

# AVSS roasts Paddon in a warm farewell

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"Wayne Paddon is a well known local historian. All you have to do is look at him to realize he is a remnant of the past."

The compliment was one of many aimed at Wayne Paddon,

history department head at Arthur Voaden Secondary School, as he sat on the hot seat Thursday at noon. Mr. Paddon, the object of the fun "roast", is leaving the school after 19 years to become vice-principal at Central Elgin Collegiate

Institute. The event was a part of AVSS Week.

Colleague Don Cann went on to say that Mr. Paddon is always a popular attraction in anthropology classes because he was a "relic of Neanderthal man."

One of many telegrams sent from famous acquaintances who were unable to make the roast, read as follows, "Dear Wayneee-Poo: It has been some time since our last meeting, historic event that it was was. It was certainly a close encounter of the best kind. Adieu, adieu, adieu. — Miss Peggy of the Muppets."

Coach Al Youngash elaborated on his little known sports endeavors, saying "He could hit the ball a ton . . . of course he had a ton to back it up with."

### MORE GOLF TEAM

He also wished that he would take the perpetually losing AVSS golf team to Central to break that school's winning tradition. "Some things never change," stated Ted Williamson, president of the students' council, "Same shirt, . . . socks. . . Some day his suit coat will even come back into style."

Another person recommended his latest book as certain medicine "if one wanted to read himself to sleep."

Fictitious people from his past, including his daughter, played by Lori Baldwin, and old "girl friend", John Keetley, and an old Italian teacher played by Scott Rossiter, made jestful appearances on stage.

Mrs. Lynne Mickle, a French-English teacher, demonstrated the miscellaneous equipment he carried in his golf bag, including a shovel for digging trenches for sinking long putts.

But the loudest reaction was at the finale, after a word of goodbye was spoken. The audience gave him a standing ovation.



**ON THE HOTSEAT** — Wayne Paddon, sits on the hotseat on stage at Arthur Voaden where he was 'roasted' by staff and students Thursday at noon, as part of AVSS week. John Keetley is seen playing the role

of one of his old girl friends. Mr. Paddon, history department head, has been promoted to vice-principal at Central Elgin Collegiate Institute at the end of the term.