

# Retiring GDHS teachers say a lot has changed

By **BEN DUMMETT**  
Herald Staff  
"Here's your class so go to it," is the way retiring Georgetown District High School Science Department Head, Tom Beers,

Beers said teachers starting out when he did, were lucky if they received help from a school's administration or other teachers.  
"If you needed help you'd go to the staff room and maybe someone

high school teachers Bob Webster, and John Todd, Monday afternoon at St. George's Anglican Church.  
Mr. Webster has taught Auto Shop at the school for the past 21 years while Special Education

television.  
However, not all of what they've seen as teachers has been positive. They were adamant that today's parents are failing to contribute sufficiently to their children's education and a general upbringing. As a result a teacher's job has necessarily expanded from teaching to also providing emotional support.

But Mr. Todd said this change in the student-teacher relationship is good in many ways. He said unlike in the past, when students only related to teachers as authority figures, they now treat them as friends.  
Consequently students today more readily approach teachers, said Mr. Todd.



**Bob Webster**



**Tom Beers**



**John Todd**

described his initial experience as a teacher, 31 years ago.  
Since that rude awakening, Mr. Beers has lived with and contributed to an education system that today provides its teachers with improved guidance. Mr.

would be there to help you or then again maybe not," he said.  
Mr. Beers reflected on the changes in the education system during a retirement send-off put on by the town's high school for himself and retiring Georgetown

teacher John Todd has been with the school for 24 years.  
All three agreed another change for the good is the more worldliness of today's students. Mr. Beers attributed this greater awareness to the pervasiveness of

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