

Intramural sports keep spirit alive and kicking

Within the walls of our local secondary institution are some great athletes. They just haven't come out of the woodwork yet.

Like termites, the students are eating their way out, via intramural sports. The Athletic Society, headed by David Galbraith, has organized a variety of these sports, which gives students who are not on any inter-scholastic activities, a chance to participate.

Since September, fowl shooting, cross country races, boys' touch football and girls' soccer have been undertaken. Basketball is at present in the offing.

In both intramural and inter-scholastic sports, he accumulates points for each. He receives a different number of points for the different level of sports.

Other activities

The Athletic Society is not only busy with actual sports. They have put out a monthly newspaper, called Acton High Athlete. They are now working on their second issue. A trip to the World's Gymnastic Meet in Maple Leaf Gardens on Nov. 5 was also credited to the Society. Perhaps their biggest undertaking is that of the sports hall of fame in the foyer by the gym. Team

boards, sports figures, pictures of past athletes and present society members etc. will be seen on the walls in this area.

As far as school spirit goes, Mr. Andrews feels "It is on the upswing". He explained how there was a definite lull for about five years, but now it is picking right back up again.

It is hoped the house league will keep school spirit as strong as it is. With the competitiveness among the students, the house trophy for the most points, will surely keep the termites eating to their hearts' content.

Houses

To help participation in the intramurals, the school is divided into different houses. Each student and teacher is a member of a house.

Each house has both a male and female captain. Heading Blue house is David Galbraith. His female counterpart is Maureen Gerth. Steve Carroll is the Green House boys' captain and Anne Smith, the girls'. Black house has Rick Van Fleet as team captain, with Nancy Shortill as girls' captain. Yellow house is headed by Robin Insoce and Heather Neare.

Points were tallied last week by Bruce Andrews, gym teacher, and it was soon realized Yellow house is in first place with 14 points. Blue house is second with 13. Black and Green houses are trailing with nine and eight respectively.

Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe

Teamwork and friendship were themes for last Thursday night's Scout meeting. All of the Scouts brought a buddy along who was interested in Scouting. As many aspects of a meeting, as possible were shown. There were 21 boys present in spite of the large snowfall.

Nursing home

After preparing many baked goods at home, 21 girls of the first Acton Guides visited the Maple View Lodge nursing home in Acton. The residents enjoyed the goodies while the girls sang guide songs and Christmas carols. Capt. Helen Rowe and Mrs. Vicky Seebach took the girls on the annual event.

More happiness was spread Monday, as the Cubs visited Eden House in Eden Mills. The leaders and Cubs sang all

the Christmas favorites to the residents. Pianist Sherri Lindsay accompanied them beautifully. The home supplied welcome hot chocolate to the Cubs, before they ventured back out into Monday's storm. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Santa

Darryl Allison and Dave Bell were Santa's helpers last weekend. Santa may still be visited on Thursday, Friday and Saturday until Christmas. Please bring in your letters to him.

All parents and leaders are reminded of the group committee meeting this Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Scout Hall. Please try to attend and find out what Scouting in Acton is doing. This meeting is for the parents of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Halton Board of Education may operate all summer school programs from one school next year. Superintendent of Program John Boich noted declining enrollment made it possible for all students to be handled at Lord Elgin High School.

He said there were a number of benefits that could be realized by going to one site. He noted some students were being transported anyway and those who were, arrived late for classes and had to leave early.

Summer school principal Willard Price noted that if bussing to one site was done it could be scheduled to the benefit of the student.

Boich noted more summer jobs, loss of some students to the newly formed Hamilton Summer School and a change in keeping statistics accounted for the drops from previous years.

Previously summer school was held in both Oakville and Burlington and Oakville trustees expressed a preference to keep the summer school program in Oakville operative.



NINETEEN GIRLS were enrolled into the second brownie pack during the course of two weeks, ending on November 26. The girls are, front row, Tracy Patterson, Susan Tufford, Kim McCormick and Darcy Thornton. Second row are Kim Weir, Tracy Dunbar, Mary McArthur, Leslie Henderson, Gail Hughes, Kristin Spielvogel and Christine Hoare. Back row, Debbie Beamish, Lisa Mitchell, Donna Beamish, Shellie McArthur, Cheryl Ann MacDonald, Marlene Rocher, and Monica Musselle. Margaret Hall is absent from the photograph.

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May centralize school



REPEATING THE Brownie oath are, left to right, Debbie Beamish, Christine Hoare, Donna Beamish and Lisa Mitchell. The girls were enrolled into the second brownie pack on November 26. Tawny owl Rose Seaton helps the girls with their lines.

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AHS Notes

by Marg Jongens

On Tuesday, December 3, a grade ten reading test was administered. It was held from 9 to 10:15 in the morning. The reading tests are first conducted in grade nine, but by also having them in grade ten, teachers feel they will be able to evaluate the student's progress better.

Today Rick McArthur went with 60 grade ten students on an all day outing to the Woodland Indian Cultural Centre.

As Christmas is nearing, so is the excitement rising at Acton high school. There will be a choir contest and a room decorating contest. And the grade thirteens have already started work on the Christmas assembly to be held on the last day of school, December 20.

On Limehouse

The next issue of Halton Education News, which goes home to all parents, features an interesting story on Limehouse school.

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Ontario will establish an extensive network of recreational trails across the province to provide increased recreational opportunities for the fast-growing numbers of snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, horseback riders, hikers and trail bike riders.

The program, announced to the Ontario Legislature on November 7 by Provincial Secretary for Resource Development Allan Grossman, will be implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Division of Parks.

To assist in the development of policies and plans, a Trails Council will be appointed. The Council will consist of representatives from various recreational organizations, outdoor sports groups, conservationists, farmers and other interest groups.

Policy

Reporting to Minister of Natural Resources Leo Bernier, the Council will be asked to make proposals on how the trails policy should be embodied in appropriate legislation.

Other tasks will include an inventory of existing trails and recommendations on the development of a broader trail network.

For the winter of 1974, 1975, Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources will offer snowmobile trail grooming assistance to legally recognized snowmobile clubs, Municipalities and Conservation Authorities.

The program will be limited to the maintenance of existing trails only at this time. Limited funds will be available for taking inventory of trails and planning work.



GUESTS at the fair board dinner and dance Friday included Miss Acton Fair Karen Hilfman, Acton Junior Farmers president Rae Swackhamer, and Carol Somerville who amassed the most 4-H points.

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