

School News

GDHS report

Commencement this Friday

By MARK TUFFORD
Today (Wednesday), mid-term report cards will be sent home with students as opposed to being mailed directly to parents or guardians. The reason for this is that the town postal office is re-routing all in-town mail through Mississauga. This is a very important issue as the student calendar was sent in the mail at the beginning of the school year states that reports were to be mailed to homes on Nov. 8 and some students might miss seeing their progress.

one more time to officially graduate from school, and say goodbye to some teachers and friends as they move on in life.

Some students won't be returning to the school for commencement, due to other commitments, mostly college and university. With exams in university being scheduled in and around the same general time as the commencement, smart students are staying at university to study for the all-important mid-terms, pass them, and maybe make a name for themselves in the workforce when they graduate from college or university.

The fact that some students won't be showing up doesn't

dampen any spirits though, I'm sure that commencement will be just as exciting as it was in previous years, and will be exciting in the many years to come.

PIETHROW

Last Friday, student council organized a pie throw which raised money for the United Way.

By 12:45 p.m. \$70 has been raised for the United Way. Bryn Davies, school principal, raised \$40 of that total by having two pies thrown in his face. Participants in the pie throw (those having pies thrown at them), received free tickets to the Halloween dance that was going on that night, a reward for being such good sports.

COMMENCEMENT
This Friday last years graduates from GDHS will return

AHS report

Outdoor experience enlightening

By SAMANTHA GUDGEON and HEIDI DEMPSEY
The Terra Cotta experience involved 130 Grade 10 and Senior students from Acton High School on a four day extravaganza that embodied everything one considers truly educational at AHS - scholarly development, curriculum planning, environmental appreciation, life skills and an atmosphere of school spirit between staff and students that continues to have positive, rippling effects throughout the community.

insomnia.

Mr. Calderelli, our principal, would yell the "Roll Call" each day. The sound of his voice echoing through the camp became pretty normal after the first two nights.

Evening activities were the highlights for the students. The songs around the campfire, the laughter among friends and the big family feeling generated lots of warmth.

The hardest part of the four days, however, was getting up for classes in the "great outdoors", eating dry cereal and then running to our various groups.

By noon on each day we were all dead on our feet as we shared stories of how our mornings had gone. Before we knew it, that booming voice was echoing again, "Come on gang" - back to the routine we went.

After dinner the traditional

football game would start in the field. Other than a lot of bodies being crushed to the ground and shirts being ripped, everyone enjoyed it.

All too soon it was Thursday and time to depart. There were mixed feelings.

We had a good time investigating the countryside, doing projects and generally getting to know teachers and students in a different way. Physically though, we were ready for the comfort of warm beds.

Tell you the truth though ... we'd do it again. Thank you Mr. Calderelli and assisting staff members, for helping us to see a part of living we'd never seen before.

The Grade 10 outdoor education event at Acton High School was an experience we will all remember. None of us could have foreseen this, but we all learned a lot during that week.

We survived the cold, dampness, the smell of rancid, burning wood and the rough ground - which all helped to contribute to

Enter 'The Closet'

Just what is "the closet" at Acton High School?

Is it somewhere where errant students are sent when their classroom social skills are not "up to snuff"? Is it a place where the administration lurks waiting to jump out at unsuspecting students?

It very well could be all of these things but in reality it is the tuck shop, a small, unassuming "room" run by a handful of committed or "soon-to-be" committed students.

These tireless entrepreneurial waifs dole out generous helpings of candy, chips and other sundry items to meet the needs of the student population.

Besides providing a service to the young academic wayfarers in

the institute, there are many advantages for those who volunteer to do the work. Business skills, organizational skills, communication skills are a few of the major areas where students have an opportunity to develop themselves.

As well, money raised from the sale of food products and other supplies (paper, pens, erasers, binders) goes towards student council activities and worthwhile causes such as environmental action.

"The Closet" is a valuable part of the high school community for everyone at Acton High School.

P.S. "The Closet" does little to help "Pump up the Valium" at Acton, but it does go a long way in helping to "Pump up the Spirit."

Catholic School Board fetes children's Book Week

The Teacher-Librarians of the Halton Roman Catholic School Board are planning to salute National Children's Book Week, November 5 - 9, 1990 with exciting and interesting activities hosted at each school in the Board. Events range from book fairs, read-a-thons, V.I.P.s (very important people, such as the principal, school secretary, Board consultants, etc.) Read to V.I.C.s (very important children), Book Trivia contests, etc. An outline of the events scheduled at the schools in your area is enclosed.

reading across the Board as a way of taking action in this International Literacy Year. Bishop adds that it also provides the school and surrounding community with the perfect time to "catch teacher-librarians in action" as they carry out Partners in Action.

"The primary focus of National Children's Book Week is to bring children and books together so they will experience the joy, excitement and wonder obtained through reading" notes Andrea Bishop, Co-ordinator of the Book Week for the Halton Roman Catholic Teacher-Librarian Association. "It is an excellent opportunity of celebrating

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