

Back from the land DownUnder



Ms. Reynolds' trip to Australia was "heaps good"

by Robin Russell

For exactly one year, (December 26, 1986 to Decemer 27, 1987) Walkerton District Secondary School's Art teacher, Ms. E. Reynolds was on exchange in Adelaide, Australia, where she worked at Reynella East High School. She enjoyed it so much that she found it hard to come home.

"The climate was excellent," said Reynolds. Warm weather was definitely a plus on this trip, since she dislikes the cold Canadian winters. Also, because of the higher temperatures, movement between classes takes place outside at Australian schools. "There are no halls, or intercoms," she said. The classrooms are individual portables, and announcements are read from what is called "daily notes."

At Reynella East, high school starts at grade eight. All the students must wear brown and white uniforms. Large jewellery, and anything obvious or conspicuous, is not allowed. As a teacher, Ms. Reynolds had to enforce these dress codes. Though the uniforms

are cheaper, Ms. Reynolds feels that kids should have the opportunity to express themselves by choosing their clothes. Some of the Australians make an attempt to be individuals by wearing their skirts very short, or by making their uniforms look sloppy, which Reynolds thought was unfortunate.

Apart from the dress code, Reynella East has positive things to offer, such as 14 different art courses. There are five art teachers, and six art rooms: Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Pottery, an office, a store room and a computer room. Something that is different, is that the students only take a class once or twice a week - not every day as we do. There are more field trips, but no school dances or student's council. The students do most of their socializing outside of school. "Heaps good" and "I reckon" are two of their favourite expressions. At lunchtime, everyone eats outside, and gets their food from a kind of lunch booth called a canteen. Popular lunch-break foods are: pies and pasties, spinach rolls,

and vegamite sandwiches.

"American movies ("pictures" as they are called in Australia), and T.V. shows are a few years behind us," said Reynolds. Popular after-school programs include "Bewitched," "Batman," and re-runs of "Dallas," and "Dynasty." But they also watch a variety of English programs.

Living in a large city was part Ms. Reynolds' new experience. She enjoyed it as she was not isolated from cultural things such as theatre, and different international foods as we sometimes are in this area of small towns. She took many new courses: learning to make silver jewellery, silk painting, swimming, windsurfing, and sewing. She also belonged to a health club.

Three weeks prior to returning home, Ms. Reynolds travelled to Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, and Indonesia. Though she would have loved to make Australia her permanent home, Ms. Reynolds said that she DID miss her family, friends, and the kids of W.D.S.S. - especially those in the Art Club.



Valerie Wasserfall.

The Enterprises welcomes a new staff member this week. Valerie Wasserfall will be working part-time as a reporter-photographer.

Valerie Wasserfall was born and raised in North York. In 1969 her parents bought a farm in Holland Township where she spent weekends and summers farming, raising Simmental cattle and riding her horses. She attended the University of Western Ontario in London where she received her Bachelor of Arts in French. In 1981 she married Brant Township dairy farmer James H. Cullen, and has farmed there since, taking

Welcome, Valerie

one year off to complete her Bachelor of Education also at Western. She taught French part-time at South-Port Christian School for two years, but has since taken time off to raise the couple's two children,

James, four, and Stephanie, 22 months. She has been a member of The Chesley Saddle Club since 1974, still keeps her horses, and teaches riding at home. Her other interests are travel and birdwatching.

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Participation Lodge planning to expand

The Board of Directors for Participation Lodge wish to announce plans for the construction of a 14-unit residential wing and to develop a wheelchair track and field area on the site at Holland Centre.

The application under Project 2000 was submitted

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