

Georgetown celebrates its grads

Friday evening, November 3, amidst the proud applause of their parents, children (of our adult grads), teachers and friends, our graduates received their diplomas. The 130 awards for a class of 225 attested to their achievement. Valedictorian Micah Zarnke, a multi-award winner, delivered an interesting and humorous address entirely without the benefit of notes. In their postgraduate surveys, excerpts of which were read, grads spoke well of their teachers and high school education and recalled favorite activities.

Speaking of graduations, the Ministry of Education has announced the four-year diploma beginning in 1997. While we don't have details, there will likely be a cap on the total number of credits or years in school (or both) or possibly a fee for additional credits/years. The 30 credits currently required for a diploma are achievable in four years now, however, most students remain longer. Many parents, students, and teachers feel the broader program and extra credits

GDHS
Principal's Corner
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possible in five years better prepare students for employment or further education.

This is the last week for "Cindy's diary," a week in the school life of a Grade 9 student. I hope it has given you a glimpse of the creative programs, mentorship & support, and co-curricular opportunities offered at GDHS.

Office closed
Acton's driver and vehicle licensing office will be closed for one day (Nov. 14). This will provide an opportunity for office modernization and staff training. Installation of the new equipment began in mid-June.

Cindy's Diary ...
Friday, September 29
Friday at last and the first month of high school is over! High school is so busy, but at least I don't have too much homework this weekend.

We met with our Peer Mentors period 1. They are senior students who work with each Grade 9 homeroom to help use get oriented to high school. This week we talked about how important it is to get involved. Some senior students help in classes too: they're called "Pals."

I got my hair done at lunch in the Cosmetology studio. I'm going to bring my granny next time. It's only \$2 for students and senior citizens. You can get manicures and glamor photos too.

My mom came to Parent Advisory this afternoon. I hope she didn't say anything about me! Mr. Lawrence took me and another girl to the meeting to talk about our pinball machine project.

Have to get ready now 'cause I'm going to see Beauty & the Beast tonight in Toronto!

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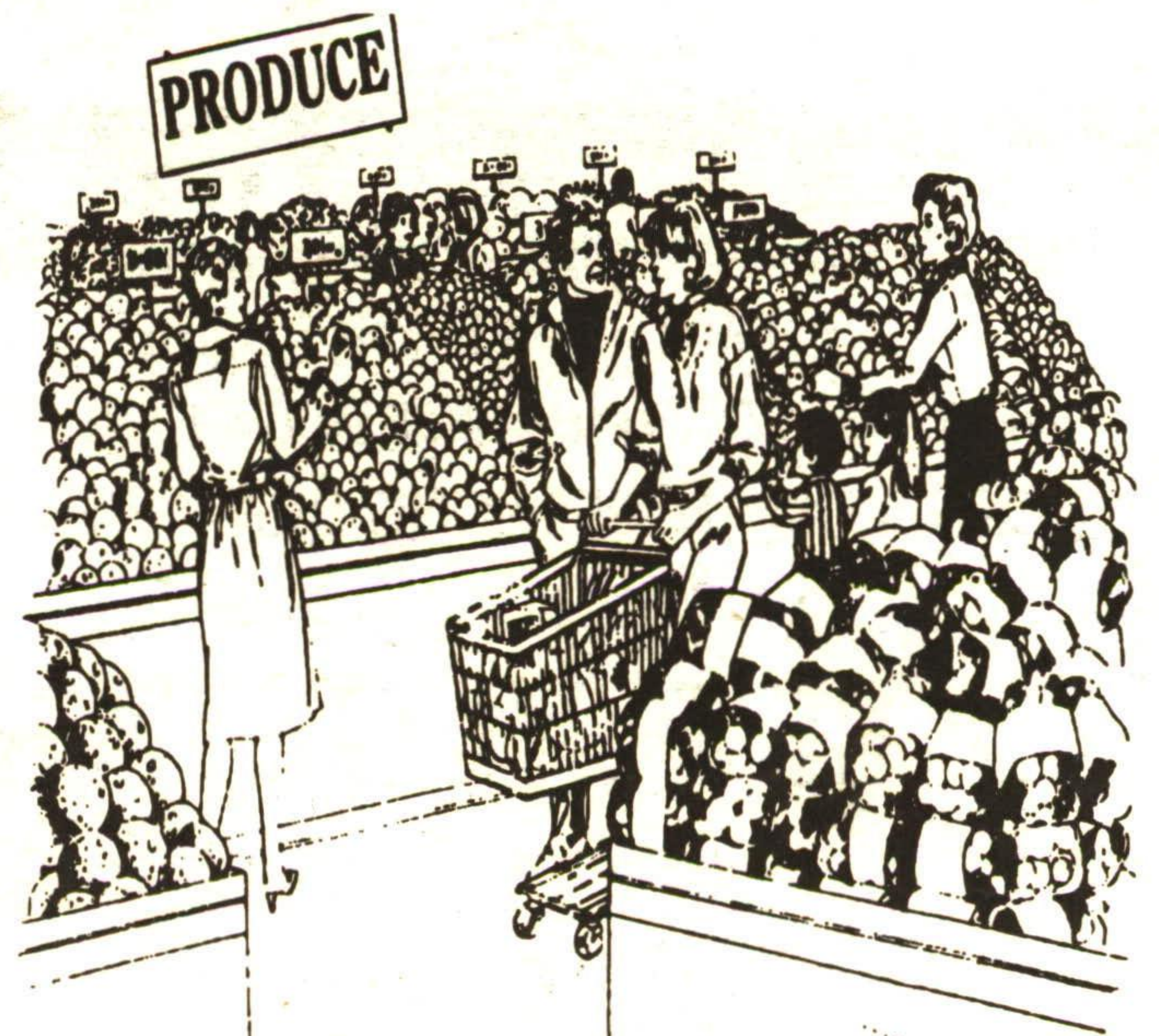
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