



HIGH SCHOOL Student Council, left to right, Ann Harding, secretary, Ron Moore, president, Colleen McGilloway, treasurer and Shirley Moore, vice president.

Student council plans speakers, dance-a-thon

The executive of the 1975-76 Acton High School Student Council was elected in June and consists of Ron Moore, president; Shirley Moore, vice-president; Ann Harding, secretary; and Colleen McGilloway treasurer.

In September, each home form in the school was asked to elect a home form representative. Initially, only some of these representatives were to serve on the student council, the number for each year determined by the total number of students in that year. The remaining home form reps were to act as communication links and as an idea source for the student council.

In the early meetings, the representatives decided that they would like to attempt to operate the council with all representatives as other commitments made it impossible for all students to attend every meeting.

During one supper meeting, students became more acquainted, discussed some major goals and participated in a brainstorming session to produce a list of possible future activities.

On Oct. 17, a workshop was conducted by Brian Skerrett and Dave Jones, staff advisors

to the student council, using facilities at the University of Guelph. About 25 students were present at the workshop which gave all involved a chance to get to know the others more than previously, to examine various methods of good communication and to form sub-committees to organize future activities.

As of this time, committees are operating to try and organize a dance-a-thon (proceeds to go to a town group); to plan a spring carnival; to arrange noon hour activities such as films; guest speakers, jukebox; and to investigate how students might become more involved in the community.

The social aspect of the council's work centres on dances. Two such activities have been held so far and a semi-formal dance is planned just before Christmas.

The council appears to be operating well in many directions with considerable support from its members and the student body.



JENNIFER ROWE is the new Acton high school news reporter. Her columns will reflect part of the happenings and moods at the school. This is your column, and Jennifer will need some help. Anyone with any news, please contact her.

Transport depot rejected until more details known

Appearing on behalf of the present owners of the southwest half of Lot 15, Concession 5, formerly in the town of Oakville, Bryce Code requested Halton Hills subsidiary planning board rezone the land from agricultural to light industrial so a transport depot could be built.

He told the councillors at the meeting on Oct. 28 that the land was an excellent location for a truck depot since it was close to Highway 401

and faced on Steeles Avenue not far from Hornby. Code said definite plans have not been developed for the truck depot since details of what part of the land will be used as part of a hydro corridor are not available. All he knew was that 18 acres of the land will be taken up by hydro towers.

Code was unable to give the town information about how much land would be used for the truck depot, its location on the lot and the size of buildings which might be erected.

He told planning board all land not used by Hydro or the truck depot would remain in agricultural use. Code said the present owners wanted the entire 80.4 acres rezoned for light industrial use even though it wasn't likely it would all be used for the truck depot.

Some councillors were worried about the heavy amount of traffic created by the truck depot on Steeles Avenue, which isn't considered a road which would stand up under heavy use by trucks.

Planning board decided that they wouldn't be able to even consider the rezoning request until more details of the proposed development were known.

Acton high notes

by Jennifer Rowe

"Double, double, toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble." This was the atmosphere at Acton High School on Friday for the Halloween assembly. This assembly was totally a student effort, organized by Grant Gibson. It had slides that showed witchcraft and other spooky figures, along with spine-tingling music that set the mood for a perfect Halloween scare.

Anyone who attended the Family Life Meeting at M.Z. Bennett would most likely tell you that it was an evening well spent. The information given on child behavior and discipline will go to good use, I'm sure.

Dance

"Boogie On." That was the general feeling on Thursday at the Student Council dance. The band "Troll" played until everyone fell with exhaustion. It was a very successful dance.

On Monday Mr. Boychuk's Computer Science Class went to the University of Toronto to test their programs and to put their masterminds in computer technology to good use.

Truth out The truth comes out on Tuesday. This is the first day of Parent Interviews and so parents will have a chance to hear the other side of the story as to their children's progress. The tenth of November is the next date. Teachers do be kind!



STUDENTS WHO were privately presented with their awards for academic achievement at Acton high school were given their prizes Monday morning by principal Dean Fink. Front row, Linda Mackenzie, The Indusmin award for year two environmental science; Carol Grant, Denny's Insurance Prize for year three accounting, and Kari Ailken, the Beardmore and Company award for year one science. Back row,

Marion Jamieson, the Gals' Pal Ladies' Wear award for year four home economics; Sheila Cook, the First Line Television award for year one English; Laura Murchison and Linda MacLeod, both with the Ledger's IGA Scholarship, year two home economics award. Absent were Steve Carroll, Anthony Rouse, Marvin McNabb, Steve Buchanan and Wade Knight.

Splash flashes

by Anne Pickering



A canoe is a funny-looking craft that flips at the slightest excuse, carries only a minimum of passengers and runs on 100 per cent muscle.

So why has canoeing become so popular in recent years? The back to nature kick is a big part of it. A canoe provides an excellent way to view wildlife first-hand.

But there's more to paddling a canoe than just dipping your blade in the water. This fact is made clear by the number of persons drowning from canoe accidents.

Carelessness and a lack of training are the main causes of canoe accidents. A study of these fatalities revealed that most of the victims were not using a life saving device. Often weather conditions were ignored and the canoe was loaded improperly.

Tippy "Tippy" is a word often used to describe the canoe, but the craft itself is not to blame. People contribute most to its instability.

The secret of stability in a canoe is to keep your weight low and avoid sudden moves. Expert canoeists kneel on the bottom while paddling to keep the craft's centre of gravity low. Passengers and gear should be evenly distributed along the centre of the canoe's long axis. If you have to change places, stay low and move one at a time.

Canoe tipplings do occur even with experienced canoeists, and for this reason the Red Cross advises that every canoeist wear a life-jacket unless the weather is good, the water is calm and he can swim ten minutes fully dressed. A good way to avoid a dunking is to stay on shore when uncertain weather threatens.

Stay low If a squall blows up unexpectedly, stay as low as possible in the canoe and head for shore. Canoes have built in flotation. They will almost always float, even if filled with water. If you do capsize stay with your canoe. It will help keep the victim afloat until he is rescued or can right the canoe or manoeuvre it to shore.

Canoeing can prove to be a pleasurable experience if the canoeist uses common sense, wears a lifejacket and heeds weather warnings. There will be public swimming Tues., Nov. 11 2-4 p.m.

Wanda Hall likes area countryside

Wanda Hall is one of Acton high school's new Geography and History teachers. She is a graduate of McMaster University, where she earned an Honor's B.A., and the University of Toronto, where she received her Bachelor of Education.

In her first year of teaching, Wanda has found the staff "extremely positive and helpful, particularly chairman Keith Black and Principal Dean Fink."

Miss Hall lives in Mississauga and finds the Acton countryside "very refreshing when compared to the concrete and congestion of the city". Living relatively close to downtown Toronto allows Wanda plenty of opportunity for one of her favorite hobbies—restaurant hopping. She particularly likes Italian restaurants and her favorite dish is lasagna.

Wanda Hall has enjoyed her first year of teaching, but not everything has gone

smoothly, for Wanda teaches in one of the four portables at the high school and it took almost two months to get her room fully equipped with a clock, curtains and screen. Things are relatively normal now, however.

Canoes, boat gone

Tuesday of last week two canoes and an aluminum rowboat were all taken from the shores of Fairy Lake. The thefts were reported to police who are investigating.

The canoes were taken from their owners who live on Lake Ave. and the rowboat from the campsite at The Breezes.



GEOGRAPHY AND history students have a new teacher this year. Wanda Hall is a graduate of McMaster University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree, and the University of Toronto, where she received her Bachelor of Education degree.

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