

Acton High school announces plans for 25th anniversary reunion

Whatever happened to your high school sweetheart? Or that guy who cracked jokes in science class? What about the girl who sat beside you in math?

If you've ever wondered what became of your high school classmates or wanted the chance to reconnect with friends you've lost touch with, your chance is coming. Acton High School will be holding a reunion May 30-June 1, 2003 to mark the 25th anniversary of Acton High School's move from what is now McKenzie-Smith Bennett to the current Cedar St. location.

Plans have been in the works for about a year but the organizing committee is just starting to promote the event. Still, there's already a buzz. Five hundred former students have registered on the reunion's Web site (www.actonhighalumni.com).

Acton High School principal Greg MacPherson said they want to get as many people registered as possible so that they can begin mailings to update people on the progress of the reunion.

Former staff members can also register on the site.

"That's just through word of mouth," said MacPherson, who is also a member of the organizing committee. "I think once word gets out there it's really going to explode."

Among the events planned are an alumni golf tournament on Friday as well as alumni basketball and volleyball games. Also on the Friday, instead of regular classes, alumni are being invited to speak to students about their careers.

"It will let them know the importance education and why it's important to pursue an education," said MacPherson.

There will also be registration and a social in the evening.

Saturday morning there will be an opening ceremony at the school followed by an all-day family visit and barbecue at the school. That night there will be a dinner and dance at the Acton Community Centre.

Sunday there will be a family brunch and a closing ceremony.

MacPherson said the committee has



Acton High School Reunion committee members (from left) Bill Taylor, Keith Black, Louise Ellis, Greg MacPherson and Marlene Bogart unveil one of the banners that will be put up around town to promote the reunion, which will mark the 25th anniversary of the school's current location. Former students can register for free on the reunion's Web site www.actonhighalumni.com. The reunion will be held May 30-June 1, 2003. Photo by Herb Garbutt

tried to strike a balance between giving former students something to do and giving them an opportunity to catch up on old times.

"We don't want to overorganize," MacPherson said. "The one thing we've

learned from people who have organized these kinds of events is people want lots of time to mix and mingle. You have to keep things sufficiently flexible."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Police blotter

Assault suspects sought

Halton Police are looking for a man and woman in connection with assaults at Nashville North early Saturday.

Police report a 24-year-old Milton man and a 22-year-old Georgetown man were assaulted by a man and woman for no reason. Both men were punched in the face and one received minor injuries.

The woman is described as white, 5'4" to 5'7", 110 to 130 lbs of Italian descent and the man is described as 6'1" to 6'3", with dark blond spiky hair, 190 to 220 lbs, wearing a white shirt with orange collar and sleeves.

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An Aurora man was charged with impaired driving and having over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 ml of blood after Halton Police saw a man attempting to drive his vehicle in a Guelph St. parking lot early Saturday morning. Charged is John Henry Colton, 56, of Chadburn Cr., Aurora.

After the vehicle was towed, the passenger was offered police assistance, but he refused. Due to his intoxicated state, police charged a man with being intoxicated in a public place. Charged is Peter Colton, 51, of Dennison St., Toronto.

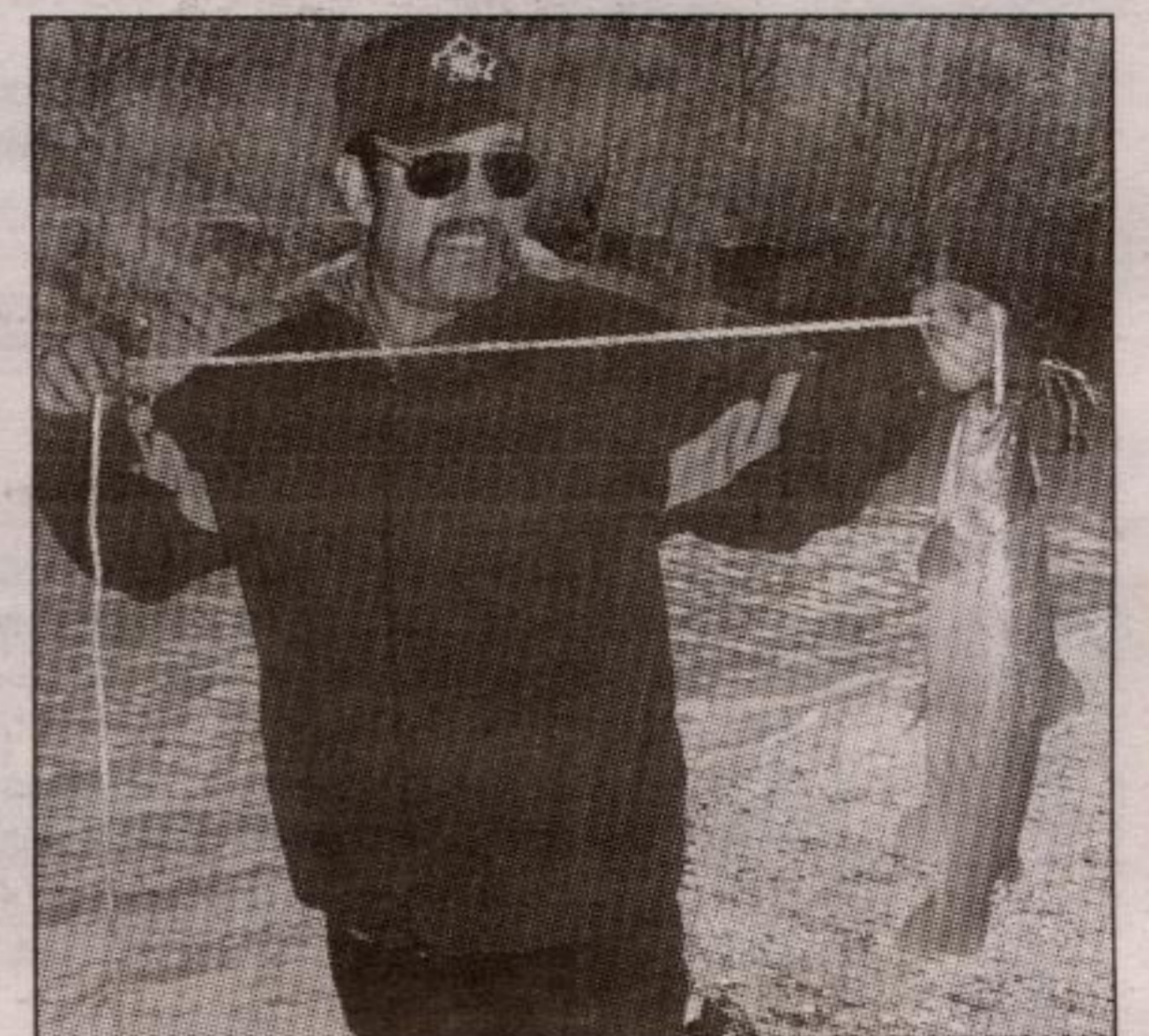
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An Orangeville man is facing charges after a fight outside Charley FitzWhiskey's early Saturday.

Halton Police report officers saw two men fighting outside of the bar at 2:45 a.m.. Police intervened and the suspect continued yelling and swearing at the officers. He was handcuffed and put in the back of a police cruiser where police say he became violent and started kicking the cruiser. Officers used pepper spray to calm the man down who was later transported to Georgetown Hospital for treatment for the injuries he received in the fight.

Charged with causing a disturbance and breach of probation is Larry Kovacevic, 30, of Oxford St.

Fishing's a family affair



The Credit River in Norval was a popular place Saturday as trout season opened much to the joy of local anglers. (Left) The Glavina family of Georgetown, dad Goran and sons Mario, 12, and Marko, 10, try their luck while (above) Jose Botelho of Georgetown displays his first catch of the year. Photos by Shawn McAlpine

Hospital committed to 'addressing demand for services'

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Dawood said in the statement released Friday after Thursday's board meeting that it is the board's responsibility to ensure communities receive appropriate and quality health care services in the best way possible, and the corporation continually reviews the provision of its clinical services across its campuses.

"The board recognizes the ongoing commitment of the physicians and staff to the quality of care and services they provide to the community," said Dawood.

He also said the board remains committed to "addressing the growth in demand for services at Georgetown Hospital Campus" and has submitted plans to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for major expansions to the emergency department, ambu-

latory care and diagnostic imaging areas.

"I am pleased with the support the board has given us (Georgetown Hospital medical staff) in their press release," said Dr. Jeff Sutherland, president of the hospital's medical staff.

Sutherland would not comment any further as most of the discussion about obstetrics was discussed in-camera.

In a press statement last week, hospital spokesperson Rosalie Penny said, "we have been discussing the obstetrical services for the past three years in light of the low volumes of 300 patients per year, obstetrical coverage, and quality of patient care."

"Public statements made that the obstetrical unit is closing are speculation only. No decision has been made," said Penny at that time.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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