

Ross Lambourn has been teaching for 17 years, the first nine in elementary grades. He is originally from London and took his degree at Western University. In his eighth year at ADHS, he is head of the English department.

Pedagogues are people



Ross Lambourn

Mr. Lambourn doesn't see why he should have to stick rigidly to certain conventional styles, so occasionally he turns up wearing a turtle-neck and sports jacket. "Sometimes I just get tired of a tie and white shirt. A turtle-neck is more comfortable and I think it's stylish."

He doesn't particularly approve or disapprove of current mod fashions and dismisses them as "just another fad." He concludes, "We had fashions more outlandish than these in the 18th century."

As an English instructor, Mr. Lambourn likes to see mature students who can think for themselves and interpret without a great deal of guidance.

for stock answers because it is dealing with life which is often chaotic. It's this wide range of interpretation that makes literature interesting. Naturally he likes to see students take an interest in English and enjoy reading.

"According to Mr. Lambourn, 'The situation in education today is something of a mess.' He feels that a certain amount of student power is good if it is accompanied by maturity and responsibility.

Mr. Lambourn says he likes working with young people and has concluded that the criticism of the younger generation is grossly exaggerated through the press and its need for sensationalism. "There is only a small percentage of youth getting into trouble. The majority are not corrupt or degenerate."

He concludes that hippy protests are harmless but futile. "As the cliché states—The little dogs bark, but the caravan moves on."

"I like young people, but I disapprove of filth and sexual promiscuity. Drug addiction is an expression of the death wish. A person has the freedom to destroy his health but I think it is rather disgusting."

In his spare time, Mr. Lambourn likes golf, skiing and sailing. He hopes to buy a sail boat in the future. He also likes to get up in the north woods away from the rat race on fishing expeditions. He prefers semi-classical music.

The Lambourns live in Weston which means commuting every day to school. "It's really not very far," argues Mr. Lambourn. He can make it in 45 minutes down the 401 and, besides, he likes driving.

He has always had a Volkswagen because it is "manoeuvrable." "I don't mind shifting gears. It keeps me awake."

The absent-minded professor returned from lunch, saw a sign on his door saying "Back in 30 minutes" and sat down to wait for himself. After a while, he went home, slammed his wife, kissed the door and then struck a match to see if he had blown out the candle before going to bed.

Youth page comment....

Guelph student condemns Acton apathy

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading Neil Anderson's review of the Ontario's controversial "High School Supplement". Either Mr. Anderson wrote his critique under the direction of his English teacher (whomever that might be); or he completely misunderstood the supplement's intent and misinterpreted its statements.

To begin with, the supplement was clearly a form of persuasion. Several persuasive techniques such as repetition and weighted arguments were used. However, the main purpose of the paper was to act as a stimulus—to try and arouse positive and creative thinking on the part of the student. Evidently it failed in its purpose as far as the Acton students were concerned. As vice-principal Mr. Bray pointed out, "ninety-five per cent (of the students) were indifferent. Five per cent gave their opinion... Such little reaction clearly indicates that Acton students of today are either uninformed and don't realize what is happening, or else they just don't care."

To return to Mr. Anderson's article, referring to a Student Union's spokesman's demands he remarks: "It is plain to see the good and bad points of these insipidly inane demands." I fail to see how such suggestions as "withdrawal of all American troops from Foreign bases", "elimination of air and water pollution", and "the availability of free birth-control supplies and information", can possibly be brushed aside as "insipidly inane demands." I impugn Mr. Anderson's choice of adjectives and his reasons for his vague and all too general attitude.

He goes on to say that "It shows the communistic views of Student Unions" Absurd! He continues with "It appears to me that the Student Unions are backed by a semi-communistic group intent upon destroying our structure of society." I must say that Mr. Anderson's logic is interesting, to say the least. Why on earth would the Student Unions be striving for freedom of the individual, nonconformity, the right to oppose the status quo, and political and social justice, if they were being backed by a socialistic body that desires suppression of the individual, strict censorship of the press, and completely organized and enforced conformity?

In referring to the Unions so-called efforts to "make a mockery of our society," Mr. Anderson states, and I might add, emphatically that, "They must be suppressed." Just what does he intend to do? Set up a totalitarian committee to purge the country of these Unions' members? What would happen to our society then, Mr. Anderson? I say that you are making a mockery of the idea of freedom of speech by making such statements.

I sincerely hope that Mr. Anderson and a few others will take the time to really sit down and think about what the supplement has to say, and stop all this fuss about a few unnecessary adjectives and a few misplaced comments.

Yours sincerely,
Anthony Hurst,
85 Bellevue St.,
Guelph.

Note from page editor:

Few will argue that the student power movement is essentially a worthwhile revolution. Our educational system could stand to humanize and liberalize to survive in a liberal society.

The tragedy of the present revolution lies in the fact that it is becoming bogged down in politics and ideology. A small nucleus of far-left activists have taken hold of the power reins. It is they who will win all the student power headlines, and to whom the power on student democracy is shifting.

For them the student mass has become the proletariat that must be indoctrinated into revolution. They organize the shake-outs, foul-outs, teach-ins, love-ins, and be-ins in an attempt to spread the cause. Many of them hardly make a lecture all year because the crusade is a full-time effort.

Not only do they complain about non response, but also about wrong response. They blame that on apathy and ignorance. Those who don't

Baptist Hi-Fellowship sing-along

Last Sunday evening 15 members of the Baptist Hi-Fellowship met at the home of Bill Landsborough for a pot luck supper. The main purpose of this gathering was to rehearse for their Gospel Sing Along to be held Sunday evening October 27, in the church at 7 p.m.

After well-laden plates were polished off, the group relaxed in the Landsborough living room (some on the floor) and sang familiar hymns and choruses to the accompaniment of guitar playing of Mike Cooper.

On Sunday evening the B.H.F. members will be having group singing of such gospel numbers as His Hand and Amen, with two or three young people playing guitars.

The guest for this Sunday special is Mel Stevens, manager of Teen Ranch, Caledon, an interdenominational all-season religious camp recently started in the Caledon Hills. Mr. Stevens will speak and play the trombone. He comes from Australia where he operated the same type of ranch.

When this lively group meets on Friday night for their weekly meetings they have Mary Skirrow as adult counsellor. Sunday morning finds most of them in a class at Sunday School with Art Cooper as teacher.

think as they do are wrong. This is pure politics.

The truth is, the majority of students simply do not have time. The conscientious are there to learn not to govern. Has there ever been a student council that hasn't had difficulty in getting a quorum out to vote? Has there ever been a school that has not had student affairs controlled, planned and activated by a small core of executives? How ridiculous to think of student power on the total scope of school administration.



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YOUTH RAGE

fresh tracks

by Barbara McIntosh

NOTHING

Ever tried to define nothing. Nothing is what you did all summer if you didn't have a passionate romance, didn't break your leg mountain climbing, or held down an all-day summer job.

Nothing is a narrow tie with a mod suit. Nothing is a sweepstake ticket that didn't win. Nothing is what you swallow when you're caught chewing gum in class.

Nothing is a track record that's just been broken. Nothing is what you did without permission, and what you saw that you know you shouldn't have.

Nothing is a closet-full of dresses in a size too small. Nothing is what you can expect to get if you don't give. Nothing is a lot of talk and no action. Nothing is what you are if you believe it.

School spirit at ADHS follows the true spook tradition—it only affects a few and it rarely makes public appearances.

In fact it seems to be such if it haunts the halls or not. It wasn't there at last week's soccer game when the team won its first victory of the season before a delighted fan crowd of six. Student leaders complain it isn't there when they try to enlist volunteers for school projects.

Obviously, the bulk of Acton school spirit isn't the rah-rah kind, but rather the inactive type that exhibits itself in quiet loyalty and an understood confidence and superiority complex.

Yet the rah-rah kind is definitely there in a small nucleus of students. The school float in the fall fair parade showed hard work and imagination. The brief presented at the station hearing last week indicated united concern for local issues. There is spirit on the various athletic and interest clubs.

Some argue that either you've got it or you haven't and there is nothing that can be done, but say school spirit is really like the common cold. Once the germ gets started, it spreads. It's up to those already affected to infect the rest.

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