

Profiles

with Jennifer Barr



assistant professor teaching modern European history to U of T students.

With two brothers involved in the travel business and a penchant for visiting the places about which he teaches, it was inevitable Jack got behind a flying desk.

Having known Acton Travel's owner, Rick Bonnetto, for some years, and seeking a small town agency where he could work part-time and "feel at home" Jack landed in Acton. He and his family, wife and two children, live in Brantford so travelling is no problem (was that a pun?).

Co-ordinating with his brothers' travel agency in Toronto Jack has planned trips for European farmers wishing to study Canadian rural life. One such group was very impressed with the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton, Jack says. Another group was bused via Denny's bus lines to the Olde Hide House and commented on the friendliness of local people.

Specializing in history tours, Jack has organized packages for school groups visiting battle sites in France. A recent one-week students' tour included visits to famous battlefields in Ypres, Pachedale, Dieppe, Normandy, and the Scheldt River area. They were also taken to Saint Malo, the birthplace of Jacques Cartier and had time for a few days in Paris.

"They now know all the important dates from Cartier to World War Two," Jack chuckles.

Travelling as he does (Europe every year, South America, the Pacific) Jack has a fountain of amusing stories. One such story (amusing only in retrospect) involved a visa and Cuba. Travelling to Cuba for three days on business just before starting a teaching assignment, Jack had to make his flight connections through Mexico—before the days of direct Cuban flights. Possessing a Mexican Tourist card, Jack knew



Jack Pauwels

there would be no difficulty landing and taking off from Mexico on his return. However, he was told in Havana he couldn't leave for Mexico without a Mexican visa—one of these obscure Cuban rules. It would take a week to obtain a visa and Jack had no day left on his three day Cuban visa, no money and only two days before starting his teaching job.

"It could have been a catastrophe," remarks Jack.

Desperation makes heroes and Jack went out to the airport at departure time only to be told he needed his Mexican visa before boarding.

"Oh no," he bluffed, "by special arrangement with the Belgian and Mexican governments, Belgian citizens travel to Mexico on a tourist card." It worked, Jack got out of Cuba in time to start teaching in Canada.

What does this world traveller, history professor, multi-lingual person do in his spare time? Jack Pauwels likes to fish!

Travelling and history go together, according to Acton Travel's newest staff member, Jack (Jacques) Pauwels. Jack should know, he's been travelling most of his life, he has a doctorate in German history and teaches at the University of Toronto three days a week.

As assistant manager of Acton Travel since last spring Jack co-ordinates European tours, special history holidays for school groups and sets up itineraries for Europeans coming to southern Ontario.

Born in Belgium, of travelling parents, Jack learned to speak several languages at an early age. His mother tongue is Flemish Dutch but, living on the French border, he spoke French as a second language. School years gave him a mastery of English and German and a smattering of Latin and Greek. He also reads and writes Arabic and Swahili and can get by in Spanish!

Emigrating to Canada 12 years ago with his wife, who now works at the Belgian Embassy in Toronto, Jack studied for his PhD at York University. Teaching was a natural follow-through and Jack is happy as a freelance lecturer giving various history courses to Toronto, York and Western Universities. Currently he's

Pledges high, but cash low

Only two per cent of the participants in the Terry Fox Fun Run have handed in their money.

Local organizer, Gord Auty, says Acton pledges totalled an outstanding \$10,965.50 for the cancer fund raising day. But of the 200 runners, he pointed out only about four or five have deposited their contributions in a local bank, totalling about \$500.

Auty explained that money was to be in yesterday (Tuesday) one month after the run. He urges all runners to take their money to any bank in Acton, explain what it is for and they will receive a receipt.

The bank will then pass the money over to the appropriate persons.

"People should make a concerted effort to get their money in," Auty said. He is very pleased with the total pledges, but is anxious to see the money also.

Auty and the other members of the committee have even volunteered to personally pick up money from participants if they are unable to get to a bank. Auty can be reached at 678-3323.

The Fun Run was held as a tribute to Marathon of Hope runner Terry Fox, who attempted to jog across Canada with an artificial leg. Fox

stopped short of his goal when cancer was discovered in his lungs. He died in early July, weeks after the Fun Run had been put in motion in communities across the nation.



Actario prizes

A trip to Mohawk raceway during Actario Night is this Saturday's Early Bird Actario draw.

A special trip to the race track is slated for next month. Transportation, supper, a program, and admission fee is included in the \$15 cost.

October 24 draw is not yet decided.

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100 more teachers approved by 1984

A contract agreement between the Halton Board of Education and its teachers has been reached for the 1981-82 school year.

Trustees gave their approval last week to a package raising the average teacher's salary by 13.3 per cent in both elementary and secondary school levels.

The Board also agreed to hire 101 more teachers between Sept. 1, 1982 and Sept. 1, 1984, eventually bringing the pupil-teacher ratio in the

system down to an average of 20 to 1.

Trustee Bill Priestner (Burlington) bemoaned the further lowering of the PTR, saying Halton was giving up something that had been a point of pride.

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Arrest made in break-ins

A 16 year old youth is being held in custody and facing four break, enter residence and one attempted break-in charges following an arrest in Acton Friday.

Police say the 16 year old, of no fixed address, was picked up by Officer Alex Fishbain on Duby Road following break-ins Friday at a home on the same street. Coins valued at \$200 were stolen. The thief was scared off during an attempted break-in at a Storey Drive home the same afternoon.

Police have also charged the youth with a break-in Thursday where \$130 was stolen from a Storey Drive home. The thief entered through a sliding glass window when the homeowners were out.

He also faces charges of break, enter and theft following the September 29 break-in at the Wruck residence on Storey Drive where jewellery valued at \$200 was stolen

and an incident at the September 29. Cash totalling \$400 was stolen in Cobblehill Road also the Hillier incident.

The Halton Board of Education seeks applications from qualified electors to fill the vacant trustee's seat in Ward 2, Oakville. The vacancy has been created by Trustee Mrs. J. Cutmore's resignation in order to seek election as Municipal Councillor.

The term of office is from October 20, 1981 to December 1982.

A person is qualified to be a trustee if he/she is:

- a Canadian citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- a resident within Halton
- a public school elector.

Applications should be directed to the Chairman of the Board. The deadline for the receipt of applications is October 20, 1981. Interviews will be held on Thursday evening, October 22, at 7:00 p.m. The application should include a resume of your experience and qualifications and an indication of the reason for your interest in the position.

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