

Grade 13 a tough year for students

Way back in December, grade 13 students were called down to guidance to fill out their university applications for the following year.

Besides personal information that is commonly required of such forms, applicants had to fill out their choices of universities (they are only allowed to pick three) and the selection of programs that they are interested in taking. The application is checked over by the guidance dept. and then sent with a nine dollar nominal charge

to the Ontario Universities application centre. There the form is processed and information is sent to the universities outlined on the sheet.

During the winter months, students begin to receive information regarding the universities, programs available, residence fees, tuition, social services and campus life. Each university has its own way of doing things and the applicant is expected to keep the different methods separate.

St. Robert Report

John MacBride



The fun really begins, however, when you're applying to the art programs. Besides having to worry about your grades,

art students must also go to auditions (for theatre or dance), interviews (for visual art) and fill out questionnaires regarding their personality and interests. Trying to achieve this while maintaining your academic standing is no easy feat.

Universities also wish to know what kind of extra curricular activities you've become involved in at school, to give them a general idea as to what kind of student you are going to make.

Couple all these factors with the follow-

ing: many grade 13 students work to afford university, pupils are under a lot of pressure from family and staff to achieve and early admissions to the universities are not released until June.

You can see that the life of a senior is not all its beamed up to be by the younger grades. It is a year of frustration, overwork, and exhaustion; not just at St. Robert's but at any high school. Yet it is also a year of friendship, fun and for some, love.

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