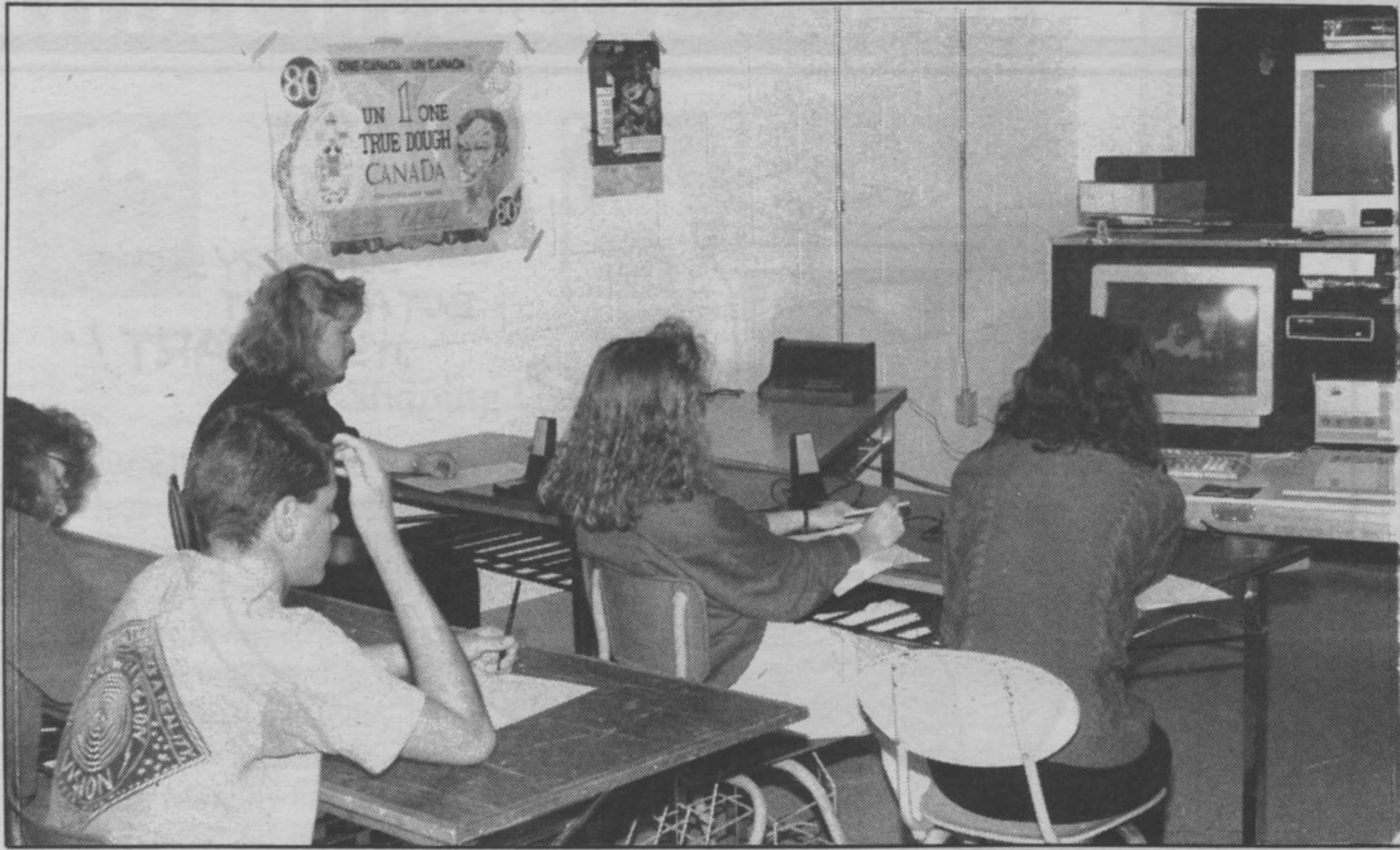


Distance education offers possibility of more programs at Lake Superior High



Students participate in the first ever long distance guided tour of the Art Gallery of Ontario.

by Darren MacDonald
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A new program at Lake Superior High School may give students more choice in the number of courses they can take, and may also cut down on the amount of travelling students have to do between the two campuses.

Starting in January, the Schreiber - Terrace Bay branch of Contact North will begin offering high school level courses to LSHS.

The courses will operate the same as Contact North's secondary school courses, which makes use of what is known as "distance education".

Distance education links teachers by phone line to students in other locations. The students can hear the teacher through a loudspeaker, and can communicate with the teacher — and each other — by using special microphones located in front of them.

A high-definition colour television screen is set up in the classroom, and it can be used to

show paintings for an art class, maps for geography, or equations for math.

Both teacher and student can draw on the screen using a specially designed pen. The lines are colour coded to identify a particular student, or for whatever other purpose the teacher has in mind.

Sheila Kehres, who runs the local Contact North program, says distance education has a much higher success rate than other types of correspondence courses.

"We don't usually talk in terms of success rates, but I would say that at least 80 per cent of people who start courses here finish them," Kehres says.

Unlike other correspondence courses, she says students have more of a sense of really being part of a class.

"I think its the interaction with the other students and teachers (that makes this program successful), Kehres says.

"And that the classes are more scheduled."

Contact North equipment has been set up in both the Schreiber and Terrace Bay campuses of LSHS, and a test of the system was conducted in Terrace Bay last Wednesday.

A tour guide from the Art Gallery of Ontario conducted what was called the "first ever long distance guided tour of the gallery."

In addition to nine students from LSHS, students in Armstrong, Dryden, Eliot Lake, Kirkland Lake, New Lisgard, Rainy River, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Sudbury and Thunder Bay participated in the tour.

The first answer given by the Terrace Bay group was a reluc-

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LSHS principal Balan Menon on the possibilities of distance education.

tant "yes", but after an initial hesitation, most students seemed to relax.

"It'll take a few more sessions before everyone's comfortable with the technology," says Lois Tobin, Contact North's secondary school liaison, who travelled from Thunder Bay to attend the session.

"But considering it was everyone's first time, everything went fine."

"The most important thing is how the students liked it," echoed LSHS principal Balan Menon. "And I have heard that they were quite impressed by it."

Menon says that distance education offers a way for the high school to expand its curriculum.

"In a small school, you have to look at different ways of providing the programs the students need," he says.

"We're even looking at the possibility of our offering a course. The math department is looking into offering an OAC calculus course."

Menon says that the extent to which LSHS becomes involved in the program depends on what courses Contact North plans to offer, and what courses the students want to take.

But it's possible that a course held at one campus may be linked to the other using the distance education equipment, Menon says.

"The way it is now, if (students) take period one in Schreiber, they have to stay there for period two and three," he says.

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TBSO in Terr. Bay

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tor and Musical Director Glenn Mossop told the crowd.

Prior to playing a different piece of music, Mossop gave the crowd a bit of background information on it, either about the composer, or about the music itself.

"We asked them to keep it fairly light," said Entertainment Co-chairperson Theresa Gemmill. "We didn't want anything too long and draggy, because I think people get bored."

The TBSO played selections by Gioachino Rossini, Georges Bizet, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Emmanuel Chabrier, Mozart, and American composer John Williams.

Mossop described Williams as a "first rate composer," and the TBSO proceeded to play selections from the themes of Star Wars and E.T.

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The Agenda will include:

- Reports of Committees
- Election of Officers
- Nominations for open positions will be accepted until **November 11th, 1991 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Appointment of Auditor
- Transaction of regular business of the meeting
- Approval of Purchase & Sale Agreement pending Ministry approval
- Approval for application of Mortgage Increase

Draws will be held, coffee and doughnuts will be served.

All members are asked to attend.

There will be no mailing of this notice to members.