

## Labor of love

The men and women behind the scenes at the Georgetown high reunion certainly earned their thanks from happy former grads.

The tasks leading up to the 100th birthday celebrations were immense. Putting together a team of workers and keeping them going over a two-year period is an enormous task for volunteers.

Then again, any high school reunion is a success when it brings former students and teachers together for a good gab, to recall "glory days" and that 15 minutes of fame we're all allowed to brag about.

But the centennial reunion, since January, has been filled with special events and special opportunities to welcome former pupils back to the fold. It's been a great homecoming, whether people remember the curling bonspiel, golf tournament, the musical revue or the art gallery exhibit.

Timing the event with the entertaining Art in the Park gave out-of-towners a glimpse of how much our arts community has grown over the years.

The reunion planning didn't go unnoticed by many. Only a few could not help but realize the countless hours of volunteer work that helped put together a proper welcome for returning graduates.

To Tom Beer and his team of co-workers, it's just not enough to say thank you. However, what made the event so meaningful for the organizers, we suggest, was seeing so many smiling faces. That's the ultimate reward, the ultimate thanks, and the best way anyone from the reunion could have expressed their thanks.

## Reason to butt out

Pressure is on the Halton school board to enact a regulation forcing smokers in schools to butt out. With good reason.

It seems every where you turn, another business or government body is banning smoking on its premises.

New research into the dangers of second-hand smoke is prompting more people to react to what they're seeing as an infringement on their "rights".

There is reason for concern and reason to react. Teenage smoking is on the increase. Recent Canadian statistics reveal that over 20 per cent of teenagers (ages 15-19) are regular smokers.

The Halton board has taken steps to improve the situation. A committee has been set up to study the feasibility of banning smoking from all Halton schools. A list of social service, health, union and government staff will be represented.

But if the Halton board bans smoking, it should be done fairly and equitably among students and staff.

We feel student council reps should be asked to sit on the committee. Students will be most affected by any ban and they, more than anyone, should be consulted on just how the board plans to carry out a ban.

- Some considerations to be made are:
- if there is a school ban on smoking, should staff be allowed to smoke anywhere in the school if students can't?
  - will there be any smoke-ender clinics available to both staff and students?
  - will the board implement incentives to persuade staff to quit the weed?
  - will the board beef up its contributions towards educating students about the dangers of tobacco?
- When this "smoke free" committee meets in September, we hope it takes great care in considering the best ways to persuade students, not just staff, to curb their smoking habit.

## This battle wages on



### Editor's notebook

By Dave Rowney

Drinking and driving tragedies don't take vacations. And neither do programs available to make the community aware of alcohol-related accidents.

Heather Quinn and Brenda McMillan, two students at Acton High School, have been hired this summer to talk to people about drunk driving.

Funded by the Ministry of the Attorney-General, they were chosen along with 88 other students from across Ontario. They will be involved in a program called Arrive Alive '87.

Geography teacher Keith Black told the girls about the program. He was the one who originally asked Heather and some other students to start a SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) group in Acton.

The 17 and 18-year-olds are all smiles after being accepted into the six-week program which started recently. You can believe they're enthusiastic about the program, too. "I'd like to keep it going longer," says Brenda. "You can't put a deadline on it. There's no time to stop."

Obviously, the Ministry has found the motivated messengers it's looking for. The two had to write an essay, competing against hundreds of other 15-19 year-olds.

By talking to them, you can understand just how committed the girls are to their cause. "We're trying to reach as many people as possible," says Heather. "Drinking and driving is dumb. It's so simple to stop and to get rid of the problem."

The duo admits to a turning point

for them on the issue of drinking and driving happened while they attended a December 1986 symposium on impaired driving.

The convention at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto gave them an armload of statistics to take back to school for their SADD group.

But more than anything, the girls were overwhelmed by the stories of parents who were at the convention. They told about how their teen sons and daughters had been killed by drunk drivers. The message was a chilling one, Heather recalls. "We came back brain dead," she said.



HEATHER QUINN

After the convention, the message became even more meaningful for Heather and Brenda. They hosted volleyball game between the students and Halton policemen and raised \$210 for SADD. A symposium of their own was held by SADD with guest speakers at the Acton High School.

The convention in Toronto gave the girls the nerve to go up and speak to groups, said Heather.

With their \$2,200 grant, the clubs will be invited to speak to students, service groups, the media and anyone who wants them to talk. They'll also be setting up booths at the Stoneroad Mall and Eaton Centre in Guelph.

If you'd like to have Heather or Brenda speak to your group, call them at 877-2202 and ask for Arrive Alive '87.

## Headed for a fall?

Three years ago, John Grant was a voice in the wilderness. Interest rates had fallen from their 1981 highs. At 12 per cent, Dr. Grant said they still had a long way to go.

When they started creeping up again, he said it was just a bump. He was right. Long-term rates bounced two percentage points, paused for a month or so and then began a two-year slide that would take them down five points.

Dr. Grant is chief economist at Wood Gundy.

Now he is out there calling again for all to hear.

Interest rates will fall another three percentage points by the end of next year, he predicts. If he's right, long-term bond yields could slip below 7 per cent.



Your Business

By

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We would be back to where we were in 1971, before soaring oil prices spurred a decade of galloping inflation.

That's not all. This would happen without the economy slipping into

recession. Borrowers would see their debt burden shrink. Investors would clean up on stocks and bonds. And companies would flourish, creating jobs for our growing work force.

Dr. Grant, a studious looking man in his late-40s, bears little resemblance to the wild-eyed prophets of old.

Yet most economists believe rates hit bottom this spring. Michael Manford, the boyish-looking chief economist at Merrill Lynch Canada, agrees.

"Inflation is picking up faster than people expected," Mr. Manford argues. Interest rates will fall a bit this year, but then drift upward throughout 1988. By the end of next year, they will be at least a full point higher than they are now, he says.

The argument turns on inflation. While Mr. Manford thinks it is creeping back, Dr. Grant thinks the recent uptick is just the ghost of excesses past.

Mr. Manford says the next two years will be a scaled-down version of 1978-1980: a textbook business cycle ending in inflation. Interest rates will rise and growth will slow.

"It really never is all that different."

Dr. Grant disagrees. Demand for money determines its cost, and demand is slowing, he argues. Consumers, business and government

are borrowing less. This trend will continue next year.

Signs of resurgent inflation can be traced to the low U.S. dollar, which makes imports from Japan and Europe more expensive in the North American market.

"It's delayed inflation from previous monetary sins rather than something that signals the beginning of a new inflationary cycle," Dr. Grant says.

Rather than trying to curb growth, policy-makers will let rates fall to keep the economy moving.

If your mortgage or GIC is coming up for renewal, you will want to know which of these gentlemen is right.

It's difficult to believe inflation will pose a serious problem this year or next. But if the suppliers of money (the lenders) think it could, they will hold back from the market, forcing rates up.

Financial markets often anticipate inflation that never materializes.

If interest rates fall as low as Dr. Grant suggests, how long would they stay there? Surely such low rates would spur demand.

Remember, the economists are predicting what will happen this year and next. If Mr. Manford is right, rates could fall again in 1989. If Dr. Grant is right, they could be headed up again by then.

You decide.



## Citizens' forum

### Not buying national defence policy

Dear Editor:

Canada's Defence Minister is in for a rough ride if he intends to "hawk" his vision to Canadians.

The centrepiece of the Defence White Paper - a fleet of nuclear attack subs - represents a radical departure from Canadian traditions of international diplomacy. Mr. Beatty is banking on selling this approach to Canadians.

They'd be better off buying Edsels.

For almost a year now, Mr. Beatty has been on the warpath - literally. He has warned of Soviet submarine incursions in coastal waters, never mentioning U.S. submarine incursions in Soviet seas. He has attacked the Canadian peace movement as "self-serving".

And now, in the White Paper, he warns of an "adversary whose explicit long-term aim is to mould the world in its own image" with "a proven willingness to use force... to achieve political objectives."

No, he's not talking about U.S. subversion in Nicaragua, Chile, or Libya. He's attempting to stir up antagonistic Cold War sentiments among Canadians.

Mr. Beatty is trying to ride a wave on this issue but may well "wipe out". A Goldfarb poll commissioned by the Toronto Star reported in late May that 55 per cent of Canadians oppose the purchase of the nuclear subs. Canadians oppose cruise missile testing here by a 2-1 margin. Over 16 million Canadians live in municipalities or regions which have declared themselves Nuclear Weapons-Free Zones.

For a nation that has been asked to tighten its belt, foregoing expenditures in R and D, child care, farm

aid, etc., plunging \$10 billion on a sub fleet will be hard to swallow.

But beyond the political liabilities, what kind of vision is Beatty selling? And specifically, what war is he planning to fight and with whom?

We cannot prevent nuclear destruction by keeping Soviets subs at bay in international waters. Ballistic missiles from Soviet Typhoon subs can hit their targets from a distance of 10,000 km, so keeping them out of coastal waters protects us not at all. Only negotiated arms control and disarmament agreements can buy security for a world balanced on a hair trigger.

The Defence Minister is trying to sell Canadians on his questionable world view and the hardware to back it up. But it doesn't seem likely that Canadians will buy it.

Yours truly,  
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### Backing Dr. Ford

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was filed with The Herald for publication.

Mr. Marc Rochon, Administrator Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr. Rochon:

Dr. Ford is my doctor and I felt it my obligation to speak out on his behalf. I can't express enough what

a tremendous doctor he is. I know that during my stay in Georgetown Hospital all I heard for him was praise, by patients, staff and other doctors.

I chose Dr. Ford to be my doctor for this very important occasion in my life as he came highly recommended, and still is. Since going to Dr. Ford I wouldn't want anyone else. He made the birth of our child a wonderful experience for both my husband and myself.

It is a great concern to me how a doctor of his stature can have his privileges taken away so easily. I certainly hope that this decision will be rectified very soon and that something like this does not happen again.

Sincerely,  
Terri Pereira

### Reunion memories

Dear Friends: Centennial Celebrations have been a ringing success. It was a splendid demonstration of the love and devotion we all have for GDHS.

Could you be so kind as to drop me a few lines about your experiences and thoughts re the Centennial Celebrations? If you took pictures I shall be delighted to get a copy.

I am collecting, collating and writing a record of this most auspicious and eventful weekend for posterity and future yearbook editors.

Please do this as events are fresh in your minds.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Tom Ramautarsingh, Editor, GDHS Centennial Book.

(P.S. Pictures, commencement programs, etc. will be returned as soon as they are sorted out.)

QUESTION: What made you decide to come back to Georgetown District High School to attend the centennial reunion?

### In your opinion

## What brought you back?



**AVIS CLAYTON** (nee McLean 1931) - My children went to this school too and they had the same teachers. I wanted to see if I could see somebody I knew. I have seen quite a few.



**BRIAN HALL** (1968) - My mother needed a ride over here and I came to see my friends.



**MURIEL SCHENK** (nee Spence - 1949) - I came back to see all my old classmates.



**DEBBIE POIRIER** (nee McLellan - 1974) - Curiosity. To see how everybody has changed. I combined two things. One to see the reunion and to see my family.



**HAZEL HALL** (nee Hoare 1937) - To see everybody and to see the school and to see all the changes.

### 30 years ago

Three schools presented their Silver Medal awards to students at graduation ceremonies. Monty Hyde, Nellie Roodzant Barbara Finlay, Jenny Tenhagen Joyce Fleming and John Guyett won for high academic standing. Donna Brock, Brenda Dawson and Michael Brown also won for showing the most progress.

Dr. A.E. Berry of the Ontario Water Resources Committee told council Monday that a new sewage disposal plant is needed in Georgetown. The present one is overloaded.

Georgetown High School students revived the school's yearbook "Challenge" after 22 years. Frank O'Neill and the school's newspaper editor Marilyn Souther were largely responsible for the resurrection of the book.

Georgetown's soccer team mauled the St. Catharines team 7 to 2 last week. High scorers were Freddie Allen and Hans Koch.

### 15 years ago

Georgetown is preparing to celebrate its 50th anniversary this weekend. Most of the festivities will take place at Cedarvale Community Centre under the direction of Mayor Bill Smith.

Limehouse has a successful grand prix road race on the weekend. Bob Gaultier won the A open and Bill Bonham captured the win for Stock Appearing.

The Centennial Boys Softball team won their ball tournament Saturday against Fairview School. Pitcher Jeff Haines pitched 15 innings and allowed only 3 runs. Other team members include Glen Fendley, Vince Lefebvre and Ron Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Rankin are the newest residents in Ballinad. They have moved into the house across from the McEnery farm.

### 10 years ago

Council will go ahead with its proposal to build a library on two acres of Cedarvale Park. They have chosen to ignore a petition from 3,500 Georgetown residents. Two opponents have approached the Ontario Municipal Board about the site. Betty Fisher and John Ferguson will go to the OMB hearing representing the signatories.

Mark Parr of Puck's Canadian Circus will come to Norval the middle of July. Jim Robertson of the Way-Jay Club will host the event.

The Interested Citizen's Group, opposing the Bradley-to-Georgetown high voltage transmission corridor has asked an Ombudsman to represent them.

Ruth Poullos of the North Halton Meals on Wheels is appealing to the public to help the organization. Mrs. Poullos said the meal service for senior citizens is losing four cents per meal.

### 5 years ago

An intense rainstorm early Tuesday morning dumped three inches water on Georgetown. A large part of Maple Avenue was washed away.

The Sixth Annual Bill Smith Charity Golf Tournament raised over \$11,000 for the Cancer Society. Bill Smith and Art Goddard won the tournament with a score of 72.

Georgetown's Sara Aggiss placed 15th overall in World Gymnastics competition held last week. She was the top Canadian at the competition held in Texas. Forty-five gymnasts from Russia, China, Japan, the United States and elsewhere participated.

## Poets' Corner

### NUMBER ONE

If friendship could be packaged it would bear the label Pat It would have the scent of heaven nothing's more sweet than that Thanks for caring about me and all the time you spend You're very very special my world's greatest friend.

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### THIS SEA

Time is more than Mickey's hands waving Time is less important than the moments it measures Time is the net that catches all the fish that swim this boundless sea.

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### NO NEED

Growing older gives you an abundance of memories some good some dreadful Growing older also diminishes the need for remembering.

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