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Student centre at Acton High

By John Alviano
A new program which has just started at Acton High School is the Student Development Centre (SDC). Unique in Halton County, the SDC was instituted for the use of grade nine students. Two often in the past and perhaps also the present many students have passed through high school and even college, without ever having constructive study

skills. This is basically the task of the Student Development Centre, to aid students with study skills and to help them develop individual study programs. Many students who had developed study programs had experienced in previous years. This year, however, the program is being implemented for all grade nine students.

above average student. However, the program is called the SDC, not study hall. There are many facts in growth and education; not just study. At the SDC, the student is also encouraged to examine aspects of his or her life, other than academic. For example, last week one class debated the value of personal happiness in a work situation over financial success. Planned are various programs for once a week or more in these aspects of personal growth, values, goals, and directions. Perhaps some of these questions are of more importance than the latest scientific theory. However, a good balance of academic and personal goals is sought.

JOHN ALVIANO, (centre) Instructional Assistant to grade 9 students at the high school shows Mark Gourlay (left) and Gene Braida (right) how to read their new timetables. This took place in the Student Development Centre, a unique studying concept for Halton County designed specifically for grade 9 students.

Night courses at high school

Night school classes will begin the week of September 30, 1974 at the Acton high school. This year there are twenty courses being offered by the Halton Board of Education. These are: Antiques, Body Language, Bookkeeping for a Small Business, Bridge,

Brush Up Your Typing and Office Skills, Fitness and Recreation (M and W), Folk Guitar, French (Conversational), I, Handicrafts, (Intro. to), Home Budgeting and Personal Finance, Interior Design and Decoration, Landscape Design and Horticultural,

Needlecraft, Off Loom Weaving, Outdoor Activities, Rhythmic Gymnastics I, Sewing, Typing (Personal Use or Credit) and Yoga.

Registration for these courses will be Tuesday, September 17, at the high school.

New staff member at Acton High School

By Grant Gibson
John Alviano is new at Acton High. He has taken on the position of instructional assistant to grade 9 students in the Student Development Centre. This is a new position created to overcome problems grade 9 students might have in terms of study habits and use of free time. John will be working along with counsellors Brian Skerrett and Sue Burns.

John was born and raised in Hamilton, where he attended Cathedral Boys School. Then he went to the University of Guelph, where he received an

Girls pass skating tests

Three local girls, all members of the Acton Figure Skating Club, recently completed figure skating tests at the Lakeshore Arena in Toronto. Cindy McGilloway passed her starlight waltz "Paso Doble" to complete her senior silver dances. She will now begin her gold dances.

Anne Smith completed her junior silver dances by passing her tango. Diane Haglinski passed her third figure. Pros working with the girls were Linda Hyde of the Lakeshore Skating Club and Sally Leatherland of the Acton Figure Skating Club.

AHS Notes Some confusion on opening day

By Marg Jongman
Early Wednesday morning staff and students arrived at Acton High School to begin a new school year.

The noise of chattering voices, filled the halls as people met and compared time tables and talked about their summer holidays. One group stood out in particular and that was the grade niners, better known as munchkins.

An opening assembly was held in the gym. Principal, Dave Katz, gave an informal welcome introducing the new staff. These are: Susan Baker, an English and Remedial Reading teacher; Rick Boyehuk, a Mathematics teacher; David Jones, a Science teacher; Rick McArthur, a Physical Education and Geography teacher; Roy McMillan is chairman of the Arts and Science program; David Sale a Music and Mathematics teacher; John Alviano, Instructional Assistant to the Grade 9 students; Harriet Vanden Pol the new Library Technician.

Dave Katz also stated that there were to be no limitations at the high school. None of the seniors thought too much of this but the grade niners were obviously pleased. This year, enrolment was higher than expected. There are approximately 630 students, which means some shortage of lockers and a crowded building.

The student council informed staff and students of their plans for the year. Student cards are selling for a dollar each this year. Students not having one may not be able to go to dances. The first dance of the year will be held on Friday, September 13th. Playlog is Flight 505, from Toronto. The room numbers were changed this year for convenience, but did cause some temporary confusion. Plus

New student writes column

Marg Jongman is in her senior year at Acton High School. She has been chosen by Mr. B. Breen, a teacher, to represent her school via a weekly column in this paper.

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VAL MITCHELL, an Acton girl, was one of the many to register at Sheridan College Oakville campus last week. The first year modelling student talks with Brent Tremblay, a psychology instructor at the college, about one of her subjects.



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