

## NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler  
 Lt. Cripps of the Canadian Forces visited ADHS last Tuesday to inform interested students of careers in this field. Although there is a limited opportunity for girls in the service, the boys found the occupations interesting. Lt. Cripps spoke of the requirements needed and the various levels of training. For those considering a career of this type, there are offices in Hamilton and Kitchener.

The fourth meeting of the Family Life Education series was held last Thursday night. The topic, "The New Morality" encouraged many parents and young adults to attend. Panelist member, William Bothwell was asked what the new morality meant to him. He felt it meant a lot more permissiveness with sex. Mr. Bothwell, a teacher at Orangeville DHS, was also a speaker at Commencement.

Jim Hoshka, a youth counsellor, was asked if he thought this permissiveness really existed. He felt that it did but not to the extent that the newspapers play it up. He also expressed that there was permissiveness not only in sex but in other fields such as the church and politics.

Mrs. A. Bruce, an elementary teacher at M. Z. Bennett school, was alarmed at the trend toward permissiveness. She is concerned about what the ultimate outcome will be.

Mr. Skerrett, high school guidance head, believes in the choosing of the morals by the individual.

This seemed to be an appropriate lead up to the showing of a short film entitled "The Game". The script dealt with the romance of a teenage couple. After the film the audience divided into five discussion groups attempting to answer such questions as "Is the behaviour typical?" "What is the new morality?"

This brief discussion, fifteen minutes in length, was followed by another film entitled "Love is for the Byrds." This concerned the ideas of marriage and also

what it's really like. Once again the audience returned to their original groups. This time arguments arose concerning the teaching of sex in school. Even should there be a Drop In Centre in Acton? Although some parents are against it, a larger number supported the idea.

Coffee was served in the gym auditorium after the discussion groups broke up. The business club headed by Mr. Shean and Miss Quinn, visited the studio in Eden Mills last Friday afternoon. The eight members were impressed with the various types of machinery including an animating machine used for commercials and the different types of camera equipment. The club returned later in the afternoon.

Friday morning an assembly was held for all students in order to introduce the Student Council to the body. Executives, in turn, gave a message. Our Student Council president, Carol



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# Roman theme, modern touch Latin banquet unique success

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 "Salve Studentiae" was the opening line for the Latin Banquet last Friday evening. It was spoken by Latin teacher, Olga Martindale.

Seated at the head table were Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Hunken, Mr. May, Mr. Sansom, Mr. Swallow, and Mr. Skerrett, all clad in Roman attire to fit the occasion. The auditorium was beautifully decorated with flowers and paintings all adding to the ancient theme.

Latin students playing the parts of slaves served a meal of turkey, ham, oysters, mushrooms, peanuts, dinner rolls and fruit. Gingerale and grape juice (representing wine) were served as a beverage.

The meal having been finished, they began the Toga contest while Joe Petric played on his accordion, the students marched past the teachers to have their costumes judged. Though it was a hard decision Nancy Snow was awarded first prize for the girls and Bob Krul received a wallet for having the best male costume. Nancy's award was a belt.

This being completed, the entertainment began with a Roman-like dance number. Clad in their togas, Barb Pratt, Cathy Ashley, and Dianne Bousfield performed.

Mark Hurst and Mike Cooper, on the guitar, they sang a few songs including a tune the latter wrote. Playing "Mr. Lonely" and then a classical number. Joe Petric followed them on his accordion. Accompanied by Stephanie Merrin on her flute, Nancy Abram and Anita Thibideau sang a duet to the tune of Scarborough Fair.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of four skits written by Michelle Roy and Steve Van Fleet. These had a Roman theme with a modern touch added. Fred Regent acted as the moderator while the fore-mentioned acted.

Dianne Frank, Anita Thibideau, Nancy Abram and Bob Krul, accompanied by Stephanie's flute chanted "Sounds of Silence."

As in last year's program Mark Hurst and Mike Cooper performed a wrestling exhibition.

At the close of the assembly the students were urged to buy already pictured student cards. These will give the owners a discount at various shops in Acton and a reduced rate for high school dances. Those still wishing to purchase cards may do so in the main lobby after ninth period for the price of \$1.00.

The first meeting of the Student Council Working Committee was held Monday night after school. Its purpose is to help raise school spirit through more activities. A Christmas Program has been divided into six items consisting of a choir contest, room decorating contest, dance, carolling, some type of outdoor activity, and an assembly on the last Friday of school.

A new constitution for the Student Council will be drawn up by Lorie Lefabre, Mr. Skerrett, Diane Fisher, Bob Browne, Shane Croskin and Sharon White.

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Of the students seen breaking safety rules in November, only one was an R. L. student. Several from the M. Z. B. school were noticed and listed by police.

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decoration, arranging the entertainment, and all the little details no one thinks about are over for another year. The Latin club & Mrs. Martindale should be congratulated on the fine job they did.

## Roman in the gloamin'



NANCY SHAW receives her prize for the best toga for girls from Mrs. Martindale. The presentation took place at Friday night's Latin Banquet at the high school.—(Jim Jennings Photo)



BOB KRUL had the best toga in the boys' division.

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