



**The music man**

Over 100 former students, fellow teachers and parents turned out Sunday afternoon for a surprise party for retiring music teacher Harry Hamilton. The white-haired gent was visibly touched by all the attention and affection endowed on him.

Former members of the Georgetown District High School band picked up their instruments and under Mr. Hamilton's able conducting played a few numbers. Diana Collett of Georgetown was one of them. (Herald photo)

**GDHS review**

**Killarney hills alive with GDHS campers**

By LISA LATCHFORD  
Herald Special

It's that time of year again. People get out their tents and clean out their campers. The Outers Club is no exception. Mr. Berthelson took his group of 21 students to Killarney Provincial Park Thursday afternoon. The club paddled around the lake and hiked through the surrounding hills. They returned Sunday with 35 more miles added to their legs and canoe paddles.

The German dinner was such a success Mr. Paradis decided to take his French class to dinner as well. The 12 students met at Leblastingo on Queen Street. The dinner was deliciously French and the cost was only \$26 per person. To Mr. Paradis' dismay the restaurant charged a 15 per cent service charge which

brought the entire meal up to a total of \$301.

Next year's time tables were handed out last Wednesday. Students are advised to see their counsellors about changes before the end of this school year. If they don't, certain changes will not be available in September.

The March break trip to Rome and Athens was such a success that Mr. Tom Hower has decided to organize another. Come see the tomb of King Tut, the ancient pyramids and ride a real camel through the streets of Cairo. That's right, the school is planning to go to beautiful and ancient Egypt. Start saving now and make sure you attend the organizational meeting in September.

Finally, what every student has been waiting for, the last week of school. Only two more days plus exams to go. Exam schedules are posted in the library and classrooms. Make sure you know when your exams are.

This is both a happy and sad time for the GDHS students. It is always hard saying good-bye to friends but remember there are also those memorable summer trips you can't wait to tell those same friends about. So cheer up, we'll all see each other soon enough; Sept. 3, as a matter of fact.

**U of T grad**

Julie Anna Allen will graduate June 18 with an Honor's B.A. majoring in English and Philosophy from the University of Toronto.



She was nominated for the Mellan Fellowship and was awarded the Ontario graduate scholarship to pursue graduate studies in Philosophy, leading to a PHD.

**Won't hog it**

N.C. Wood operates a hog farm and wants to put up a third permanent home for farm help near the rest of the farm buildings, doing away with the mobile home. A public meeting is to be held soon in to his request.

**Hopes were shattered**



**Against the odds**

**PAT WOODE**

The hopes of many disabled persons were shattered on April 23, 1986, when the federal government passed their original employment equity legislation, Bill C-62.

Despite opposition from most of the groups it was designed to help and a first time ever march on Parliament Hill by 200 disabled protesters, Employment Minister, Flora MacDonald, and Prime Minister Mulroney allowed the bill to pass the house without the desired amendments.

For over a year the Coalition for Employment Equity for Persons with Disabilities had been lobbying to get a strong enforcement mechanism in place that would ensure that employers meet certain targets and time tables. Although there is up to a \$50,000 fine for companies (federal crown corporations, and about 800 federally-regulated firms with more than 100 employees) that do not file an annual report beginning in 1988, there is no penalty for failure to implement affirmative action. As there is no contract compliance required, hiring the disabled will continue to depend on the "goodwill" of the employers.

Beryl Potter, co-chairman of the Coalition, was among those who travelled the 800 miles to Ottawa a few weeks before the demonstration to meet with the prime minister who stated he was very open to their concerns and comments. He introduced them to his chief advisor, who in turn advised them that their concerns had been recorded and he would get back to them before the legislation went before the house. He never did. All subsequent attempts to reach Mr. Mulroney and his advisor met with silence.

Angry protesters accused the government of "lying to disabled people", after Flora MacDonald stated in the House of Commons that Prime Minister Mulroney had sent Beryl Potter a long letter explaining the issues - a letter Ms. Potter never received.

Jobs are vital if the disabled are to become independent and contributing members of our society. Most are unemployed and many are working at minimum wage. The YMCA Youth Employment Service has been instrumental since its inception in June '85 to assist disabled young people in obtaining employment.

On June 25, 1986, YES will be holding their Open House at the registry office in Milton and will have as their guest speaker Mike McHenry, co-chairman of the Coalition for Employment Equity for Persons with Disabilities.

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