

WHAT'S UP?



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Enrichment At Galt

Last year saw the beginning of a special program for gifted and talented students - those who have special abilities, creativity and task commitment. Over one hundred students from levels one to five were recommended to this program by teachers, peers, or by self-appointment. "Insights" was set up so that these students could choose an interest area and attend special presentations offered by teachers from Champlain College, Bishop's University and Université de Sherbrooke. The topics included psychology, computer science, journalism, law, chemistry, physics, fine arts, local history, Greek and Roman history, geography, criminology, engineering, mathematics, and business. Everyone found these sessions both informative and interesting.

This year the program is being expanded. Certain facets of enrichment are already in place, and are being used, while others may take some time to fully develop.

The areas of enrichment include:

(1) Insights - where fall and spring sessions will be offered on topics including many from last year and new ones such as insect biology and women's issues in business.

(2) In-Class Enrichment - where teachers have involved students pursue topics in more depth and breadth.

(3) Enriched Modules

where courses offer activities different from the regular classroom work.

(4) - Enriched Courses - designed to go into greater depth and breadth. Already Galt offers some of these courses - Chem Study, PSSC Physics, Leaders, Functions, English-History. Hopefully, more such courses will develop.

(5) - Independent Studies - where certain students can do a course or pursue a topic of interest, or explore a career through independent study under the guidance of a mentor.

(6) - Advanced Placement - where an exceptionally good student can be accelerated by having the opportunity to take courses at a higher level, even at CEGEP or university, while still attending Galt!

Recognition of achievements by these students are also under study. Presently the Enrichment Committee is looking at special codes and comments for reports and academic records. These will denote a student's participation in enrichment. Also special certificates are being discussed.

All in all, excitement is high over these new developments at Galt. Students are eager and teachers are devoted to the cause. Anyone seeking information on this program can see Mr. Parsons in Red Staff..

D. G. Parsons - Co-Ordinator

The Morning After

As a chaperone of the Hal-lowe'en Dance at Galt on October 23, I saw and heard a great deal - everyone who was there heard more than enough. More than four hundred student attended; many of them wore colorful costumes.

While some of the guests were already disguised on their arrival, even more people changed into costumes here. We saw big birds, Smurfs, ghosts, witches, dancing girls, and other such creatures. Most of them spent almost every minute either dancing or communicating. Only a handful (of those in attendance) broke the rules; almost everyone else entered into the spirit of the evening.



The morning after, loud noises were still echoing in my ears - rhythmic but shattering. I knew it wasn't my generation gap showing when several dancers mentioned the very high volume.

Congratulations to all who contributed to the real pleasure of the occasion. It was an excellent omen of happy times to come.

Lillian Echenberg

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Me - Going To Germany?

These were my first thoughts as I found out that was going to Germany.

It all started in June, when I read in the Student Bulletin that all grade 8 students who were interested could apply for the German Exchange. Well, my interest was piqued. My ancestors came from Germany and I want to see how they lived. So I got an application form and sent it in.

list was there. It was, so I scanned it and there - at the bottom - was my name! I was thrilled Especially because I knew most of the people going. Especially because I knew most of the twenty people going.

We had to do a project on Germany over the summer. At one of the first meetings we found out that the Germans had added three more people to their list of students.

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The Canadian Identity

Time and time again people have tried to define the Canadian personality and failed. This is due to the fact that Canada has no distinct personality.*

Canada is a lonely and isolated land, its twenty-four million inhabitants spread over nine million, nine hundred thousand square kilometers.. Spread this far apart, Canadians are unable to understand easily each other. How can someone in the east understand life in the west? Likewise, how can a southerner understand life in the north.

Further complicating this is the constant flooding over of American culture into Canada, influencing our way of life and thinking.

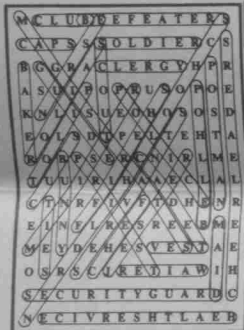
The major reason Canada is different from the United States is our different historical backgrounds. Canada

was founded by the French and evolved into its own country. The United States, was settled by the English. England controlled the United States until 1775, when the American Revolution began; hence the American attitude of violence and aggression.

America has a great control over Canada. Most of our publishing is done in the United States. Many American shows are broadcast on Canadian television because these shows are less expensive to buy and air. The Free Trade Pact is now threatening our culture even more.

Canadians have an identity problem. Who are Canadians? Are we just like our American neighbors? If we can't differentiate, how can other countries?

Heather Ross



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From The Clinic

Anyone interested in the Stop Smoking Program is invited to the meetings at 9:10 in B201 on Wednesday mornings.

This month is awareness on NUTRITION. The clinic will be opened to students every school day till November 20, 1987 at 10:00am to 10:15am

Some of the topics are:

- A) Stop Smoking Stay Slim
- B) Hypoglycemia
- C) Why Breakfast
- D) Foods That Trigger Migraine Headaches
- E) Anorexia and Bulimia
- F) Foods That Aggravate Acne

Yvette Bourque,
(School Nurse)

Job Shadowing

I was fortunate enough to be able to take part in the job-shadowing program in early October. I chose to job-shadow Dr. Normand Joly, a horse veterinarian, for three days.

Job-shadowing gives you only a small taste of what the job really is, the hours and the work. I also learned a lot just by watching and asking questions.

Job-shadowing helps to tell you if you would like to go into that specific career. It helped me in that way. Believe it or not, the teachers are right; it is a good experience!

Linda Salisbury

Christmas Contest

The true spirit of Christmas - what do you think it is?

Write a poem, tell a story, draw a picture, or explain the idea. A prize of \$5.00 will be offered in each

of these categories.

Please submit your entries to Mr. Bertram in Yellow Staff Room or Mrs. Echenberg of Red House by November 20. Winning entries will appear in the December issue.

Cycling Club Trip

Classified Ads

On Sunday, October 18, the Cycling Club held its first (and probably last) ride of the fall season. After several meetings, the group decided on Mount Orford as its destination.

At nine o'clock Jamie Sawyer, Scott Forbes, Tim Crook, Mr. Bardati, Mr. Heath (auto-mechanics) and I gathered at the Carrefour. Before we left we briefly discussed road etiquette and reviewed our itinerary.

Off we went. The temperature was fine, but the sky was slowly darkening. We went through St. Elie to avoid the autoroute traffic. (Of course it's illegal to ride bikes on the autoroute anyway.) We were well aware that the trip to the mountain would be literally an up-hill battle, but with will power, efficient cycling, and keen attitudes, we would push ourselves over paved Appalachian upward trend, and have gravity on our side on the return trip.

The beginning of the ride saw Jamie lose his safety flag. With a little effort and ingenuity, he was flying and made his way up to Scott. We were pacing each other somewhat faster than the other riders. After a few minutes of this pace, I had to convince my two companions to wait along the side of the road. We chatted about bikes and bike stores while waiting for the others, who were carrying a steady pace.Club

Within a few kilometers we felt out a mutual tempo which would keep conversation going.

The hills were tough, but we conquered them.

All the time the sky was getting cloudier and rain drops fell for short lengths of time, but they did not dampen our spirits. After a stop at a Depanneur, we were gunning for Orford. I took the opportunity to use the well-paved road to get some speed up. Stopping to wait for the crowd, I realized something was up. I turned around and met up with Mr. Bardati. We waited and waited, and waited. Two more riders came along with the story of possible break-down. Either Mr. Heath or Tim had a flat. I went back to check it out myself. Sure enough, Tim's front tire was completely deflated, and the early prognosis was a broken valve, impossible to fix on the road. After a short conference among the three of us, we decided that the best thing to do was to take the tire off, and I would go get the patches from Mr. Bardati, in case it was repairable. I explained the situation and we all returned to the road-side repair area.

Our spirits rose when Mr. Heath found a hole in the inner tube. We promptly patched it up and re-assembled the wheel. Somehow the pumping responsibilities fell upon me. After a couple of minutes the tire was hardly any harder than when I started, and I was easy prey for "weak" jokes. Several others tried, but to no avail. All the while, Scott and Jamie had headed down the road once the patch was put on, thinking that the problem was solved. With the valve problem still up in the air, and the sky quite cloudy, and snow falling over the mountain range, we decided to call the ride off, and find a way for Tim and his bike to get home. Unfortunately, three riders were probably two miles down the road. With the help of an unknown cyclist I managed to catch up to the lead riders. We turned around and went back fast, very fast.

We returned to the

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accident where our pit crew had repaired the problem, which had nothing to do with the valve. However, our decision to turn back was not changed, because of the threat of rain or worse spilling down on us.

We rode down the twisting road and stopped to eat our lunches. Afterwards we took off, not without trouble crossing the traffic-packed road, as church must have just got out. After that, we slowly went our way and returned home to hot chocolate or the like.

Although the club, whose name is The Freewheelers, did not make it all the way, we were all satisfied but saddle sore.

Steve Shanahan

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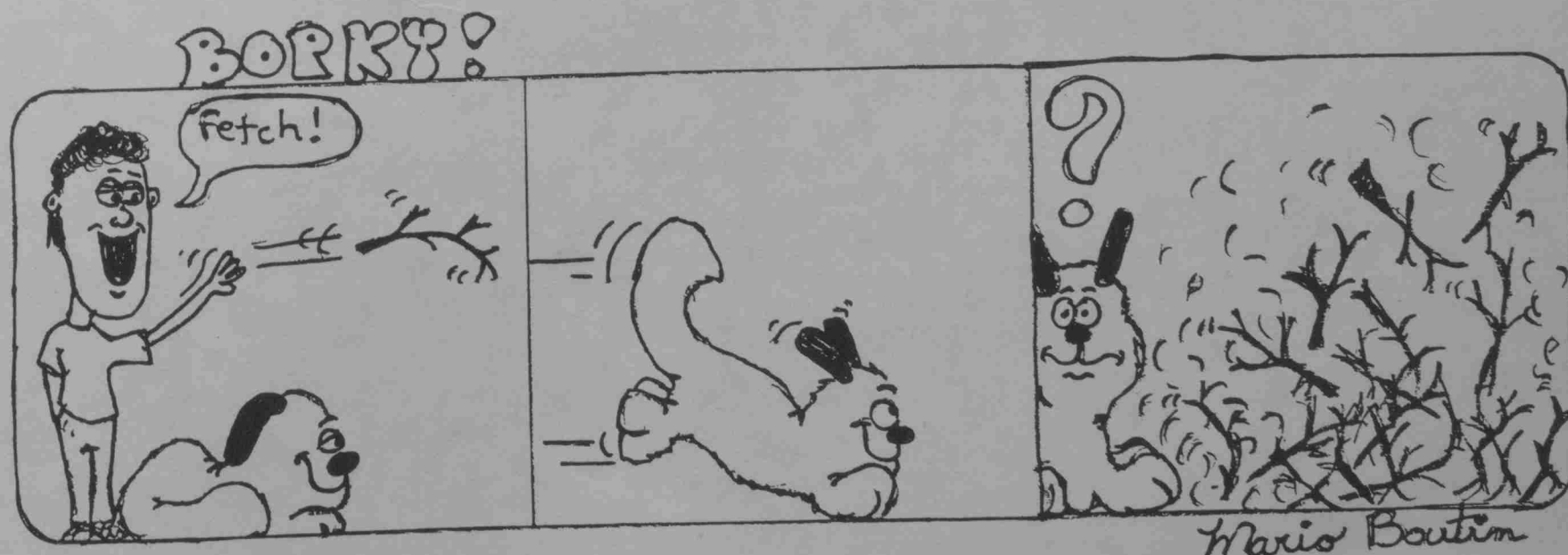
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University of Vermont

Our school should be very proud that we are able to send a delegation of four of our Level Five students to the Warren R. Austin Model United Nations at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont. Richard Tsai will sit on the Security Council, Mario Bellabarba will be on the Committee on International Finance, Alex Tessier will be on the Economic and Social Affairs Committee, and Kuno Tucker will be on the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee on the weekend of November thirteenth to fifteenth.

The delegates represent the French Republic, courtesy of the direct interest of their parents, our Regional Student Council and, hopefully, a service club of our area.

At the U.N., the delegates will be with over two hundred others from other parts of Quebec, New York State, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The weekend involves long lecture and seminar sessions and the longer Committee sittings. Long after most of

Model United Nations

us will be or should be tucked into bed and on the train to sleep, the delegates are hard at work over the Persian Gulf situation, peacekeeping in the Middle East, Sri Lanka and other tense areas.

What makes the United Nations such an interesting place and, likewise, Model United Nations like this one, is that the U.N. is not a world government but a voluntary association of representatives from the many countries of the world over matters which these countries have learned to realize are matters of global concern.

It is disappointing that no Level Four students from our school are taking part this year despite an appeal in the Student Bulletin and a meeting arranged for the purpose of talking with Level Four students.

A further report will be presented following the sessions in mid-November.

J. Bertram



Oranges and Grapefruits

Boys and girls of the Bantam, Junior and Senior Basketball Teams, the Hockey and Cross-Country Ski teams, as well as cheerleaders, will be taking orders until November 13. Don't miss an opportunity to get fresh fruit in time for Christmas.

