

Teen Outlook

New year gets off on a rock 'n roll beat

So...what'd ya get? Did you enjoy your holidays? But, alas, every good thing must come to an end (but why so soon?). On Monday, January 4, 1988, at 8:55 a.m. students were in classes once again to complete the final stretch on the semester before the exams. If nothing else was apparent, the abundance of sweaters (Christmas gifts, possibly) being worn by both staff and students. This got me to thinking; why doesn't someone organize an "After-Christmas Fashion Show"? Just imagine all the wool...



GEORGETOWN HIGH

By Jamie Harrison

Lotsa rock 'n' roll news to start off the new year. First of all, on a down 'note', First Class was cancelled for the New Year's bash at Night Crossings, but the boys were well compensated, and then opened up for 3rd Degree at a house party. According to certain sources, the party was great, and both bands were just smokin'! They wound up the evening by having both bands jam out a tune which got the whole house rockin'. Don't forget, First Class is playing at the Concert Hall in Toronto in the

annual "High School Battle of the Bands" at the end of this month. Tickets are available from band members at very reasonable prices.

In other news...GDHS smokers are taking full advantage of the 'new and improved smoking area'. This is a direct result of 60's-style protest held by many GDHS students Oct. 16, 1987. It seems unfortunate that this protest was made on behalf of something so potentially dangerous.

Let's take a brief look at 1987 at GDHS. In a nutshell; GDHS student Jeff MacLaren was killed in a car accident in the early hours of New Year's Day (hence, the Jeff MacLaren Memorial Award was set up for drama students). On Feb. 9

smoking was banned at GDHS. This was met with some resistance, which later came to a head. In March, Cindy Murnaghan was crowned Snow Queen 1987.

In April, the Spring King contest was held amongst a mass of confusion. June found GDHS staff and students assembling on the football field in such a configuration that it spelled "GDHS 100 YEARS 1887-1987". What should have been a relieving wind up to the year was marred by the tragic death of student Phil Hughes in a car accident. July was met by the GDHS centennial celebrations. September found us all back for yet another year of learning and socializing as the start of another school year opened up. October saw about 150-200 GDHS students out on the highway protesting the double standard of the smoking policies of GDHS and demanding the return of the smoking area. November was relatively calm at GDHS, with not much happening, save for the opening of the new stairwell at the north end of the

school. December had the usual holiday activities, as well as an announcement from GDHS principal Barb Singleton informing students that, after long and careful deliberations with the Smoking Committee, the smoking area would be returned with certain rules and regulations. And so is a brief synopsis of 1987 at

Georgetown District High School. And so ends another column (and another year). At this time I would like to thank the readers on behalf of the writers of the Teen Outlook. Myself, I've found this to be a very rewarding experience, and I look forward to continuing writing for the Herald's Outlook.

How to jump-start your car safely

The National Society to Prevent Blindness reports that battery-related accidents are a leading cause of serious eye injuries. "Many of these injuries resulted from incorrect jump-starting procedures," said Tod Turriff, eye safety manager for the Society.

Turriff warns that batteries produce explosive gases. If these gases are accidentally ignited by a spark or open flame, the explosion could send battery fragments and battery acid into the eyes. The result can be severe eye damage and vision impairment.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, over 8,000 battery-related eye injuries occur each year.

The recommended procedures for jump-starting a battery safely are:

- Before attempting to jump-start:**
1. Review the car owner's manual for instructions.
 2. Do not jump-start a battery if the battery fluid is frozen.
 3. Wear chemical splash goggles.
 4. Keep sparks, flames and cigarettes

away from batteries.

Before attaching cables:

1. Be sure the vehicles are not touching.
2. Be sure the electrical systems of both vehicles are the same voltage.
3. Make sure the vehicles are in neutral or park, that the ignitions of both vehicles are off and that the emergency brakes are set.
4. Be sure vent caps are tight and level. If available, place a damp cloth over vent caps.

Attaching the Cables:

1. Clamp one jumper cable to positive (+) terminal of discharged battery wired to starter or solenoid. Do not allow positive cable clamps to touch any metal other than battery terminals.
2. Connect other end of positive (+) cable to positive (+) terminal of booster battery.
3. Connect negative (-) end of second cable to negative (-) terminal of booster battery.

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Home Post Scripts
By Glenda Hughes 877-5296

In the almost 5 years that I've been in the real estate profession, I have not experienced a January like this one! Generally speaking, January is the month when things gradually gain momentum, agents get back in the groove again, regaining from the lapse in the market during the holiday season, and our clients begin to look at searching out new homes in preparation for late spring or summer moves. It is a time of fairly stable hours and not an unusual period to fly south for a week or two to re-charge our batteries. This year however, the market is just "a boppin'!" The phones are ringing, the secretaries are typing furiously, signs are appearing on lawns, and certainly our office is very busy with people walking in, looking for guidance.

What does this mean to you? Well it means, that it looks like we are going to have a very busy, early spring market on our hands. It means that if you are thinking of buying or selling shortly - "shortly" is here! It is a very active market already, with lots of buyers out there looking and a good selection of homes currently on our inventory lists. Both buyer and seller are in good positions at present - with demand being high, and enough activity in the market to still get excellent homes for your money. There is always an increase in homes for sale in the spring, so if you have been giving moving, a few hours of thought, I would suggest that you get your home on the market as soon as possible - for by the looks of things, this market suggests that we are going to have more than the average number of homes for sale by late spring.

If you have been keeping on top of repairs and decorating, you only have to call your favorite agent and get things rolling. If you still think you have a pile of things to do before your home is marketed, I would suggest that you call your agent and find out the most important things to do, and then short list them and get your sign up.

So much for my dreams of palm trees or this winter - maybe in the fall - or perhaps you can send me a post card from down south to make me feel better - while we work to get your home sold. South is great, but Real Estate work is the greatest!

THIS WEEK'S MORTGAGE RATES

AS OF JANUARY 6th, 1988

	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	3 YEAR	4 YEAR	5 YEAR	6 YEAR	7 YEAR	10 YEAR
Bank of Nova Scotia	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	11%
Bank of Montreal	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%
Canada Trust	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%
C.I.B.C.	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	11%
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T.D. Bank	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	11%
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