



"THE HAPPINESS IS", a folk singing group from Guelph entertained students at the high school last night, before the snow queen contest. Members of the group are Paul Bazinet, Paul Lang, Ann Knox and Pam Kitchen. (Staff Photo)

"Authority" starts discussion on freedom, drugs, crime trend

By Mary Ann Freuler
The topic "The Authority Figure" brought many concerned students and parents to the "Family Life Education" meeting held on Tuesday evening, February 3, at the high school.

Vice-principal Joe Bray was moderator for the occasion. The panel members were Mrs. C. McNerny, the vice-principal of General Brock High School; Judge J. D. Ord, Constable Roy Wood, the Rev. H. Dawson of St. Alban's Church, Jeff Sansom, high school English teacher and B. Reed, also from General Brock.

Mr. Bray defined the word "authority" as the power to influence people by force or persuasion. He posed the question of permissiveness, concerning school, new morality, drugs, nudity on the stage, to the panelists.

Judge Ord expressed the opinion that the youth of today is not more immoral, worse, or worse educated which can only result in a gain in the generations to come.

Mr. Reed felt that society has been broken down by permissiveness and the authority of the home.

Jeff Sansom stated that in the past few years more public bodies have been set up to deal with family problems which have really always existed. Boarding schools and summer camps are examples of parents not advocating responsibilities.

When asked about parental involvement concerning course request sheets, Mrs. McNerny expressed that the parents like to leave the choice to a professional. They like to know what is going on but they feel that they really don't understand.

Rev. Dawson felt that it was an easy escape to seek an authority figure who has all of the answers. In his opinion everyone is capable of finding the answers if there is a person with a willing ear.

Lack of communication is what Constable Wood felt as one of the major problems. "I talk to the parents. They never know anything about it or couldn't care less. What chance do they (the children) have?"

Judge Ord agreed. He doesn't believe that a child from a happy home is as likely to get into trouble.

The question "Is there an increase in the crime trend?"

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was then posed. Mr. Reed felt that rules in the home should be placed at certain levels and then gradually released. Mrs. McNerny added that if the time is taken to talk things out then you most likely do get somewhere. Constable Wood stressed the importance of keeping your promises.

Judge Ord explained that there is more crime credited to adolescents but not more in proportion to the population.

The discussion was then opened to the audience. One youth stated that the kids today are more sophisticated and can't see any definite reasons for the drinking and marijuana laws. Unless the laws are justified the youth will not follow them.

In reply Judge Ord said that he was glad that these laws are not accepted which shows an improvement in education. He agreed that people are breaking the laws because some may not be adequate but that we should try to conform to society's tending.

Brian Skerrett brought up the subject of freedom in schools. One source of reference which he read stated that principals, vice principals and teachers cause as many problems as they solve by harassing the students.

Mrs. McNerny suggested the establishment of human relations because often the students are at fault, too. The final opinion was "The youth can respect you if you respect them."

The discussion now varied from the legalization of marijuana, to lowering the drinking age and even to whose fault the war is to be blamed on. One panelist felt that the more permissiveness the young adults get then the more they want.

The hands of the clock moved all too fast bringing the close of the discussion. Mr. Skerrett thanked the panel members and guests in the audience.

Refreshments were served giving the young and their elders still more time for discussion in private groups.

Figure skaters pass tests in Georgetown

A very successful test night was held for Acton Figure Skating Club last Wednesday evening in Georgetown. A few more skaters will be taking more tests in Georgetown in six weeks or so.

The following tests were passed last week: Preliminary Figures - Robin Marshall, Diane Baginski, Dolores Jordan, George McPhail, Cathy Weldon, Colleen DeBruyn, Susan Schlupp.

First Figures - Diane Charette and Debbie Drinkwater. Preliminary Dances which consist of: Dutch Waltz - Cindy Barr, Brad Timbers, Pat Gibson, Peggy McCrae.

Canasta Tango - Rick Gibson, Becky Baxter, Pat Gibson, George McPhail, Cindy Barr, Kathy Turkosz, Gerda Seiz, Barbara Turkosz.

Swing Dance - Dolores Jordan, Robin Marshall, George McPhail. Bronze Dances which consist of:

Fiesta Tango - Colleen DeBruyn, Dolores Jordan, Susan Schlupp. Willow Waltz - Susan Schlupp and Sharon Barber. Ten Fox - Diane Charette, Linda Perry, Debbie Drinkwater.

Senior Bronze Dance: Fourteen Step - Diane Charette, Linda Perry, Debbie Drinkwater.

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NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Mary Ann Freuler

The official opening of Operation Ookpik began Monday at noon with a cake-eating contest. The nine contestants ate a total of 161 chocolate and white cup-cakes. The rules were simple. Each participant was given four cakes to begin with, which was followed by another four. After the first eight they were given the cupcakes singly. The one who was able to eat the most or who had eaten the most before the cakes ran out was the winner.

Physical education teacher, Bruce Andrews, devoured the last of the cakes making a total of 22. Faron McGruthers placed second, having eaten 21 cakes. Robert Ellerby and Fred Regent tied for third place with 20 cup cakes each. Other contestants were Jim Frizzell 18, Rae Swackhamer 18, Gary Turkosz Robin Salt 13, and Geography teacher James May.

Special mention should be made of Rae Swackhamer for his feat of eating one cake per minute. Also to Robbie Ellerby who knocked us all with his vast appetite.

Boris Shean was moderator for the occasion. The five finalists for the "Carnival Queen" title were also chosen by the students on Monday. They are Nancy Rosemarie Bird, Debi Lucienne Pratt and Lucienne Slaven. The final judging took place Tuesday

evening after the Torch-Light Parade.

For the small admission fee of 75c students and parents were able to see "Three Bites in the Apple" starring David McCallum on Monday evening. They had previously announced to show "Where were You when the Lights Went Out" but there was a last minute change.

Many students' snow sculptures are on display at the school including a racing car, igloo and a masterpiece made by some of the more enthusiastic teachers.

The admission fee for all activities excluding the semi-formal and the hockey game are the same, students 75c, adults \$1.00. The dance tickets are \$4.00 a couple. Throughout this week your Oracle will be on sale for the price of \$3.00. This is a lower price than ever before for this year so why not take advantage of this saving.

The coffee house dance is open to the public beginning at 8:00 - 11:00 on Thursday. Entertainment will be provided.

The Variety Show, Friday night will commence at 8:00. All day Saturday there will be a variety of activities with races, tug-of-war and a wood chopping contest to name a few.

The finale of Operation Ookpik is the semi-formal dance Saturday evening. Students have been hard at work painting scenery, making decorations and organizing the refreshments just to make this dance a success.

The pick of Ookpik



Operation Ookpik, the high school winter carnival, is off and sliding with special events every day this week.

Monday saw the cupcake munching contest and movie; Tuesday the torchlight parade and Queen contest.

Wednesday: snow sculpture judging 2:30 p.m. hockey game. Thursday: 2:30 basketball game; 8 to 11 p.m. Coffeehouse dance.

Friday: 1 p.m. snow fun - toboggan races; skating races; broomball game; 8 p.m. variety show.

Saturday: 11 a.m. Snow fun - snowmobile races; dog races; tug-of-war; wood chopping contest; 8 p.m. semi-formal dance.

University information available at meeting

On Wednesday, February 18, all 10 Ontario Universities will be represented at a Secondary School University information program to be presented at Milton High School. Grades 12 and 13 students of Acton H. S. and their parents have been invited to participate in the program.

Discussion will centre on the courses offered by universities, the educational requirements needed for successful entrance into these courses, their costs, residence fees, and other questions related to university life in general.

A representative from the Department of University Affairs will also be present to discuss the Ontario Student Awards Program with those interested in its benefits.

Bus service is being provided for those who do not have

transportation to and from Milton. A bus will leave the high school at 7 p.m. and return at 10:15 p.m.

A similar program is being offered at Nelson High School, in Burlington, on Tuesday, February 17, and at White Oaks Secondary School in Oakville, on Monday February 23.

Universities represented are: Brock University, Carleton University, University of Guelph, Lakehead University, Laurentian University, McMaster University, University of Ottawa, Queen's University, Royal Military College, University of Toronto, Trent University, University of Waterloo, Waterloo Lutheran University, University of Western Ontario, University of Windsor, York University and Department of University Affairs.

ADHS curlers advance to championship

An Acton District High School curling rink, comprised of lead Ray Swackhamer, second George McPhail, vice-skip Barry Buchanan and skip Neil Anderson, defeated Shelburne 10-5, here last Thursday to advance to the CWOSSA curling championships in Brantford, February 23.

Shelburne had earlier beaten Erin 8-4 in the semi-finals of the three team bonspiel, held at the new Acton Curling Club.

The Acton rink, coached by Mrs. Nan Hurst could meet the Ontario Schoolboy Champion rink from Guelph's John F. Ross School, in the championships.

Name advisor

A permanent representative from the Addiction Research Foundation of Ontario has been assigned to Oakville, and will serve Halton County. The appointment is effective immediately.

Mrs. Peggy Palmer, community consultant will be available to assist existing community agencies in devising educational and treatment programs concerning the growing problem of drug abuse. The Foundation office will be located at 331 Sheddon Avenue, Suite 17, Oakville; telephone 845-6854.

Mrs. Palmer, who has lived in Oakville for 20 years, stresses that her role in the community will not absolve other agencies from their responsibility.



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