

WHAT'S UP?



At Alexander Galt

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THANK YOU, MR. TRACY

Mr. Tracy has been with us here at Galt since 1969-nineteen years.. During that time there have been many changes. He can remember when there were three thousand students and the halls were packed.

"There is a difference in the students as well," says Mr. Tracy, "they're friendlier and have better dispositions." Mr. Tracy will miss Galt, but he says he will still drop in once in a while just to say "hello." He has greatly enjoyed working with the technicians, and he has worked hard for our school to improve our audio-visual service. He has found his work very satisfying.

As to what Mr. Tracy will do after his retirement, well, that is not quite decided yet. "I have many interests and hobbies, and I haven't made a decision on which one I will center on," replied Mr. Tracy.

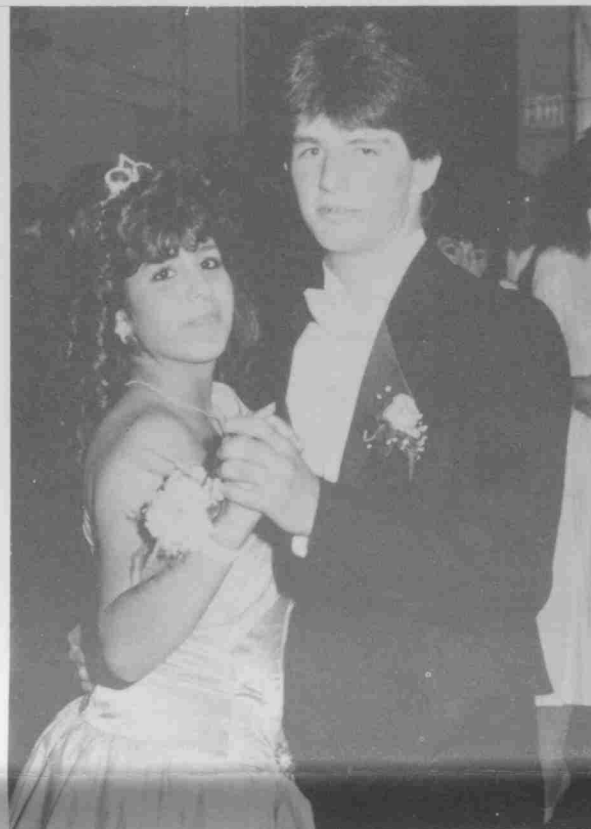
He was asked if he had any message to leave to the students. He answered, "Tell them to 'plod on,' don't give up. You may not reach any great sky-high achievements, but if you keep on, your life will be successful."

We have a message for you, too, Mr. Tracy. Thank you very much for all you have done for us, and we will miss your helpful hand around the school.

Krista Hilton

GALT PROM 1988

The Alexander Galt Graduation Prom dazzled approximately



fourteen hundred guests, including students, dates and relatives on Saturday, May 14.

The decorations created the illusion of an evening in Venice and added to the romantic atmosphere. Reports on the music vary with the generation of the listener, but it was obviously the right type for dancers.

Several participants remarked on the grace and beauty of the students. Apparently, there were no two prom dresses exactly alike, and each was breathtaking.

The stars of the evening were the Prom King and Queen, Dahlia Fahmy and Scott Schoolcraft. They reigned supreme, and, the best part of all, they all lived happily ever after.

(with apologies to Pam Lowry)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Our school year is quickly coming to an end with June 6 being the last day of classes. Hopefully, we will all be able to end the year on a positive note. For those of you who are graduating this year, we all want you to take away good memories and leave good impressions. Don't be remembered as "the girl with yogurt in her hair." The breaking of an egg over a friend's head is definitely not a funny, original, creative, or intelligent act.

I hope that each of you will end this school year with pride, dignity, and maturity. Be respectful of other students as well as of the reputation of the school.

As you have already heard, we will return to school in the fall with a new set of rules concerning smoking. In accordance with the law of the Province of Quebec and Policy

of the Eastern Townships School Board, there will no longer be any smoking allowed for anyone, students or adults, either inside the building or on the school grounds. We are to become a smoke-free campus.

Best of luck to everyone in your final exams. Have a super summer.

J. R. McConnachie

Principal

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LAST ISSUE THIS YEAR

Those of you who are interested or think they might be interested in taking part in the Galt Newspaper next year, are invited to attend a meeting Tuesday, May 24th or to see Mr. Bertram in Yellow staff or Mrs Echenberg in Red Staff.

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The answers to last
month's puzzles are:
Acoustic, Pactolus River

The C64 Corner

by J.E. Greer

Below you will find the answers to last month's MENSA questions. If you managed to get all four of them you probably have an IQ in the top 3% of the Canadian population. If you solved all the questions EXCEPT question 2 correctly, you are above normal.

1. a) T is next in the series.
Take alternate letters:
B+3=E, E+4=I, I+5=N, N+6=T
- b) T is next in the series.
Take alternate letters:
E+4=I, I+5=N, N+6=T
- c) 1440 is the next number.
The multipliers are:
-2, -3, -4, -5, -6.

2. The hidden message is: "The Russian revolution ended the Romanov dynasty."

This code was constructed using a logical sequence. Below is the key. Lower case letters DO NOT occur in the message.

O 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

E f D g c H b I A j

O p N q M R L S k T

Y z x w V U

3. The man returns home with \$245. He wins \$90, of which he spends \$15 on food and \$30 on travel, leaving him with a profit of \$45, on top of the \$200 with which he started.

4. The letters of the alphabet have been numbered in reverse in this division problem so that Z=1 and A=26. The answer is VV.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENER

As about eighty Galt students already know, on April fourth two cruisers went to the Olympic Stadium to watch the Expos battle with the New York Mets. If you did go, you also know that the Expos got beaten by four points, 10 - 6.

Our Bob Halsall was present on one of the busses that picked up Lennoxville students, and Bob treated us to a running commentary from the Mago Shopping Mall to the Big O. At the Olympic Stadium it was hectic for those not familiar with the Stadium, as directions were not given before hand. But, in my opinion, the fifteen dollars was a bargain, especially for New York fans (which were scarce).

Some of the highlights of the game were the change in Tim Raines' name to "Rock," the home-run by Darryl Strawberry

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HOW TO RESTRAIN LAUGHTER IN CLASS

The subject of laughter restraint is one that rears its tempting head in virtually every class. It is a tiresome difficulty that teachers must put up with every day. This composition is dedicated to the people who sometimes cannot resist that tempting urge to snicker.

The first thing to do is to realize the possible consequences of a peal of laughter once it hits a teacher's well-trained ear. A visit to the principal is a suggestion, or perhaps an invitation to dine with that teacher at twelve o'clock. Consequences are often disliked.

The second step to take is to try to think of something sad to take your mind off the object in question. I recommend the thought of spending noon hour with that teacher. remember is to hide behind the person in front of you. During the practice of laughter restraint, experimental studies have shown that the body is often seen to turn to a bright hue of red, easily recognized by a teacher to be L.R.

A helpful hint is always to cover your mouth with your

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MEETING OUR GERMAN GUESTS

It was a hot and sunny day, but it was more. It was May 6, the day the Germans arrived. We of the German Exchange could be heard telling anyone and everyone who would listen that this was the day we'd been waiting for for a whole year now. To say that we were excited is an understatement. We were wild!

So after school we got on the bus and at four o'clock left for Montreal and Dorval Airport. It was a very long bus ride, or so it seemed. When we got there it was five minutes to six; their flight would arrive at six o'clock, so we stationed ourselves in front of the doors with our huge banner, which read Welcome Bitte schon Germany.

We waited until six thirty and they still did not appear. We were getting more and more worried and anxious. We even had several people in the airport caught up in this happening. Their luggage arrived at 6:30 p.m.. We sorted it out and put it all together and waited. Finally, at 7:00 p.m., the people on that flight told us that the Germans had missed their flight and would be on the next one. It turned out that one girl's luggage had been lost.

So at 8:00 p.m. we unfurled our banner again. Finally we

caught a glimpse of the first group of Germans and a great cheer went up. They collected their luggage and finally got on the bus. It was chaos! Everybody was talking to everyone else. It was extremely noisy and crowded. People were trying to introduce people and there were frequent student collisions.

They have now adjusted to our time (German time is six hours ahead) and they are enjoying Canadian life and food, especially fast food!

There are several group events planned, including a trip to Ottawa and a trip to Quebec City. We had a sugar-ing-off party on Sunday, May 8. It was lots of fun. Some of us took our guests to see an Expos game on Sunday, and Manon got her luggage back. Some of them had never seen a baseball game before.

Anyhow, we're all glad we finally get to know them in person. It seems hard to believe they're finally here. It's like living in a dream.

It will be a sad day when they leave, but at least we will see them again when we Canadians go there in June.

Happy Birthday to HOLGER RITTGEROTT, who turned fourteen on Monday, May 9.

Laura Younker

A LOOK INSIDE OUR SCHOOL

GALT CLINIC

"I try to put myself into the mind and situation of the patient," is the secret behind Nurse Yvette Bourque's attitude to each case - on many days, between fifty and seventy students and teachers-which presents itself for her professional care. This sincere attempt to identify the patient presents a great challenge as each case is absolutely unique.

Nurse Bourque feels that although it is important to treat cases as they present themselves, the greater background problems of our society are not being solved. Many young people from one-parent families lack a role model of one or the other sex. Some students receive certain drugs of questionable value from home. Some over-the-counter drugs are downright dangerous. Liquor consumption, often commencing at an early age with parental consent and/or encouragement, leads to further problems. Peer pressure on students not wishing to consume liquor can be almost unbearable. Certain merchants sell liquor to minors. Women and girls have counsel available on problems of a sexual nature through services of CLSC, whereas men and boys do not find help readily. More attention to good nutrition is needed in many households. It's difficult to know where to stop outlining serious problems

Our school nurse is also responsible for running many sex education classes, sessions on non-smoking, nutrition as well as drugs and alcohol.



For over two years, Mrs. Faith Larocque has been with the School Clinic. She records each student and staff visit, referring each case to Nurse Bourque, and, if Nurse Bourque is at the CLSC, attending to the problem herself. Mrs. Larocque also attends to daily and monthly reports and the annual organization of vaccinations and the Snellin eye tests.

Both Nurse Bourque and Mrs. Larocque find students very open about their problems. For this reason, the Clinic personnel have a good knowledge of students' habits, their health problems and personal situations.

We are indeed fortunate in having such a fine team on duty in the Clinic every school day.

AUTOMOTIVE SHOP

Mr. Pierre Marceau has been teaching Auto Mechanics at Alexander Galt since last year. The goal of the course is mechanical skill, and Mr. Marceau is very proud of getting most of his pupils to the stage of having marketable skills based on experience in the shop. He recalls as his most outstanding students both Michael Robinson and Peter McElrae.

Unfortunately, there will not be a course on auto mechanics next year. Mr. Marceau regrets this fact but points out that new products and technology in the automotive field require very expensive training equipment. Government regulations on improved academic requirements also discouraged some applicants and prevented others from eligibility.



Mr. Marceau has taught at other schools but has a very strong attachment to Galt. "I feel sorry to leave Galt. It was a very touching experience because of the people-administration, staff, and other teachers. It has a warmer atmosphere than other places I have worked."

We'll miss you, too, Mr. Marceau



PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY

Photolithography, known as Graphic Arts in other schools, is one of the shops here at Alexander Galt.

Mr. Patton, who teaches Camera, is one of the teachers in this course, together with Mr. Marshall, who teaches "layout" primarily as well as stripping and cutting, and Mr. Haddon, who is in charge of plate-making and the operation of the press. Also teaching is Miss Boluk, who is in charge of type-setting.

The objectives of the course are to prepare students for the working world. It is an excellent course and almost all of the students have found jobs in the photography industry, since there is a demand for workers in the industry.

It is a difficult subject to master, and in order to be able to be good at it, you must be able to visualize the finished product in your mind without actually seeing it. You have to be good in mechanics, and you also must have a reasonable amount of mathematics.



Mr. Patton says he enjoys teaching the students as much as they enjoy learning. He says that since they are a "close-knit" group, they must be able to work together.

The course has been available for nineteen years (since the school has been open), and let's hope it goes on as usual. The school is indeed fortunate to have such a competent staff in this shop.

Melissa Clark



Restrain Laughter
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hand. This helps to keep laughter inside.

These three steps might help, if done correctly, to keep humorous students out of trouble.

Laura Guthrie

Baseball Season Opener
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that nearly went through the new roof, and the continuous booing of Gary Carter (no surprise).

After the game, one of the



students was 'misplaced' for about half an hour, but with the help of Dave Fowlis everything turned out all right. We were welcomed back at our stops with drizzle and a downpour, but I know that I hope to go again next year, even if the home team comes out the loser.

Jonathan Younker

APRIL ECONOMICS
BUSINESS TRIP

This year the enrolment was so high that we accommodated all members of the three classes by two trips. Hosts in Montreal did not face too large a group.

At 9:02 a.m. the business bus was on its way to the first of three enterprises, a large investment dealer. We were received by two gentlemen of one of the largest investment concerns in Canada, Bache Prudential, on Beaver Hall Hill, Montreal. Students saw the operations of the corporate bond dealers, institutional traders and enjoyed a twenty-minute question and answer session on the mysterious ways of the stock market.

Our second enterprise was one of the most important in Montreal, the Port of Montreal. Despite the fact that nobody from the National Harbours Board gave us much direction, we drove for miles along the waterfront where ocean vessels flying many flags, but not Canada's, were discharging or taking on cargo. Montreal is Canada's largest container handler and competes with the city of Baltimore as the second harbour of eastern North America, behind New York

Finally, we spent an hour watching trading on the Montreal StockExchange, learning to read the electronic boards which cover the entire east wall of the Exchange.

All participants enjoyed an early evening meal before boarding the bus home.

J. Dominie

STUDENT COUNCIL BREAKFAST

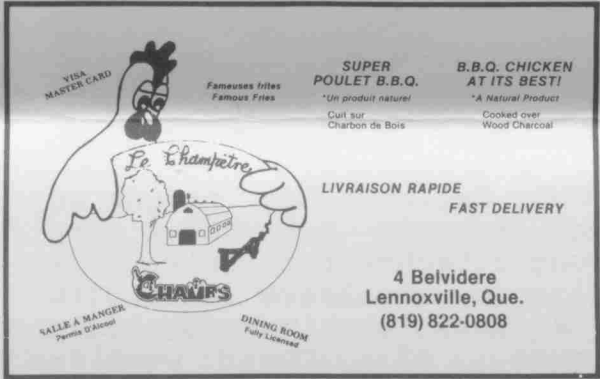
In the first verse of Chapter 5 of the prophet Zezhariah, we read "Then I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a flying roll." Such were the ways of many a :scholars'" meal I have attended, but at this wonderful staff breakfast hosted by our Student Council, more evident were the flying waitresses and waiters of the hard-working executive as many dozens of members of AGRHS staff descended upon the Lenn Pub for an early morning feast on Friday, March the twenty-fifth.

. This event was certainly a first in the AGRHS annals, and all members of the Regional Council are to be congratulated for the excellence of the planning, the sincerity of the

gesture and the quiet expertise of the carrying out of such a fine meal.

Is it not incredible how many variations on the breakfast theme were evident at the very talkative tables? All were at one, however, in saying, "Well done, Regional Council Members!"

J. Dominie



PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE
HOMESTEAD FARM

The following pana-vision describes not only my new home, but also one of the oldest family farms in Ascot Couny.

Sitting on the tallest fence post, I can see all around the farm, which is situated on MitchellRoad. Right now, I am sitting to the left of our rustic barn faqing the immense woods that surround our picturesque property. The sky is bright blue and the wind is whistling about making this ordinary Sunday seem so magical. The blindingly bright sun feels so warm on my back! The snow sparkles like a diamond caught in the light. The blotched snow on the coniferow trees is so beautiful whereas the deciduous trees are so scrawny!

When I look at the barn I see a rusty metal roof, wooden planks on the side which were once painted red, and I can see twenty-five different windows. There's another sound in the fresh crisp air; the birds chirping and even an occasional howl from our purebred collie. The cows enter and exit the

barn as they are quietly going about their daily business.

As I look towards the woods, I can even see a pile of logs stacked neatly with the snow accumulating upon them. There are long barbed-wire fences dividing each grazing pasture. In the odd place you even see some stalks of hay

protruding up through the glossy snow.

It would be a perfect day for a walk. It is so peaceful and serene. The tranquility of such a large area fascinates me.

Tara Musty

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