

Outlook on Halton Hills

Tech class outlook takes turn for better at Georgetown high



Summer's on its way

Georgetown District High School students are raising money to organize a trip to Germany and Austria for the band and the jazz choir in April for 10 days. Each student must raise about \$1,400 for the trip. Events like this fashion show by Elizabeth's Fashions are helping the students' fundraising efforts. Above, these two ladies show off some of the swimsuits now in style. (Herald photo)

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Now that semester two is well under way at Georgetown District High School, the staff will be able to come to a serious conclusion about the number of students taking technical courses.

The question for the past few months has been whether or not the enrolment is declining or increasing for the age-old automotive, electrical and other technical courses.

The option sheets the students have recently completed will not be fully tabulated for another three weeks. But Harvey Chapman, electricity instructor at the high school said, in his opinion, enrolment is "looking great" for the next school year beginning in September. "There is a great possibility that the all-girl classes will become an immediate success," he said.

Hoping to interest the students from the senior public "feeder" schools, Centennial and Stewarttown, information in the form of posters and pamphlets have been sent out to the parents and schools. When asked if taking "tech" courses is in their future, a few Grade 8 Centennial girls responded negatively. Some feel "no one else is going to be taking Auto Shop, so why should we?"

Students at the high school who

have never taken a technical course say that they realize it's important to have the knowledge to fix their own car or rewire equipment without much extra help, but some feel that they just don't have enough room in their schedules.

The courses at the high school include automotive which teaches students how to fix and maintain various parts of cars. Drafting teaches students precision in drawing preliminary works which could be manufactured. Other technical courses include electricity, metal fabrication and courses in manufacturing products.

However, all technical courses are not created equal. A few give the students the chance to take two courses in the same semester worth half a credit each, giving them the chance to try their hand in a few different areas.

The deciding factor will be in three weeks. The option sheets students have filled out to choose the courses wanted for the following year will decide the number and popularity of the future technical courses at Georgetown District High School.

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Police resort to tear gas

Halton Regional Police used tear gas to force a man out of an Oakville home Sunday.

For 4½ hours the force's Tactical Rescue Unit (TRU) was engaged in a "standoff" with a man who allegedly assaulted members of his family.

The man was rumored to have access to a gun in his home.

Police say they responded to a domestic complaint shortly after noon March 12, but arrived at the scene to find an assault allegedly taking place.

The suspect left the house after

tear gas "forced him from the house." Police say he was taken into custody "without incident."

An Oakville man, 38, is charged with assault and threatening charges. A police investigation continues.

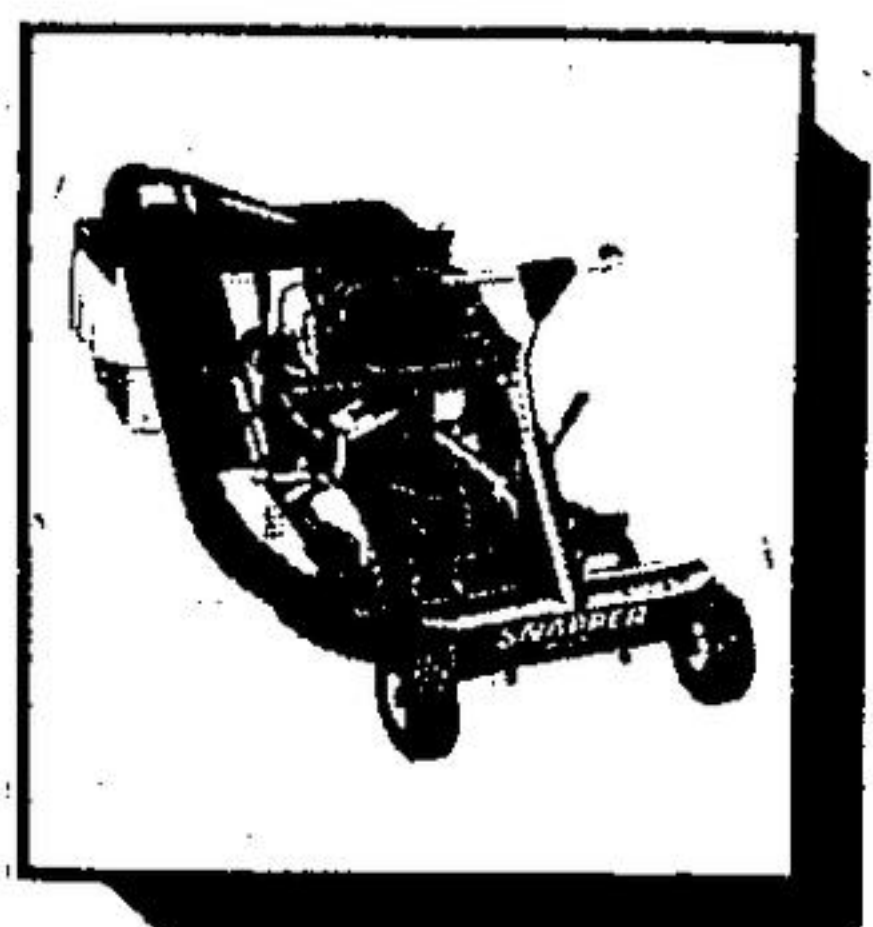
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