

High school report

Moulding leaders out of students seminar's aim

By CHARLIE GIBBS
Herald Special

The first female Prime Minister of Canada might very well come from the Halton Hills area, looking at the chosen candidates for a leadership seminar this May 1-3.

Mary Lynn McVittie, 16, of Georgetown District High School, was chosen from about 10 applicants to attend the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar at the Hydro Conference Centre in Orangeville.

Nicole Devoe, 15, of Acton High School, was also chosen, from 12 applicants, to attend the seminar which hosts one representative from each high school in Ontario.

Both Mary Lynn and Nicole are Grade 10 students at their respective schools. Participants are chosen solely from Grade 10, based on academic standings, extra-curricular involvement and leadership potential. Candidates are elected by teachers.



Mary Lynn McVittie

The Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar is an annual event which draws about 300 young people from across the province of Ontario. The seminar is one of many being organized in all 50 American states and several other nations. From each of these regional seminars, one boy and one girl will be chosen to represent that state of province at an international conference being held in Houston, Texas.

The seminar will cover many diverse topics concerning leadership, such as communication, creativity, knowledge, and personal

skills. Through guest speakers, audio-visual materials and small group discussions, the seminar addresses the concerns of today's youth and the problems that they must face, as they become the leaders of tomorrow.

"I believe that knowledge and understanding are the keys to good leadership," said Mary Lynn. "I'm really excited about going."

"I'm looking forward to it," said Nicole. "I hope to become more outgoing."

Though Mary Lynn and Nicole have never met, they both expect to make a lot of new friends at the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Seminar. "We all share a common interest," said Mary Lynn.

The seminar, which is named after Hugh O'Brien, an American actor who dedicates his time and support to the development of young leaders, is sponsored by the Georgetown Optimist Club.

Nicole, an "A" student at Acton, has participated extensively in athletics at her school. She has been on the volleyball team, the basketball team and also the track team.

Mary Lynn, also an "A" student at Georgetown, is a member of the Jazz Choir, Concert Choir, and Centennial Middle School Alumni Choir. She is president of the Youth Group at St. Andrew's Church, and is vice-president of a local 4-H club.

Neither Mary Lynn nor Nicole have participated in a conference of this type before, but both are eagerly awaiting new challenges and experiences. Mary Lynn is thinking about running for the Student Council at Georgetown for next year. Both participants from the Halton Hills area will be making presentations about their experiences at the seminar to classes and the Optimist Club.

Though neither leadership candidate has decided on a possible career objective, Mary Lynn has thought about teaching, while Nicole has tossed around the idea of nursing or secretarial work.



Mike Sabo and Rochelle Christie star in the GDHS production of Demystar and the Dreamers. The cast (seen above) will be performing

May 7 and 9 at the John Elliott Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and \$3 for children and seniors and can be obtained from GDHS. (Photo by Joanna McTaggart)

School play

Demystar and the Dreamers looking for creative life

The Georgetown District High School musical Demystar and the Dreamers is playing at the John Elliott Theatre May 7 and 9.

The school has assembled over 40 of its most talented students for these performances. Demystar, played by Mike Sabo, is searching for "the real world and a freer, more creative way of life" in a story of two societies who must learn to work together to find love and happiness.

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

A Grade 13 student, Kelly wrote the play and is co-directing it along with Mr. Farquhar, English and dramatic arts teacher at GDHS.

The costumes for the production are being made by students with

help from Mrs. Helen Sabo. Many students are creating their own costumes with articles they have found at home.

The sets, including scenes in Astmore, the forest and the City, are being built using backdrops, risers and hanging pastel sheets.

Music for the show has been written by Gregor Reid and Paul d'Entremont with the help of students from GDHS and Parkside High School in Dundas. A live band including students playing keyboards, percussion, guitars, trombones, flutes and trumpets will be performing for both the matinee and evening shows.

Rehearsing for the musical began in February. Depending on their part, some students including Rochelle Christie who plays Xanthie,

Charlie Gibbs and Gregor Reid who play Gwoche and Cegan respectively, have been practicing six to seven hours per week. Full cast rehearsals have also been held each afternoon on Sundays.

"The energy level of the cast is really getting up," said Kelly. "I think they realize that we only have two weeks left. There is still a lot to do but we have a great cast and crew who are extremely dedicated and capable of making it all come together in time for the show."

Demystar and the Dreamers is a fantasy and a musical which will appeal to many people of all ages. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and \$3 for seniors and children and can be obtained from Georgetown District High School.

Back for '87 teacher profiles

The Georgetown District High School centennial reunion brings back quite a few different memories for former students.

Some may remember these teachers as profiled by Alfred Madgett and Robert Saxe in an old edition of The Herald:

"...Mr. D. F. TURNER taught mathematics at a few Toronto high schools and then held the position of vice-principal of Scarborough High School, the position he held before coming here. He lives in Brampton with his wife and two daughters, ages sixteen years and seven years.

When asked how the students of our school rated in comparison with those of other schools he had taught, he said the academic achievements here are quite high, but the students are about the same everywhere.

Some schools may have more extra-curricular work, but the functions of our student council are the same as elsewhere.

One aspect of our school Mr. Turner does find different is that this is the only school he has taught where there have been no regular classes during the lunch hour.

We wish Mr. Turner a long, happy and successful association with our school, one which will be satisfactory both to him and his students.

Mr. FRANK CORNING who is presently teaching History to grades nine, ten and eleven at Georgetown District High School is a graduate of McMaster University. This is his first year as a teacher and he says he likes teaching and finds it interesting.

Mr. Corning has the gift of humor and the ability to keep even an interviewer on the alert and I'm sure, his students interested in their classes with him.

The fact that he feels there is too little time to cover too much work and sympathizes with students because of the amount of homework they must do, makes him unusual to know.

Mr. J. J. KISS, now teaching mathematics at Georgetown High, attended the University of Western Ontario, where he received his B. A. degree. He taught at Stratford before coming to Georgetown, where he now lives.

He likes Georgetown because it is centrally located near Toronto and Hamilton. As far as teaching is concerned, he feels there should be less material but that this material should be taught in greater depth.

Mr. Kiss is full of praise for the mathematics department and its head, Mr. Bellamy, whose personality holds the department together. He feels that the students are generally not enough interested in learning and that some even resent being taught.

Of all the grades, he finds that the grade nines are the most eager to learn. Mr. Kiss believes that the student council is necessary to raise school spirit, which he considers quite low right now.

Prepped up actors

Do you like to laugh? Then what are you waiting for? Tickets are selling already for the Acton High School staging of "Preppies", a show that's been called a musical romp without a serious bone in its body. Preppies runs May 7, 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. on the school stage. Staged originally in New York in the early 1960's, this is the first time a high school cast is putting it under the floodlights. Get your tickets at the high school or from cast members. Tickets are \$4 children and seniors \$5 students and \$6 adults.

FESTIVAL TIME

Arts celebration honoring centennial

By JOANNA MCTAGGART
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In honor of Georgetown District High School's centennial, the school arts department is presenting Festival of the Arts at the cultural centre May 6.

An exhibit organized by art teachers Mrs. Ridley and Mrs. Frank will be on display in the gallery all week and the public is invited to view the show at any time. A variety of art that students have been working on will be featured.

A reception to officially open the student art exhibit will be held May 6 at 7 p.m. Also that night, GDHS will be presenting a fashion show, featuring fashion through the past 100 years. Garments that have been made by students in class will be shown, as well as fashions made by graduates Ryan Roberts and Suzanne Pokuda, who are currently studying fashion design at Sheridan College.

Local merchants, Christiane's, J.V. Clothing, North Halton Sports, Elizabeth's, The Village shoppe, Henry's and Cameron's Fashions, will be supplying clothes which will be worn by the students in the show. "Found Fashions" will also be modelled. These are fashions which students have put together to create an outfit that expresses their personality.

There are approximately 40 volunteer students and teachers involved in the show as models and behind the scenes, helping with dressing, hair and make-up.

The fashion show was organized by Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Cosgrove, Mrs. Metcalfe and Mrs. Wilson, teachers at GDHS.

"We wanted to do something since it is the 100th year anniversary of the school," said Mrs. Wilson. "We wanted to be involved in a creative way and since we are the arts department we felt this was a suitable expression highlighting each of the areas of drama, music, family studies and art."

May 7 and 9 the drama club will be presenting two plays at the John Elliott Theatre. My Apology by Woody Allen stars Paul d'Entremont and is directed by Mr. Far-

quhar, English teacher at GDHS. Demystar and the Dreamers is a fantasy and a musical and is written by Grade 13 student, Kelly Stern.

May 8 GDHS's music department presents the Spring Musical Concert, also at the John Elliott Theatre. Talented students from Grades 9-13 will be performing in the Youth Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, Stage Band, Vocal Jazz Choir, Brass Quintet, Woodwind Choir and in a flute duet. Music teachers Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Kirkup-Ortlen have both been working extremely hard and are looking forward to a really fantastic evening.

"A lot of work, energy and enthusiasm on the part of both the teachers and students have been put into the Festival," said Mrs. Wilson. "It will be an excellent showcase for the arts at GDHS and we hope to receive lots of support from the community."

Tickets can be obtained from GDHS or at the theatre on the night of the performance. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and \$3 for children, per evening. A special package price includes all three events at \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and \$7 for children.

An airborne photographer eyes 1,600 posing pupils

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April 21 students and staff at Georgetown District High School participated in a special photograph honoring the school's centennial. During first period, 1600 students and staff assembled on the school's football field where they were arranged to spell out the words "G D H S, 100 years, 1887-1987. A plane arrived at 10:30 a.m., flew overhead and pictures were taken. They will be blown up to 16 x 20 full colour posters.

Mrs. Tamas and Mr. Broughton, teachers at GDHS who organized the event, wanted to include all the students in one picture and agreed an aerial photograph would provide the best results.

Preparations for the photograph began last January. As an assignment for Mr. Brown's class, drafting student Tom Wilson took on the project of calculating how large the letters on the field would have to be to accommodate all of

the students. The field was measured and lined with chalk to mark out letters showing the students where they were to stand. All classes were assigned a position on the field, and students were asked to wear red, white and blue, the school's colors, for the picture.

The plane, a Cessna 172, was piloted by Rob Rosset who is the owner of the Flight Photo Aerial Photography company which has been in operation since 1985. "It looked absolutely gorgeous and really impressive from the air," said Mr. Rosset.

Photographer, Sylvia Jones, took approximately 100 photographs, from which the best one will be chosen for the poster.

The Cessna 172 took off from Brampton Airport, and circled over Georgetown for 40 minutes at an altitude of 1700 ft. above sea level. High winds resulted in the re-arrangement of the flight pattern, said Mr. Rosset. "That's why it's important to have a good pilot who can compensate for such problems."

Career workshop

The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission has allocated \$1.9 million to the Halton and Peel Industries Training Advisory Committee (HAPITAC) to provide skills training at Sheridan College campuses in Halton and Peel in 1987/88.

The allocation is one of the largest in Ontario, according to HAPITAC Chairman Gerry Lovell.

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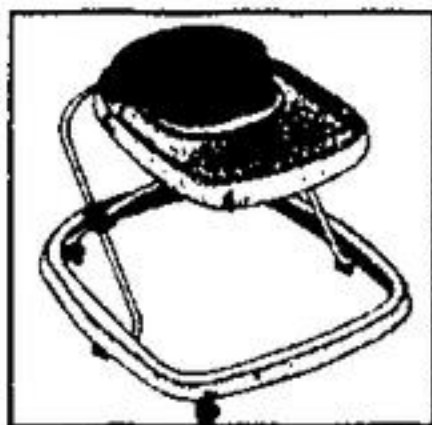
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