Trading some secrets of the trade

By Greg Huneault the News

Although the term "Superior Style" might not be familiar to everyone, it ought to be. It's the name of Lake Superior High School's student newspaper, and its name reflects the work that has been put into it.

Ms. Tremblay, the secretary at the Terrace Bay campus, inquired at the beginning of the school year about a student newspaper, and decided to see if there was interest when she discovered there hadn't been one for about 12 years.

Shortly thereafter, she and Miss Allison Perry, an English teacher at the Terrace Bay campus, became staff advisors to a group of enthusiastic and dedicated students.

Ms Tremblay saw it as an opportunity for students to obtain some valuable experience, while allowing staff and students of the Schreiber and Terrace Bay campuses to keep in contact.

"It's a good source of information; it develops writing skills and it keeps the campuses in touch," Ms Tremblay explained.

A problem with student newspapers everywhere is the lack of involvement by the students themselves, but Lake Superior High has a comparatively high number of staff members.

Both advisors and the student staff readily admit there have been a few problems during the first year, but they say it has been worth

Sheri Payette, the editor, says she has developed varied skills and experience."It has improved my writing skills and responsibility." She has gained experience on the school computer and has certainly developed interpersonal skills.

Shawn Barsey, who has the interesting distinction of being the only male member of the staff, says it has been worth it.

When he heard of the drive to get a paper started, he thought it was "a great idea."

"Until that point, none had ever thought about it. I went to the meeting —it sounded like a lot of fun, and it has been," he said.

Tonya Roper, who (along with other duties) is responsible for much of the artwork and cover illustrations, said the staff is always looking for ideas.

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"We're always watching out for things we can write about," she explained, adding that her involvement with the paper has allowed her to become much more active in students issues.

Shawn is disappointed that more students don't take the opportunity to become involved.

"I wish there was more school spirit. We're always learning something new. A lot of students think they have no influence, but a lot of ideas come from students."

Although there is no set publication date, the staff is ironing out the bugs and the issues are coming out more regularly.

The first issue was distributed in November, and the students don't anticipate any problems with continuing for the remainder of the school year.

Ms Tremblay said about 100 copies of the last issue were distributed throughout stores in the area, and the staff were pleasantly surprised with the response.

They decided to donate the bulk of the money to the Schreiber Refugee Committee on behalf of Lake Superior High School. Funds were collected from off-campus sales of the paper, which cost 25 cents per issue. They have yet to

decide what to do with the remain-

Ms Tremblay spoke for the group when she said the paper is a positive boost to fill a gap, and to provide some practical experience for those who want it.

"We see a need being fulfilled, and we hope to continue," she stat-

If the paper can continue to get the group of dedicated staff and students it has this year, continuing should be no problem.



The tables are turned: Some of the staff of the Lake Superior High School student newspaper dropped by the News office to share some ideas and pick up some tips.

The school's two campuses now have a student newspaper for the first time in at least 12 years. Shown scrunched into the News' humble yet

homey surroundings are (left to right): Cyndy Orlesky, Shawn Barsey, staff advisor Ms Tremblay, Tonya Roper and editor Sheri Payette.

Absent staff include Tara Kraehling, Lisa Merkley, Carol Rippengal and staff advisor Miss Perry.

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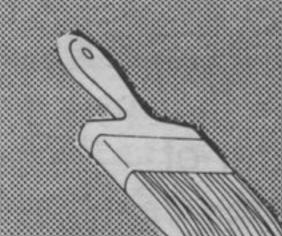
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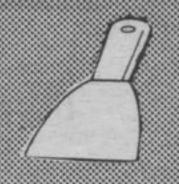
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