

Mini-School major project at Acton High

May 19 was hardly a typical day for Acton High School students.

Some were canoeing on the indoor pool while others were building a log cabin on the lawn or watching judo demonstrations in the gym—a few of the special "Mini-School" activities.

Regular teachers stepped aside to make way for experts in 34 different fields, who gave the students a glimpse of the different occupations and hobbies available to them.

The Canadian Magazine's 20-year staff cartoonist, Doug Wright, described his career to a group of aspiring young artists, who, in turn, offered ideas for his weekly strip.

Madame De Silaghi-Sirag the Countess of Romania, known to her friends as Bobbie, hosted a session in parapsychology. During psychic trips, she paints what she sees, and has recently become involved with faith healing.

Photography lessons were given by Ted Carter of Guelph University and Colin Muir of Fergus.

The skeleton of the hand of a 300-year-old mummy was part of the display brought by archeologist Dr. Savage from the Royal Ontario Museum.

The fine art of making eggrolls was taught by Sandra Pun of Acton, and another local woman, Valarie Johnson, brought macramé boards.

Greg Cowan of Brussels, Ontario launched his canoe in the pool to demonstrate the safe way to paddle.

"How to trace your family tree" was the topic of the lecturer by Mrs. Jacqueline McDonald North, Guelph Chairman of the Waterloo-Wellington Branch of the Ontario Gynecological Society.

Director of the People's Ranch, Bruce Chapman, welcomed students interested in Western riding, and Steve Lister held a class on English riding.

For martial arts fans, there were judo experts Frank Beterick of Georgetown, and Ron Day and Pete Keta of the Kung Fu Scarlett Dragon Society in Kitchener. Keta broke boards with his bare hands.

Middle weight fighter

Damiano Pellegino demonstrated amore competitive form of self-defense; boxing.

Beautician Yvonne Bussin, instructor at Shaw College Toronto, gave the girls tips on make-up while model Anne Harwick and Marilyn Ottaway of Acton's Village Boutique advised them to steer clear of fad fashions by choosing only styles and colours compatible with their individual physical make-ups.

Representing public services, Halton Hills policeman, Ken Wilson and Joe Owen of the Royal City Ambulance in Guelph, and Captain W.C. Gorman of the Armed Forces staged demonstrations.

A beginner's lesson in yoga was given by Vivian O'Brien, Rockwood, in one of the carpeted portables.

A few students had the experience of being hypnotized by Bill Carson of the North American Institute of Hypnotology.

For winter sport enthusiasts, a film and discussion on snowmobiling was hosted by Don Ross of the John Deere dealership in Acton. Sherri Munro from the physical education department of Seneca College, also brought a movie and different types of ski gear.

Tips were given by pro golfer Gill Gardner, member of the Guelph Golf and Country Club.

A film introducing Transcendental Meditation, preceded a question and answer period, led by Blain Watson, teacher at the TM Centre in Guelph.

Two former AHS students, Ian MacMillan and Paul Petric showed students how to build a log cabin while Jim Harris from the E.D. Bowers Outfitting Co. Toronto gave a complimentary lecture on wilderness survival.

Chess champ Stan Percival came from Hamilton to play 12 games of chess—simultaneously.

For motorcycle fans, Stephen Todd president of the Kawasaki Cycle Sport Association, brought his bike and explained the rules of dirt bike races.

An instructor from the Parachute School of Toronto,

Lloyd Kallio, lectured on skydiving and the sport of scuba diving was introduced by Jim Quail, the executive director of the Ontario Underwater Council.

At the last minute, teachers Mr. Black and Mr. Rogvaldson filled in for ministry of transport representatives to teach defensive driving on the simulation machine.

As slide presentation accompanied the explanation of the theories of creation and evolution, by Dr. Osmond of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine.

Questions on astrology were answered by Wendell Steinhilber of Georgetown.

Paul Richardson, Program Director of CHIC and John Dale of CFNY-FM, Brampton radio stations, described the ups and downs of a disc-jockey career.

Sounds like a pretty interesting program doesn't it? According to surveys conducted by the staff the day after "Mini-School", the students who participated found it both enjoyable and educational.

"I was pleased with the positive feedback I got from them today," said Ken Ellis, Resource Teacher, who joined forces with Brain Skerrett of Students Services to organize the "Mini-School".

Its success can be attributed to the fact that it was so well-planned and well-executed.

The volunteer guest speakers were carefully chosen, and allotted adequate one-and-a-half hour sessions for their presentations. Each student opted for three of the many special classes scheduled, and there was only one complaint voiced: it was difficult for the kids to decide which ones to choose.

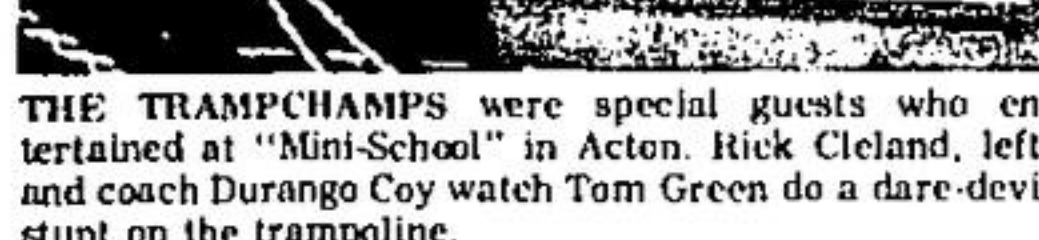
For "Mini-School's" grand finale, all pupils were welcomed to attend this performance of the Trampchamps, featuring professional trampolining artists Frank Neglia, Rick Cleland, Tom Green and coach Durango Coy. Relaxing to watch their act, a balanced combination of skill and humour, was the perfect way to end a busy day.



GUINEA PIG Heather Reed, AHS student, modelled for beautician Yvonne Bussin, instructor at Shaw College in Toronto, who explained proper make-up application.



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THE TRAMPCHAMPS were special guests who entertained at "Mini-School" in Acton. Rick Cleland, left, and coach Durango Coy watch Tom Green do a daredevil stunt on the trampoline.



KICKING BUT MISSING. Pete Keta of the Scarlett Dragon Society demonstrates Kung Fu with AHS student Tom Ryan.



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LOG CABIN BUILDING was taught on the lawn of AHS by former students Ian MacMillan and Paul Petric at last week's "Mini-School."



BUSY LEARNING MACRAMÉ is AHS student Karen Smellie in a "Mini-School" class.



DIRT BIKING tips were offered to AHS students by Stephen Todd, a motorcycle racer who has been president of the Kawasaki Cycle Sport Association for two consecutive years.



CHESS CHAMP Stan Percival of Hamilton School kids at "Mini-school" look on 12 games at once against Acton High.

Decision delayed

Town offices may be moving soon

Halton Hills regional councillors have managed to hold off a decision by Halton council that might have

hastened the closing of town offices in Acton.

Halton's public works committee recommended to

council last Wednesday that the water billing functions now being carried out in Acton's municipal office be transferred

to Georgetown.

For most Acton residents it would mean little change as they could continue to pay their utility bills at local banks. However for the region it would mean a cost saving, as Halton would not have to pay its portion of the costs of operating the Acton office. Those savings could amount to 18,000 per year.

Acton councillor Pat McKenzie commented that

any decision by the region should have been made in conjunction with the town who will be left in a position of having to decide whether or not they wish to pay the total costs of keeping the office open.

Besides the water billing staff, the area fire chief and the Wards 1 and 2 recreation program co-ordinator also use the office.

At the request of McKenzie

and Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill the works committee will take the matter back for further study on the cost savings.

Councillor McKenzie added that if the cost savings are proven then he would support the moving of the billing operations to Georgetown.

After that, "if Halton Hills has to pick up the \$18,000 to operate the office we may have to decide whether or not to close the office entirely."

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Choral Society entertain

The 61-voice choir of the Georgetown Choral Society sang to a full house, even to the last pew in the gallery of the Trinity United Church, in Acton last Tuesday.

Guest organist at the recital was Barry Gosse, organist and director of music at Islington United Church and conductor of the Etobicoke Centennial

Choir and the Youth Orchestra. Joyce Hayward, a well known piano teacher, was the accompanist.

"Ayre for Eventide" was the theme of the choral society's offering which included selections from "West Side Story", "Brigadoon", "Sing Unto God", "For All We Know", and "God of Our Fathers" in a programme of 17 numbers, all under the capable direction of A. Dale Wood, organist and director of music at St. John's United Church in Georgetown.

Soloists were Bill Brush in the number "Dere's No Hidin' Place" and guest artist, Cheryl Hauser, a grade ten student at Georgetown District High School, who played Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2.

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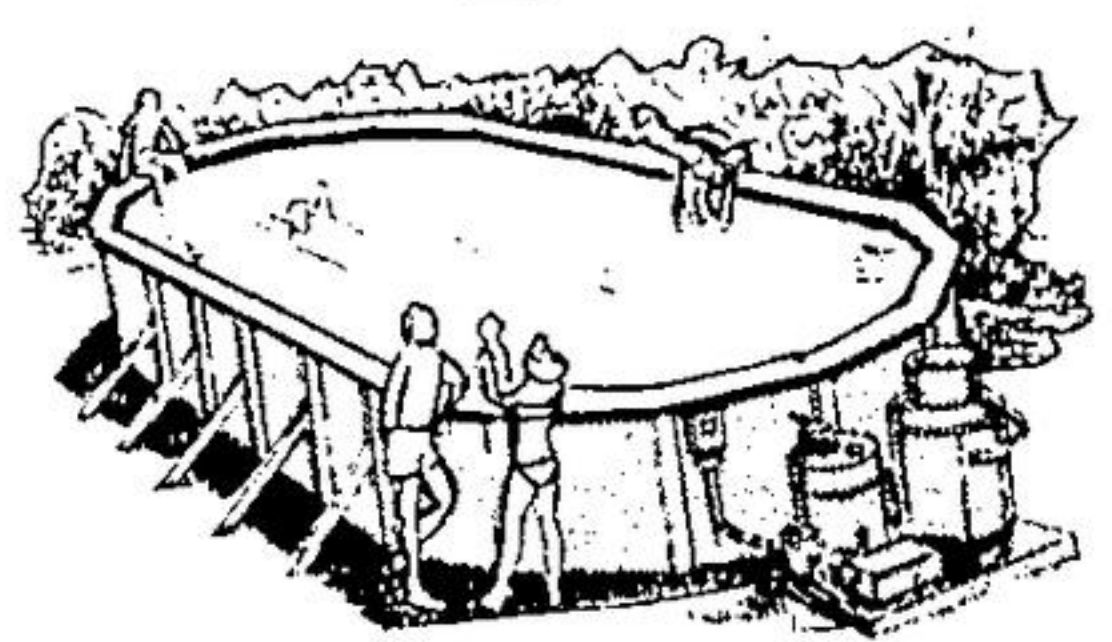
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