

Top Mississauga scholar

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Mark brother makes the grade

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The Mark Brothers.
That's what you could call the academic "act" which Dennis and Patrick Mark of Golden Orchard Dr. have put together in the past two years.

Patrick Mark has just graduated from Glenforest Secondary School as Mississauga's top Ontario Scholar, with a Grade 13 average of 98 per cent.

That topped his brother's Grade 13 graduating average last year at the same school. Dennis was no slouch himself, with a 96.3 per cent average.

The two brothers will now be taking their act on the road, or at least to the electrical engineering school at the University of Toronto. Patrick didn't reflect too long on his Grade 13 accomplishment. He's already thinking of the challenge ahead of him next year.

"I have a tough act to follow," he says. This year Dennis had a first-year average of

93 per cent and stood first in his class of 94. Patrick will attend the same course in the fall.

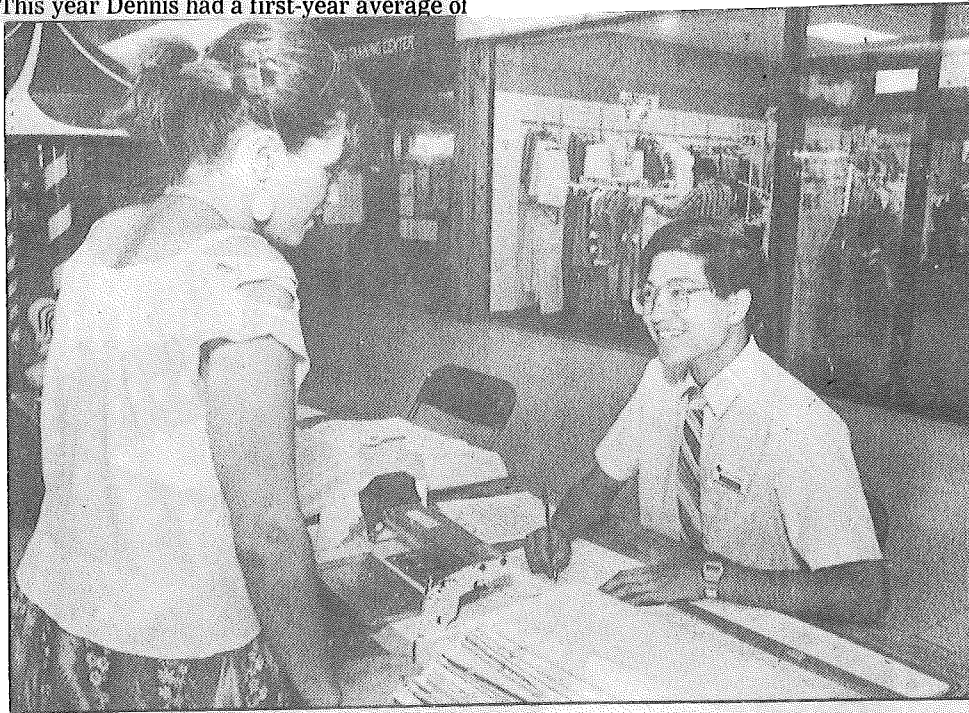
Patrick says that being the top high school student in Mississauga is a "good accomplishment" but is "not really anything special."

"I'm not a gifted student," he says. "It all comes down to hard work." He devoted most of his spare time this year to studying.

Mark scored 100 in both algebra and relations and functions. He had other marks of 98 in calculus, 97 in chemistry, 97 in biology, 96 in French, 96 in physics, and 86 in English. Only the top six grades count for the Ontario scholarship.

Although he was somewhat disappointed in his English grade, Mark says it is difficult to score high because of the "subjective" nature of the subject. "It's not whether something is right or wrong but whether the teacher likes your work," he said.

The 19-year-old student has lived in Mississauga with his family for the past 12 years.



When he's not pounding away at his books, Mississauga's top scholar, Patrick Mark, lends a hand to the Mississauga branch of the Canadian Red Cross for events such as this blood donor clinic. Above, Mark chats to volunteer Lucy Sousa.