

WHAT'S UP?

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MONTREAL MODEL PARLIAMENT

Why would six of your fellow students in Level Four rise around 4:47a.m. on Saturday, January 28th to board The Atlantic train for Montreal?

Members of Parliament are dedicated citizens; students like Laura Younker, Angela Chretien, Christine Nassar, Kathryn Napier, Meg Steele and Tara Smith are part of this dedicated citizenry and will take part in debates on Canada's role in the present language imbroglio of Quebec, the Free Trade Bill implementation and other matters to come before the House during a busy day in the web of words that is a Parliamentary sitting.

During the last four sittings, this Model Parliament, hosted by the QUEBEC STUDENT DEBATING ASSOCIATION has consisted of both Senate and Commons. The full complexity of speaking clearly and to the point in order to expedite the business of the country is learned in a finely-tuned expertly-run event. This is where the action in debating in Quebec is and more advantage should be taken of an already-existing well-established organization to further debating skills of our students.

It is hoped that our six 1989 Parliamentarians will gain valuable experience, acquire some ideas which can add to the well-known annual Parliament of our own EH class of Mrs Angrave and Mr Quinn and make some new friends in the process.

Hope does exist that debating here at Galt will succeed in regaining its former status. With a reduced student body and increasing

responsibilities placed on each student, it has not been possible to produce teams able to take part in the very full schedule of the QSDA.

We are grateful that we can have six of our number at the January 28th Model Parliament.

J Bertram

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FRIENDSHIP WEEK!!!!

February 13 is the beginning of Friendship week at Galt. As always, paper will be provided at each house office, and we hope that you will take this opportunity to write as many letters as possible!!

Also, on Tuesday, the 14 we will be sending carnations so please get your orders in as soon as possible!!

WHITE: friendship

PINK: close friends

RED: love!!!!

Balloons will also be sold each day, so don't be shy, and let someone know you care!

GET SERIOUS: IT'S

WINTER CARNIVAL TIME

From Monday, February 6th until Friday, February 10th, our school community enjoys competitions and events of our annual winter carnival.

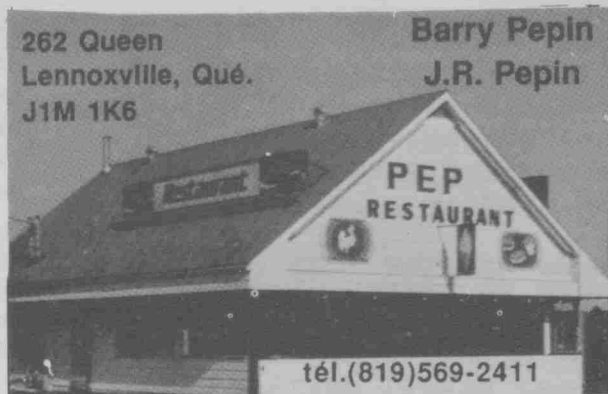
Chris Gear, Stacey Johnston as Cochairpersons, with Bob Halsall and members of their hard-working committee have organized an action-packed programme for all noon hours (11:45 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.) and all day Friday.

We have the privilege of taking part in a winter carnival. Most countries of Earth and the vast majority of the world's population have no chance to see or take part in a winter festival in such a beautiful setting as our own Townships.

Teams of Tasmanian Devils, Gremlins, Armadillos and Leaping Lizards will grasp, swing and claw their way to victory in the numerous games and contests.

Let each of us resolve to get involved in the atmosphere of the Carnival by taking part on a team or turning out to cheer. Clear out of the halls and the cafeteria; bundle up and get into shape outside in the bracing air. Keep your eyes on the timetable and be on time.

May the best creatures win, claws down.



There are few restaurants who offer such a wide variety of foods, but you can always count on Pep's.

Breakfast is served from 8 a.m., a special businessman's lunch from 11-1:30 every weekday at a reduced cost. Other options for hungry customers are submarine sandwiches, barbecue chicken, fish and chips and homemade pies--four kinds.

The choices are almost endless. For example, there are eight kinds of hamburgers, smoked meat, chicken burgers, and delicious Curly Q's as a change from ordinary fries.

The customers are greeted warmly by the staff, who often anticipate their familiar orders. Pep's has been a prime choice of folks from Lennoxville and elsewhere for ages, but surprise enters into the list of offerings. They keep up with modern trends, and the customer benefits from this.

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The winner of the Christmas writing contest is Christina Reynolds.

D I V O R C E

Divorce is a big thing these days, more common than it has ever been. It has been accepted by society.

In earlier times, divorce was not accepted. Most of the time, people would reject you completely. Now if you're divorced, you're divorced!

Divorce can make a couple realize many things and it can destroy a family. Mostly it is communications which are destroyed and that's what are needed most.

Children are the ones most affected by a divorce. The children are caught between the two people they love, Mommy and Daddy. Children have to make a big decision about whom they will live with. Parents do not always seem to realize how hard it is for the child who's making the decision and how much the child is hurting inside. The whole family hurts when a divorce is a big question.

Take Christmas, for example. Most people are with both their mom and dad but can you imagine what it's like for children whose parents are divorced? It's not so hard for young children but when the children reach the age for having boyfriends and girlfriends and they want to go to their place for Christmas, how do you think those children feel? Don't you think you would feel miserable? Children have to live with that the rest of their lives. Every Christmas comes that same awful feeling: what am I going to do?

People seem to use the opportunity of divorce being legal. Sometimes it is used without thoughts of who is

hurting and after the divorce is gone through, it is often regretted.

So, if you're thinking about divorce, think twice.

Kathleen Perron

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LUNN CAPTURES CELTIC MAGIC IN CANADA

Janet Lunn has once again produced a spellbinding novel with her thrilling new book, "Shadow in Hawthorn Bay". Although I have read only one other book of Lunn's, I am fascinated to find them so alike, yet so very different.

In both stories, the main character is a young girl going on a long, hard journey to find someone. On the way, they have experiences, barely escaping death, in some cases. Along with the anxious moments, they meet different people and have wonderful and enchanting relationships with them.

Also, both characters have to adopt a new life. In "The Root Cellar", Lunn's previous book, Rose Larkin travels from modern times to the time of the American civil War and, in "Shadow in Hawthorn Bay", Mary Urquhart is travelling from Scotland to Upper Canada where she learns a new way of life. The two stories even take place in the same area - on Lake Ontario.

Even with all these similarities, the actual plots and themes are totally different. "Shadow in Hawthorn Bay" is a novel about a young girl, Mary Urquhart, who grew up in the rolling hills of Scotland. Mary was born with the gift of "second sight", the ability to see into the future. Her cousin Duncan, who grew up in Scotland with Mary, moved to Canada four years earlier. As children, they were inseparable. Their mothers used to say they were reflections of each other. So, when Duncan's family left for Upper Canada, he made a promise that he would return in about a year. Four years

passed and Duncan still had not returned.

One day, when out on the hills, Mary heard Duncan's voice in her head calling for help. She decided she must find him three thousand miles away.

Mary fought her way there but when she arrived, she made a dreadful discovery: Duncan was dead and his family had gone back to Scotland. She ended up staying in Upper Canada and had to face many events her "second sight" brought her.

Lunn weaves historical Canadian roots with the magic of the old Celts incredibly well. The story took place around 1815, at the time Canada was just beginning to really grow. Immigrants came over to settle this new but exciting land but many didn't even survive the boat ride. Lunn describes these hardships and conditions in so lifelike a way that you can see yourself in early Upper Canada.

Go ahead! Try this book. I think you'll definitely enjoy it.

Lori Gear

THE INTELLECTUAL OLYMPICS: A PARTICIPANT'S VIEW

Do you know how wierd it is to go to a complete stranger's house, eat his food, watch his T.V., joke with his kid brother, wake up in the morning in a strange bed in a strange room and just generally live in his house for a day? That's what we had to do when we went to Massey-Vanier to compete in the Intellectual Olympics. We were billeted with our competitors, and got to know them a bit better. They're normal people, with normal families and normal lives. We rode their buses, met their friends and family and their pets. I had a great time; it's the first time I ever did anything remotely like that.

The competition was fun, too. I was especially interested in the Massey-Vanier art room. When working on the art project for the Olympics, we were right in the classroom and could listen to the class and see what they were doing. I had a sense of deja-vu when the students were complaining about their latest art assignment.

Even though we didn't win, I think we learned a lot. We're all going to have to work a lot harder to be able to compete with these other schools. Anyway, I had a terrific time and I hope we do better at the next meet with Howard S. Billings.

Elinor Crosby

Les planches de ski

Depuis 2 ans on a eu un changement dans le ski. A la place de 2 skis et des pôles nous avons une planche de ski.

La planche a à peu près un pied de large et va de 3 à 5 pieds de long. Le prix? de 50\$ à 500\$!

Pour faire de la planche de ski il faut être très équilibré. Il faut que le skieur soit très agile et prudent. La planche à ski est un sport dispendieux et un peu dangereux aussi, parce qu'il me semble que c'est très dur de se contrôler. Bien du monde serait d'accord avec moi. Récemment on a annoncé que la planche de ski était interdite sur les monts publics à moins que la personne ne prenne un cours. Ce cours est comme un examen de conduite. A la fin du cours on reçoit une carte qui permet au skieur de faire du ski.

Si vous pratiquez ce sport faites beaucoup d'attention car la pente de ski est une "autoroute".

S'il y a un aspect des sports dont vous voulez que j'en parle écrivez-moi: donnez votre lettre à Mme Echenberg (Rouge) ou à M. Bertram (Jaune).

Tony Sharp



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DRUGS WITHIN GALT

Did you know that right now are people in every school dealing in drugs? The situation here is serious. This year only have been many suspensions and even a few expulsions as a result of drugs.

Can the answer to this problem be found? Suspension and expulsion have already been tried. A better solution can be found. The school should try a programme involving a counsellor and an experienced druggie who would be able to explain what it's like to be on drugs and the results which can happen.

There have been cases where many parents have spoken with the principals and asked for a drug treatment programme here at Galt. The answer has been that this should take place in the community concerned. If that's the case, we may have to put up with drugs. Hopefully there will be a programme here at Galt.

There will always be drugs here on Earth but hopefully people will learn to use them and not abuse them.

Kevin Catchpaw, Randy Smith, Francois Bibeau

SMOKING AND GALT

Do you agree with a smoke-free campus? Do you think the punishment for smoking is effective?

I am a smoker and I do not agree with the smoke-free campus. It doesn't bother me that I can't have a cigarette during school although if I want to have a smoke, I should be allowed. I can understand why they wouldn't want anyone to smoke indoors because it is dangerous and the ventilation is poor so the smoke would just sit there.

On the other hand, if students and teachers smoked outside, the air would not change a lot. I know it probably litters the courtyard but limit smoking to one section. I think the way smoking was permitted last year when it was limited to Red-Purple courtyard was the best.

I think the punishment given students who do smoke is good. I think those students who are not mature enough to follow rules should be punished. Some students who do smoke but not at school are sometimes punished because they are with a friend who did.

Freddie Crugar

LET US SMOKE

Why can't we smoke at school? I do not see the sense in smokers not being able to smoke at school.

I understand that it's probably to help protect our health but I'd be interested to see how many smokers smoked last year and how many of them quit because of this smoke-free campus. I wouldn't be surprised if over half the smokers didn't quit and they smoke secretly here at Galt or when they get home.

I know most of my friends are smokers; that's one reason I smoke and nobody I know quit smoking because of the smoke-free campus.

If we smoke outdoors I don't see how we are hurting anyone. I don't feel our smoke is hurting people any more than some of these factories that are polluting the air.

I know that they say secondhand smoke is worse than firsthand smoke but outdoors I don't see it hurting anyone but us smokers ourselves.

I really appreciate the school trying to help us but I don't think it is working. I just wish you'd let us smoke outdoors here at Galt again. Don't smokers have rights too? If we want to kill ourselves with cigarettes, let us; it can't hurt anyone if smokers smoke outdoors.

Phil Boynton.

THE SMOKER AT GALT - AN ENDANGERED SPECIES!

When your bus turned into the Galt entrance on September the third, you probably thought, "Well, nothing's changed; still the same old garbage pail, guard shack," and then your eyes caught sight of a new sign that says SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS. "What's so great about that?" You thought for a minute before other, more urgent matters occupied your mind. Now, six months later, the question pops up again.

It's a step in the right direction because it decreases the dependency on cigarettes. You're probably saying, "Yeah, but even if people don't get a puff during school hours, what prevents them from doing so after or before?" The answer is NOTHING! But if one has learned to endure those school hours without a smoke, it might not be so difficult anymore to cut it out altogether. It certainly should reduce one's yearning for a cigarette.

One thing is sure; we have done away with the negative example for the Level One students - no more bad influence when it comes to smoking - at least not on school grounds.

Who knows? The day may come when the smoker at Galt is not only an endangered but an extinct species!

Christina Reynolds

TEENAGE GIRLS AND PREGNANCY

Have you ever thought how many teenage girls are pregnant?

Sometimes when teenagers get pregnant and want to keep the baby, most of the time it is because they had a talk with their parents before doing anything.

When a teenage girl gets pregnant and has decided to keep the baby, a very difficult decision has been reached. Someone is needed to help and support the girl during her pregnancy. When she has the baby, it might or might not be in good health; it depends upon the person. Sometimes teenagers who decide to keep the baby lose it after four to seven months of pregnancy.

Some teenagers decide to have an abortion instead. One of my friends became pregnant at the age of fourteen. She was not mature enough to take care of her own baby. She decided to have an abortion because she didn't want her parents to know she was pregnant. She found it really tough to go through with the abortion.

From the time of the abortion, the only thing she thinks about is the baby she had killed. She can't have any more babies because the abortion turned out wrongly.

Suzie Dessureault

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1. Si quelqu'un te demandait ton poids tu lui répondrais de quelle manière?
a) He ne sais pas.
b) C'est pas de tes affaires.
c) Tu ne lui répondrais pas.
d) Tu lui dirais la vérité.
2. Si quelqu'un t'insultait comiquement ta réaction serait?
a) Tu le prendrais à coeur.
b) Tu retournerais une insulte.
c) Tu t'en irais.
d) Tu rirais avec lui.
3. En jouant un jeu de charades, que ferais tu si on te demandait d'imiter un cochon?
a) Ca ne me tente pas.
b) Tu dirais "non".
c) Tu ne dirais rien et tu resterais assis.
d) Tu le ferais.
4. Si quelqu'un d'un organisme de charité te demandait de l'argent que ferais-tu?
a) Tu dirais que tu n'avais plus d'argent.
b) Tu fermerais la porte.
c) Tu dirais "non".
d) Tu lui en donnerais.

°Si tes réponses sont surtout des "a" tu es poli mais encore un peu sensible.

°Si tes réponses sont surtout des "b" tu es un peu négatif mais très agressif.

°Si tes réponses sont surtout des "c" tu es très sérieux dt un peu sinsible.

°Si tes réponses sont surtout des "d" tu es souvent de bonne humeur et très accommodant.

°Si tes réponses sont toutes différentes ta personnalité est un mélange de tout ce qu'on a mentionné.

Tammy coates
Stephanie Bridges
Section 2

I STILL LOVE YOU

If I smile, maybe just once,
You'll notice me again
And see how I feel about you
Cause I still love you.

And believe me, because it's true.
Don't you recognize the tears
When you pass me by?

I can't forget about this fear.
For, if I do, I'll forget about you.

I remember your laugh
As I touched your side softly.
But when you kissed me
You never told me it was good-bye.

Does it really have to be this way?
Can't you come with me and stay?
Cause I still love you and always will.

You know how it feels
Cause you felt it before
When you showed me your tears
And you said you loved me, and more.

Do I still have to dream
Or do you love me too?
I wish I knew the truth
For then we could start over again
And forget the past.

I'll say it now and over again:
I still love you.

Sandi Westman

Le Ballon-panier benjamin

On entend souvent des nouvelles et des statistiques sur les équipes "cadettes" et "Minimes". Mais il y a aussi les "benjamins".

Cette année l'équipe est très bonne, meilleure que celle de l'année passée. L'équipe de ballon-panier benjamin a maintenant 5 victoires et 4 échecs.* Cette année il y a l'équipe de Richmond Regional et Alexander Galt dans notre ligue canadienne et nous avons battu Richmond au premier reconter. Notre difficulté se développe avec les équipes américaines. On a déjà recontré l'équipe niveau 7 de North Country et on a gagné, mais l'équipe du Niveau 8 nous a vaincu par 23 points, pour notre troisième perte de la saison. Et nous avons perdu quand nous avons recontré North Troy, Vermont le 22 janvier.* On a perdu par 8 points. L'équipe de North troy était bonne mais les joueurs sont moins grands que ceux d'Alexander Galt.

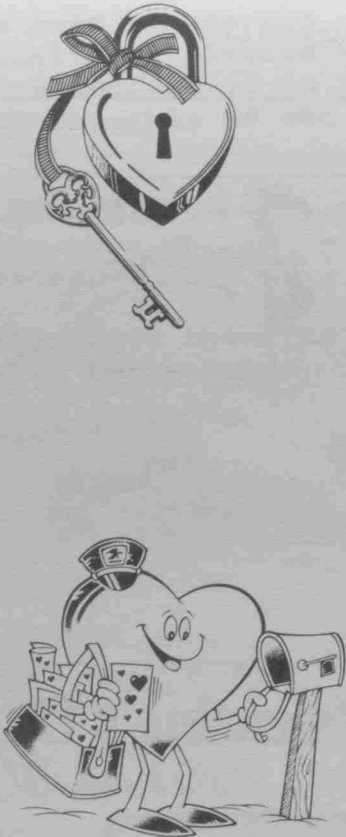
Notre équipe de cette année est formée de 5 joueur de l'année dernière, Trevor Agnew, Tim Crook, John Graham, Paul Surjin-adinata et Jonathan Younker et 6 joueurs nouveaux, Todd Allen, Brad Bowen, Corey Grapes, Edward Hanson, Dale Salisbury, et Randy Maxfield. Joseph Gauvin est le manager. L'équipe est dirigée par M. Peter Scott et M. Tom Janidlo.

Aujourd'hui, le 23 janvier on va à Brighton dans le Vermont pour jouer contre leur équipe pour la première fois cette saison. On retourne aux Etats-Unis l'après-midi d'activités.

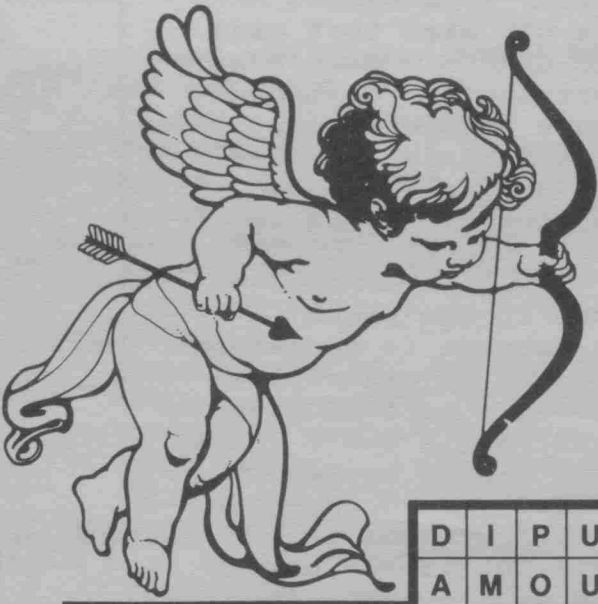
Je pense que nous irons loin cette année car nous avons une très bonne e'quipe. Notre défi c'est de jouer très fort et penser pour le mieux.

Jonathan Younker
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*Written the 23 of January.



PUZZLE NO. 1
VALENTINE'S DAY
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