# **GDHS** report

Jamie Harrison

Hey ya! Back once more to write my thoughts and report on the happenings and events at GDHS.

To start, did you wonder what about 1000 GDHS staff and students were doing walking downtown this past Wednesday? Was it similar to the annual migration of salmon? Well, kind of. The truth is, they were

"Participacting" by walking 21/2 km in competition with the City of Oakville, GDHS represents the largest participating group in Halton Hills.

The Stage Band and Jazz Choir returned from Calgary, this past week, where they were representing GDHS in competition with several other schools from across Canada. The reports are that the performances were excellent and both bands are to be congratulated on their fine performances.

At the Bang-o-Rama this past Sun-

day, GDHS rock bands, St. Xavler and .357 Dwyer played to a crowd of about 200 in a small concert given by both bands. The crowd was very receptive to both bands, as this afforded an opportunity for the bands to demonstrate their skills to those who might not have otherwise been able to see them.

Elections for the grade representatives took place this past Friday, with several people being elected to represent each grade level. Due to deadlines, however, details were not available.

# AHS holds banquet

#### By Lesley McCrystal

The AHS annual athletic banquet was held Thursday (May 26).

The theme of the banquel was 'Thanks coach' a tribute to coach and vice principal Mr. McLaren. Mr. McLaren has coached both basketball and track and field. Students who Mr. McLaren had coached in the past were also invited to this special event.

A presentation from both past and present students who had the honor of being taught by Mr. McLaren, presented him with a wonderful award, a colour TV set. We wish Mr. McLaren a happy retirement and know that he will be missed by many.

Thanks Mr. McLaren.

Last Thursday night, May 19, AHS Band members left for a 12-hour ride to Connecticut. They arrived at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning. Shortly after, they performed for Montville high school. Both bands had a rehearsal performing together. They ended their night with a barbecue followed by a dance. Saturday morning was spent rehearsing and Saturday afternoon was spent at the Mystic

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the Broadway show 42nd Street, Sunday night they had a farewell party. Everyone seemed to have had a good time and really enjoyed themselves.

This week was fitness awareness week. AHS participated in Mogamadness where all schools in Ontario competed against one another to see who can get 100 per cent participation. Our school played the game twister in the backfields. We thank all students who participated in this event.



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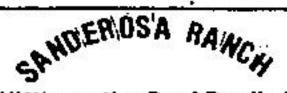
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As I click away at my typewriter this morning, I'm watching our landscapers busily digging in our backyard and thinking that the many thousands of dollars we're spending, has got to be worth it, for the enjoyment we are going to achieve this summer. Sometimes as I preach The Gospel According to Glenda, which is: "keep improving upon your home, for it is the best investment you'll make," I get cold feet thinking about when it comes time to sell. Are we going to achieve a final resale price that is indicative of the money we have invested? Well, I'm not sure about it in this case, but I do know that we are going to have a beautiful backyard and several years of use of it, before we move on. This is probably the most important factor, for enjoyment can't have dollar signs on it. If we were to take the family on a vacation it would cost us about the same amount as the landscaping, and when the facation is over - only a memory remains after the week is through - but at least your improvements are with you for the time you spend in the home. So it has to be worth it - and when the bill comes in I won't flinch - I promise - I'll just pick up this column and re-read it to give me strength as we make out the cheque!

So, I hope that you are doing something to make your property attractive for the summer, for you too will enjoy it. Even if it is just planting flowers or some small bushes, or painting your window frames, it will emprove the look of your home and keep your investment secure. Besides. I love company, and I want someone else to tell me that they have taken my advice and there is not a thing left to do to their home. Just don't tell me that you want \$20,000 more than the market can stand on your re-sale price! That's when I really get the shakes.

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