

# 'Staff, student friendship is AHS trademark'



AHS award winners (above)



Ontario Scholars

## Cross country bigger than ever in town

### Here, there and everywhere

This month we begin our monthly column on what's going on in the schools from the kids' point of view.

This month there isn't much going on in the schools; they're mostly settling in and beginning their programs.

Many schools have begun cross-country training. Stewarttown has 120 participants. Most schools have a large number of participants but Stewarttown tops them all.

Last month, GDHS started many new programs. Among them was a mini-day for the parents. The child's parent(s) visit the school and follow their child's schedule, going to classes with shorter time periods.

GDHS is also working on a play that will be introduced the last two weeks of November. The play was a big Broadway



hit entitled "Guys and Dolls". It will be performed at Georgetown's Elliott Theatre. Director of this play is Joan Silk and music director Ralph Ursel.

This month the GDHS commencement took place. This is a special

**IN THE SCHOOLS**  
By Jeff Edward and Norm Shields



time for last year's Grade 13 graduates, for this is when they return to receive their certificates and awards.

One of the other activities the high school will participate in is cross-country. Last year the school runners proved themselves superb. There is no doubt in our minds that they shall prove themselves so once again

this year.

Acton District High School is also participating in many events such as cross-country and basketball for boys and girls. AHS had a parents night Sept. 30; on the 17 of the same month a group of students went to Stratford. The high school also began its five-day long canoe and backpack expedition on the 23. There

was an Invitational Baseball tournament Sept. 14 at the school. And their latest event: the AHS Outers Club went out on a four-day canoe expedition.

Pineview, Harrison, Joseph Gibbons and Wrigglesworth of Georgetown all participated in cross-country. Speyside and Robert Little, both in Acton, also participated in some events.

At our own school, Sacre-Coeur, we have started volleyball: intramural and all-star.

Sacre-Coeur also had a curriculum night for the parents of the students, Oct. 1.

George Kennedy, which is also an annual cross-country competitor, practised every morning at 8 a.m. for the now famous event. Their Grade 15 went to the Royal Botanical Gardens.

So, this concludes our first edition of our monthly column; thanks for reading; watch for us next month.

By CHRIS AAGAARD  
Herald Staff Writer

As admiring parents and relatives looked on, 143 students walked across the stage in the Acton High School (AHS) auditorium and picked up their graduation certificates Friday night.

Twelve of the students have been recognized as Ontario Scholars, having maintained high averages throughout their years in high school. Forty-three grads left the school last year and returned from university or employment to pick up their honors certificates.

In a joint valedictory address, Jane Trueman and Paul Gorjup recalled what it's like to be an AHS student, sharing a camaraderie with fellow students, teaching staff and administration which is undeniably warm and friendly, but most of all enduring.

Looking back on five years (this year's grads are the first to have spent their entire high school education at AHS, built in 1977). Mr. Gorjup and Miss Trueman fondly remembered streakers, class clowns who blacked out the school one day and shenanigans on a school trip to Blue Mountain near Collingwood.

Staff members weren't above such pranks either, they said, recalling how one teacher mischievously solicited help from Grade 13 students to haze a new teaching recruit. Together, students and staff went on field and canoe trips.

"The friendship between the two groups, a trademark of life at AHS, provided one of our greatest influences on our lives over the last five years," Miss Trueman said.

Two students, Jennifer Watson and Barbara Hogenbirk received university scholarships: Miss Watson was awarded the McMaster University (Hamilton) Chancellors' Scholarship worth \$1,137.50 and Miss Hogenbirk received the Guelph University Entrance Scholarship (\$2,000) and the Alma Mater Entrance Scholarship in Human Kinetics (\$500).

Here is a list of the AHS grads, Ontario Scholars, and award winners:

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Award: Sharon Bendicks; John McHugh Jr. Memorial Outers Award: Gwyneth Gibb; James B. Ledger Prof-



JANE TRUEMAN

iciency Award: Rosanne Devries; The Acton Home Hardware Bursary: David Crewe-Read;

The Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances Award: Jennifer Reast;

The Standard Products Athletics Award: Greg Silcock;

The Sandra Patterson Memorial Award for Music: Harold Koehler;

The Acton Lions Club

Scholarship: Adam Thomas;

The Achilles Motors Scholarship: Sharon Bendicks;

The Campbell's Furniture Showroom Scholarship: Karoline Gottschald;

The Teen Cuisine Award: Sharon Bendicks;

The Human Interest Recognition: Renata Brillinger;

The Indusmin Award: Jay Sankey;

The Acton Pharmacy Award: Marlene Lott, Greg Silcock;

The Outers Award: Greg Silcock;

The Clara Grindley Memorial Bursary: Gloria Walton;

The Lakeside Chapter of the IOOE Bursaries: Heather Knapton, Marlene Lott;

The Amos Mason Rotary Scholarship: Heather Thacher;

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Scholarship: Barbara Hogenbirk;

The Beardmore Award: Steve Boyesen;

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The Building Products of Canada Award: Barbara Hogenbirk;

The E.G. Tyler Award: Jane Trueman;

The Acton High School Staff Scholarship: David



PAUL GORJUP

Johns;

The Royal Canadian Legion Scholarship: Steve Boyesen, Barbara Hogenbirk;

The Halton Board of Education Achievement Awards:

The Broadland Memorial Art Award: Gord Springle;

The Fabric Shoppe Award: Susan Auty;

The Acton High School

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## Special awards go to 21 undergraduates

By PETER KUECHLER  
AHS correspondent

An Honor Awards Assembly was held at Acton High School Oct. 27 for students in Grades 9 through 12. Twenty-one awards were presented to the following students:

The First Line Television Award for year one English was shared by Sonja Amstaetter and Tracy Frizzell.

The Beardmore Award for year one science was presented to Melanie Johnston.

The Indusmin Award for year two environmental science was presented to Kathy Johns.

The Dr. L.J. Campsall Award for year three biology was presented to Naomi Donat.

The I.G.A. Scholarship for year two family studies was presented to Kathy Johns.

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Prize for year two French was awarded to Jane Sewell.

The Denny's Insurance Prize for year three accounting was awarded to Jean Wong.

Bart Soder, Brian Martin and Gerald Heytsek were presented with awards for their outstanding achievement in technical studies.

Joe Condarcuri, Gord Springle and Jessie Munro received certificates for Grades 12 and 13 art from Art Sparks.

In the Optimist Club's public speaking division, Scott Nowlan received a cheque and trophy. Scott placed third in Ontario's Optimist Club's oratorical competition.

Kelly White, a Grade 12 student, received the essay citizenship award.

The Acton Optimist Youth appreciation award was presented to Scott Nowlan for out-

standing boy and Carolyn Gibson for outstanding girl.

Trophies were presented to the top students in Grades 9, 10 and 11. These students were: Melanie Johnston (9), Ian Sawden (10), and Hesty-Ann Koehler (11).

Acton High School students who entered the Canadian Math Contest made an excellent showing. In Grade 9, Helen Staley finished in the top 15 per cent. In Grades 10 and 11, Tara Dewdney finished in the top 10 per cent in Canada and in Grade 10, Glenn Archer finished in the top 30 per cent in Canada.

The business education department recognized Josie DeVirgilio, who placed second in Halton in the senior typing division and Jennifer Reast who placed first in the short-hand division writing 100 words per minute.

## AHS teachers flushed in 'Toilet Bowl'

By ANNA MUSELIUS  
AHS student

Friday, Oct. 15, 1982: a day no one will ever forget. It was especially fatal for our teachers.

After school, the massacre began. Acton High's annual Toilet Bowl was played.

By 3:45 p.m., things were rolling. A herd of stampeding students, dressed in maroon and grey, came.

A rag tag group of teachers was also gathered.

The game progressed rather well until a cloud decided to empty itself of its sleet, but the teams agreed to battle on, and so it continued.

Blair "Superstar" Lyttle made some spectacular plays and moved the teachers' team ahead on the scoreboard. The students hit back, and by the end of regular play, the game was tied. This meant: OVERTIME!

The tension was mounting...and then the students got a touchdown, winning 28-14.

Once again the students dominated the teachers in a well-played game.

Thanks are extended to officials, participants,

and spectators for making this a great event.

The Toilet Bowl is an annual function, put on by the year's Grade 13. It involves fun more than competition.

Somebody usually brings an old toilet and it's held by last year's winning team. At the end of the game, it is presented to the triumphant.

The field and surrounding area is decorated with banners of toilet tissue and reminds you of what you are playing for.

The students have a "Miss Toilet Bowl" (this year, the honored individual was Nick Rillo), a fellow dressed up as a lady. She isn't very good looking, but she gives great moral support.

I think the Toilet Bowl is a good event and should be kept going because it encourages a good and perhaps crazy time, and also the graduating pupils will have something to remember.

This year's school play has been chosen, "Done to Death". It's a mystery, tinged with comedy. The cast has been selected and they are now busy memorizing their lines.

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These infants, as they grow into the toddler stage of between 9 and 18 kilograms (20 and 40 pounds), must be properly secured in an appropriate child seat.

All pre-schoolers, between 18 and 23 kilograms (40 and 50 pounds), must be secured in a lap belt.

Children over 23 kilograms (50 pounds) must wear the full seat belt assembly.

**Buckle them in.**

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