

Ho hum, Westlane victories

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This week, I have more of what seems a commonplace commodity these past few weeks — two more Westlane victories. I don't know what's happening that our fortunes should rise so, but it is great to be around, listening to congratulatory announcements every Monday morning.

One victory was at the Niagara Regional Science Fair. For the fourth consecutive year, our students brought home the trophy for the best participation by a high school. Also, we have a few individual winners.

Jeff Collinson, who seems to be addicted to an annual entry in the Fair, won Grand Prize as best project. He made a "poor

man's mass spectrometer", and there has already been a picture of him in the Review earlier this week.

Doug Irwin, a Grade 12 student, received the prize for second best entry. His project dealt with the effects of ultrasonic sound on mice. The list of things they will get for their winning efforts is very long, but among the awards are a trip to the International Science Fair in New Orleans for Jeff, and a trip to the Canadian Science Fair in Sarnia for Doug.

Both these students, as well as those involved in the other Westlane entries, have been working at their projects for quite a few months, and only now do they receive recognition for a job well done.

Our curlers also brought home glory for the school. The Westlane boys' "A" rink, made up of skip Dave Swinson, and Rod Graves, Jack Gillespie, Frank Benko and Steve Somerville, won in the final match over Stamford, while "B" rink also beat Stamford. Brian Kuzmich, as skip, John McKay, Ian McLeod, Mark Allemang and Robin Messer make up this group. These two teams put Westlane in first place over Myer, SCVI and Lord Elgin to win the "Old Iron Curling Trophy", and the city championship.

The girls team, with Brenda Koabel as skip, Maureen Collinson, Judy Stönchouse, Holly Kent, and Diane Fretz placed second behind Stamford in the girls' division.

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These curlers and heard about very often over the announcements, but they rarely get due credit for what they are doing. So congratulations to them for this victory.

Things like the Science Fair and curling make one realize that the extra-curricular activities are very varied, not just basketball, football and drama. So I figured, while we're thinking about it, let's mention something else that nobody ever bothers with. This is the Driver Training Course.

The Driver Training Class is a little unusual, in that it's held at Lord Elgin, Thursdays, to be exact. Now a group of Westlane students in Lord Elgin every week is bound to cause talk, but, no, we're there to learn. Our instructor, Mr. Gray, who I think teach-

es auto body at Lord Elgin during the daytime, is not the sort of teacher you figure you'd have in most subjects.

When God made Mr. Gray, He said, "Let that man be driver training teacher, so he can scare the living differential gears out of those kids with gory stories of accidents and dry, cynical wit, so they'll be good drivers." Yes, Mr. Gray is the type who tells little anecdotes like the one about the guy who didn't stop at the stop sign, but said, "oh, well, I'll stop twice at the next one."

Well, we all know what starts next Friday. The winter break ought to be a good opportunity for everyone to get out and do all those research essays, right? Sure, and the city will fix the potholes, too! But just re-

member, exams are only a month away, unless somebody decides we're not going to have them, after all.

Would you like to know how our musical, "Girl Crazy", is coming along? If so, then read this paragraph. Otherwise, skip it 'cause this is almost the end of the column, anyway. The musical is doing fine. Mr. Lannon and all the incredibly talented souls who have parts are working our spines off to give you a great show. Don't miss it, towards the end of May.

So, as Joe Sparty says, "that's it for another week, and, as the sun sets in the west, we can expect it to be dark pretty soon."

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