

POP TALK

By Jim Smith

One thing a dozen hit records will not hurt is an ego. Howie Kaylan appeared visibly disturbed when we visited him recently following a particularly inept performance by the Turtles, rock and roll quintet for which Kaylan is lead singer. A sizeable portion of the audience had displayed its displeasure by early departures. Kaylan responded by berating them to his road manager, a chap named Carlos. Shortly before, a noted musician had described this same audience as musically knowledgeable with which, if he could be less partial, Kaylan would of necessity agree. Noting our presence, he quickly changed appearances and, all smiles, greeted us effusively — and thus the interview opened on a note of hypocrisy.

Carlos excused himself to oversee the duties of any road manager. Our host briskly towelled his head, removing streams of sweat which testified to seventy-five minutes of constant movement under hot concert lights. Then, armed with a hair dryer, Kaylan commenced coiffing his brown-black hair which is so generously laced with grey as to suggest the use of artificial coloring agents (and reinforce suspicions that he is always masquerading, hiding the truth). Thus engaged, he indicated his readiness to entertain questions.

The Turtles enjoy the distinction of being the first rock artists to entertain at the White House, a credential for which Kaylan professes disdain. "Tricia Nixon is like the Wicked Witch of the North", he mocked. Obviously Kaylan does not worry about offending his fans. Only a handful of S.D.S. supporters, employed in their endless acts of distributing leaflets, met with his approval. Kaylan did not mention a rumoured incident in which White House security destroyed a menacing bomb-like object — the Turtles' metronome.

Modesty is not one of Howie's main characteristics. Most contemporary artists acknowledge a debt to the Beatles, just as they, in turn, recognized the work of such persons as Chuck Berry. The Turtles, however, set themselves apart from the masses and on the same artistic level as the British quartet. Kaylan rationalizes that only they, the Beatles, and, recently, the Kinks have expanded on the 1958 style of rock and roll. Such a claim is patently absurd — a comparison with the Beach Boys will quickly demonstrate.

The quintet's best overall recording was their Battle of the Bands album. Visually, the jacket illustrations present clever satire of the many gaudy rock groups of the Fifties. However the music cannot be written off as satire quite so readily although Kaylan protests that pure put-on was intended. When pursued, the singer admitted that such cuts as "Battle of the Bands" and "Elinore" were perfectly straight numbers. Thus the band itself really does not understand where its music is at. An affection for the last decade's music is very real, though, as an exaggerated version of "Tear Drops" showed, ending with another Turtle, Mark Volman, prostrate on the stage.

The Turtles' biggest hit was actually an Italian version of their "Elinore" single. The cover sold millions, far more than the group's own arrangements. Covers seem endemic to the Turtles with many of their North American singles hits (they have over twenty) finding ethnic response overseas. Of course, as Howie points out, the royalties ease the pain. In the States, "Happy Together" received the best support but could not match the international success of "She'd Rather Be With Me". Very recently, Ray Davies of the Kinks was hired to replace the group's initial producer. Davies' first production is an album titled Turtle Soup. Kaylan feels the concept is entirely different yet the selections played in the concert that evening appeared weak and unimaginative, probably because of the fellows' habit of channeling both vocals and instrumentals through the same amplifiers. Certainly they were inadequate to hold those spectators who left during the set.

The next morning, Kaylan and company were flying back to L.A. They would wrap up Turtle Soup and hit the road again, this time working with Three Dog Night. Road life does not really bother them but neither do they find it particularly exciting. For instance, all Howie could say about Sudbury where he had played the previous day was "All hotel rooms are alike". Tragically, travel has not broadened Kaylan's outlook in the striking way it has affected so many other musicians. Occasionally they meet some local girls but the usual routine is a quick snack before bed and a morning plane.

Carlos passed through, attache case in hand, without a word. Kaylan, like a trained dog, perhaps eager for the excuse, rushed after him, leaving only an abrupt "Gotta split". Man, now I know which turtle outran that rabbit.

ACTON HIGH Sports Review

By Mary Ann Freuler

Twenty-four students and Mr. Andrews, Physical Education teacher, left A.D.H.S. at one o'clock last Friday, for a weekend of camping at the Rockwood Conservation Area. After walking three miles with their heavy packs on their backs, the hikers were relieved to toss them into waiting cars. They then continued the hike, arriving about 5 o'clock.

After setting up the tents, the three groups then went in search of firewood. Having eaten by flashlight, they decided to leave the dishes till morning. Next on the program was a campfire. Those present joined in singing to which Mr. Tamblyn strummed his guitar. Around midnight some retired for the evening, others stayed up until dawn.

The camp roused itself about 7:30 Saturday morning. After feasting on breakfasts of everything from porridge to hot dogs, the group set out to canoe. The canoes were brought by Mr. Rognvaldson and Mrs. Tamblin. After some trouble, they finally

launched their crafts, with the help of Mr. Rognvaldson's careful instruction.

After lunch, they took their tents down and awaited their rides home.

The girls' volleyball team hosted Erin last Thursday. Although the scores were close they lost 3 games with scores 15-9, 15-12 and 15-13.

The same day the boys' soccer team completed at the championship tournament in Milton. They won the first game against Shelburne by default. Mount Forest then defeated them 15-2. Of three games played against O.S.D. they won one. We congratulate the volleyball team for its great efforts.

First skating

There were good big crowds at the first public skating sessions Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Adult skating starts tonight from 9 till 10.



ROBERT LITTLE STUDENTS combined with students from M. Z. Bennett and Acton District High to raise over \$1000 for UNICEF on their walkathon Saturday. A few teachers and Y's Men members also took part in the 30 mile walkathon. Six of the early finishers from

Robert Little school were front row l. to r. Kevin Brostad, Gary Barons, Rick Van Fleet. Back row l. to r. Cathy Lawson, Jan Allan, Mary Watson. — (S:TAFF Photo)

Student walkathon raises over \$1,000 for UNICEF

Students and teachers from Robert Little, M.Z. Bennett and Acton District High Schools raised over \$1000 for UNICEF, as they participated in a Y's Men sponsored walkathon Saturday.

Students left the community centre at 8 Saturday morning, marched up highway 7 to the Guelph Line, down the Guelph Line to Campbellville, across number five sidewalk to highway 25 and back up to Acton again. Campbellville Women's Institute supplied hot or cold chocolate and cookies to marchers at Campbellville.

George Strongtharm and Ian McGugan of Acton and Bob Davis of Milton, all members of the Rattlesnake Point Radio Club patrolled the route in radio cars.

Bill Wilson of the Y's Men and M. Z. Bennett principal Elmer Smith supplied marchers with canned pop. Mr. Smith reportedly went through 10 cases of pop.

Robert Little principal Garnet McKenzie, vice-principal Doug Copeland and M. Z. Bennett teacher Ed Leatherland walked with students.

Two mothers Mrs. C. Davis and Mrs. L. Marchment also marched.

North Halton O.P.P. also patrolled the route.

A complete list of marchers follows.

Completing 30 miles from the M.Z. Bennett school were Mike Luty, Russell Dwyer, Bob Stewart, Michael Mitchell, Bill Gils, Ron Turkosz, Coleen Jordan, Heather Higgins, Jane Leader, Suzanne Stevenson, George Binden, Theresa Luty, Monica Schmidt, Margaret Slingerland, Susan Drysdale, Carol Ann Marzo, Wilma Gils, Bill Gentles, Bill Waites, Peter Zions, Peter Luty, Ann Marie Luty, Jane Higgins, Charmaine Woodman, Brenda Woodman, Greg Lawlor and Charles Gries.

Completing the walk from Robert Little school: Chris Schuts, Frank Houston, John van Dam, Ricky Roche, Joe Schuts, Darlene Weaver, Steven Conroy, Janice Laughlen, Suzanne Denomme, Cheryl Williams, Tineke van der Kooy, Henry Barons, Clive Diggins, Susan Shoemaker, Janet Allen, Lena Jansen, Donna Drew, Jean Porty, Mary Watson, Tim Taylor, Niko van der Kooy, Jeff Jordan, Glen McLeod, Gary Pritchard, Mary Laughlen, Jim Krapek, Patty Gibson, Kathy Lawson.

High school students completing the walk were David Cunningham, Sue Larsen, Margaret, Gentles, JoAnne Hepburn, Lynn Nielsen, Carol Jones.

Finishing between 20 and 30 miles: for the MZB school: Sherry Spielvogel, Donald Coats, Florence Saunders, Shirley Andrews, Marie Griesfender, Ray Green, Anthony Rouse, Danny Wheeler, Steven Schubert, Howie Hat, Gary De Long, Paul Jordan, Donnika Moska, Axela Schmidt, Ray Kingsmill, Ted Nielsen, Carol

Club dance

St. Alban's youth club enjoyed a good Halloween dance on October 26 from 7:30 p.m. till 9:30 p.m. Prizes were presented to the three contestants, Barbara Pratt, Garth Taylor and Henry Toebes, who were the only ones who arrived in costume.

The group says thank you to Bonnie Bristow and Barbara Pratt who supplied the cookies for a Sunday night's dance. Everyone had lots of fun and are looking forward to the next meeting November 9.

Grant, Debbie Turkosz, Hector Daigle, Florence Walker, Brian McDonald, Michael Roach, Robin Hart, Janet Green.

Robert Little 20 to 30 miles: Susan Matthews, Dan Webster, Bernie Taylor, Arnold Gordon, Arie Vryenhoek, Dan Jensen, Roger Ivany, Trevor Diggins,

Linda Matthews, Diana Booth, Debbie Tuffin, Julia Akins, Steve Papillon, Jennifer Krapek.

High school hiker in the 20-30 category was Adele Hatfield.

Under 20 miles: for MZB: Sheena Johnsla, Merida Cunningham, Chris Marchment, Carol Jordan, Patricia Jordan,

Bob Patterson, Ronnie Moore, John Jensen.

For RL: Mary Elliott, Teresa Cunningham, Karen Cole, Karen Glenn, Frances Barons.

For the high school Harry Lawson.

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The first Junior Commencement in A.D.H.S. history was held Friday afternoon in the high school auditorium, when grades 9, 10 and 11 students received their awards. (The grade 12 and 13 awards were made the previous Friday in an evening program.)

Principal Ted Hansen introduced the program, attended by a few parents as well as many students.

The school board proficiency prizes were presented by county board vice-chairman Tom Watson to Joanne Pavli, and John Hamilton in grade nine; Carolyn Thompson and Stephanie Merrin in grade 10 and Jackie Lemon and Bonnie Garvin in grade 11. These awards were in the five year arts and science course.

For the four year arts and science course, the grade 10 award went to Marnee Masales and Rae Blyth and the grade 11 awards to Jeanette Collins and Karen O'Rourke.

In the four year business and commercial, grade 9

awards were won by Rosemary Bird and Becky Stanley; grade 10 by Barbara Beier and Delores Jordan and grade 11 by Kathleen O'Rourke and Brenda Scott.

The Y's Men's club's Paul W. Alexander awards for best athletes were presented by Ed Leatherland to Peter Morrison and George McPhail in grade nine, Craig Weldon in grade 10 and Bob Smith in grade 11.

Mrs. Marguerite Taylor and Mrs. Hazel Orr presented IODE Never Late Never Absent Awards to Rae Blyth, Ursula Fiedler, Irene Fiedler, Dianne Frank, David Hodgson, Susan Kidd, Robert Krul, Harry Lawson, Jacqueline Lemon, Olive Marshall, Ona Marshall, Yvonne Matanic, Robert McCallum, Robert McMillan, Andy Miller, Steven Milne, Gordon Morris, Peter Morrison, Antonia Muhar, Judy Nicolak, Catherine Papillon, Carol Patterson, Joanne Pavli, Pamela Snow, Sandra Van Fleet, Adrian Van Opstal, and Henry Wiszencz.

Special prize winners were: Manning Electric in Math 10, Rae Blyth.

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