

# Parents night at GDHS

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Herald Special

Parents of GDHS students are reminded that Parents' Night will be held next Tuesday, November 19 from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The evening is divided into two parts: The first half of the session is an informal opportunity to meet the teachers in our Cafetorium. You may also choose at this time to make an appointment for an interview later on in the evening. The second half involves interviews with the teachers in their classroom.

All parents are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your son or daughter's program and progress before the Christmas Break and January Exams.

If you are unable to make it, you may call the school to make alternate arrangements.

Our recent mailing included a January exam schedule. It is

essential that you do not make family plans during this time.

This is particularly important in the event of a "snow day" in which case the schedule would have to be altered within the time allotted.

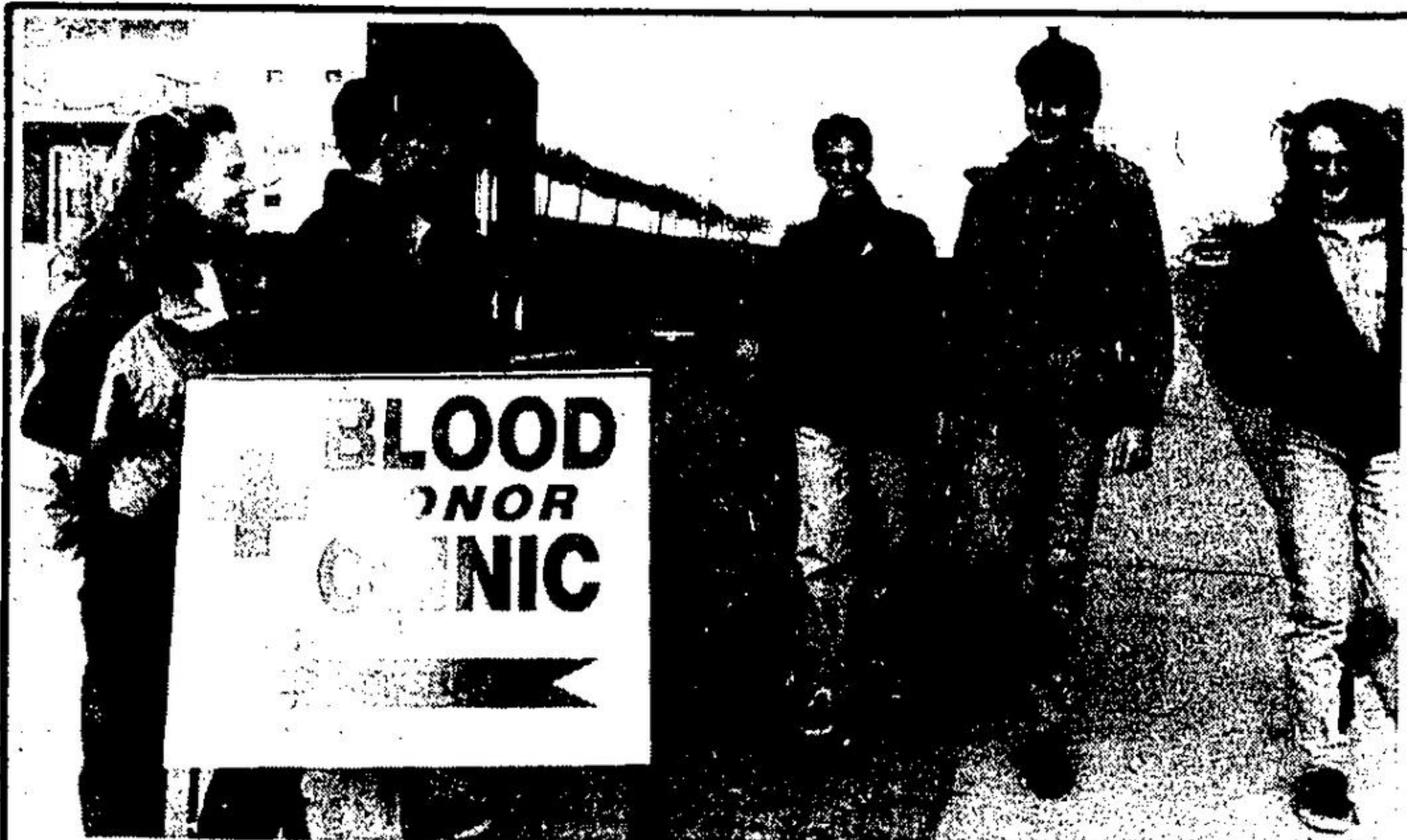
Our thanks this week go to the dozens of staff members who worked on this year's 104th Commencement. The parent feedback has been very positive.

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Sheridan College Information Day is this Thursday.

Our Grade 10 Enrichment students are invited to attend an Activity Day this Friday in preparation for their Program next year.



## Blood buddies

Friends Leanne Mossop and Jason Smith wait for their school buddies at the Holy Cross Church Hall Red Cross blood donor clinic Monday. The group, mostly first-time donors, made use of an afternoon break from their OAC studies at Georgetown District High School to donate blood to the Red Cross. (Herald Photo)



## Congratulations Adam

Adam Edwards, GDHS' 1991 Valedictorian, (left) is congratulated by Principal Bryn Davies shortly before Commencement Exercises Friday evening. (Herald Photo)

# Music students attend workshop

By **FLAVIA TESTA**  
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A musical note from G.D.H.S. On Saturday students from the stage band, wind ensemble, jazz band and jazz choir attended a musical workshop in Oakville, at White Oaks high school.

They took part in various workshops led by skilled, intelligent music teachers who helped them understand and learn a little more about music.

The jazz choir attended a 45-minute workshop with Mr. Gary Fischer. Mr. Fischer taught the students various breathing techniques: how to control their breathing, where air should be taken in from and, led a few warm up exercises. He also showed students various techniques in mouth shape: he made students sing vowels and consonants so they would feel and hear the difference of how the shape of the mouth can alter the sound. He taught the students a great deal.

As Lisa Sheppard said, "I liked it

a lot." I think all the students appreciated what Mr. Fischer had to offer in a very short time.

After the workshops, students had the opportunity to practice and polish their performances in designated practice rooms. The G.D.H.S. jazz choir, normally consisting of about 15 students, only had six singers available for this event, so you can imagine their anxiety before their performance. Nevertheless, they took time to practice together and finally they sang "Rio de Janeiro" and "Teach Me To Swing." At the end, they were given special pointers on how to improve their singing techniques. Then they took parts of their music and following the instruction of the teacher, tried to improve the sound and to project more feeling so that future au-

diences would be "blown away." Band members did equally well, although some students were not happy with their performance. Students were very pleased with the wind ensemble, and less pleased with the stage band. But not everything is perfect. The important part was that students were able to perform for other students and they got special pointers from other teachers.

All the students learned something new about music. They met professional musicians and had time to listen to each other sing and enjoy the different types of music that was presented to them.

Special thanks go out to Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Quinnlin who escorted the students to Oakville. Until next time, happy singing.

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