



**AHS GR. 9s FROM 1954:** When Acton opened its brand new high school in the fall of 1954 there were two Gr. 9 classes, split alphabetically. Above are the original gang from 9B (M to Z). Do you know them? (See the names below). We're hoping they'll show up for the reunion in June.

From the left: Row 1 - Ross Shortill, Bruce Richardson, Charlie Saul, Brian Walker, Ernie Lawson, Brock Robinson, George Oakes, Row 2 - Marilyn Young, Maggie Morrison, Ellen Spicce, Helen Synnot, Marilyn Woods, Faye Sagaski, Olga Kril, Jean Parker, Row 3 - (Vice principal) Boys physical education and science teacher Jack Heron, Frank Melody, Shirley Mason, Valene Vary, Donna MacPherson, Jean Moffat, Diane Newton, Marilyn Rogvaldson, Ruth Wilson, Peter Gibbons, Doug MacPherson, Ted Scott and Harry McFadden.

## Register now for high school reunion

By Maggie Petrushevsky  
The New Tanner

Have you registered yet for the Acton High School year 2000 reunion?

Reunion organizers say they only have about 700 names on their list so far and - including spouses - they anticipate around 2,000 people could want to attend.

Gail (Dunne) McDowell, treasurer for the reunion committee, says the group has been planning the event for about three years. It will be held the weekend of June 24-25 and is open to all students attending the original Acton High School between its opening in 1954 and 1977 when it was converted to McKenzie-Smith Middle School.

Pre-registration is required, McDowell says, because there will be a participant's package for those attending and organizers need to ensure they have enough to go around. That package will include tickets to the reunion dance, souvenirs, a memory book and a name tag. The cost is expected to be about \$25. Organizers have a Valentine's dance planned for Feb. 12 as a fundraiser.

McDowell says registration will be held at Prospect Park from 9:30 to 11:30 on the Saturday morning with an actual opening assembly set for 11:15. Then at noon Acton Citizens' Band will lead former classmates on a parade to the school called a "Walk Up Memory Lane."

At 2:30 participants will assemble in the old school gym for a chance to look over memorabilia, displays and decorations put together by volunteers.

"We're looking for people from each of the classes to come forward and organize these memory boards for their

class or their era," McDowell says. "That's the only way we can find some of the stuff. It will be things coming from individual's own collections."

Saturday night there will be a dance at the new Acton arena. Among the treats will be The Shanes doing some of their old tunes, she says. Festivities will end with a breakfast at the Legion on Sunday.

Quite a number of the former teachers are promising to come, McDowell says, and they have also provided organizers with information on events from different periods.

The executive of the or-

ganizing committee is president Sandi (Sinclair) Bowman (905) 877-8049, vice-president Sean Aherne 853-4454, secretary Cathy (Higgins) Tocher (519) 855-4927 and McDowell 853-1052.

It is hoped anyone interested in attending the party will register as soon as possible so organizers can get those numbers settled and package contents ordered, McDowell says. They also hope friends and family members living locally will spread the word to former students.

Anyone looking for registration details can check out

the committee's website at [www.escarpment.com/actonhigh](http://www.escarpment.com/actonhigh) or can e-mail their registration forms to [acton@escarpment.com](mailto:acton@escarpment.com).

## LETTERS

### Money could be better used

Dear Editor,  
I read in the paper Halton will be hosting their first homosexual parade. Would this be held the week before or the week after the first heterosexual parade? Oh, that's right- heterosexuals don't need to advertise their preferences.

It would be interesting to know what the cost of this

event is going to be. I question if there is extra money for this type of a parade, why we cannot find a more urgent cause - perhaps violence against children, etc. There are several worthy causes that need all the assistance they can receive.

Thank you for your time.  
Marjorie Thomson

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