



Eighteen-year-old Paul Rochester, a Grade 13 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is a drummer of exceptional ability in the S.D.S.S. Senior Band.  
—Jim Thomas

## Paul Rochester Drums up a storm

By JIM THOMAS  
STOUFFVILLE — Paul Rochester's the Gene Krupa of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.  
He plays the drums with such versatility and flair, band-leader Peter Samuelson singles him out for special praise. Mr. Samuelson also says he's been a great help to other budding drummers in Grades 9 and 10.  
Paul, 18, a student in Grade 13, hopes to major in music at Humber College following graduation from S.D.S.S.  
"A long way back I wanted to play the drums," says the handsome high school senior, "when the chance came, I grabbed it."  
That chance came in Grade 9 and he's been banging out the beat ever since.  
He has his own drum set at home and this helps. He also took drum lessons for six

months and this helped too.  
A good set of drums can cost up to \$2,000, he says.  
"There's a lot more music in a drum than most people think," Paul explains. A drummer, he says, can learn a lot by listening.  
Recently, Paul joined a Scarborough marching band and describes it as "really great." Some day, he hopes to expand his skills to include bass guitar.  
Paul says he enjoys his association with the high school band and praises the abilities of Mr. Samuelson. He also sings in the S.D.S.S. choir.  
Have you a drummer idol? I asked.  
Paul gave me the name of Steve Gadd, a studio musician.  
Neil Pert, the drummer with 'Rush' is an old idol, says Paul. "Some day, I hope to rub elbows with him," he concluded.



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