

40-mile canoe trip

Twenty-seven Outers from Acton High spent four days canoeing in Algonquin Park on Thanksgiving week end. Students from grades nine to 13 participated in the 40-mile trip. The group left the school Friday at 3:30 and arrived at the park as late as 2 a.m.

Saturday, the group was split into two brigades which

paddled a circuit of 40 miles in opposite directions. The brigades travelled with Bev and Wally Rowley and Marg and Paul Tamblin.

The equipment used on the trip was purchased for the school last year by the Outers Club, which raised approximately \$1500 by means of work parties, glass recycling and a number of other projects. Canoes used on the trip were rented from an outfitter in the Algonquin region.

Challenging The canoeing groups were selected in order to share previous outdoors experiences. A number of the students were on their first extended outdoor trip including wilderness camping. The five miles of portages proved challenging to experienced as well as novice Outers. A 70-pound canoe carried by two girls over an 1800-yard portage can be a novel way to have a "holiday".

The efforts of Acton students in cleaning campsites, repairing portions of the portages and packing out the litter left by other campers were much appreciated.

We would recommend the Algonquin region to anyone who appreciates the colors of fall and who can survive the frustration of seeing no wildlife larger than a deer. Save your glass for an Outter. He'll recycle it!



TYPICAL trekker—Yvette Leroy with all her gear.

Winery tour for students

By Kathy Turkoos, Monica Schmidt, Karen Pitt.

On Tuesday, October 23, the two grade 10 geography classes taught by S. Gnyas boarded a school bus and left for Andrea Winery in Winona. We also had two chaperones with us, Mr. and Mrs. Cragg, who we hope enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

Throughout the tour, our tour guide, Sheldon Thomas, showed us various tanks which were used for fermenting and storage. Outside of the building were four huge storage tanks each holding as much as 65,000 gallons of wine. The class only mumbled after being told that it would take one person about 200 years to consume a one inch slice from one of those tanks.

Unfortunately, we could not go into the processing laboratory due to renovations taking place and we also missed the crushing stage of the grapes by five days. Nevertheless, we did see the bottling stage, where approximately 24 women working in an assembly line produce the final product.

Loss land The main purpose of the trip was to see how the Andrea Wine Industry benefits Canada as a whole, and how they benefit the people of Southern Ontario in particular. Among other things, we learned that Andrea buys tons of grapes every year from 800 vineyard owners in the surrounding area. However, due to ur-



Paul Braida

Paul Braida has successfully passed all requirements in electrical technology at Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology and graduation ceremonies were last Friday, Oct. 26. It is a two-year course.

He lives with his wife Bonnie and son Jason on Bower Ave., and is the son of Mrs. Rita Braida and the late Norman Braida.

Paul returned to work at Beardmore this Monday.

Friday was an especially proud day for Rita Braida. Two of her children graduated on the same day, Paul from Humber and Anita from grade 13 at Acton high school.



A LITTLE fire gives a lot of heat—when it's the only heat within many miles. Outers in Algonquin park are Mrs. Bev Rowley, Don Coats and David Cann.

Community involvement

By Carol Pickles At 3:20 the regular students leave, but the doors of Acton High remain open. Within a few hours a different type of student takes over the halls and the classrooms. These are the adult students, taking a variety of craft and interest courses.

The night school program is just one example of how the high school is taking on greater community involvement. Other ways in which the school and community interact is in the use of school facilities by community groups. In the past, this has included a badminton club in the gym and minor soccer in the soccer field. A more recent development is the use of parent volunteers during the regular school day. At present members of the community are involved in helping students with reading problems and in organizing a school band. More parent volunteers would be welcome.

program boasts the largest registration of recent years. At present, over 130 night school students are registered in ten courses, ranging from Sewing and Needlecraft to Physical Fitness and Yoga. Bookkeeping, Office Practice and Conversational French are other popular courses. The night school program provides not only an opportunity to learn or improve skills and crafts, but also allows people to meet new friends. In an effort to expand the program and increase the service to the community, night school organizers are requesting the public's help in connection with the planning of courses to start in the spring term.

In this issue of the Free Press, there is a questionnaire. If you have suggestions as to the type of courses you would like to take, or if you are qualified in any area and would be interested in teaching a course, please send the form in.

Guitar, his youngster Stefan Gnyas' hobbies

By Janice Gibson One of our Geography teachers at Acton High this year is a new member to our staff. Stefan Gnyas was born in London, England and came to Canada as a young boy. He attended high school in Grimsby and then moved to Beamsville to finish his secondary education. Later, he spent a year at St. Catharines Teachers' College. He taught elementary school, Grade Seven, at Grimsby Central School for three years and then decided to obtain his

degree, full time. He was, at that time, taking it on a part time basis. He attended Waterloo Lutheran University and acquired his honours degree in Geography.

Hobbies One of Mr. Gnyas' hobbies is guitar playing and he is sharing his love for this instrument by organizing the school's Guitar Club. Mr. Gnyas feels his second hobby is his little son. In his words, his son is "quite a collector's item".

Mr. Gnyas likes the size of the school. He feels in a smaller school there is greater teacher/student contact, allowing a more personal relationship. Mr. Gnyas also likes the semester system. It condenses the amount of work that has to be covered and leaves out what isn't really necessary.

His M.A. in Geography is a goal. Mr. Gnyas would like to attain. In a few years, when he gets the chance, he will try for this degree.

Work for it His philosophy in life, Mr. Gnyas found hard to put into words, but he finally put it this way: If you want something, the only way you are really going to get it is by working hard for it.

Mr. Gnyas is married and has a 14-month-old son. The Gnyas are presently living in Oakville.

Born under the sign of Leo, Mr. Gnyas is defined as being of great confidence and affection.



NEW STAFF member Stefan Gnyas likes Acton high school and the semester system. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Across Canada in a kayak

Family friends were interested to read in a Toronto paper about Richard Ironside, son of Tanis and Tony Ironside who lived here some years back. He has just completed a six-month trip across Canada - by kayak.

He covered 5,500 miles with 500 portaging with 80 pounds of equipment.

He visited his parents in Brampton before returning to B.C.

The whole trip cost about \$1,000, he said. "I don't know why I did it."

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Impresses students

Mr. Oscar Drijber came to the school last Friday to explain his version of the killing of his daughter Marjan and Christine Sinclair. Mr. Drijber said that he has proof that the Zambian explanation of the deaths is false. He said that Zambia was trying to deliberately create an international incident that would make Rhodesia look bad to the United Nations. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim visited Zambia at, or shortly after, the time of the incident.

Mr. Drijber further charged that the news we get in Canada is censored and that Rhodesia's Ian Smith government is not what the media makes it out to be.

Students were particularly impressed with Mr. Drijber's fierce determination to get at the truth.

Acton High Notes

By Janice Gibson Last Wednesday, Oscar Drijber was to come to the high school, but, unfortunately, didn't make it. However, Friday Mr. Drijber was able to come and spent his time speaking to interested students during the two lunch hours.

Commencement took place at the high school last Friday night. Four and five year

graduates filled into the gym to receive their diplomas. Many scholarships and bursaries were given out. Parents, teachers and guests were present to watch the proceedings. Before the commencement exercises, a banquet for Grade 13 and Grade 12 graduates was held. Afterwards, a graduation dance featured "sidewalk" and was held at the golf course.

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