

## Hawaiian hopes



Local residents are bringing out summer clothes and dusting off suitcases to gear up for the Claremont Lions Club's annual elimination draw and dance being held at the Uxbridge arena April 28. The lucky winners

in the elimination draw will be sent on a trip to sunny Hawaii. Here, last year's winners (from left) Sarah, 16, Tim, 14, and Shelagh Mulveney discuss their trip with Lions Club member Gordon Gauslin.

## Space just a school trip away for Scott Ferris

By JIM THOMAS

When 16-year-old Scott Ferris, Knights' Place, Bloomington, heard a trip was being planned to the Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, he was among the first in line.

Nine students attending Stouffville District Secondary School will leave in October and be away 10 days.

Scott is one of them. He's certain the on-site instruction will better prepare him for a career in engineering.

Scott fits perfectly into The Tribune's criteria of 'young man on the move.'

So engrossed in the sciences is Scott, he sat through two sessions when a speaker on aeronautics attended Career Day at SDSS, April 5.

He also enjoys drafting. Born in the Victoria Park-York Mills area, Scott moved with his parents, Jim and Lynn Ferris, to Bloomington 12 years ago.

He has an older sister and brother, Laurie and Kevin.

Scott's activities at Stouffville High include work on the Year Book Committee and Athletic Council. He hopes to maintain the honors' standing earned in Grade 9.



Scott Ferris is off to a U.S. space academy with nine SDSS students come fall. A responsible and well-liked student at the school, Scott is the Tribune's 'young man on the move.'

Scott retains good memories of his years at Orchard Park.

"I still drop in once in awhile," he says. He remembers the school secretary, Mrs. Cardwell and Mr. McConachie, his teacher

in Grade 8.

"He really prepared us," he says of Mr. McConachie. Due to advanced instruction, the adjustment to Grade 9 came more easily, he states.

Scott also appreciates the help of his parents.

"They encourage me to do my best," he says.

Scott's not afraid of work, saving every cent for the Space Academy trip this fall. He's employed part-time at Farmer Jack's, a responsibility he enjoys. He hopes to continue there this summer.

He thinks nothing of riding the three-mile distance on his mountain bike.

A holiday he remembers was a family vacation to Victoria, B.C., two years ago. He still applies some of the things he learned.

A handsome, clean-cut young man, Scott is one of the best-liked students at SDSS. Classmates all speak highly of him.

"To have friends, you have to be friendly," he replies. Two close companions are John Barnes and Derek Sheahan.

Yes, Scott Ferris is definitely a 'young man on the move.' He's a credit to his family, his community and his school.

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## Crash victim optimistic

By KATE GILDERDALE

On Sept. 18, 1988, Goodwood resident Anthony Mezenberg was involved in a collision with a police cruiser which almost took his life.

Seven months later, the 20-year-old says he doesn't remember a thing about the accident.

"I remember going to a movie in Newmarket with my girlfriend. I took her home and dropped her off," he recalled.

He was on his way home at about midnight when the collision occurred.

For the next three-and-a-half weeks, he lay in a coma at Sunnybrook Hospital. It was another 10 days before he became fully conscious.

When he first came round, "I thought I was just dreaming. I saw my mom there, and my dad and quite a few other people."

His girlfriend Kristi was at the hospital constantly, he says.

At first the prognosis was poor; he'd broken almost every bone in his body and the doctors were concerned he wouldn't pull through, recalls his mother.

"I had problems with my memory and still do a bit," Anthony explains, adding he has suffered hardly any pain and feels optimistic about the future.

"I feel a bit better every day. When I woke up, I couldn't raise my arm, so I started on that."

He was in a wheelchair for about three-and-a-half weeks before graduating to crutches. Now he gets around with the aid of a walking stick.

"The doctors couldn't believe it. They thought I'd still be in a wheelchair," he said.

When he turned 20 on Nov. 12, about 21 friends and relatives came to visit him in hospital. He was moved to Riverdale Hospital to begin his rehabilitation program on Dec. 9.

"I started therapy there; they did a wonderful job," he says warmly.

He was allowed home weekends from Christmas on, and was released permanently on March 23. He attends therapy sessions in Oshawa twice a week, which will continue until about the middle of June.

Although he's not sure if he'll suffer from the long-term effects of the crash, he's already talking about getting back to work as a bricklayer.

He gets out most weekends, and spends as much time as he can with Kristi, who lives in Toronto.

His attitude to what happened is philosophical.

"Why should I be unhappy? I was in an accident and I can't do anything about that. Everybody's being nice to me and I'm always nice," he grins cheerfully.

The support of his family and friends has been a tremendous help.

"I'm just taking it a day at a time and I'm happy to be getting better," he concludes with a smile.