

# NOTES FROM ACTON HIGH

by Janice Gibson

Last week at Acton High was a busy and interesting one.

Tuesday night, there was a Parent's Night for the parents of new students at Acton this year. Prefects and staff were on hand to greet the guests and show them around.

"King Lear" was the subject on the agenda for Thursday. Ninety-two students, plus staff went to Stratford to see this performance. Excitement showed in many faces, not due only to the fact of the day off school, but also because Canada's hockey team were playing the final competitive game against Russia.

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Mr. Black, geography teacher, also took his two grade ten classes to Sebringville to see the Ploughing Match. From

comments, this trip was also exciting and worth the trouble.

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Friday, we had a fantastic assembly by the "Power and Light". I must say, assemblies are looking up this year.

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The Student Council entertained about 100 people with a "Silent Film Festival", Friday night. This time we made money.

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There will be a paper drive on Saturday, October 14, by the Grade 13 Commencement Committee. This is to raise money for the graduate banquet this fall. Pickup will take place in the morning and afternoon. For out of town pickups, phone 853-0747.

On the whole, a very exciting week.



ACTON HIGH girls chat outside the Stratford theatre Thursday.

## Varied reactions to Lear

by Heather Cormack

On Thursday, September 28, (who could ever forget it?), Acton High School students went to Stratford's Shakespearean Festival to see the production of King Lear. For grade 13 English students, the trip was compulsory, since they had taken King Lear in their class. However, none of them seemed to mind the trip, and the only grave complaint seemed to be that they couldn't watch the hockey game.

standing ovation some what led by Acton's own Hank Wissenz.

Varied reaction

Student reactions varied, often with the grades.

Deb McGilloway, and grade 13 student, was surprised at the play being so good. In fact she admitted that she even cried, when Lear was reunited with his daughter Cordelia, while Shelley Roy laughed at her.

Suzanne Kamel said that King

Lear seemed more real when he broke up the play to announce the Canada-Russia hockey score of the 6-5 win. King Lear seemed to be more human.

Carol Pickles said "The only person I really liked was the fool. He caught my attention."

Jack Holmes said that in the whole play of King Lear, the other characters were nothing compared to King Lear himself.

## Parents' night worthwhile?

by Sandi Patterson

Tuesday, September 26 was grade nine parents night at Acton High School. Principal, Mr. Dave Katz, opened the evening with remarks about the importance of education today, how it has changed, the importance of communication between the students and the staff, and between the school and the public. He felt that even though there were less than 50 parents there, each parent seemed interested and concerned, and for these people, the evening was worthwhile. After his talk, he introduced the various department heads, and teachers.

liking for this school saying how much he was impressed by the friendly atmosphere, the quality of the staff, and the genuine interest and concern the staff had in the students, not only as a mass, but as individuals. He also said that this school is the most progressive in the county.

Interviewed later, Mr. Downie said that the parents' night was a very enjoyable experience, and that he got a lot out of it. He also hopes that any questions there were, were answered.

Poor Mr. Geoffrey Sansom felt very badly when Mr. Downie introduced all the staff, and left him out. A fellow Englishman yet!

Guidance services

Mr. Brian Skerret spoke next about the services the guidance department offers, how the semester system works, and then the advantages of this system.

After Mr. Skerret, Mr. Ken Ellis, head of the communications department, and then Mr. Brian Downes, math department head spoke about the programs in their respective departments.

Afterwards, Mr. Katz introduced Mr. Ian Downie, the new vice-principal.

Most progressive

Mr. Downie expressed his

Raises question

Mr. Sansom felt that due to the lack of parents there, it sort of raised the question as to whether this parents night is at all worthwhile. He also felt that the parents that were there would have come up to the school if they had any questions or problems, anyway.

Any of the other teachers that I interviewed said that they thought that the night was worthwhile, except they wished that there had been more parents in attendance.

## New home ec teacher says system 'terrific'

By Janice Gibson

Imaginative, intuitive, and sensitive defines a Pisces and is quite appropriate in describing one of our new teachers at Acton High. Mrs. June Campbell, until recently, lived in Weston, near Toronto. She taught for several years at North York before moving to Georgetown.

Mrs. Campbell is a Home Economics teacher, and so naturally some of her hobbies are sewing, crafts and cooking. She also enjoys reading, summer sports and getting together in a group and brain-storming.

Terrific

"Terrific" is what Mrs. Campbell thinks of our school

system at Acton. She feels that it allows concentration on certain areas, much better; the fact that you don't have to repeat a whole year, if you fail a subject is great, and that marking is fairer.

Mrs. Campbell's aim in life was to be a Home Economics teacher. She has certificates in Home Ec. and Math. She has accomplished this and now would like to visit Europe and the tropical islands.

Mr. Campbell is a fire-fighter in Etobicoke and loves his job. Previous to this, he spent a three year term in the Navy and has thus seen a great deal of the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have a 18-month-old baby boy, Andrew (Andy) Stuart.

## Power and Light

By Lynne Simlont

On Friday, a week of activity was highlighted by an assembly which featured a fantastic group called The Power and Light Company, a group which is made up of youth from all across Canada. This group is sponsored by "Youth for Christ." During ten months of the year, they travel across Canada. Any youth who is interested and has musical ability, can apply. These applications are then sent to Toronto, and interviews are arranged.

From the applicants, eight people are selected. They then travel across Canada performing. Each member pays for his or her travel expenses. After the ten months the group breaks up, going their different ways, and a new group is formed.

## Y.M.C.A. News and Happenings

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The fall weather has been so glorious we haven't had the avalanche of boys we expected but I'm sure as soon as it turns colder they'll be coming out of the woodwork.

The swim club still has a few openings for late starters. We are very lucky to have a good group of ladies who have volunteered to assist on the bus and in the water. The first lesson was just a shake-down session so not too much has been missed.

Get in shape

We look forward to seeing a few more ladies come out to Slim 'n' trim and are still taking registrations on Wednesday night at the Y.M.C.A. building. A good group work hard together and enjoy the fun and exercise not only to get in shape but for a night of healthful relaxation and enjoyment.

The girls 3F club for 6-12 year olds will be starting up Saturday, Oct. 14.

Miss Maggie Given and Sandy Van Fleet will be coaching the girl's basketball team and Sandy will be running the girls Y teen club so get your applications in and we can get started. If you



can't catch me at the Y on Monday or Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings phone me at 853-1552.

Had a ball

The ladies' basketball team got off to a swinging start last week and they had a real ball. There is still plenty of room for ladies who are interested in playing.

We would like to hear from a couple of ladies who are willing to take turns supervising the girls Y-teen program.

I would like to offer a special welcome to newcomers to Acton. Please feel free to drop in and see us. If you are interested in a program we haven't offered maybe we could work towards it.

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