

# THE WORD

Prepared by the students and staff of  
Georgetown and District High School

The Word

## School teams, students busy

By JOHN TODD

The school has been busy since the last edition of The Word. The first semester is over and we are well into the second. University and College applications are in the hands of various post-secondary institutions, and students have made their choices for next year's secondary school programs.

The swim teams, basketball teams, wrestling teams and girls volleyball teams have completed their seasons and all enjoyed success, particularly the wrestling and swim teams who won Halton and Halton-Peel championships and participated in the Ontario finals. Currently, the school is hosting the Halton badminton championships and the gymnastics teams are competing at the county level.

Progress reports for the second semester are now in the hands of the parents and Parents' Night was held on Monday, April 9. A few format was employed this year in an effort to make the evening more convenient and beneficial both to staff and parents. Grade 9 parents are presently visiting the school during class hours providing them with an insight of the day-to-day activities of the school.

The senior marketing class and student council are embarking on a fund-raising campaign with a twofold objective in mind. This year is the international year of the child and with that in mind the campaign will raise funds for a fetal heart monitor for the children's ward at Georgetown Memorial Hospital. Funds not directed to this activity will be used to purchase equipment and provide activities for the student body.

I again ask that you call the school with any suggestions or criticism that would make this page of school news of more benefit to the community.



## 'DERFY' DELIGHTS

Fred J. Eaglesmith, otherwise known as "Derfy" entertained patrons at the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Library last Tuesday evening. Derfy played humorous folk songs for the most part, to the delight of those in the library.

## Roman trip 'unforgettable'

By Theresa Hartley  
When touring Rome I was immediately captivated by the charm of the capital of the ancient world and was most impressed with the old-fashioned hospitality of the native people. I was overwhelmed by

the spiritual involvement of thousands awaiting a Papal blessing, the artistic creations of Michelangelo and the haunting historical ruins. The trip was an experience and a remembrance that will never fade away with time.

## PD day means student break

Professional Development Day usually means a welcomed holiday for students and a day set aside for teachers enabling them to discuss mutual educational concerns with their colleagues and to expand their knowledge. This year, the "one-shot" Professional Development Day has undergone a drastic alteration.

In this school year a large portion of the funds slated for Professional Development have been turned over directly to individual schools in order to support teacher-sponsored and teacher-inspired activities. As a result, professional development has been transformed from a "one-day" extravaganza to an ongoing activity: several workshops, with or without guest speakers, take place frequently throughout the year (usually after school hours) to deal with concerns that are relevant to the education of high school students.

At this school, all activities of this nature must be related to the areas of needs, identified

by the majority of the staff: Teacher Performance, Student Performance and Student Evaluation. Two workshops, Special Education Workshop and Examining the Seventy-Minute Period, held recently, related directly to the needs of the staff.

### SPECIAL WORKSHOP

The Special Education Workshop took place one afternoon, between the first and second semester. It consisted of three sessions: one, headed by Ann Juliano from York University, dealt with the identification of the Special Education Student; a second, presented by Barbara Moore, vice-principal at Oakville Trafalgar High School, dealt with teaching strategies, effective for the special education student; the third session, directed by M.J. Furlong, Principal of this school, centered on discipline. All three sessions focused on students of normal abilities who have difficulty performing in classroom situations.

Barbara Moore's suggested teaching strategies were considered by many teachers to have general application in all classrooms.

The second workshop, held after school, a few weeks ago, involved the entire staff in a re-examination of the seventy-minute period. When this school was semestered, the extended class period, from forty-five to seventy minutes, presented a major concern for the staff. At the workshop, teachers, working in groups of ten to twelve, discussed and evaluated present methods, focusing on those areas which maintained student interest and made most effective use of the available instructional time.

In conclusion, it is generally felt by the majority of the staff that ongoing professional development activities that center on practical concerns should yield the greatest returns both to the staff and students of this school.

## Yugoslavia enchants

By Margaret Ann Thurlbeck

On March 16, 1979 two G.D.H.S. students, one former student, three adults and Mrs. R. Nelson, our chaperone, left on JAT Airlines 707 to Clipi airport in Yugoslavia. The plane contained the Greek trippers and about 70 other Yugoslavian trippers. On landing we were greeted with 70 degree F weather and native girls in traditional costume, welcoming the ladies with carnations and men with smiles. We were then transported, by bus, to our first hotel, Hotel Albatros, located on the Adriatic coast in a village called Cavtat. This was our residence for four nights. From here we saw Kotor, Dubrovnik, an old walled city within its own pier, cobbled streets and impressive shops. Sveti Stefan, the famous fisherman's island, is now a hotel resort.

Our first taste of the country came with our visit to the folklore festival in Clipi. On our travels to Sveti Stefan, the temporary lodgings of President Tito, was viewed from the road. We spent our evenings enjoyably dining, dancing and walking by the sea. We departed from Cavtat and visited Mostar, an old Turkish town, where we walked on cobbled streets and saw a Moslem Mosque, a traditional home, filled with interesting customs, and the famous bridge built with connections made of milk and egg whites. Here we also could buy much handicraft work in leather and metals. We then arrived in Baska Voda, on the Adriatic, for our next lodging, at the Hotel Horizont, for two nights.

### HAMSMOKING

From here we visited an old settlement where we witnessed the smoking of a ham, their daily exercises, and their animals. To get from this settlement we travelled along mountain ledges by bus until we reached Makarska, where we visited its beautiful shell museum. We then left Baska Voda to Split for our next residence at the Hotel Lav. We took a tour of Split, a quaint harbour-

ed city with streets lined with palm trees, where we visited the Roman Palace, Mestrovic's art gallery, and their daily market. As our tour to the blue Island Hvar was cancelled we returned to Split for shopping. During off season excursion through the rocky mountains and along the blue Adriatic we became familiar with many facts and the customs of the country. The climate is subtropical with the growth of small olives, dates, oranges, etc. and very pleasant during March. Fish and meat are very plentiful, and cooked to perfection, usually grilled. The older buildings have a Gothic and Renaissance combination in design and structure.

Yugoslavian people can own a small home or business but everything large in size is owned by the government, such as our luxury hotels. All shops close between 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. for their dinner break, at which time we noticed many men roaming the streets but very few girls were seen during our stay. We noticed President Tito's picture or portrait hanging in all stores and banks. Their language is a combination of French, Italian, and German and throughout their six states, four dialects are spoken. Therefore, Yugoslavia, under its present rule, is a very enjoyable country to visit. We departed March 25, 1979 on JAT Airlines 707 from Split airport.

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### Principal's message

## Short road to year-end

Having just gone through the winter break and the issuing of the interim reports for the semester, we begin to look down the short road to the end of the school year. Only eleven weeks of classes remain in the semesters.

The following dates are worth noting - April 13 and 16 - Good Friday and Easter Monday respectively. Monday, 21 May is Victoria Day. The formal final examinations for Grade 13 will run for one week, beginning on Thursday, June 7. Our last day of classes will be Friday, June 22.

Apart from the holidays noted above, students are expected to be in regular attendance up to the official closing date.

During the past week, we have had a series of daytime visits from parents. It appeared that the visitors found the time both interesting and satisfying. If you were unable to attend, you would be welcome to visit at another time. Just give us a call.

We are just beginning to construct our timetable for 1979-80. Since our enrolment is expected to drop slightly, there is some pressure on low enrolment courses. Some have had to be dropped because of low numbers.

This may be disappointing for some, but the majority will be accommodated.

Our first adult class has been an unqualified success. Some twenty-four ladies have worked very well within our day classes and will gain regular high school credits along with the satisfaction of significant achievement.

We have been so encouraged by our first adult group, that we plan to offer a second opportunity, beginning in September. Information and application forms will be distributed shortly.

I will close by once again inviting parents to telephone (877-6966) if you have any concern about any aspect of the school or its operation.

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