

# Teen Outlook



**By BEVEE CLES**  
An accurate self-assessment is the first step in any effective job search. Before you start your job search this summer, take a look at who you are and the skills you have to offer an employer.

It is important to develop a positive attitude when it comes to the job search. Looking for work can be very challenging and sometimes frustrating. Even though you may be regarded as 'young' and 'inexperienced', you do have skills. It is those skills that you have to market to employers. To sell your skills effectively, you need to know yourself and feel good about yourself.

Self-assessment involves three steps: a) knowing yourself, b) knowing your skill level and c) knowing what type of job you want.

To start, take a look at yourself. What do you like and dislike about yourself? What sort of things do you like to do - hobbies, sports, clubs? What is your past work or volunteer experience? What is your school record like? What school subjects do you do well in? Are those the subjects you like the most? What types of challenges do you like? What are your short and long term goals?

These are just some of the questions you can ask yourself to learn a little more about the type of person you are. Rotate the questions to various areas of your life - education, volunteer work, paid work and leisure. Ask family members to help you with the questions since they can add perspective to your personal profile.

Now consider the various skills that you have to offer. Skills can usually be transferred from job to job so look at your past experiences very carefully. Are you accustomed to working unsupervised? Have you had experience working with children, the elderly or any other special target groups? Do you have any special certificates or licences such as first aid, CPR, lifeguarding, computer, babysitting, machinery skills, driver's licence?

Now that you have taken time to develop your own personal profile it is time to look at what type of job you want. What sort of things are you good at or that you have an interest in? Refer back to this question. If you could pick any type of summer job, what would you most like to do? If your answer to this question is 'anything' it is time to go back a few steps and be more specific. Decide what your first and second job choices would be and what type of experience you want to gain from your summer job.

Are you just interested in wage levels or do you want to gain experience in the working world? It is important to keep everything in perspective when it comes to the job search. If you are looking for an \$8-\$10 per hour glamorous job, then you better be prepared to have an \$8-\$10 per hour skill level.

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## GDHS holds council elections



### GDHS report

By JOANNA McTAGGART

May 20, student council elections were held at GDHS. Elected as the new student council president for the 1987-88 school year was Lisa Waiters.

Lisa is currently in Grade 11. She is planning to graduate from Grade 13 next year. Lisa hopes to attend university after graduating and wants to major in math or business.

Lisa has been involved with the student council for the past 3 years. She has been a grade representative, member of the Student Athletic Association, and is currently completing her term as Senior Vice-President.

"I really enjoy working on the student council," said Lisa. "I like dealing with other people. I like to see how things are done and do them, instead of just standing in the crowd wondering how things are done."

As well as the time Lisa devotes to the student council, she is also involved in the jazz choir and has played active roles on the basketball, track and swimming teams. Lisa also works part time at the Georgetown Cinemas and at the Old Glen Mill in Glen Williams.

Although Lisa was surprised and

excited to have won, she realizes that a large amount of responsibility and hard work will come with her new position. Lisa's main goal for next year is to get the students' opinions heard. She hopes to distribute questionnaires to students to discover their opinions on subjects such as the smoking area.

"I don't agree with smoking but I believe that smokers should be given the right to smoke if it is in a contained area which will not affect non-smokers," said Lisa.

Lisa also wishes to poll students on their opinions on fundraising. She wishes to find ways of fundraising that will increase school spirit and raise money to decrease the cost for students on events such as dances and concerts.

"I hope that I can do a good job

and represent the student body amongst administration and everyone else in the school and the community," said Lisa. "We're a large body as students, so we should have a large say and we should be heard. I also hope to make next year a year filled with school spirit and fun for everyone."

Also elected to next year's Student Council are: Vicki Hughes, Senior Vice-President; Carey Gardiner, Treasurer; Bonnie Clark, Secretary; Kim Lavallo, Junior Vice-President. Grade representatives will be voted for next Wednesday.

The Third Annual Georgetown District High School Run/Walk was held May 27. All students having a first period class began their walk at 9 a.m. at the High School.

## Start up loans made available

More than 800 students have applied to the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development this year for interest free Start Up loans to operate summer businesses.

In announcing the figures for summer job programs, Skills Development Minister Gregory Sorbara said the number of Start Up applications to date is 27 per cent above the total for 1986. This year's application deadline is June 13.

Start Up is one of four Ministry programs projected to provide 62,000 summer jobs for young people age 15 to 24. A total of \$45.1 million is being spent by the province to create new summer jobs and to provide work experience for young people.

Mr. Sorbara said "These jobs give our young people the opportunity to get the on-the-job training and experience they need to easily make the transition from school to work."

"Start Up encourages young entrepreneurs who may be creating the new jobs for tomorrow's workforce. Small business, which is fueled by the entrepreneurial spirit, already employs most of Ontario's workforce, and it is a growing sector in our economy."

The \$3,000 Start Up loans are available to students who are 15 years of age or over. They must draw up business plans to be approved by local Chambers of Commerce, and the loans, which are handled by branches of The Royal Bank, must be paid in full in the fall.

The largest of the Ministry programs is the Ontario Summer Employment Program under which employers who provide new jobs for young people receive \$1.25 an hour to offset the wages of each youth hired.

At the end of April, 13,500 employers had applied to the program, 6,000 more than last year. To date 39,000 jobs have been approved for wage subsidies.

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