

# Kaleidoscope

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Memories — wisps of reality from fleeting years; a record of our joys and disappointments and a basis for our hopes for the future. We may take pleasure in recalling things past, or we may shudder or cry when a distasteful or unhappy memory comes to our mind.

But in either case we are forced to realize that we would not be what or where we are today if we had no past — no memories of that past.

Souvenirs of the years said to be the best of our lives — the years of high school — are the annual yearbooks, organized by students, about students, for the students and teachers of the school.

Editor of the Richmond Hill High School 'Orbit' this year is Judy Finlay, a grade 12 student, spending her first year on the yearbook staff.

"I was told that the job was fairly light, but found it was a lot more work than I had expected," commented Judy. "However, all the students and teachers were just terrific and really co-operative, and I'm sure the results of all the hard work will be very rewarding.

Being new to the job of editor, Judy found that her organizational abilities were challenged to the utmost. Especially with the innovations which have taken place within the school. Orbit '68 will feature some of the new ideas which struck RHHS this year — closed circuit television, the independent study program and Class Ads.

Class Ads? Well... they're actually not that difficult to explain. The yearbook wished to be financially independent from students' council, so that no extra burden would be placed on council finances. Altogether classes raised about \$830 through various group projects, and with the money it raised, each class was able to purchase part of or a whole page for its own individual advertisement.

The Orbit isn't out yet and probably won't be until September. If the time disappoints you, you can be comforted by the fact that your Orbit '68 will be much more complete, including most of this spring's activities... track and field, and Berkeley Square, the drama club's production (which incidentally is being presented Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings this weekend) to mention a couple.

On the other side of the tracks, Bayviewites are already clutching gay red/white/black copies of Profile '68, and waving pens around in the hopes of obtaining the autograph of their favorite football star (would you believe basketball?).

Chris Hurst was editor of Profile this year and he was ably assisted by Janice James. Both are grade 12 students and have previously worked on the yearbook.

Part of the new look of Profile is the cover, displaying the school crest, which was designed by Leonard Buckland of the Vocational Art course. Also, individual student photos are arranged in class groups.

"This was quite a problem," said Chris. "When you have 1,300 unidentified photos floating around, you have a problem." Also quite a bit of work.

Other problems were noted by Janice. "Meetings started off at the beginning of the year with five or more people in attendance. This number gradually dwindled to three people; and then Chris and I were the only ones left and we'd both take material home on weekends and holidays to get it all organized.

"Also," she continued, "there is a problem in obtaining all the pictures, write-ups, etc., because one has to rely on such a great number of people. And these people often don't realize the urgency of the situation and the deadlines involved."

In spite of all the problems, Profile '68 is a well organized, quite complete annual with the freshness that each new yearbook seems to have. For any of you who do not yet have a copy, they are still on sale in the school.

And to those of you at RHHS, see you in Orbit in September.

Get your '68 yearbook now, so that if, in 10 years, someone asks you where YOU were in the year after the centennial, you'll have evidence that you flourished in the town where the rose is supreme!

(Cathy Wilson is a secondary school student residing in Richmond Hill)

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## Enlarge Pearson Site New Equipment, Trees

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One permanent workman and three summer students will be employed in park maintenance, accounting for \$7,000 of the maintenance budget.

A further \$1,300 will be spent on two mowers, \$200 for a heavy duty push type mower and \$1,100 for a commercial 40 inch mower. Truck operation will take another \$1,000 of the budget and a similar amount is allocated for paint, fertilizer, top soil, seed, etc.

Five park benches will be purchased, two for Thornhill Park, one each for Concord and Maple Parks and at the Richvale Library. A slide will also be purchased for Maple Park, and birch and red maple trees purchased for Pine Grove and Hope Cemeteries. Concrete walkways will also be built at Sherwood, Langstaff and Hope cemeteries.

Of the \$12,000 to be spent at Pearson Avenue Park, it is estimated that levelling and terracing of an extension to the park, supplying and levelling of fill, top soil and seeding will cost a total of \$10,000. Supply and planting of trees and other park facilities will bring the total to \$12,000.

The present park, developed by volunteer workers organized by Richvale Lions Club consists of only three acres. This is not large enough to provide adequate baseball diamonds, ice skating and hockey facilities, as well as a parking area and an area for adults to relax in and the township will acquire a further nine acres of land east of the present park.

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