

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# GDHS play review upsets reader

To the editor of The Herald:  
In your vain attempt to exercise your "critic's" duty in adjudicating the GDHS musical production "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," I'd like to point out, old boy, that you've missed the point entirely.  
Even if you did know anything about theatre, or drama critique (which you obviously don't) no one in your reading audience gives a hoot what you think. Except the proud parents and teachers of this wond-

erful troupe of more than 60 young people who worked hard together in a spirit of unity, overcoming obstacles over which they had no control, utilizing the limited facilities they had, on a shoestring budget to create an enjoyable production.  
Surely you must realize that these are not aspiring Robert Redfords, or budding Farrah Fawcetts, heading for the big time. These are our children, our future citizens and leaders, a bunch of school kids engaged

in a learning situation. It matters not whether the production was a success or a failure, for their success lies in the fact that they did it. (and they did it well). They succeeded in sparking school spirit and enthusiasm that rubbed off on, not only the students, but the whole community.  
Theirs was a vital and growing experience, as the dedicated youngsters worked long and hard for many weeks, making mistakes and learning from them, and developing respons-

ibility and work habits they will carry with them throughout their lives.  
The important thing is these vivacious young people are channeling their energies creatively. They're not coping out with booze and drugs. They're not hanging around 'street corners getting into trouble, or complaining "there's nothing to do in Georgetown" like so many unmotivated kids of today.  
Many of the cast and crew were also involved in the

Georgetown Little Theatre production "The Straw Princess" at the same time, which meant three hour rehearsals every day after school, besides three nights a week rehearsing with GLT as well as keeping up with their school work and other extra-curricular activities. Occasionally they even got to eat and sleep!!  
I don't pretend to know anything about theatre, but I do know when I'm enjoying myself. And I, and many like

me, were only too proud to suffer numb bums and strained necks, and put up with the inadequate facilities to witness the resourcefulness of this creative band of youths and the clever way in which they made do with what little they had to work with.  
I was especially impressed with the simple but inventive men's washroom scene, and the ingenious elevators that created a sensation of reality.  
I have only the highest praise for the perfect casting, the professional make-up job, the quick but quiet maneuvering of the umpteen scene changes, the music, the dancing. Oh, and did I mention that the young ladies and gentlemen were each responsible for creating his or her own costumes.

**Lame Duck**  
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**CAROLERS FILL THE AIR WITH MUSIC**

The Pioneer Girls and Sunshine Makers from the Georgetown Alliance Church went carolling at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital last week. It was the first time the group has performed in public. They will be appearing at McDonald's restaurant on Dec. 21.

## Acton Citizen Band supports Santa parade

To the editor of The Herald:  
Last week the Lion's Club commented on the recent Santa Claus parade in Georgetown. They stated the parade was having problems financially, in part because of the cost of bands. In view of this comment we feel it should be known that since regional government the Acton Citizens' Band has appeared in Georgetown Santa Claus parades at no charge other than the expense of a bus to take the Band to Georgetown and back. The Band is happy to do this as a service to the Municipality. The Lions Club is to be commended for the excellent and well organized Santa Claus parades it runs but out of town Bands are indeed expensive. The Lions Club members, who work hard at the parade, need and deserve all the help Georgetown citizens can give them. The Acton Citizens Band members will continue to support them at no charge and hope that the Santa Claus parade tradition in Georgetown will be maintained.

## Police voice thanks

To the Citizens of Halton Region:  
May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Halton Regional Police Force to express our most sincere appreciation to the many citizens who have by letter, by phone and by personal contact, voiced support for their Force during the recent allegations of police brutality.  
The very unprofessional way in which the members of our Force have been criticized and indeed tried without a trial has certainly given us cause for concern.  
In our society even the foulest of criminals are given protection, and this is as it should be. However, in my opinion this was denied to the members of our Force.  
Thank you again for your support and on behalf of our staff, may I wish you a safe and happy Christmas, followed by contentment in the New Year.  
K. Skerrett,  
Chief of Police

town will be maintained.  
Yours truly,  
Keith Thomas  
President  
Acton Citizens Band.

## Kudos for ex-coach

To the editor of The Herald:  
I recently read an article in this paper that dealt with the "apparent quitting of Paul Robinson as coach of the local Junior 'B' Geminis.  
Unfortunately it is the fate of coaches in sports to suffer when their teams are not going well, seldom is the blame directed towards the main source.  
However it was a comment published by this paper about Paul which prompted me to write this letter.  
The suggestion that Paul was a fat and lazy hockey player was unjustified and unnecessary.  
Having played on the same line with Paul for a number of years I can honestly say he was a hardworking and unselfish player, and I am sure all of Paul's teammates would echo the same sentiments.  
We didn't win our championships being fat and lazy. If the Georgetown Geminis can find a coach to replace Paul who will offer as much dedication and willingness to work with young boys they will be very lucky.  
For the Paul Robinson fans  
Bill Dwyer  
London, Ontario.  
Nothing In Common  
"Why do you want a divorce?" "We have nothing in common. We don't even hate the same people!"

Yes, learning to fend for themselves was one valuable lesson for the kids. But the most valuable lesson they learned was that they had to depend on each other to make the whole thing work. Careful co-ordination by Producer, Paul McGrath, an enthusiastic teenager with a little bit of knowledge and a whole lot of support, along with the Director, Suzanne DeGroat.  
Suzanne, the ambitious young lady responsible for the whole successful production summed it up by quoting the key line from the whole script, "The whole salad is better than any one piece of lettuce in it."  
Whether or not you felt the performance was a success (which it was) we must never stop applauding our young people for their effort.  
Three cheers and a standing ovation for GDHS drama club for showing us "How To Succeed."!!!!  
They certainly did!  
Celia Saxon

**Picking Peaches**  
Any green color on peaches indicates it might have been picked before it was fully mature — and may be difficult to ripen as a result. Peaches should be fairly firm to the touch, but don't touch too forcefully. Peaches are delicate and bruise easily. Firm, ripe fruit can be softened to eating perfection if held at room temperature for a few days.

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**Two contracts for Varian**  
Varian Associates Ltd. of Georgetown has won two major contracts to provide the defence and the energy, mines and resources departments with scientific instruments worth \$168,000 the department of supply and services has announced. At the same time, the department announced that the company had also won a \$18,240 contract to provide the transport department with electron tubes. They were among 182 unclassified contracts worth \$10,000 or more that were awarded by the department to Canadians during the week ended Nov. 18. Total value of the contracts amounted to \$11,180,571.

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