

NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

By Corie Maxwell

Last Thursday night was Acton High's first "Blues" dance, featuring the "Downchild Blues Band." This four-man group entertained students from 9 p.m. until midnight with "blues" music and cuts from their new album "Bootleg."

Most people enjoyed the dance and to the student council, it was an economic success.

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It was a holiday for A.H. students last Friday, but not for the staff. Last Friday was Professional Development Day, otherwise known as Teachers Convention, for Halton County.

While students enjoyed a long weekend, the staff travelled to White Oaks Secondary School, or General Wolfe High School in Oakville, to attend a number of conferences.

Their conference options ranged from "The Teacher as a Counsellor" and "Community

Expectations" to "Semestering" and "Testing and Evaluation." The chairman of the Halton Professional Development Committee is Mr. Brian Skerrett, Guidance Counsellor.

We hope this meeting will benefit the teachers in their work.

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The response to last Saturday's bottle drive was overwhelming! The students going to the United Kingdom did not expect the amount of glass they collected. Unfortunately, they could not pick up all the glass in one day's work and they are asking the residents of Acton to keep the glass and they will try to collect it sometime this week or next.

They received approximately \$200 and would like to thank all those who helped them in this, their worthy cause.

Another glass drive is planned in late April or early May, so hang on to those bottles!

Again, MANY THANKS!!!!!!



PRIZE WINNING choirs are a specialty of Mrs. Roberta Hoy, seated at the piano shown with Ospringe school principal Lorne Brown and teacher Mrs. Shirley Anderson, displaying the certificate Ospringe choir received at the Kiwanis Music Festival. Mrs. Hoy directed the choir which finished second in its class.—(Staff Photo)

Termly Times R.L. magazine

Robert Little students have produced a school magazine, The Termly Times, full of items to delight the student and their friends.

The first edition of the Termly Times is dedicated to principal G. W. McKenzie who's headed the school for the past 33 years.

On the staff are editor Kathy Frost, assistant editor Carol McKenzie, art editor Kevin Brobstad, honorary editor-in-chief and staff consultant Mrs. Titon, art assistants Cindy McGilloway, Ricky Jackson,

classified ads Joy Musselle, Sherry Meecham, contest department Kim Bishop, girls only Rhona Silcock, Eunice Gibb, interviews Stan Petric, Rick Van Fleet, quote hunger Beverley Duval, David Marcoux, school script Sharon Cunningham, special events Neven Karhel, sports, boys' Jim Pink, Rick Van Fleet, sports, girls' Cathy Frizzell, Kim McCristall, Jennifer Krapek, student print Brian Larsen, horse sense John Nessett, Joy Musselle, Sherry Meecham, Rob Patterson.

Reading, spelling skills found lacking at Sheridan

High school graduates attending Sheridan College lack proper skills in reading and spelling, Barry Wray told one of 33 groups of high school teachers attending the Halton Secondary School Professional Development Day in Oakville Friday.

Wray is the Dean of Administration at Sheridan. He and Don Shields, Dean of Faculty at Sheridan met with teachers Friday and discussed the community colleges' evaluation of secondary school courses and graduates.

Wray said the unstructured option program in the high school presented a problem for the college. "Students come to us with a wide range of knowledge from the incredibly sophisticated to those who lack background."

Wide range He said the range was becoming increasingly inconsistent. Wray said the college had set up an independent learning centre where students could go to brush up on their weak subjects on their own. He said the success of the program was overwhelming, especially in the area of English usage and reading.

Wray revealed a strong correlation between some subjects. He said those students who got 65 per cent or better in English failed 90 per cent in photography and many of those who were good in art failed photography.

Wray said the fact that English was no longer compulsory in high school complicated the problem at the college level.

He said that the student's freedom to drop math in high school could close a lot of doors for him or her. He said those without math would have a rough time being accepted in some courses and if they were accepted, their chance of passing would be slim.

Make-up years

He said he saw a time when make-up years would be necessary to qualify students for college courses. Wray indicated the make-up years would add to the time for the student in school and the cost to the taxpayer.

Don Shields pointed out the high school graduates' lack of confidence when it came to standing up and speaking or writing where they will be pinned down.

Shields said there was a lack of leadership abilities evident in Sheridan students. He said they would shy away from responsibility unless it was a paid job. "The student senate is paid \$100 per month. With that, a student loan and part time job, college isn't bad."

Good record Shields said the employment record at the college was good. In

Indoor track meet series with O.S.D.

By Steve Van Fleet On Feb. 10 A.D.H.S. held its first indoor track meet of the new year. It was the first of a home and home series with the Ontario

School for the Deaf. The final meet will be held this Thursday. Acton won the meet 112 to 93.

The results are as follows: Midget boys 5 lap run, Scott Somerville Acton 7:10.1; open 8 lap run, Glen McKenzie Acton 11:08; Open one lap (380 yds) boys Roger McEachern Acton 1:06.3; open one lap girls Betty Wilhelm OSD 1:21.5.

Midget girls 50 yd. dash, Nina Legate Acton 6.9; Junior girls 50 yd. dash Chris Curd OSD 6.6 Midget boys 50 yd dash Kevin Fluelling OSD 6.4; Junior Boys 50 yd. dash Steve Swan OSD 6.1; Junior girls standing long jump Karen Pierce Acton 6'3".

Midget girls standing long jump Janice Drinkwater Acton 6'6"; Open rope vault Bob Smith 9'0" Acton.

Midget girls high jump Janice Drinkwater Acton 4' 4"; Junior girls high jump Joan Copeland OSD 4'6"; Senior girls high jump Linda Russell OSD 4'8".

Midget boys high jump Rolf Moyer Acton 5'0"; Junior boys high jump Gary Deforest Acton 4'0". Senior boys high jump Hay Barton OSD 5'5 1/2".

Midget boys shot put 8 lb. Dan Thomson Acton 36' 8". Junior boys shot put 12 lb. Steve Van Fleet Acton 38'5 1/4". Senior boys shot put 12 lb. Bert Day OSD 38'7".

Midget girls shot put Maureen Gerth Acton 32'10 1/2"; Junior girls shot put Karen Taylor OSD 23'5 1/2"; Senior girls shot put Beryl McEnery Acton 24'4 1/4".

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ACTON COUNCIL BRIEFS

Council dealt with a wide variety of items during their three hour meeting Tuesday.

Councillor Masales heartily commended Jack Carpenter for the publicity Acton is receiving prior to centennial. He had seen his interview on Kitchener television Sunday and films taken in Montreal. "He's doing a bang-up job."

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Superintendent Alf Dudy and possibly one workman were authorized to attend an OWRC training program.

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220 students ask to transfer schools

Approximately 220 Halton County students have requested transfers under the new free choice of schools offered by the Halton County Board of Education.

Assistant to the Director Em Lavender suggested that some of those applications would have to be turned down because of the lack of seats in the schools where students wished to go.

he admitted he had the arena in mind. Councillor Chapman, head of the fire committee, said he'd request it.

Superintendent Alf Dudy will be the town's representative on a waste management committee to study waste disposal sites in Halton county.

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Transfers Twenty-two elementary students in the North Education Area and four secondary students in the north have requested transfers. In the east, 21 elementary students and 19 secondary students opted for a change.

The greatest number of applications came from the west where 70 elementary and 90 secondary students applied for a change in schools.

The big attraction at the secondary level is Lord Elgin High School. Many of those applying there won't be able to be accommodated as the school is near capacity, he said.

Principals and assistant superintendents in the various areas are considering applications now.

Doug Lawless predicts

Bleak staff future

If current trends continue, the teaching profession may face a very bleak future, Ottawa Director of Education Doug Lawless told 500 Halton secondary school teachers at a professional development day in Oakville Friday. Lawless is the former assistant to the director of the Halton County Board.

Lawless told teachers that in the next few years 30 per cent of elementary seats in Ontario schools will be vacant, if present trends continue. He said it would be 1981 or 1982 before that trend would effect the secondary schools.

The reduction in students to be taught could lead to layoffs, Lawless said, pointing out a second factor that could make also life difficult for teachers.

Redundant

Recently legislation was passed that made allowance for no obligatory subjects. Lawless told Halton County teachers they could be redundant if students chose not to learn the subjects some of the teachers were trained to teach.

He said teachers would have to



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change their role and no longer could operate by edict. The director indicated there would be a responsibility to the boards and the province to retain teachers in danger of becoming redundant, noting the same policy was carried out in industry and commerce.

"It is difficult for those teaching now, but bleak for those coming along who wish to teach," Lawless noted.

Can't replace that

While he saw layoffs as a possibility in the future, he suggested no technological advance would ever replace the warmth, personal motivation and contact of the teacher.

Lawless said that during the 1950's and 1960's educators did a good job of selling the idea that those who had a good education would receive good salaries and find good jobs. This is no longer true, he said, and the claim is being challenged by the students and the public.

Lawless said that as the province paid larger and larger shares of the cost of education, it would demand greater control.

"If we don't work together we won't have local authority by the end of this decade." He said it was possible salary negotiations would be done on province-wide basis and teachers would receive civil servant status.

Lawless said he didn't think that would happen.

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