have not been made in the secondary school programs. Indeed the gap between the programs in the schools in the study, and those in larger communities in the North or South is becoming wider. The reasons have to do with the fact that expecta-

tions for society for the school causes the elimination of programs or courses because there is no other way to reduce costs proportionately. In larger schools you may reduce the number of sections of Grade 9 mathematics or Grade 10 English. In small schools there is often just one section of these courses available. It is difficult to schedule the required number of credits in five years, it becomes almost impossible to do it in four years."

Dealing with the Board of Education's problems and the targeting of the Schreiber Campus the Report says, "It is very tempting to compare the area in the jurisdiction of the Lake Superior Board of Education with that of a medium sized state, or indicate that it is twice the size of Prince Edward Island. Actually it is really four townships strung together with 150 miles of highway. It is, as one brief put it, four islands in a sea of trees. The total population is 10,246 and there are 850 students in three high

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Astrid Kneipp and Rick Alloi display the awards they collected after being named Lakehead University's male and female athletes of the year.

Kneipp wins LU athletic award

Nor'Wester basketball player Astrid Kneipp and wrestler Rick Alloi were honoured as Lakehead University's top male and female athletes of the year at the recent Awards Banquet.

Kneipp, a third year physical education student, was also named Most Valuable Player of the women's basketball team. She finished seventh in GPAC rebounding and was named all-

star in the Guekph tournament. Her overall statistics in 25 games include being first in rebounding and scoring for LU and being named to the second GPAC team.

Project Mayday gets attention

Project Mayday was a major item of discussion at the Terrace Bay Council Meeting held on Monday, March 28. The Meeting was Chaired by Reeve Dave Speer with Councillors Ollie Chapman, George Ramsay, Joe Kennedy and Bill Houston in attendance.

Project Mayday is a study being funded by the Federal Government to determine the incidence of wife beating along the North Shore and the need for alternate housing to be used by women if they are forced to leave their homes.

The Terrace Bay Council was invited by the Project's organizers to comment on the study. Reeve Speer said that he had drafted a letter containing his personal comments and if the Council concurred with the letter he would submit it on their behalf also.

In his comments Speer said, "Wife battering in North America is becoming increasingly more common. It is no longer an isolated incident that is covered up but a crime which because of pressure of women's groups is now talked about and being prosecuted more actively by Police forces throughout not only the provinces by the country. The new amendments to the criminal code have enabled police to lay charges more easily than before."

"I would however, exercise caution and give a great deal of thought as to the need

for a facility in the north shore communities. I would like to see the services offered by the other agencies, Children's and Family Services, Ontario Legal Aid, Doctor's, Hospitals, North Shore Mental Health Centres as well as community services in these areas, investigated to see if any or all of these existing facilities fill the need and have one agency responsible for all Social, Economic and Health needs rather than overlap of programs which does not really meet all the needs of the people." In his remarks the Reeve said that he wanted to stress that he was in favour of the study being made, but that he was concerned that new facilities or programs might then be established that would duplicate already existing services. The Reeve said that he was also concerned that if new programs were established, the Municipalities might be required by the provincial government to provide financial support as they do for other Boards and Council's.

Councillor Ollie Chapman said that she did not think that the Council would have to provide any funds. "It is an attempt to find out just how significant the problem is."

Councillor Bill Houston said that he shared the Reeve's concern about duplication of services and the possibility of compulsory municipal contributions to a new

program. "There certainly has been a move afoot to get everything under one umbrella. There has to be some coming together. However, I agree with Ollie that something has to be done about this now."

Councillor George Ramsay said, "No one can possibly condone someone beating someone else whether it is the husband beating the wife or anything else. We can't sweep it under the rug. I know it happens but I have a hard time believing it. But you're right, there has to be a price tag on it and we will have to look at that."

Lorraine Seppala sent a letter to the Council on behalf of the Rosspport Fish Derby requesting that the Council provide a prize or a cash contribution for this year's Derby. The Council contributed \$100 to the Derby last year, and on a motion by Ollie Chapman, seconded by Bill Houston, decided to contribute the same amount this year.

In reviewing the Minutes the Reeve said, "We dealt with the problem of hydro metre disputes. You remember the difficulty it was getting to be a real problem for our staff."

"Well, some new information has come to our attention. In a nutshell we set out to discourage frivolous or nuisance disputes by putting a refundable charge on the metre examination. We now find that it is not in our power to dictate the

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