

The Great Guru has experienced a marked increase in popularity in the past year. Boys are wearing Nehru-type shirts, girls are going in for Indian prints, Yoga clubs are booming, and everybody is

Yet few really understand the Indian tradition in all its mystery and facination. While it is impossible to break down all of the various cults and beliefs one can generalize to a degree.

Indian philosophy places the superiority of man in his free-will and knowledge (jnankarnarmadhikarat). The human being is not merely a combination of intellect and body, but has two other dimensions-the moral and the spiritual. Man is potentially a spirit.

For the Hindu, life is not viewed as a biological process destined to end in extinction, but rather a period of probation challenging the. best in man and offering him the opportunity to grow at his best. Life is described by Indian writer Dr. Radhakrishman as "a succession of spiritual opportunities."

The great Hindu scripture Cita, asks man to cherish a "reverence for life." Human experience and reflective meditation enables man to find the meaning of existence and one's personal life.

Man has a self that is deeper than his senses and mind. Sense-pleasures such as seeing, hearing and sex are conditioned and short-lived. The deeper self in man is not satisfied with physical excitment. Indian philosophy is not one of free love.

Many young people today claim to be adherents to the Guruism as an expression of their individuality. It is, in fact, the complete opposite. By knowing one's true nature we become aware of the mutual involvement of all.

Ghandi pinpointed this truth by stating "There cannot be happiness for any of us until it is won for all. J' Humanity is

The moral life is not the same as the spiritual life. At the moral level, the individual is aware of choice and has alternatives. In contrast, at the spiritual level, the individual transcends this duality and is spontaneously virtuous.

In the Indian tradition, one should not be an arrogant free-thinker or a blind literalist. Reason steps in to examine the pros and cons, reflection removes the doubts. Therefore, reason does not discover the truth, it demonstrates it, and spiritual intuition discerns

Through meditation, the individual can achieve intuition into the truth. The Guru is one who has discovered the truth and should therefore be held in high esteem.

In many respects, beliefs resemble Christianity.

No doubt if the Guru-worshippers of Yorkville knew exactly what they were worshipping, they would be disappointed. It is not a discipline-free, self-centered way of life.

The universe is not a subjective fancy or a private dream, and the individual does not create the world-he accepts it.

Wild tales of the north

By Mark Hurst (scalped from the Big?)

Young Voyageurs journeyed all over our immense country (Canada) this summer. I was extremely lucky to be part of The Federal, Provincial, Territorial Young Voyageurs Programme.

Our group's excursion was perhaps one of the most rewarding and advantageous one's of all. To see Whitehorse, a city I had previously only viewed on weather maps and to see historic Dawson City, as it was during the gold rush, was really an amazingly enjoyable holiday as well as an interesting educational undertaking.

Train to Edmonton, plane to Whitehorse, that was the scene. Whitehorse comprises about 7,000 people and is very much like our small cities in respect to general appearance. However, it is widely spread out into suburbs and right downtown there are no street lights.

The land around Whitehorse has beautiful, enhancing scenery. Huge snow-capped mountains and a beautiful emerald lake line the dusty Alaska highway sideroad which winds its majestic way to historic Carcross and Carcross Cemetery. Here Kate Carmacks, the wife of the discoverer of gold in the Yukon,

Other highlights of Whitehorse and district were the Tahkini Hot Springs where we swam in 100 degree water, the Hydro Dam, Miles Canyon where the famous author Jack London made his living sailing excursion boats down the Yukon River. __ The New Imperial Copper Mines, a barbecue at Couch's Farm and

swimming at Olsen's Cabin. On the night before our

departure to Dawson City we were guests of a formal banquet at the Edge-Water Hotel where we were presented with souvenirs. Speeches of thanks from our group were given. The highlight of the night was the speech of J. Smith. Commissioner of the Yukon, outlining the appeal of the Territory. I was looking forward to our trip to Dawson City and to staying with some new

In Whitehorse my billet was Mr. and Mrs. Neave; in Dawson City, Mr. and Mrs. Goul. This was an experience in itself. Most of the time in Dawson City was free. The wooden sidewalks resounded our footsteps and the

dusty streets left our tracks. We saw the Gaslight Follies in the famous son City Museum, toured Keno River Boat, went through Robert Service's Cabin, made a bus tour of Bonanza Creek and panned for gold and saw the trailings left by the gold dredging of the past. We were guests at a Salmon Bake and ate

heartily of fresh King Salmon. On the last night of our Yukon stay we went to the Midnight Sun Dome (4,000 ft. above sea level) and looked down in wonder at Dawson. The only thing I lacked now was sleep. So on the way home f

My Yukon adventure showed me an idea of the cultural aspect and proved to me how hospitable a society can be. At times I even felt humility at my lack of knowledge of the Yukon. Now I feel respect.

I will return someday.

ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler

Bruce Andrews became head of the Physical Education Department after Mr. McCallum' left Acton District High School this past summer, and this year he is teaching all boys physical and health education. Working with him is Mrs. Margaret Tamblyn who teaches grades 9 and 10 C D girls and Mrs. Bonnie Warner who teaches grades 10 A B, 11, and 12 girls.

This year many teachers are helping to coach the inter-scholastic teams. Mr. Andrews will once again take charge of the cross country and indoor track groups. Mr. Holmes will coach soccer, Mr. Martindale-volleyball, Mr. Skerrett- senior boys basketball, Mr. McGillivray-junior boys basketball, Mr. Cours-hockey, Mr. Rognvaldson-curling, and Mr. ·Curtis-badminton.

The girls also have a variety of sports. They are as follows: Mrs. Tamblyn-volleyball, Mrs. Warner-track and field and senior girls' basketball, Mrs. Hunter-junior girls basketball, Mrs. Hurst-curling, and Mrs. Sutherland-cheerleading.

Mr. Andrews feels that the intramural sports program in the school is very important because it supplements those activities which the students enjoyed during their physical education classes. It is open to the whole student body and this year he hopes to see more participation from the students, girls as well as

Another change and improvement that has been made this term is the addition of a Boys' Athletic Association. The election of officers was held last Thursday. Fred Flisnik was elected president, Bob Andrews vice-president, Brian Sampson secretary, and David Manes treasurer. The Girls' Athletic Association have also held their first meeting this week and the candidates for office will be voted upon soon.

Well, so starts the beginning of another school year. Let's try to make it even more prosperous than the past.

Adolescene: That period when parents become more difficult.

Teacher-Did your mother BILL COATS help you with this problem? Student-No, I got it wrong myself.

SAVAGE SHOES

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CUBANS

STACKS

KAUFMAN SLIPPERS

Each week, the youth page will be interviewing a teacher in the high school in an effort to prove that pedagogues are people. Mr. Bill Coats has agreed to be our first victim. (P.S. Pedagogue means

The toughest thing about teaching, according to Bill Coats, is the necessity of producing every period.

"It's not like some jobs where you can goof off for a coffee break when you feel like it. You've got to be fresh and enthusiastic all the time. Breaks:. Christmas and Easter are ati.. absolute necessity.".

Mr. Coats is a graduate of the University of Toronto and has been teaching Mathematics in Acton for the past 11 years! Actually he worked as a engineer, for a year at Orenda before the big shut down on 'Black Friday'. But he admits, "My wife thinks

I'm much happier as a teacher and I can't think of a thing I'd rather be doing." Mr. Coats carries his

enthusiasm for teaching into the "clastroom and likes his students to, be responsive. "There are some responsive ones in every class, but the others just sit there and expect the work to be fed to them on a plate," he says: "Anyone would become a better student by becoming involved in

Mr. Coats is slightly apprehensive about the ... Hall-Dennison report on education and what effect it will have on him. He likes the

atmosphere of a smaller school such as Acton and he fears that school may be combined into larger units.

As far las changes in the present secondary school system, he wouldn't like to see anything "drastic". He generally likes the way things are run in, Acton and he feels that the student body is relatively content with rules at a minimum. "I don't see any student revolt in the near future."

Final exams are a must as far as Mr. Coats and mathematics are concerned. He concludes. "You've got to have some test of what students have learned although I don't like to weight. them 100 per cent on the exam. Class work is important."

While mathematics is a big part of his life, Mr. Coats does have other interests. He is a bridge fanatic. He studies the game, organizes clubs, at times teaches it and in his words is "very much of a bridge fan." This summer since there are several new courses opened up in the area, he took up golf. He is known for his active interest in politics, especially around election time.

Mr. Coats admits he forms his first impressions about girls by the way they dress. Referring to modern mod styles he says "You know it's a girl when you look at them, that's for sure." He adds, "Modern short skirts aren't too satisfactory for the classroom. especially after an hour of

When asked if he felt school officials had the right to expel students who come in long hair or sloppy dress he states, "We don't do it here and I agree with the policy. As long as there aren't too many we'll live with the few eratics. It's really not worth an issure."

As for modern music, "It doesn't do a thing for me.

Big wishes to The Big?

Congratulations to The Big?, a the other. newly-established student paper at Acton District High School. Four big pages of big news and startling exposes. Keep up the thirsty!" good work.

The caravan made its way slowly over the burning sands of the desert. Two camels trudged side by side. One of them looked around furtively and spoke to

"I don't care what anybody says," he whispered. "I'm



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