



Steve Fronske, (right), and Michelle Osborne, both students attending Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, talk to Brandi Walters and Lorraine Layland of Grade 8 at Summitview School following a presentation, Friday, by Doug McGammon, S.D.S.S. Guidance instructor.

—Jim Thomas

Guidance instructor allays fears of H.S.

By JIM THOMAS
STOUFFVILLE — What happens on Welcome Day?

How do you become involved in an exchange program?

What is a Prefect?

These were a but a few of the questions posed by Grade 8 students of Summitview School when Doug McGammon, Guidance counsellor on the staff of S.D.S.S., spoke to the class Friday.

Mr. McGammon was accompanied by two Summitview grads, Steve Fronske, Grade 13 and Michelle Osborne, Grade 9.

Mr. McGammon described Stouffville High as having "some very special qualities."

"It's the friendliest school I've ever experienced," he said.

He allayed fears concerning Welcome Day or 'Initiation' as some students called it.

"It's just a lot of fun," he said.

Mr. McGammon praised the athletic program at S.D.S.S., calling the teams "outstanding for the size of the school."

He explained how the fastball team had won the 1988 Regional Championship. "We're hoping for another good club this year," he said.

Other activities of interest include — floor hockey, fitness challenge, square dancing, air-band and Variety Show.

The majority of Summitview students appeared well versed on available academic levels including Basic, General and Advanced.

Mr. McGammon advised the young people to discuss academic strengths and weaknesses with their class teacher and their parents.

"Much depends on your own confidence," Mr. McGammon said, "if you're one who becomes discouraged easily, then take the level that's most manageable."

The Head of Guidance said

courses could be taken at various levels. He noted too some students choose to complete five years of high school in four.

"I don't advise this for everyone," he said, "it's something you can consider in Grade 10."

Mr. McGammon touched on the excellence of the Technical Program at S.D.S.S. He encouraged girls to seriously consider these courses. Similarly, he said, boys should feel free to enroll in Family Studies.

At the conclusion of his part in the presentation, Mr. McGammon turned the class over to Steve Fronske and Michelle Osborne.

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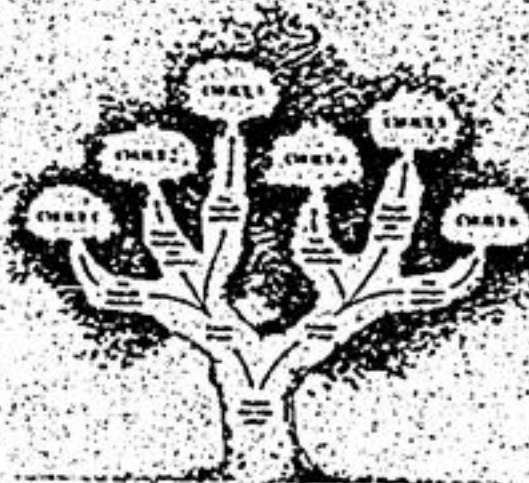
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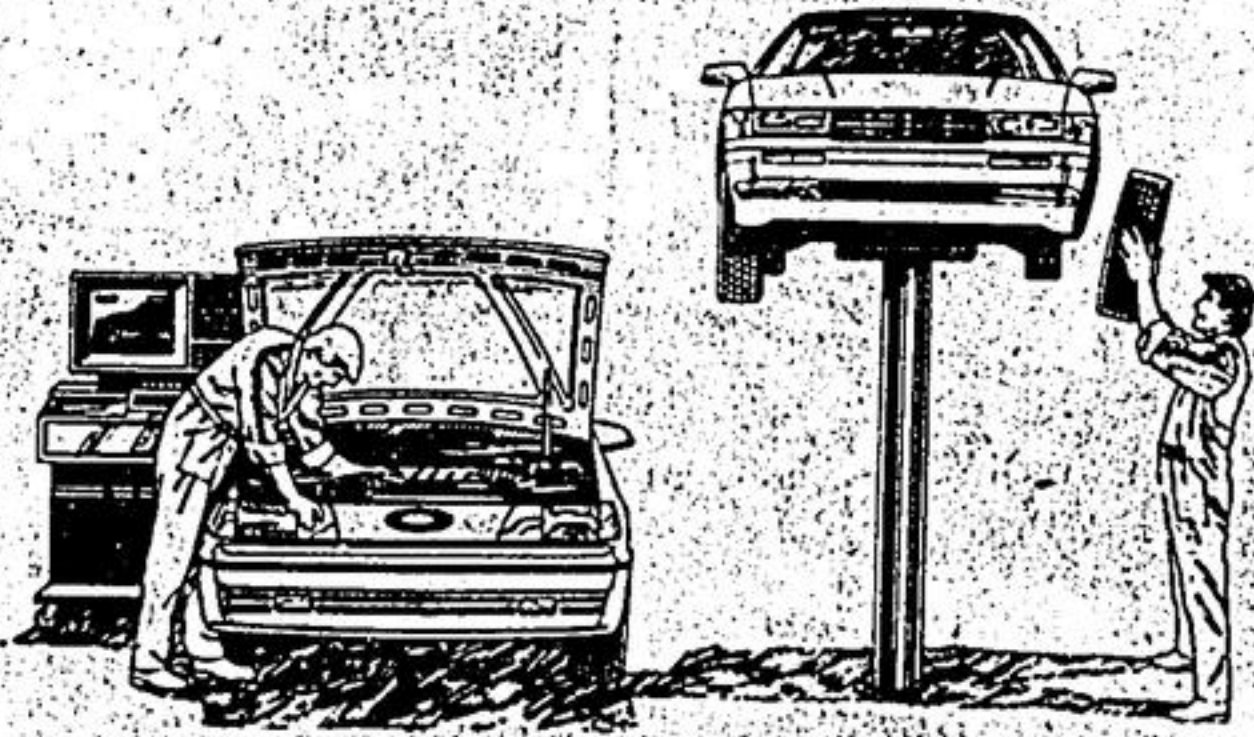
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