

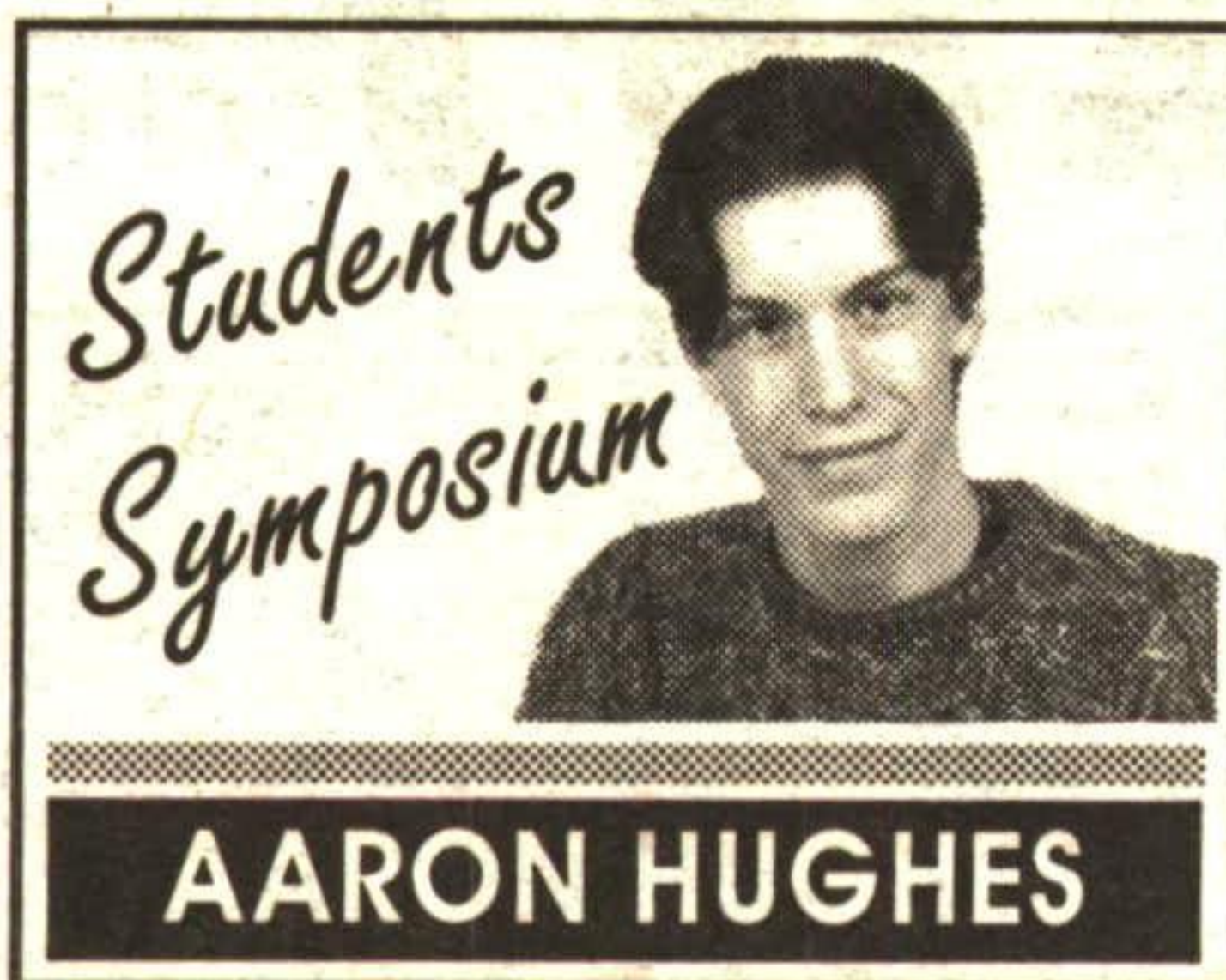
Day of death at GDHS

The GDHS annual Christmas concert went on as planned last Saturday, Dec. 10, in spite of the snow. With all the high school bands playing in the concert, the sounds of the season came shining through in a harmonious cavalcade of music. The cafeteria was filled to capacity and the ticket sales reached over \$800 — the best turnout in the history of the concert.

The GDHS Christmas dance, which took place Friday, Dec. 9, sounded a little funky this year. This was probably due to the fact that Congress made a special appearance, playing the last half of the dance. The eight-piece band made up of three horns, a bass and an electric guitar, synthesizer, drums and the occasional harmonica added a different sound to the event. It was one of the better "shindigs" the school has hosted.

The Student Wellness Action Council (SWAC) opened Drunk Driving Awareness week with a twist. The statistic is that one person dies every 31 minutes due to a drunk driving related incident. So, every 31 minutes a special bell was tolled over the PA symbolizing another death. Every time the bell tolled a student was pulled out of class, dressed in black and had their face painted with a likeness of the Grim Reaper. At the end of the day all of the "dead" students held a vigil in the front foyer of the school, displaying how many people died during one school day due to drunk driving.

Every time SWAC has an awareness week an ironic thing always occurs. During anti-smoking week there was an assembly against smoking, after which many of the students went out to the "pit" and had a butt. During anti-drug week a student was taken to the hospital for smoking bad marijuana. I hope this week



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doesn't follow that pattern, for it would be the most tragic irony of all.

The GDHS Band also travelled to Centennial to perform a Christmas concert on Monday. The next day the band hit the road again and played another concert at Stewarttown. Every year the band plays at the two middle schools. Every year the band plays at the schools; I even remember them playing at Stewarttown when I attended four years ago.

The Toys for Tots fundraiser in association with Halton Regional Police was in full swing at the school again this year. The Grade 9 bake sale continues to bring in money and the multiple draws and the silly lunch time events are an ongoing process to raise money in order to buy gifts.

It was rent an elf day at GDHS. Students volunteered to be auctioned to anyone who would rent their services for one day. On Wednesday the "elves" were given special outfits to wear (chosen by their buyers). The costumes consisted of spandex tights, dresses, Hawaiian hula skirts and bikini tops for the guys and snorkles, masks and flippers for the girls. The elves carried books for their employers and performed embarrassing acts on the cafe stage during their lunch periods. All proceeds went to Toys for Tots.

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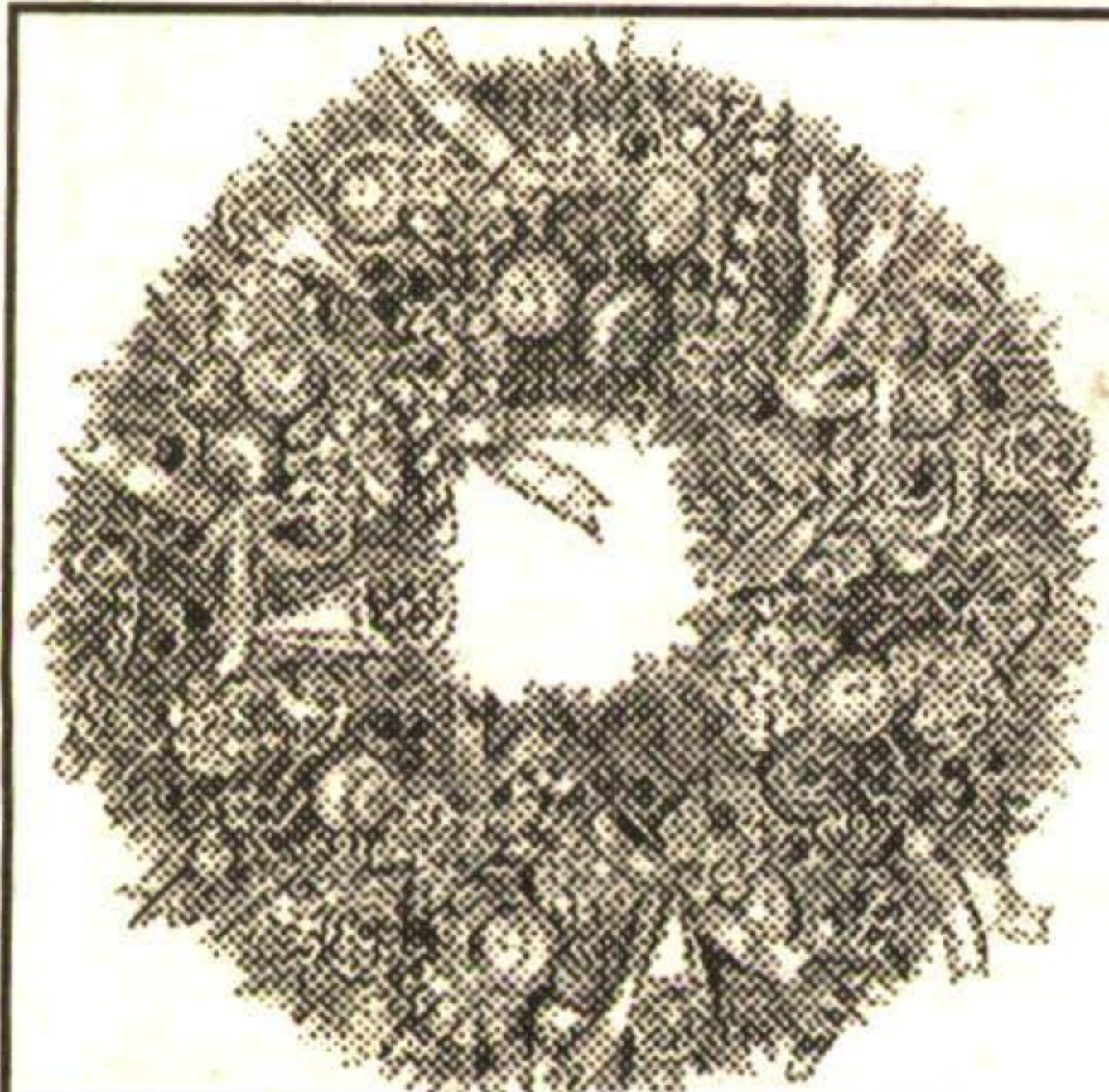
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