

# AHS doesn't wait for everything from taxpayers

by Helen Murray  
Acton High School students are not sitting around waiting for taxpayers' money to buy them everything. With enterprises like The Closet and Teen Cuisine, they are buying computer equipment and other things needed now, with their own money.

The Halton Board of Education is now considering a plan which will equip every high school in Halton with a computer lab in the next five years. The local secondary school students already have their lab, which they started buying four years ago with school raised funds.

The Closet, a school store operating for the past 10 years (at least), purchased nine computers, while Teen Cuisine, the teacher-student run cafeteria, bought three computers.

The Closet, according to teachers Boris Shean and Bill Coats was first opened in the old high school on Acton Blvd. about 10 years ago, although they are not sure of the date. It started out being operated from a Closet, and when the school changed premises, they had their own specially designed store in the heart of the school.

Sales vary according to the weather, Shean says, and average about \$125 a day. In the nice weather, students will walk to the nearest store, but during the poor weather, receipts are up substantially.

At the old school, The Closet donated \$200 to the indoor swimming pool. Besides the computers, the Closet money also goes out to other good causes in the school.

Besides candy and potato chips, the Closet also sells school supplies. They used to deal in grade 13 textbooks, but now that there is a book store in town, they try not to cut into others' businesses.

Coats pointed out school stores in the south of Halton have not been as successful as in Acton, mainly because of stealing.

All the workers are volunteers, Shean stresses, and they usually number about 25, although they have had as many as 30 and as few as 15.

Teen Cuisine is also a unique program. Headed by teacher Roy McMillan, the family studies class and a handful of volunteers run the cafeteria.

Besides the computers, Teen Cuisine has contributed thousands of dollars to the school, such as donations to the athletic society, the school year book, computer accessories, filing cabinets, benches, blinds, and new last year, a scholarship.



John DeJong works on a student-funded computer at Acton High School.

Since its inception in 1978, the Teen Cuisine has made about \$25,000 net profit, which has gone back into the school.

McMillan explains that instead of having outside agencies come in and run the cafeteria, the students do it as part of their family studies class. They employ two full-time people and one part-time with the students helping out daily.

In addition to training the students in cafeteria operations, Teen Cuisine provides nutritious food at reasonable prices. It allows for student involvement, and provides profits for the school.

Their prices are markedly lower than in other schools in Halton, and they even offer meals not available in other schools, such as western sandwiches, Big Ericas (bacon burger), and Octoberfest.

The only other schools where the students run the cafeteria are vocational schools, General Brock and General Wolfe in the south.

The money is not given out freely, either, McMillan says. A committee has been set up which reviews each request.

McMillan says the extra hours he and teachers Louise Krueger and Ruth Wilson put into Teen Cuisine are in lieu of other activities more visible, such as coaching sports teams, or putting on plays.

Acton school board trustee Arlene Bruce says it is refreshing to see students who are willing to work for goods, rather than having everything given to them for nothing. In these days of soaring inflation and taxes, every little bit helps.

# Actonians to participate in peace demonstration

Members of Trinity United Church will take part in a Palm Sunday peace demonstration at Litton Systems in Etobicoke.

The demonstration is billed as an Ecumenical Vigil for Peace, and is being supported by Lutheran, Roman Catholic, United, Anglican and Presbyterian churches.

Eldon Comfort, organizer of the Acton delegation, hopes a busload of Acton partici-

pants will attend the vigil. Organization begins this week.

The vigil begins at 7 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 27, and continues 26 hours until Monday at 9 p.m. It resumes Tuesday and Wednesday, from 4 to 9 p.m. The demonstration begins with a special ecumenical service.

The demonstration will protest Litton's participation in the manufacture of the American Cruise Missile.

# More teachers wanted...

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Beever noted this year he was hearing exactly the opposite of what he heard at the drop-in he attended in 1982. Last year everyone wanted the board to cut the taxes down and were outraged by the 22 per cent increase. This year, however, he is hearing support for staff and a demand for a lower PTR.

Jim Sheldon, Speyside and a mother claimed they would be willing to pay a 20 per cent increase if it meant smaller classrooms. Bruce interjected that taxpayers with no children are not willing to pay that price tag. Fisher stated the unemployed and senior citizens are not either.

Some 75 per cent of the board's budget is spent on teachers' salaries, Bruce said, while Beever admitted that the board was

11th in salaries in the 18 large school boards across the province.

Fisher stressed that parents who have any problems with overcrowding in the classroom, or anything else should call their trustees and let them know.

Robert Filman, president of the Halton Elementary Teachers Association (HETA) will be at the Councillors Drop-in Thursday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Acton Library.

# Tools are stolen

About \$500 worth of tools were stolen from a truck parked in the Rockwood Hotel Parking lot, last Wednesday.

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