

Teen Outlook

Students urge others to join cruise-sade

Feb. 24, cruise missiles were tested in Canada. To protest the return of cruise missile testing in Canada, a group of concerned students formed S.T.A.N.D. (Students Towards Achieving Nuclear Disarmament). Inspired by S.A.G.E. (Students Against Global Extinction) who visited GDHS previously, the students in STAND were anxious to spread the word about their cause.

They asked that all students supporting disarmament wear white armbands at school. Student members of STAND feel that nuclear disarmament is an important issue which is being overlooked and ignored by many.

"We shouldn't ignore this issue but we should all work together to prevent a nuclear disaster," stated Monika Ramakers, one of the founding members of STAND.

When asked why he felt it was important to wear an armband to protest cruise missiles, Neil Vickers said, "To show that we care and that it's not just another frivolous thing we should assume will never happen."

Many students agreed with Neil, for hundreds of people could be seen sporting the white bands on their arms in protest. STAND wishes to create an awareness in the students and the community in the hope that one day Canada will be a nuclear free zone.

At their organizational meeting last Friday, the members of STAND were pleased with the support received from the many students



Suzan Lamb and Stacey Hughes were just two of the many students who participated in the saxophone workshop, instructed by Andy Beddoe last Friday morning. (Photo by Joanna McTaggart)

who participated in their protest. The group members wish to encourage people to come out to their meetings. But they are adamant about not imposing their opinion on people. Their main objective is to inform the public and let them form their own opinion on nuclear disar-

mament. Watch for posters announcing future meetings!

Feb. 25, two fire alarms were sounded during period three. Students and teachers were evacuated from the school and waited anxiously outside the building. Fortunately both alarms were false and everyone was allowed back into the school after a brief wait.

Pulling a fire alarm when there is no fire "is a criminal offence," said Mrs. Singleton, principal at GDHS. Mrs. Singleton also said that had there been another false alarm that day, she would have had to extend the normal school day to make up for the lost time.

Last Friday morning, a saxophone workshop was held for all interested students. The clinic was conducted by Andy Beddoe, who is in his second year at the University of Western Ontario. He has been playing the saxophone for nine years and plays a number of other instruments from the flute to the trombone. Mr. Beddoe is majoring in music and is following in Harry Hamilton's footsteps.

Mr. Hamilton is a former music teacher at GDHS, and is well respected by all the students that he taught. Mr. Beddoe instructed students on breathing, embouchure, articulation and finger position. They also practised scales and selected pieces such as "The Rose" and "Brian's Song". Mr. Beddoe's most important advice for all aspiring musicians was: "Practice, practice, practice!"

A dance was held at Sacre Coeur Hall from 7 p.m. to midnight last Friday. The dance was sponsored by the Senior Boys Basketball team to help raise money for their new uniforms. Over 300 people attended the dance and helped the boys raise



GDHS report

By JOANNA McTAGGART

\$400. The Senior Boys Basketball team would like to thank everyone for coming and making the evening a success.

Have you ever wanted to run away from reality? To find a place where the sun always shines and people are at peace? Then join Demystar in his quest for a perfect world, in the Drama Club's musical "Demystar and the Dreamers". Demystar, played by Mike Sabo and Xanthie, played by Rochelle Christie, join 40 other cast members in their story of two societies of different extremes, who must learn to work together to find love and happiness in the world there they live.

"The plot is really abstract. There is a lot of action and a bit of humor, and the sets and costumes are wonderful," said Kelly Stern.

A Grade 13 student at GDHS, Kelly wrote the play and is co-directing it along with Mr. Farquhar, who has kindly volunteered to help. All the music for the play has also been written by, and will be performed by students from GDHS and Dundas High School. "Demystar and the Dreamers" will be performed on May 7 and 9 at the Cultural Centre. Tickets can be obtained from GDHS. "It's going to be a lot of work so it's a good thing we have a dedicated cast," said Kelly. "It's a fantasy and a musical which will appeal to many people."

Principal's daughter Lisa 3rd at Miss Teen Canada

Who is that man walking around the school with a happy smile on his face? It's the proud principal of Acton High, Mr. Karel Sury. On Monday Mr. Sury's daughter, 17-year-old Lisa, placed third runner-up in Miss Teen Canada.

Lisa has won numerous awards for public speaking and her confidence helped her through the nerve-racking experience. Lisa won Miss Teen Burlington and was proud to represent the city in the national competition. Congratulations Lisa and Mr. Sury!

What are you doing on the March Break? Mr. Black and Mr. Hanson are accompanying students down to sunny Venezuela to enjoy a beautiful week of sun, fun and relaxation. Mr. Black has travelled extensively around the world, and preparations are underway for a month-long trip to Europe in the summer.

The trip is worth two credits and the group will visit cities such as London, Venice and Amsterdam. It won't be all fun and games though. The students have to do homework during their holiday.

There is a very special place for students to relax at Acton High, it's



AHS report

By HEATHER QUINN

called the Bear Pit. Students can sit and talk, listen to walkmans and do their homework; or sit and watch the clouds pass by through the skylight. The pit is a pleasant, bright area that suits the modern design of the school.

Why do students of Mr. McMillan's Grade 13 Economics class check the financial page of the Toronto Star every day? They're checking their stocks of course! The students were given the assignment to buy \$50,000 worth of stocks and to record the progress for the next couple of months. A visit to the Toronto

Stock Exchange will be coming in the spring and some students have felt the pain of losing thousands of dollars a day, make-believe of course. It's an interesting way of learning finance.

The March 6 dance is coming with special guest Tempest. The dance runs until 11 p.m.

The Grade 12 dramatic arts students are busily preparing for Brown Bag Theatre, appearing periods two, three and four after the March Break. Six different one act comedies will go onstage in the drama room to help students experience the theatre. Students are in complete control and must act, direct, build props and do their own make-up.

Students must create their own characters according to their personal interpretation of the play, must master voice control and have lines memorized. These plays are usually very entertaining and they hope for a big audience for opening show.

A little bit of HUMOR

Jerry: What do you get when a circus car full of elephants collides with a freight train packed with peanut butter sandwiches?

Larry: Elephants that stick to the roof of your mouth and sandwiches that never forget.

Jimmy: Why is an old steam locomotive like a baby?

Timmy: It doesn't go anyplace without a rattle.

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