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## EDITORIAL

### Perspiration Important Aid to Student Activity

Colin J. Hayward

The high school student of today seems to receive more than his share of criticism. As with most generalizations, there is some basis of truth in this observation.

It is obvious that not everyone is able to excel academically, but it is also obvious that to do one's best is a form of excellence highly to be desired. How many of us can honestly say that we are using our faculties to achieve the best results? Many of us look on homework as an onerous burden imposed on us by a sadistic crew of teachers. This, of course, is an erroneous assumption, as the only one that benefits finally is the student. Nothing is easier than to convince yourself that you do not have the ability to achieve high marks, therefore, it is useless to exert yourself more than is barely necessary. If you tend to arrive at this conclusion, remember what Einstein said when asked what constituted genius. He replied: "Genius is five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration."

Some students feel that one does not need to really start

to work until one reaches the Upper School. This, too, is a fallacy. If one does not receive a good basic grounding in Lower School it is almost impossible to attain decent marks in Upper School. I am sure that any Upper School student will confirm this statement.

Another mistake students often make is to concentrate on the subjects we prefer at the expense of our poorer ones. Naturally, we should give more attention to the subjects that give us the most trouble. By doing so, one's overall average will be much improved.

There is a growing tendency to feel that those who are able to achieve high marks are a race apart. In most cases the marks attained are in direct relation to the amount of work involved.

Today, the number of physical labourers and unskilled workers is diminishing under the advance of automation in industry. There is, however, a constantly increasing demand for teachers, skilled technicians etc. It is plain that a good education is something that will influence your whole life, and that your future career depends largely on how you use your present.

### Why Exams?

by Carole Lane

Exams! Exams! Why? Why all this studying, frantic studying? All the double work for your teachers? Why bother with exams? This is the question that both boys and girls ask every time he or she sits down to study in a room shut off from the rest of the house and the rest of the family, shut off from the television, and from the telephone. Even it is difficult to concentrate. Does all this really discipline our minds, train us to concentrate? Would we accomplish just as much if we went on with our weekly mad monthly routine without interruption during the whole school year, and then wound up with one final examination at the end?

Examinations are to test our progress, and to indicate how much useful information we manage to acquire. They also tell us our weak spots, the places where we must concentrate. They tell our teachers what Johnny or the whole of Johnny's class must wake up to. If we skip these term exams, we are hurting ourselves, not our teachers. If we study hard for each one of these, it will not be as difficult for us when we come to the finals. That information which we have thoroughly learned will come back much more easily to us when we sit down to the final test.

It is out of the question not to have finals. We might think it is heaven not to have them, but would we know anything at all? I am sure we would just ramble along, take in what we felt we enjoyed — if anything — and let the rest slide. No! Let us study for each set of exams as they come. Let us try each time to surpass what we did on the last set. Let us show everyone, including our parents, that we can do well, that we enjoy studying, that we enjoy learning new facts, new things, new ideas. Let's go to it with a will!

### Much Activity in Student Groups

by Shirley Ripby

•Drama Club. Two plays, "Romance Incorporated," and "Drums in the Night," have been chosen for Commencement, and are now in preparation. The Club held a very enjoyable Christmas party. A movie telling the story of the Stratford Festival plays was the feature of the evening. Inter-School Christian Fellowship. Recent speakers at meetings have been the Rev. Alex Calder. Another meeting was given to a Canadian Bible Society Film, "Another Beautiful Day." On the week of February 17-19, many students are planning to attend an SCF ski camp in the Hockley Valley Curling Club. When ever ice is available, league games are held on Mondays after school. The executive of the club consists of Don Curry, Barry Matthews and Sharon Savers. Mr. McLaren supervises and instructs. At the Junior Bonspiel on February 4th, the school teams put up a good show against more experienced teams, John Pennock and his team tying for second place in the 11 a.m. draw, but losing in the playoff.

THIS and THAT

Khrushchev said Russia is producing rockets like sausages from a machine. The big question is: How much of the boast is boloney? — Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness. — Anon.

There are only two kinds of parking nowadays — illegal and no.

### DR. WILSON

by Ellen Blahn

Dr. Wilson, Director of Music for Georgetown High School, was born and raised in Toronto. He holds a Doctor of Music degree from the University of Toronto, where he attended the Royal Conservatory of Music.

Guelph has been his home for the past six years, where he is choir master at Chalmers United Church. He has a few private pupils, but he mainly teaches the music in schools in the Guelph area and at our High School. Dr. Wilson, a very talented musician, is the composer of an operetta, "The Happy Land," recently produced in Guelph.

A large group of his students here were fortunate enough to attend the opening night, and enjoyed the performance thoroughly. We feel that we are lucky to have Dr. Wilson as our musical director, and hope he will continue with us for a long time.

### Skating, Sock Hop Lower School Party

Two weeks ago the high school held their big social event of the season — The Star-dust Ball. All grade eleven, twelve and thirteen students were invited plus graduates of three years. It was one of the most successful formal balls thus far. The Modernaires Orchestra were highly praised on their fine dance music and Sandra Sproule accompanied them with a few favourite songs.

The crowning of the radiant queen, Karen Norton by our last year's queen Carolyn Biehn was an exciting event. Karen was presented with a dozen roses by John Cummins our president of the Student Council. We feel no one deserves this title more than Karen. She is vice president of Student Council and has put her whole heart and soul in good of GHS.

The receiving line was composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. T. Nixon (vice chairman of school board), Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson (chairman of school board), Mr. E. Forgrave secretary-treasurer of school board, John Cummins, president of student council and Karen Norton, vice president of the Student Council with her partner. We were pleased to see such a large attendance of teachers, who I am sure enjoyed them selves.

We would also like to thank those who helped decorate the gym, those who prepared the punch and cookies and those who helped at the formal.

The list of guests are as follows:

Karen Norton (vice pres.), Fred Harrison, Ken Beam (past president), Bonnie Stokes, Carolyn Biehn (past vice-pres.), Bill Cohoon (past president), Mr. and Mrs. P. Legate, Mr. and Mrs. B. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Chillingworth, Mr. and Mrs. T. Beer, Mr. and Mrs. M. Paleschak, Mr. and Mrs. A. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Baxter.

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Stardust Ball Crowns Karen Norton as Queen

by Carole Lane

Last Wednesday, February 22, Lower School held their party in compensation for the formal. It was in the form of two parties — a skating party at the arena and a sock hop in the gym. The ice was crowded but the students took advantage of one of the last chances to skate this year. The gym bounced with rock and roll and teenage music above the laughter and glee of all who were taking part. Some of the students preferred to play chess during the afternoon. The party ended with a gay and happy atmosphere.

### Variety Entertainment At Big Student Show

by Ellen Blahn

On January 17th, Georgetown high school held a variety night. Mr. Lambert, Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Ray and many others put much of their time into the preparation of the programme. Mr. D. Latimer was master of ceremonies and he caught his audience's sense of humour with his jokes about student days.

The choir sang three songs, of which one was an original composition by Dr. Wilson, "Put Your Hand in Mine." Soprano Joyce McLean sang another of his compositions "Anywhere under the Sun".

Ray Norris played two selections on the piano; Simon Frankruyter, Caroline Hallitt and Marilyn Murray vocal solo. Biehn sang a duet. Instrumental soloists were Jim Fiddler, cornet; Bob McCumber, saxophone, and Rita Klooster, accordion. Peter Forgrave, Robert Armstrong and Ray Carter played a clarinet trio. Paul Baker and Rex Heslop played piano and drums for one number, and Rex accompanied Pam Currie in a rhythmic dance. We feel that we are lucky to have Dr. Wilson as our musical director, and hope he will continue with us for a long time.

Dr. Wilson directed the music and Mrs. Ray accompanied most of the vocal solos. Everyone enjoyed themselves; the young artists, their proud parents, the students, and even the teachers.

### Skating, Bible Study During ISCF Week-End

by Jean Kovacs

Ski Camp got under way on Friday night, February 17th, at the "Highland Ski Resort" near Orangeville. Twenty five students of Georgetown High School along with thirty five more young people from Toronto and Cooksville present.

Six picturesque cabins, provided accommodation for the two nights of the meeting. A cozy lodge with a blazing fireplace was the scene of fire indoor activities, and for a daily Bible study. Saturday was rainy, but in spite of the weather, quite a number of young adventurers headed for the hills for skiing and tobogganing. Although they all came back from their fun absolutely famished, they soon revived after Mrs. Kovacs' meals. Sunday came all too soon, for it meant the end of the camp for most of the skiers, and after a wonderful Sunday dinner they departed for home. The wonderful fellowship and the spiritual blessing remains in the memory of all who participated.

### Early Settlers Found Canada a Good Land

Newcomers to Canada over 100 years ago found this a land of opportunity. One who was not disappointed was George Tushingham, who came to Canada in 1851 and lived at Limehouse, where he built the first church. Descendants still living here include A. M. MacPherson and Mrs. Marguerite Taylor. Letters he sent back 'home' to England have been saved by members of the family there, and here are a few interesting extracts from them.

"I had stayed in England I would not have been worth five hundred pounds as I am today. I have three hundred and twenty acres of land beside the house and lot I live on, and half an acre of land to it beside two good cows and seven pigs.

"You asked me about the price of provisions. Beef is very high. It is four pence or four pence halfpenny per pound. Bacon six pence per pound, mutton four pence. Flour is eight shillings per 100 pounds English money.

I went over to the States to see Sam at his farm in Michigan as I had bought some more land out there. Sam has one hundred and sixty acres. I lent him five hundred dollars which would be 100 pounds in English money and he has paid the greatest part back.

"If you ever decide to come out to Canada, bring some flower seeds, 10 week stocks, some Dassonm stones, plum stones, holly berries, seed potatoes, just for breed, some twigs for raising quackiet hedges.

"I came out here in 1851 Brother Sam went over to the States in 1855.

"Wages are not very high among labouring men — three, four or five shillings in English money."

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DATED at Georgetown, this 3rd day of March, A.D. 1961.

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