

More humane school goal for P.D. program

"Jim, you're too rude!" "Jim, you always want to hog the centre of attention!"

Statements like these were discussed as examples of "how not to" at Acton High School's Professional Development Day this past Friday. Like all other schools in the Halton County system, the high school was closed for the day as students took a holiday and teachers went back to the books.

Wally Beever, superintendent of Instruction for the Hastings County Board of Education, was the special guest of the day as the high school teachers studied ways and means of humanizing education.

More humane

During the morning session, Wally outlined how he, his staff, and the students of Centre Hastings High School had attempted (with apparent success) to make their school a more humane place in which to live and learn.

In the question and answer period with Acton High's teachers, Wally explained how they had, for example, taken a group of about 65 student leaders away for a weekend during which the group worked on problem solving and

communication skills, teaching themselves to be more effective listeners and observers. This nucleus of students became in turn a force within the high school to teach others the same skills.

In the afternoon workshop session for Acton High's teachers, Wally introduced three colleagues from Centre Hastings High. These teachers, Jean Graham, Garry Allen, and Alan Armstrong, told of their personal experiences with the Hastings program and then led the Acton teachers in a study session.

How best

The Acton High teachers were divided into groups to study three problem areas in interpersonal communications: how best to understand exactly what a person means in a fact giving situation, how best to understand human behaviour, and finally, how best to comprehend and describe feelings and emotions.

Workshop organizers Brian Skerrett and Ken Ellis feel that the "Leave it to Beever" theme was particularly successful because Wally and his colleagues from Centre Hastings taught by example that humanizing education is a practical and worthwhile

concept for Acton High School.

Incidentally, what was wrong with the two statements quoted at the beginning of this column?

Too rude

Workshop sessions proved that, "Jim, you're too rude!" is an unsuitable behaviour description because it names a trait and gives no evidence. "Jim, you always want to hog the centre of attention!" is equally unsuitable as a description since it suggests an undesirable motive or intention.

Far more suitable as a description of behaviour since it describes visible evidence would be, "Jim, you've talked more than others on this topic. Several times you cut others off before they had finished."

Impersonal relationships can clearly be improved then by a two-fold plan: by attempting to accurately perceive how other people see their problems, and by clearly letting them know how the expression of their problem has affected us. In short, humanizing boils down to treating other people the way we would like to be treated ourselves.



WONDER WHAT the teachers are doing with all those professional development days they've been having lately? They're learning to be more human. Here Ken Ellis, Boris Shean and Brian Skerrett from Acton High learn to handle a simulate problem in a role playing situation guided by Wally Beever (standing), superintendent of schools for Hastings County.

Youth bowling

by Rick Barber

Feb. 16—Banham—In our first shift of Banham bowlers the liabilities were hopping hot. They were by the second place Octopus in the first game by 10 points and the second game by four points. Regardless of his loss, Kevin Archibald bowled an excellent 339 double. The Dogs stopped the first place Whales winning streak by creaming them in both games. The Dogs are now beginning to move up in the league standings. The Cats were no competition for the Snails today. They bombarded them in both games and are now in third place. In our second shift the Penguins got off to a great start by winning the first game and total. But the Sea Horses poured on the pressure to win the second game. Bobby Feiler of the Penguins bowled 40 pins over his average to win pop for his team. The Kangaroos, who won game and total from the lonkeys, are still in second place as of today's result. The Crabs increased their first place lead by winning both games from the Teddy Bears. Bev Baker led his team to victory with his 274 double.

League Standings—Wipe Outs Trailers 31, Stampede 32, Slow Pokes 25.

Top Ten—Susan Thomson 646 (236), Dave Dewy 582 (212), Bert Post 555 (181), Gary Pickles 505 (216), Theresa Synnott 490 (181), Don Leece 461 (187), Rob Husfield 470 (185), Karen Vanderkay 471 (186), Laurie Kennedy 465 (177), Peter Nielson 452 (167).

Senior

Senior—Three teams had a great day of bowling while the others had a poor one. The Primers dominated Hulford's Raiders in all three games. Four of the six members of the Primers were in all three games. The team bowling Primers! The Jany's are still bowling great. Today they won all three games from the Hoopers. The Sharp Shooters broke out of their slump by demolishing the Orfan Anlies in all three games. Ron Moore bowled an excellent 427 triple which is now high triple for senior boys. Congratulations Ron!

League Standings—Primers 60, Jany's 54, Orfan Anlies 43, Hoopers 31, Sharp Shooters 34, Hulford's Raiders 34.

Top Ten—Ron Moore 697 (265), Rick Kocher 683 (243), Janet Murray 633 (240), Brian Larsen 592 (227), Aris Vrytenok 583 (215), Jennifer Kraepke 575 (245), Heather Wilkinson 574 (211), Pat Murray 570 (208), Pragy Husley 533 (181), Sherri Phillips 527 (272).

Acton High School Notes

By Janice Gibson

This week, option sheets for next year's courses were completed by the students. On Monday these were taken to the computer so that the classes can be scheduled. The computer helps determine how many classes of each course will be required.

On Tuesday, a S.C.A.T. test was given to the Year 3 students. Students are required to write these tests in Year 1 and 3.

The track team competed against Michael Powers High School today. The meet was held at the CNE grounds in Toronto.

Mr. Ian McGillivray, head of Business Education, left today for Chicago. He will spend three days there at a Business Education Convention.

This Friday, Mr. Bill Coats is taking the Chess Club to Guelph Collegiate and Vocational Institute. The dozen or so members of this club will compete against G.C.V.I. chess players.

League Standings

First Shift—Whales 30 (Octopus 30, Snails 33, Cats 31, Dogs 30, Malibus 27).

Second Shift—Crabs 41, Kangaroos 30, Penguins 30, Lonkeys 29, Teddy Bears 28, Sea Horses 25.

Top Ten—Kevin Archibald 339 (181), Maitha Greig 303 (173), Steven McDonald 302 (177), Hanna Hickey 301 (158), Peter Hurdle 296 (194), Kevin Husfield 291 (151), Bobby Feiler 292 (187), Mickey Phillips 292 (166), Simon Agar 284 (148), Peter Turkusz 280 (140).

Other bowlers winning pop for this week were Shelley Schipper with 48 pins over her average, Steven McDonald with 78 pins over and Rob McClure with 45 pins over.

Junior

The return of Theresa Synnott to the Hubsies lineup allowed them to win all three games from the Trailers. They still have a firm grip on second place in the league standings. The Wipe Outs continue to dominate the Junior division. Today was no exception. They creamed the Slow Pokes in all three games. Susan

Free Press Youth page



BABY SITTING course at A.H.S. comprises eight noon hour sessions with about 15 sitters seated. It was set up through the student services by Valerie Walters, the school health attendant, who teaches with Ruth Colton, the public health nurse for the area. Brian Skerrett and ex-student Carol Patterson also take sessions.

Poetic look at wall

Again this week a poem from Acton high school is published, this one by Susan Mellor, a year One student whose interests include art, crafts and sports as well as curling.



DEBBIE TURKOSZ and Cathy Upton sell raffle tickets on this scrumptious heart-shaped Valentine cake baked by Debbie's mother for the M.Z. Bennett school winter carnival.

Poetic look at wall

look at the wall, the spray-paint splashes and the words that don't fit or make sense, but yet are there with a poem hastily scribbled in chalk alongside someone's rudeness written in black, and over it, a cupid and heart that don't fit the space they occupy near a child's name where the letters are wrong, all sideways and backwards so that they stare out, guiltily, but now, look at, the WALL.

by Susan Mellor 1973.



Reminder from OPP

There are less than two weeks left until the day you must have your 1974 licence renewal sticker. Acton OPP remind Actonians. The sticker must be applied to the lower right hand corner of the rear plate on your car.

The deadline is midnight Thursday, February 28... and there will be no extension. Don't wait until the last minute and get caught in the long line-ups. "Remember that deadline...midnight, Thursday, February 28," says Corp. Arbour.

At Legion

Work continues steadily at the Legion hall. Over half the roof is on, steelwork continues, and blockwork is rising.

Stolen car located here

A car stolen from London was recovered here, parked on Elgin St., on Tuesday morning.

New Cubs invested

Invested as cubs on Monday at the scout hall were Leslie James, Bruce Canary, Calvin Robinson, Ricky Dodds, Ricky Greenly, David Elsiey, Mark Walker, Blake Norton, Ted Nessel, Tom McGrenere and Chris Bottomley. Cubmaster is James Parker.

Due to camera problems, the pictures taken Monday night didn't turn out.

Trips available for Junior Farmers

The February meeting of the Acton Junior Farmers was held Wednesday February 13 at Ballinacree Hall.

The county annual meeting was held in Milton February 6. New executive for the county is president Rick Britton, vice president Cindy Cordingley, secretary Kathy Newell, treasurer Earl McLean, news letter Mary Anderson, Donna Hamilton and Leah Leslie. County director is George Henderson, alternate director Rick Britton.

Drama competition will be held around the middle of March for the county.

A meeting to revise the Junior Farmer Constitution is planned for February 9 at Milton Agriculture office. Travelling Scholarships are being offered to Junior Farmers members again this year. Trips being offered are: two weeks in August to Alberta, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or the United States Con-

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