

# Westlane winds down

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Things at Westlane are beginning to "wind down" toward the end of the year following last Saturday's formal. Only a few details to set up next year remain, as well as the wrap-up for this year's events. There are no more official functions to take place, and, as a matter of fact, no more would be permitted, even if there were cause for one. This, then, is the beginning of the end for 1972-73.

Last Saturday night's formal, 'Dancin' in the Moonlight' was a success. As was the case with so many activities, 1973 was a rebuilding year following the time of Great Apathy for the formal. A crowd of 150 persons was on hand, including such dignitaries as our retiring vice-principal, Mr. Dorst, and our local MP, Mr. Hueglin. The formal was held in the school cafeteria, and, despite some concern over the effectiveness of such a place as a suitable setting, only words of praise were heard for the efforts of the decorations committee, under Karen Ort.

One thing I'm sorry about, everyone could not sense about the cafeteria was the fragrance of the many flowers placed about. Saturday afternoon, after the decoration was completed and all doors and windows were closed, it smelled more like a greenhouse than a cafeteria. But this beautiful aroma was gone soon after they opened the doors. The traditional formal queen, Miss Westlane 1973, was Kathy Mason, most known for her position as editor of the yearbook. John Hill made the announcement of her victory, under Ron Mottola's flashbulbs, in an emotion-filled voice which charged the air with electrifying tension. Congratulations to Kathy and to the committee for a job well-done.

Word of a stupendous individual achievement by a Westlane student was received from higher places early this week. In the fifth annual Pitman shorthand and transcription competition, Pat Corrigan, a grade 12 student, has been awarded the national championship in the 120 words per minute competition. This means the typed copy she prepared was 100 per cent correct, and that her shorthand notes were judged by the Sir Isaac Pitman Company itself as the most accurate submitted by any student in Canada. For this superb performance, Pat will be presented with an engraved cup by the Pitman Company, and the school will receive a plaque in Pat's name.

and the results announced in the afternoon.

A few quickies:

The graduating classes have appointed a committee to look into possibilities for a gift to present to the school, and a final decision ought to be reached next week. Reaction has been favorable.

Jim Lees and Colin Pett competed yesterday and today in the All-Ontario track meet in Toronto;

The drama club will elect next year's executive at a meeting Monday after school, rather than in September;

Bad news is in store for students who have been cutting classes in recent times — the administration is cracking down, and all indications are that no mercy will be shown the chronic skippers;

Grade 11 and grade 13 physics students went to Pickering yesterday to see the nuclear reactor — another fine example of education in action.

The word of the week is MOON (HB).

Furthermore, other Westlane students also attained high standing in this competition. Kathy McManus of Grade 11 and Kathy Wilson of Grade 10 came second in the 100- and 80-words-per-minute classifications, respectively, and Paula Clark received an honorable mention in the 120 w.p.m. division.

This is the third consecutive year a Westlane student has won this difficult competition. For our students to continually excel to this degree requires a special instructor, and that we have in the person of Miss Elliot, who most certainly has brought our school great national recognition with her efforts in teaching three straight Canada-wide winners. Congratulations to all.

Next week, elections for the Student Council of 1973-74 will take place. As of May 29, the mad rush for nomination sheets had not started. In fact, enthusiasm shown for the various posts involved has been downright discouraging. The student council has to be made up of people who really care about the welfare of the student body, and the best way to get somebody really wild about the idea is to have him find out there's plenty of other people who want the same job. Candidates will be presented to the assembly of June 6, following presentation of awards. Elections will take place June 7, early in the morning,