

Understanding needs for students at Dorset

Dorset II is over for another year, but the 33 students who took advantage of the high school's new learning experience hope the feelings they discovered will last throughout the rest of the school year.

Dorset II was a three day trip to a small village three miles south-east of Huntville.

The group stayed in an old reforestation camp outside there, they went through a series of exercises designed to get people to know each other and to establish ways to listen and talk to the other people. It was also an exercise to help people in co-operating with others, and to

define the problems seen in the school and come to a reasonable solution.

Lasting friendships were made as all the students got to know everyone there.

Input

"Some of the kids decided they would like to get together at school as part of a Dorset group," Dave Jones, a teacher at the school and chaperone commented. "They want more input into the school, they don't want to just drop it once they are back here."

The teachers who went were Dave Katz, principal; Brian Skerrett, Dave Jones, Louise Gatenby and nurse Valerie Walters.

Emphasis was based on the

students learning to talk to others without putting them down. In this way they would realize the other person's needs.

The trip cost each student \$24. This included three meals a day, accommodation in dormitories and transportation. Everything was supplied except towels, which the pupils took themselves. They were gone from the morning of Sunday, September 29 to Tuesday, October 1.

Sorry to go

On Sunday night there was a dance which got everyone relaxing, but by Monday night, people were sitting in their own small groups, discussing problems or needs to others. When the time came on Tuesday to board the bus, both students and staff were sorry and emotional about leaving.

"It's hard to describe what went on," Dave Jones said while recalling the few days. Almost everyone on the trip was reached in some way or other.



THE CLOSET SELLS the needs of most students., Debra Gagnone, behind the counter, does business with Melody Binnie. The store is a teacher-student project, now four years old. It was originally opened to serve a dual purpose, a project for the marketing students and a place for students to get books and paper. The store does not sell cigarettes or chewing gum.

Everything sold at The Closet

The Closet is a place to go for books, candles, or gym suits at the high school. It is a student run store supervised (and advised) by the teacher.

Boris Shean, Bill Coats and Ian McGillivray are the teacher advisers for the store. Four years ago it was decided the students needed someplace they could buy small items like books, pens and pencils. These items were placed in a closet and sold from there.

Now, several years later, the store is running full steam in the auxiliary cafeteria. Everything the student may need during the day is sold there, for reasonable prices. Some students of good credit standing are allowed a few days grace before paying their bill.

There are always two students working at the store before and after school and during the lunch periods.

At present, the Closet is being redecorated. There were two new display cases bought during the summer in addition to the homemade one used last year.

Marketing students, who the store was originally opened to help in classes, are still involved in the store, learning the different methods of buying and selling. This year, articles such as dissecting kits and artists kits are supplied. These items are not found in most stores, because they are seldom needed.

Meeting for 4-H

The second meeting for Dublin South was held at the home of Debbie Van der Veen.

The meeting was opened with the 4-H pledge and then Doline Deshaies, a new member, was introduced.

They discussed family meals, table setting and the proper way of introducing people. Near the end of the meeting Liza Toyota and Teresa Koks demonstrated how a table should be set.

Drivers beware

Drivers, please beware of all the little ghosts and goblins prowling the streets on October 31. It is still a little early to be warning you, but it is never too early to save a life.

Children, also remember to wear bright colored costumes and to walk on the sidewalks as you are trick-or-treating.

Names president

Nassagaweya 4-H Club met for the first time this season on Oct. 1 at the home of Mrs. Dillon. Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Kirton are leaders for the coming year.

Newly elected officers are president Jody Jackson, vice-president Joanne Windmoller, treasurer Irene Kidd, press reporters Cheryl Buchanan and Laurie Dent

and telephone Cheryl Buchanan.

Members

There are two new members this year, bringing the membership to 10. Members are: Andrea Hyde, Cheryl Hokansen, Debora Daigle, Debbie Dent, Lila Dennis.

The girls worked in groups of two and made floral arrangements.

Toronto man is new teacher

By Laurie Mellor

Rick Boychuck got involved with the Outers Club last year when he went to Dorset with them. He says the Outers are one of the reasons he chose to come to Acton to teach.

This year he is teaching Mathematics at Acton high school. He just completed the Mathematics and Computer Science course at the University of Waterloo. Outside of school Rick is involved in the Outers. Rick plans to go to Killarney the next time the Outers go.

Rick is from Toronto and

wanted to get away from the city, so he and his wife moved to Erin. Rick is a Virgo and reads horoscopes, but he doesn't have any superstitions. When asked about the depression Rick replied that he believes we're heading for a small recession, but he doesn't think it will be very long.

Rick likes teaching and is going to remain in that profession as far as he knows. We hope Rick enjoys teaching here at Acton high school and that he enjoys the Outers as much this year as he did last year.



AHS Notes

by Marg Joangama

This past week on Tuesday and Thursday the girls' basketball team was in action. On Tuesday, the girls played against the Georgetown girls and won with a fantastic score of 30-21. On Thursday they played against the girls at T. A. Blakelock, Oakville, with another victory of 28-26. This Tuesday the girls will be at Oakville Trafalgar high school. This year the girls are playing excellently. Keep up the good work!

Also this past week the Acton boys' cross country team was at Milton. Frank Houston placed first, Les Jones placed second, and Steve Stanley placed sixth. Although the team lost over Milton, the boys who were there did very well, as proven by their scores. The girls cross country team also completed. They defeated Milton. Heather Near placed first, Anne Smith placed second, Cindy McGilloway placed fifth, and Cindy Cleindeter placed sixth.

In the near future the Phys-Ed Department will start their intramurals program.

This Wednesday night the teachers of Acton high school with their team The Over-The-Hill Gang will be playing against our junior team in a basketball game. Don't miss the action at Acton high this Wednesday.

Opera

To Killarney

The Environmental Science 402 class will be going to Killarney this weekend. With them will be Wally Rowley and Rick Boychuk. They plan to return on Wednesday.

Wally Rowley, Johan Wilkinson, and John Alviano along with 20 Outers will be going on a canoe trip to Algonquin Park on the Thanksgiving weekend and will return on Tuesday night.

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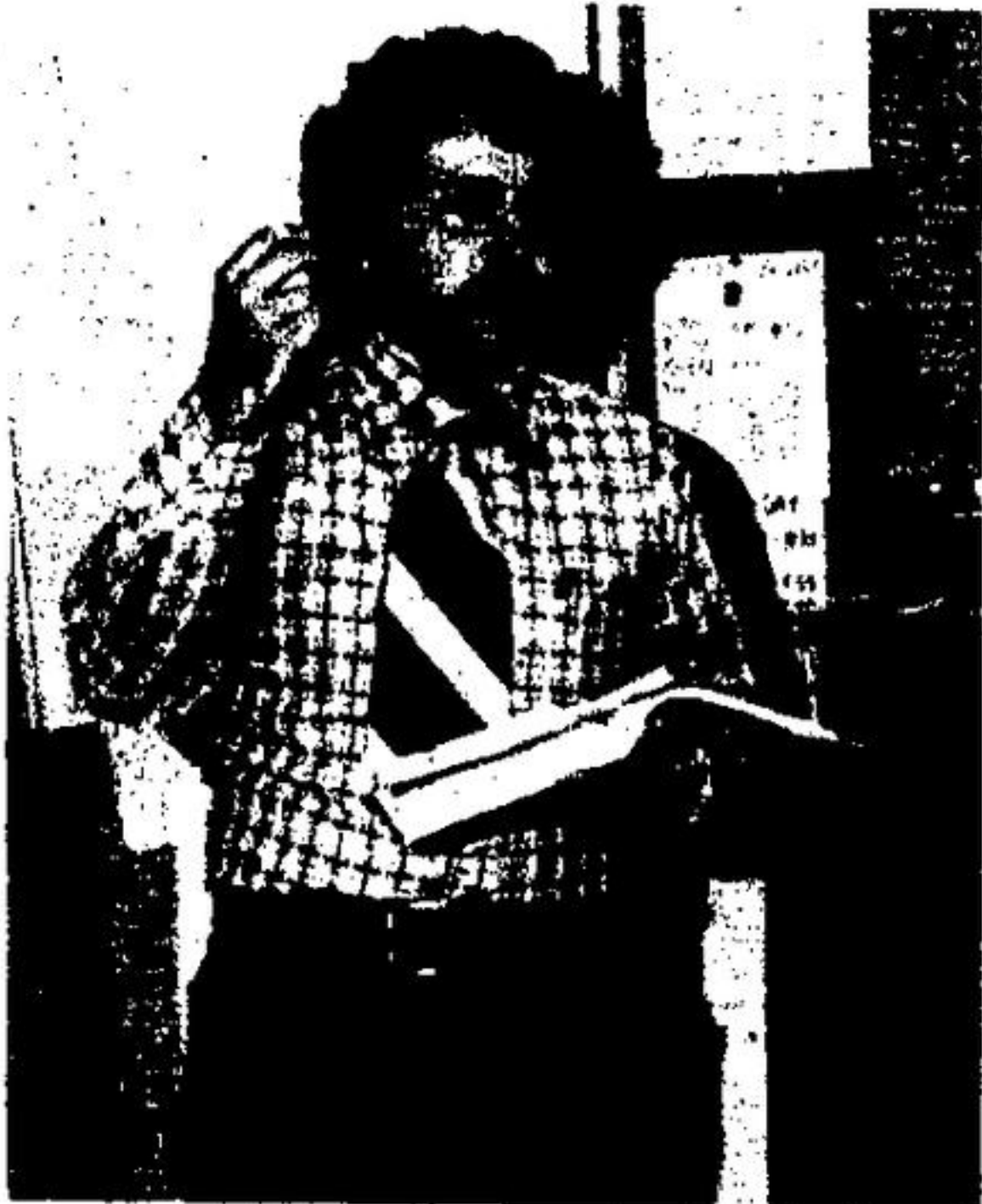
Dave Sale and 25 music students will be going to the opera this week. This will be a very educational experience for the music students.

Mrs. Louise Brown has been hired to teach one class of English a day. This one class was necessary due to the great number of students wanting to take English this year.

The first report card of the semester year will be out on October 16. These will be given to the students to take home to their parents.

Championships

Haltom cross country championships are on Friday October 18. The follow up is the Peel Haltom cross country championships on October 29. Acton high school will be having entries in both of the cross country events.



RICK BOYCHUCK CAME to teach in Acton from Toronto. Rick teaches mathematics and is involved in the Outers club. He has just completed the Mathematics and Computer Science course at the University of Waterloo.

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Scout and Guide news

By Mark Howe

Fine Fall weather was greeted enthusiastically by all groups this weekend. On Friday night scouts Hob Paterson, Jim Saxon, Robert Lambdon, Leonard Miller, David Bell, Bev Baker and John Toebes left on a camping trip under the direction of scouter John Sharples. Scouters Mark Howe joined them Saturday morning.

parents meeting, which takes place this Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Scout Hall. Beavers is for boys ages 5 to 8 years.

Last Tuesday evening the scout and guide mothers had an excellent meeting at the Scout Hall.

Bazaar

Guides and brownies spent Saturday down at the scout and guide mothers annual bazaar. The bazaar took place at the Y.M.C.A. The purpose was to raise funds for the scouts and guides.

THIS YEAR'S GOAL for fund raising for the school yearbook is \$1,500. Total money now raised so far is \$400.



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