

# Students enjoy bicentennial tour

By Jennifer Rowe  
Through the dampness of the early morning, the bus pulled out of Acton High School and headed out. The time was 7 a.m. and the destination was Guelph.

Maybe that doesn't sound all that interesting, however this bus was taking a group of 35 American History students to another bus where they would begin their long voyage to the United States. Boston, Plymouth and Washington were the destinations that would be reached in the next five days.

Friday May 14 we headed for the border and then on into New York State stopping every three hours for about a 20-40 minute stop.

**Tour guide**  
Our bus driver, Ernie Galipeau proved to be a great driver as well as a great guy. He acted as our tour guide while we travelled on the road and entered different states. Even our constant requests for him to turn up the radio couldn't bother "Ernie."

We reached Boston around dinner time, and got settled into the beautiful "Lenox" hotel before going out to investigate the dining houses of the city.

For some it was the different cuisine of the Orient, others steak and potatoes and still others dined at "Burger King."

Boston was quite an experience for a lot of us who have not had much experience in the big cities. Since I was warned about locking myself in my room and holding on to my purse when on the streets I received the nickname "P" for paranoid as I was jumping at every sound.

Saturday morning after an early breakfast we started on a bus tour of Boston. A tour guide from the Boston area joined us here and took us all around this beautiful city.

The buildings, which are made of marble, enhance the city giving it a clean neat appearance. We saw many sights including the statue of Paul Revere and a tour of the U.S. Constitution. We moved along heading for Plymouth absorbing all the historic wonders that seem to be popping out all over the States.

As we neared Plymouth we stopped and viewed the graveyard where some of the pilgrims who helped to build a life in this country are buried.

**Breathtaking**  
As we drove into Plymouth and to our seaside motel nothing but sighs of wonder and the click of cameras could be heard. Our motel was just a couple hundred yards from the Mayflower II, Plymouth Rock and the hill where many pilgrims were buried. After trying to endure a hard North-American winter.

We were given time to explore Plymouth and found that tours of the Mayflower were available and a wax museum near by. That night, quite a few of us decided the sea-food was what we wanted for dinner. Feasting on everything from clams scallops, shrimps and lobsters everyone ate a delicious filling meal.

That night we did a variety of things. Some stayed at the motel others went to the movies and still others just explored the sights by night of this picturesque town.

Sunday morning we set off for Washington. This was a long drive but we managed to catch up on some sleep that had been missed the night before.

We arrived there about seven p.m. and our motel "The Colony" had the television "Godspell" showing. This show and the movies in the nearby town of "Laurel" provided the entertainment for this evening.

The next morning we were up early and started on our bus tour of Washington D.C. We picked up our guide who was a wonder in himself. You would think that he had built Washington by himself as he knew every statistic and fact you could think of right up to the number of bathrooms the White House has.

We visited Arlington Cemetery, the burial place of President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert and other prominent citizens who have died.

We watched the changing of the guards at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and then visited the Capital, the Washington Monument, the Senate buildings, and other government buildings. One very impressive place we visited was the Lincoln Memorial. Here we were able to walk up the marble stairs to the top where the famed statue of "Honest Abe" sits. After the tour of Washington was complete we went on to the Smithsonian Institution. It is like a huge science centre except it contains everything from every subject area you could think of.

Our last night was spent in the motel.  
On Tuesday morning we left for home stopping for a visit to Niagara Falls and arriving in good of Acton about 9.30.

**Chaperones**  
I now have given you a brief outline of our trip and I haven't once mentioned our chaperones Harriet Knor or Bill Taylor. Saving the best for last I would now like to express our thanks to these two wonderful people. They gave up five days for the trip plus the many hours they put in for fund-raising and organizing for the trip. They are two super people who deserve special recognition and have made it possible for students like myself to experience a trip that will never be forgotten. Thanks again!



LOVELLA LORELLA DEPIERI of Acton was crowned queen of the Italian-Canadian Club at a club dance in Milton Saturday. Last year's queen Marisa Piccini crowned her after Lovella was chosen from 10 girls who entered the club competition.

# Ottawa toured by grade eight students

Grade eight pupils of Robert Little school went to Ottawa for three days beginning May 25. Doris Gunther, one of the students, has written up an account of their experiences in the nation's capital city.

by Doris Gunther  
Everyone trembled with excitement as we gathered on the bus heading for Ottawa on May 25 at 6.30 a.m. It was a long way there, but we made a few stops. At 11.30 a.m., we stopped and toured Bellevue House in Kingston. About 12.30 was lunch and at 1.15 we moved toward Ottawa. We arrived at Carleton University at approximately five o'clock. After supper we could choose an activity to do for the rest of the night. Ten was suppose to be bedtime.

but I think everyone stayed up a little later than 11 p.m. On Wednesday, our chaperones came around banging on all the doors telling us to be ready for breakfast at 7.30 a.m. At nine o'clock we arrived at the Parliament Buildings and saw Prime Minister Trudeau stepping out of his car. There was also a beautiful view from the top of the Peace Tower. At 10.30 we pushed on to the War Museum and at 11.30 to the Royal Mint, where they make money. It was so noisy in there, you could hardly hear yourself think. We had lunch and time to ourselves until 1.15. At 1.30 we toured Laurier House. Next, at 2.30, we went to the National Museum of Science. It had many interesting floors. We returned to the university for supper at five o'clock, and again at seven we had a supervised activity. Some students went swimming, a few to a show, and the rest stayed in their rooms or played pingball downstairs. Bed was at 11 p.m., but that is when everyone came back because we had our pizza party on the eighth floor. Bedtime that night was about one a.m. Thursday morning, our last day, again we awoke to the banging on the door and breakfast at 7.30. We had our rooms ready for checkout at 8.30 and said goodbye to the university. At 11.45 we toured Fort Henry in Kingston and had lunch at McDonald's. At one o'clock we were on our way home and made a few stops, including supper. We finally arrived at Robert Little School at 7.20 p.m. It was a very successful and interesting trip!

## Scout and Guide news

by Mark Rowe  
Thursday, June 3 was an important night for Cubs and Scouts from North Halton district. The provincial field executive, Jack Kent presented awards at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena in Georgetown. Congratulations go to Acton Cubs Gord Goulding and Andrew Lambden. They both won the district commissioner's award. This is the second year Acton has been honoured. The award is presented annually by district commissioner, Gord Douglas to the Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venturer or Rover in the entire district who shows the best all-around Scouting spirit. Resignation After the ceremonies, the district commissioner, Gord Douglas, officially announced his resignation after five years of outstanding service. The new district commissioner, Murray Harrison of Acton, was appointed by the district council. Acton Scout Association would like to welcome Murray as their new D.C. and wish him the best of luck in his new position. On Saturday, the district Cubs held a Cuboree in Georgetown. An Olympic style sports day was held. The boys were divided into countries. After an enjoyable day under those blue skies, first place was awarded to "U.S.A." Second place went to "Germany", with "Italy" coming in third. Cubs from Acton's "A" and "B" pack attended the event. Besides leaders, transportation and assistance was rendered by David Lambden, Ken Chappel and Arnold Park. Wiener roast Saturday night, the Brownies, Guides and Rangers of Acton district, enjoyed a wiener roast and get together at Glenlea Park. It was an excellent evening, officially closing off the Guiding season in Acton. The air was downright hot. Sunday afternoon as citizens gathered for the annual Decoration Day Parade. Baghera (Pat Garton) along with nine Cubs, a Scout and Elaine Hannah from district service team, represented

## Acton High Notes

By Jennifer Rowe  
A school day count down is now in order with only ten days of school left. Students are busy finishing up assignments and securing summer jobs during this warm weather. Last Thursday was the Athletic Banquet and dance. This was a huge success. The Athletic society had their first banquet night last year and have now turned it into an annual event. The banquet which was held at the legion was enjoyed by all. To Toronto On Friday, Mrs. Jennifer Yust and Mrs. June Levy took the grade 11, French class to Toronto for a French dinner and to Massey Hall for a concert. The dinner was delicious and the waiter who was from France proved very helpful and interesting. After dinner we took a walk to City Hall and then returned to Massey Hall where we spent an enjoyable evening listening to Gilbert Beaud. After the concert the audience went so wild that Gilbert was forced to come back on for not one, not two, but three encores. Also on Friday, Ms. Sue Baker took her grade 11 English students to Toronto to the Planetarium where they watched an interesting show put to music. Art fever On Thursday and Friday Art Fever will be sweeping the school. It will begin Thursday night and will continue again all day Friday. A draw is being held for art supplies such as paints, watercolors, pastels and candle-making kit. The tickets are 25c each, five for \$1.00. So come out and let Art Fever take you to a world of design and fantasy.

# Two Acton students in Ottawa with patrols

The Hamilton Automobile Club along with community assistance sent 188 school safety patrol students to Ottawa, Thursday, May 27 to participate in the 17th annual national school patrol jamboree. Trevor Denny, grade six at M.Z. Bennett and Lori

DeBruyn, grade seven at Robert Little, attended from Acton. Five chartered buses took the students to the Nation's Capitol along with 12 police safety officers, female teacher chaperones, a nurse and H.A.C. personnel.

The students are chosen for their outstanding dedication to duty during the past school year in assisting their fellow students to and from school safely. Included in the group were patrolers from Hamilton-Wentworth, Halton Region, Haldimand/Norfolk, Brantford, Paris, and the surrounding O.P.P. territory. A full schedule of events was planned once the group arrived in Ottawa. Their first stop was the Parliament Buildings, and from there, War Museum, The Governor General's Residence, a portion of the R.C.M.P. Musical Ride, an Air Museum and a shopping spree. The evenings were devoted to meeting fellow patrolers from across Canada at movies, pizza parties and dances. On Saturday, May 29, over 8,000 School Patrol students formed a mammoth parade and marched past the parliament buildings with Government and Canadian Automobile Association Officials taking the salute. Following the parade, they took in a circus and then headed for home.



JOHN BARRATT, Acton, is throwing in the sponge at the Cuboree. The cubs showed how the shot-put is done with sponges, Saturday.

## Art work on display

"Art Fever" has hit Acton high school. This Thursday evening and all day Friday an art show will take place in the school gymnasium. Displays and demonstrations of the full school year of work will be seen, with the high school band providing music. Prizes and refreshments will be available. There is no admission charge.

## Day off for students

A worn out water pump gave Speyside school students the day off yesterday (Tuesday). The worn pump was discovered Monday night and students were notified that evening there would be no school, according to caretaker Floyd Whetham. A new pump has been installed however, and it was school as usual today.

## Free Press Youth page

### "ART FEVER"

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