

# It's a long way down that hall

After returning from Acton High School, I just had a flashback—back to my Grade 9 days.

I was sent to cover Grade 9 orientation at the school, when all incoming niners are introduced to the school, welcomed into the fold and given their first taste of life in "the big place."

Of course, in the process of their orientation, they are also photographed for a student card, are relieved of a few bucks as they sign up for sports programs, assigned a locker, and fill out all the necessary forms that it takes to register for high school.

But there's a new twist to the old event. After all the forms were filled, the i's dotted and the t's crossed, the kids enjoyed a barbecue, served by members of the AHS staff.

I must admit, it brought back memories.

Times have changed dramatically since I first darkened the doorway at good old Georgetown District High School.

And memories of those first days at GDHS are still fresh in my mind, as clear as if they happened yesterday.

Of course, it's not easy to forget moments of extreme trauma and ungodly terror.

You see, like most the young guys heading into Grade 9, I was, er, little. (The word *puny* even comes to mind, but I've got some pride, especially when I'm talking about myself.)

Anyway, I recall all the Grade 9s being herded into the gym at the school. (It's now called Gym 1, but back then, it was the only one there, so they didn't bother to number it.)

We were assembled in groups, which had an uncanny resemblance to the stock yards, where young lambs are led off to the slaughter.

Back then, there was none of this orientation stuff. No sir, we were tough. Armed with only a school map, we were sent out to find something called a "home room."

That first day, there wasn't a kid in my class who didn't endure the age old line, "Geez are

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they Grade 9ers? Gawd, are they ever small."

But of all my Grade 9 memories, none can match the fear of the dreaded 'initiation.'

You know, that time when the senior student population goes out of their way to humiliate kids in Grade 9.

The memories are still fresh in my mind as I recall dressing for school that day. A brightly colored ribbon in my hair, mismatched shoes and socks and my shirt and pants worn backwards were the required apparel for Initiation Day at GDHS. Come to think of it, if a student dressed that way today, he probably would fit right in...

Anyway, we were subjected to numerous creative requests, all designed to introduce the new kids to high school life. (All Grade 9ers learned very early in the day to stay away from the washrooms during initiation.)

It wasn't that bad, but I can attest, from a real life experience, it's a very long way down the hall from the old library to Gym 1 — particularly when you're pushing a jelly bean the length of it — with your nose.

I guess initiations have now gone the way of the dodo, as some of the activities became a little excessive. Myself, I look back and smile.

But there is one small thing that haunts me.

For some unknown reason, my knees still ache a little, every time I walk down the hall between Gym 1 and the old library.

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