

# Teen Outlook

## Sorting out the facts in proposed study



GEORGETOWN HIGH

By Jamie Harrison

Hi there, and welcome to one of the Teen Outlook columns. As an interesting aside, this past Saturday marks the first anniversary of the Teen Outlook columns.

The Ministry of Education, in their infinite wisdom (a rather redundant term in light of what I am about to say), recently hired George Radwanski to complete a study concerning students who hold down part-time jobs and attend high school. It seems to be Mr. Radwanski's great belief that high school students should be forbidden to work (outside of schoolwork, of course) within the school year. This is just one of his recommendations in lowering Ontario's 33 per cent drop-out rate.

In part Mr. Radwanski's report may be right, however a discrepancy arises between theory and reality. A large number of students who do have part-time jobs work in an environment they would not wish to as a career, thus inspiring them to stay in school and persevere in lieu of striving after the lure of easy money for hard work.

Another discrepancy arises when one considers the consequences of the extra strain that the suggested dismissal of all high school students

from part-time jobs puts on the economy. If the students were dismissed, who would take over their jobs? Certainly not the adults. What adult would settle for flipping burgers at a fast-food joint at \$3.70 per hour, from the hours of 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.? Not many I'll bet.

The strain will also be felt by the parents of the unemployed students. Let's face it. Students who enjoyed an active, but expensive social life while they were employed are not going to want to give it up due to a report made by someone they have not met, but has already made a decision which could have a detrimental effect on their future. For example: are the parents of these students willing to shell out \$25-\$30 for a concert? The students certainly are. Look at the fans, you'll find that it's about 85 per cent students.

Lastly, students working part-time is somewhat of a tradition in North America. It's been done for generations. It also gives the students a valuable sense of responsibility, experience in public relations, as well as experience in the "real world."

In other high school news: The GDHS Rebels' hockey team lost on Tuesday by a score of 4-2.

The dance scheduled for last Friday has been rescheduled for Feb. 26. The dance was cancelled due to last Friday's school closure because of snow.

That's all for this week. Remember: patience is a virtue, but the early bird catches the worm. Chow...



A special night was held at 1st Acton Beavers Feb. 10. The investiture of Kevin Fell as a new Beaver, was followed by the Spring Tall Ceremony. Afterwards, parents were presented with very special Valentine gifts made by each boy. Pictured are, back row, left to right: Leader Tic Tac (Joanne Fell), Leader Hawkeye (Leon Savard), Leader Malak (Tom Winstone), Leader Bear (Dan Green), Kenney Neary, Steven West, Cub Kenny

Fell, Andre Savard, Charlie Hess, Garrett George, Christopher Scully, Gregory McMillan, Ryan Elson, Drew Noble. Front, Kevin Fell, Robbie McMillan, Tommy Winstone, Robbie Vorne, Blair Ferguson, Daniel Carney, Eddie Hess, Michael Pawlak, Matthew Henderson, Matthew Morrow, Leader Reindeer (Heather Savard), Lucas Green, Corey Brock, and Mascot Joel Savard. (Photo by George Henderson)

## Ladies' group tours Seed House

NORVAL-Members of Brampton West Women's Institute and husbands and friends toured the Dominion Seed House in Georgetown Feb. 9 at 10:45 a.m.

The theme of the meeting was agriculture. Members learned that the location was a farm owned by Mr. Bradley who in 1928 started the Dominion Seed House on the premises. The original barn was the headquarters. This year 1988 is the 60th anniversary of the business which now ships orders all across Canada which is an appreciated convenience for customers in outlying northern areas.

The most recent addition of many on the property is the new Country Garden Centre for customer convenience shopping which stocks a full range of supplies for the gardener.

During the summer the peony acreage in flowers is impressive. We were shown the operation from the packaging of the seeds through to the completion for shipping by mail order courier. February, March and April are very busy mail order months.

Proper temperature storage is provided for the various seeds and nursery stock. Following the tour, members were invited to browse in the Country Garden Centre. Alma Doane thanked the guide for an interesting informative tour.

The group lunched at the Chateau and dealt with Institute business.

Lois Fraser will represent Brampton West branch at Kingston in May

in which the FWIO theme will be Institute and Educate. The Ministry of Agriculture and Food is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

### Norval

sary at Van Kirk Drive in Brampton March 23 from 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wilma Archdekin will have the Brampton West Tweedsmuir Histories on display from 7-9 p.m. Everyone is urged to attend.

Isobel Fraser attended the Huttonville Community School meeting and reported the Talent Night to be held April 29 and the Strawberry Festival planned for June 18. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

The proceeds provide for community school activities.

Plans were completed for the District March Hare lunch and euchre to be held March 1 at the Junior Farmers Building on Elliott Street in Brampton at 12 noon. Tickets are available at the door.

Members were advised that Waste Management receptacles would be distributed in mid-February. If you do not receive them, call Waste Line: 791-9400, ext. 372 and talk to Donna McBride.

President Isobel McKay advised members a tour to Britain Aug. 31 - Sept. 17 conducted by Peggy Knapp has places available. The tour includes contacts with British Women's Institutes.

Layette articles are to be brought to the next meeting. Ina Terr gave the courtesies. March 8 at 1:30 p.m. the branch will meet at the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton to tour the museum archives and art gallery.

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## Winter's wild wrath provides holiday



Acton High

By Lesley McCrystal

Last Friday was a break for all Halton board students. Schools were closed due to the bad weather. On Monday the county school buses were not running.

Considering there was no school on Friday the AHS Dance was postponed to this coming Friday. The dance is a flashback to the '50s, '60s and '70s. This exciting evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 11 p.m. If students wish to dress up in the '50s, '60s and '70s style, the cost will be \$4. If students don't wish to dress up the cost will be \$5, or they can go as a couple for only \$8.

AHS band members had a very fun weekend with other student band members from Mountville high school. MHS arrived at AHS in the nasty weather we had on Friday. They spent the morning rehearsing together. They then relaxed to a delightful dinner at Jack Tanners.

On Saturday the two bands spent the day shopping and touring the city of Toronto. They returned to Acton to give a very successful concert at AHS. To end their weekend they went skiing on Sunday at Horseshoe Valley.

Later that day they celebrated their successful weekend by having a dinner followed by a dance at AHS. On Monday AHS students got to hear the MHS band during a morning assembly.

### SPORTS

The Acton Junior girls volleyball team completed its season of play on Saturday with a tournament at E.C. Drury high school. The team consists of Krista Richardson, Chrissy Dunn, Michelle Matlocks, Joanne Lewis, Lisa Sprostronov, Jennifer Martin and captain Lesia Shrubsole. Unfortunately the team was not able to advance to the finals, but did succeed in posting victories against Oakville Trafalgar high, Lester Pearson from Burlington, and J.A. Turner from Peel. The outstanding player of the day was Chrissy Dunn who served 15 consecutive points, when playing against Pearson. The game was 15-0.

Congratulations to all team members for their fine effort.

## Icy roads

Icy road conditions caused an 8 a.m. accident Feb. 9 on Main Street North and Guelph Street. A 1987 Mercury Lynx, driven by a 75-year-old Acton man, was southbound on Main Street North in the southbound lane. The Lynx skidded on ice, lost control and struck a sign post to the right of the road.

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