

No such thing as dumb blond: visiting Dane

In Denmark a blond-haired girl is considered smart, but in North America, there is a negative image of a blond. It's upsetting, said Danish high school exchange student Pia Rasmussen.

She was a guest of the Georgetown Rotary Club April 7 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

The exchange student, hosted by the Orangeville Rotarians, talked about Danish culture and her impressions of Canadian life.

Danes are proud of their soccer team, their Queen, their Viking heritage and their blond hair, she said.



Danish high school exchange student Pia Rasmussen showed slides to members of the Georgetown Rotary Club April 7 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club. (Herald photo)

Danish people are extremely proud of their Queen and the long history of monarchs who have ruled over the country of 5.5 million, she said.

Her countrymen became Christian and a large majority converted to the Lutheran Church.

There are 11 political parties represented in parliament in Denmark and six more just waiting for the next election. Parliament has 179 seats rather than an even number so there won't be any stalemates when it comes to voting, Pia said.

About 45 per cent of the government's budget is spent on social services and taxes are very high, she said. Unemployment insurance consists of 90 per cent of your salary when you were fully employed.

The country is a member of NATO and 7 per cent of the national budget is spent on defence. More money isn't spent on defence because "we know Russia is there..." she said.

Denmark "exports know-how all around the world," Pia said. Her country is known for the electronics and some of their Danish-made equipment has landed on the moon with the United States space program, she said.

Scandinavian education is considered better than in other countries because students are encouraged to socialize with their teachers. In the afternoons, time is free for sports and talking with teachers about their subjects, she said.

Unemployment is a big problem in Denmark, especially for those under 25 years of age, Pia said. The average income of a Dane is between \$20,000-\$25,000. Large items, such as Japanese cars are expensive because of the taxes, she said.

Also a guest of the club was Peter Rasmussen who has been selected to represent Georgetown and the club at the annual Adventure in Citizenship held next month in Ottawa.



Happy trails

If you're not afraid to step up onto these four-legged creatures, then there may be a program for you. Saturday at 2RC

Brooks, Louise Morgan, Bev Vandean and (standing) Cindy Stephens, an instructor with 2RC. (Herald photo)

High Impedance rock to the beat

By MONIQUE TOBIN
Herald Special

Two Georgetown District High School students have combined their interests in music and electronics to become entrepreneurs.

Calum Munro, a grade 13 student, and Scott MacLean, a grade 12 student, have been playing music at dances, separately, the past year. It wasn't until recently the two friends decided to collaborate on a business venture - starting up their Disc Jockey service called High Impedance.

About three months ago, the opportunity to purchase the necessary equipment for their potential business came along. The two purchased a 2,400-watt stereo system, and some parts needed to build some of their own equipment from scratch. Their impressive "set-up" now includes a mixing board, and a control board, which they built themselves, as well as a computer controlled lighting system which Scott designed on his Vic-20 home computer.

TWO MONTHS

After only two months on the circuit, High Impedance has already serviced two dances, and is booked for another two, including the High School's annual spring King Pageant dance April 25. The jobs they have gotten so far have been strictly by word-of-mouth, but they do intend to advertise in bigger means, Calum said.

Their experience started with their participation with the P.A. and Lighting crew at the high school. The "crew" would set-up equipment for school events and dances, and helping D.J.s that came to the school set-up their equipment, as well. "We figured that if we could help them set-up, why not just do it ourselves," Calum said.

After playing music in the school cafeteria during the past semester, Calum and Scott believe they have learned a lot about how to play music to suit the crowd, through several experiments. They learned that playing a song is only half the job; when you play the song is also extremely important.

ALTER MUSIC

When they are working a dance, they try to see what the crowd is like at the beginning, and then alter the music to fit the crowd. High Impedance has a full music library containing everything from "metal" to "new wave", and they specialize in New Music, so the two are always on top of things with the latest hits, including many imports that they pick up on frequent visits to Toronto record shops.

"The music that we play is youth-oriented. We like to keep the crowd we are playing for geared towards our age," Calum said. So, the two in-

clude a variety of music, and tend to stick with the school circuit, right now.

Calum and Scott refer to their job as more of a show or a concert, rather than just playing music for people. They have a definite start and an ending to their show, where they like to incorporate as many special or visual effects as possible, which includes introducing the show in a very different way, Calum explained.

They also like to have a lot of humor content in the show, such as dubbing famous movie lines or commercials over drum solos, and they are always experimenting with new ideas and equipment to involve, and to evoke a response from the crowd.



Calum Munro and Scott MacLean are two enterprising high school students who have formed their own disc jockey group called High Impedance. (Photo by Monique Tobin)

Both boys are interested in music and electronics and their business gives them a chance to combine the two. Being in front of an audience and being responsible for the crowd's enjoyment are also enjoyed by both.

"It's difficult to be a student in the business," Calum said, adding "it's hard to get adults to trust you on business ventures." Their profits are low at present, he said, because most of the money that they do make goes back into buying more equipment. Their prospects right now include a dry-ice machine and laser lights.

The term "High Impedance" is an electronic term, having to do with the sound quality of stereo equipment.

Hornby farmer screens students for trip exchange

A Hornby apple farmer, Steve Rae, is on the screening board of an international exchange program.

Mr. Rae interviews host families, and exchange applicants for the International Agricultural Exchange Association (I.A.E.A.).

The I.A.E.A. gives Canadian youths the opportunity to work and live on a farm in a foreign country, while giving foreign youths the chance to come to Canada to live and work on a farm.

Mr. Rae first became involved with this organization when he took

part in the exchange and went to work on a farm in England in 1980.

He gives his experience on the English farm credit for helping his Hornby farm to make more money, by giving him the idea to start a "Pick Your Own Raspberries" program on his farm.

"I wouldn't have done this without the trip," he said.

When he returned from England he stayed on with the I.A.E.A. in the capacity of a screener.

"I do interviews for the organization," he said, "I interview host families, and people who want to go overseas."

There are approximately 200 youths in Canada who would like to work overseas, Mr. Rae said, with approximately 25 to 30 from Ontario.

This year Ontario will be accepting nine foreign youths to work on host farms.

Applicants that Mr. Rae interviews must stand up to a number of qualifications. These include being between 19 and 29 years old, having a farm background, and having lived away from home for a time.

"This makes for easier adjustment," he said.

Mr. Rae feels this work experience can be beneficial both to the youths, and to their home farms.

IN THE HILLS

Head speaker

Dr. William M. Franks, Director and Head of the Neurological Rehabilitation Unit of West Park Hospital, Weston, will be addressing a public meeting of the Head Injury Association of Peel and Halton to be held at the Mississauga City Hall on April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Franks, a noted authority on the subject will be speaking about "Personality and Behavioural Disturbances in Traumatic Head Injury." Everyone interested is welcome. Further information can be obtained by phoning 277-2111.

Police awards here

Awards ceremonies by the Halton Regional Police Commission will be hosted by Halton Hills this year, at the John Elliott Theatre May 14.

Part of "police week", the ceremonies honor members of the community who have made outstanding contributions to the maintenance of law and order or public safety.

The town's public relations account is to pick up the tab for the ceremonies, which is expected to be \$1,146. That includes rental of the John Elliott Theatre and the art gallery, food trays and non-alcoholic drinks.

Be boatwise

Deckhands ahoy! Halton Hills Public Libraries and Georgetown Power Squadron will be co-hosting a boating safety course for boys and girls ages 8-13.

"Let's be Boatwise" aims to provide young people with the knowledge to identify a boat in distress, and to call for assistance by VHF radio. Children will learn the basics of boating, including "rules of the road", reading marine charts, and emergency procedures.

The course will take place Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., from June 3 - 19, in the Children's dept. of the Georgetown Library. Registration will take place at the library May 8. The cost of the course is \$10 per child. For more information, call 877-2681.

Y art auction

If you have a few bare walls in your home, you're in luck. The Georgetown Y is hosting an art auction May 2 and tickets are still available.

Paintings, sculptures, prints and some non-art items will be auctioned beginning at 8 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Auditorium, although doors open for viewing at 7 p.m.

Prices start at well below art gallery costs. There's a wide variety of art work featuring local, national and international artists. For more information call 877-6163.

See Halley

Join us tonight Wednesday at Acton Library or tomorrow night at Georgetown Library to hear about and actually view Halley's Comet.

Mr. Francois van Heerden, a member of the Royal Astronomical Society will again return to lead you through a terrific presentation. The evening will consist of a slide show, time for questions, actual viewing time with high power equipment, and refreshments. Tickets (\$1 adults, 50 cents for children 12 and under) are available at either library.

Teeth chatter for Beaver chomporee

By JEAN LAYMAN
Herald Special

Beavers dressed warmly for Saturday's Chomporee at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Close to 200 Beavers, leaders, parents and visitors attended this event from Acton, Ashgrove, Georgetown, Ballinacree, Glen Williams, Limehouse and Norval.

The day was bright and sunny, but the wind was cool. District Beaver Leader Sue Walton from Acton led the opening ceremony.

The Beavers were divided into four groups known as the Blue Jays, Golden Eagles, Rocket Robins and the Thunder Cats. The groups rotated to Kee's game, bird feeders, rabbit run and guess the animal.

Lunch was served to the group, under the leadership of Ron Hiseman, assisted by Sue Walton and Scouts from 2nd Georgetown and 8th Georgetown.

Assistant District Commissioner of Beavers, Bryan Osatchuk was on hand through the day to assist in all activities where needed.

The Beavers had a great time for the afternoon program, rotating to make a whistle from a film container, peanut catch cup, balloon breaking, kick the shoe and peanut race. Program planning was by Marg Smits and Mary Watson of 1st Ballinacree. All Beaver leaders assisted with this successful event and everyone had a good time. District Commissioner Sandy Booth was on hand for this special event.

Picture parade



Ray Addy (right) opened the doors of his new restaurant, R.A.'s Soup, Sandwich and Ice-Cream last week with Mayor Russ Miller. The restaurant, located in the new mall on Guelph Street beside the Georgetown police station, will specialize in good, quick sandwiches, at a reasonable price for office workers that don't have time for a sit down lunch. (Photo by David Enstle)

Says Serjeantson

More divide and conquer

The practice of sending unsorted wastes from Halton Hills directly to the Occidental Energy From Waste Plant in Niagara Falls, New York is being blamed for the current ban on hauling garbage to New York.

"Tins and glass?" Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson inquired Monday night. "Should we be more aggressive in our divide and conquer (recycling) program?"

"They were larger tins than you'd have around the household and the contents therein were the problem," Town Engineer Bob Austin explained.

Occidental was closed for

maintenance and "other reasons" in January and February, and since then, Leferink Disposals Limited has been shipping garbage to Burlington for burial at the sole regional landfill site.

Trucking the wastes to New York cost the town \$13.50 per tonne, much less than the \$19.50 cost of having the same garbage taken to Burlington.

If the problems don't get resolved, it will mean an extra \$52,000 expense for the town, money that's been budgeted for at the last minute by the town treasurer.

Mr. Austin anticipates the town will produce 9,000 tonnes of garbage

in 1988.

The increased expense of trucking to Burlington alters the town's agreement with Leferink, an agreement made in recognition of the benefits of hauling to New York.

Leferink wants an extra \$1,859 to cover the costs of hauling to Burlington in January and February. That's for hauling 296 tonnes of waste.

Halton Hills currently doesn't have proper facilities for sorting its garbage, yet Occidental must be guaranteed 100 per cent "clean" waste, which creates a problem for Leferink.

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