

# WHAT'S UP?



At Alexander Galt

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## A.G.R.H.S. Presents

Though to many people Aprilis a long way away, it is really just around the corner. There are lines, and lines, and MORE lines to memorize. There is knowing where you go, what you're holding or doing while you are there, and whether or not you're supposed to be there in the first place!

Right now the cast is in the middle of blocking the play, which is deciding where everyone goes on stage. This is the longest and most tedious task. But once that is over, the lines will be memorized, and things will be more interesting. This is when stage business is added, and problem scenes are ironed out.

Working on a play is not all fun and games, and it is a bit harder than it sounds. If someone does not show for a rehearsal, everything slows down. After a long day of classes, the last thing you want to do is stay at school for another three hours—especially when you see your friends heading home to relax. Every year there are the squabbles, people not getting along, the director wanting to strangle actors, and actors wanting to return the favour.

No, working on a play is not torture; otherwise people would not sign up for it. What I am trying to say is that it takes a lot of work before you can "play." Mr. Gonyer says that often there are good times, too. The cast becomes like a family, having the ability to fight things out with verbal swords, then make up. Jokes are shared, as are feelings and the strangest discussions.

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## Report on Course Selection

There have been a few courses added during the past year. One is Français Langue Maternelle, which is for Level II's. This was requested partly by the parents and partly by the students

Galt does not have as many choices as it did when it first opened because of the decline of the population. Since there were not enough students to take some of the courses, we had to close them down. There used to be more tech.voc. courses. Latin has been dropped, but we are still trying to hold on to the Spanish course. Instead of having two different levels in Spanish, we are now going to be obliged to combine the two levels, because there is not a big enough demand for the course.

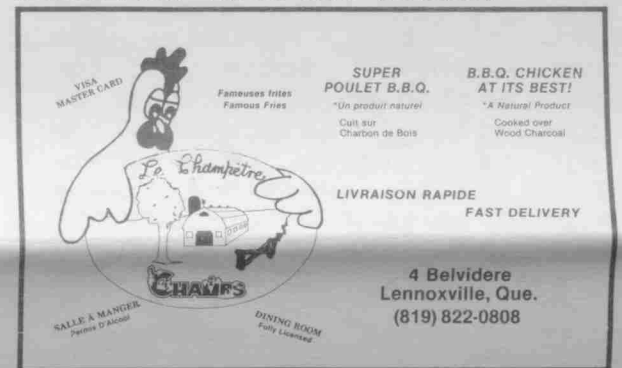
A new course which has been added is the Introduction to Technology, which was a pilotcourse this year, but will now be compulsory to all Level II's next year as well. In the

area of science in Level IV, all students will have to take a science course. The French courses will remain the same as they are right now.

We are trying to keep the shops open that will allow the students to get into the job market after they leave high school.

Not all the schools in Quebec have this change in their curriculum, although the Introduction to Technology is compulsory for all schools across Quebec. The Français Langue Maternelle is being initiated by Galt.

Interview with Mr. Belden.



## Course Selection - Merely a Formality?

At this time every year, Galt students are faced with making very difficult decisions which will ultimately affect the rest of their lives. These decisions naturally deal with next year's course selection. Most students nervously try to look ahead a year, two years, and, in reality, ten years down the road.

In the last few years, the student population of Galt has been steadily declining. When the school was built approximately twenty years ago, three thousand students were enrolled, but today there are fewer than half that number. Such a reduction in numbers is bound to have an effect on the selection of available courses.

New compulsory courses as outlined in the "Regimes Pedagogiques" and imposed by the Quebec Ministry of Education, weaken the calibre of education received. A very good example of this are the compulsory "Family Studies" and "Introduction to Technology" courses given at Level II. Certainly there should be more profitable ways to spend one's time at school than by sewing sweat pants and building houses

out of bits and pieces of wood. Moral and Social Development, Roman Catholic Religion, or Ethics are compulsory in Levels IV and V, but it is necessary for students to pass only one year in order to graduate.

Such rules are highly illogical and an extreme waste of time. The Liberal government should clean up its act, for it will not only be the students, but the entire country that will lose from this watering-down of high school curriculum.

The Sciences are overly stressed at the higher levels, and, as a result, basic literary skills are suffering. Average and above-average students who are not keen in the field of science have their hands tied. There is a severe lack, especially in the areas of English and associated subjects. Those that are offered are again watered-down and do not provide a challenge for students interested in this aspect of academia. They are forced to take Physics and Chemistry because that is their only viable alternative.

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The C64 Corner

by J.E.Greer

As I was cleaning out some of my old file folders I came across one that contained a contest from TODAY MAGAZINE INC. It was a quiz put together by MENSA, the international society for people with high IQ's. Most of the questions will probably tie your brain into teeny-weeny knots. The questions were designed to find the brightest person in Canada as well as to provide you with some entertainment - for those of you who want to do them just for fun.

You will find four of the MENSA questions below. Give them a try!! You may be brighter than you think!!! Check next month's issue of WHAT'S UP for the correct answers. Good luck!

1. a) B Z E Y I W N T  
b) A E D I H N M  
c) -2 4 -12 48 -240

Continue the series by adding one term in each case.

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DEAR EDITOR

As the weather fluctuates from day to day, the stairs leading to the courtyard have become more and more dangerous. Each step is laced with ice, and every morning and afternoon we complain about the condition of the steps.

In the winter, the stairs are bad enough. At times you can ski down them. There is a meagre investment made for the safety of our students and teachers with a few grey pebbles. These pebbles, peppered on the steps, give an impression that some traction is provided. But once a pebble is stuck to a tread and then

applied on ice, they become skates.

Now, in March, the pebbles are all gone and the snow is replaced with slick ice. It is embarrassing to fall on the stairs, but it hurts more. What if one of Galt's star athletes hurts himself? What if a teacher is hurt? Most important of all, what if you are hurt on those steps?

It's time the school made a serious investment: an investment in salt.

Kat Mercier



The Students Above are the Students Involved in the German Exchange Program Mentioned in our Last Issue.

three different letters of the alphabet. Break the code and read the message.

3. A man bets \$30 and gets back his original bet plus \$90. He spends one-sixth of his winnings on food and one-third of his winnings on traveling. If he started out with \$200 and spends nothing else, how much money will he take home?

4. W W Y S W  
?? C X V U G

Assuming each letter in this division sum has a numerical value, find the missing letters by following a logical sequence.





Beauty Salon

The Alexander Galt Hairdressing Beauty Salon invites you to visit. It offers you service at a very reasonable price. Men and women of all ages are invited.

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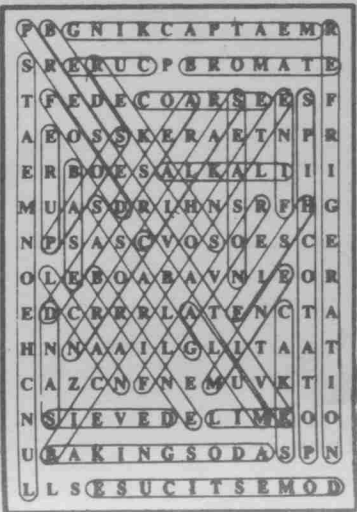
By designating as optional those subjects now categorized as compulsory, and by allocating more funding to schools with limited course selection due to decreased enrolment, secondary school students would have the opportunity to make themselves available to quality education.

Sharon Noble

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The answer to  
last month's  
puzzle is:  
  
PRETZELS

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All your work pays off that magical moment when the lights go up. In the end comes the real reward - an applauding audience. If you get a standing "O" you feel as if you can touch the stars. That is when, after weeks of wishing you'd never signed up, you tell yourself, "I could do this forever!!"

This year's play promises to be very well done. Mr. Gonyer has some unusual sound and lighting ideas. The cast is energetic. So remember to write down April 21, 22, and 23 on your calendar. Rebel Without a Cause is coming to town.

Kathy Mercier

Multinational Student Philosophies

I tried and tried and tried again, but try as I might, I could not find much difference between the philosophies of students from Africa to England. It seems to me that the international student philosophy is simply to goof around and see how much we can get away with. Of course, there were a few variations on this general theme:

Bulgarian Students:

We all know that Bulgaria is famous for its chewing gum, Bulga Bubble, and Bulgarian students have perfected a multitude of forms of entertainment with bubble gum. One of their favourites is sticking their teacher to his chair (Bulga Bubble is VERY sticky, and is more commonly known to North Americans as "Toxic Glue"). Another favourite consists of sticking the class nerd to the ceiling by his ears.

Iran Students:

All I could find in Iran,

besides grenades and cannons, was elementary students playing with barbie dolls during free time. Iran barbie dolls were blowing up Iraq dolls. You may form your own opinions on this one.

Barbados Students:

Because of the oceans, climate and palm trees, these students have unique forms of entertainment. They enjoy rolling coconuts at unsuspecting victims

Alaskan Students:

Now, just because these students have to live in subfreezing temperatures, doesn't mean they can't also enjoy themselves. I found some high school students laughing over their latest prank, and was only too surprised to find myself their victim. It seems they find an absurd joy from putting the toilet paper rolls outside overnight. Now, in minus forty Celsius, that toilet paper takes a very long time to thaw the next day. I refuse to comment on the situation in which I was placed.

After visiting Alaska, I had no desire to continue in my queries; therefore, I cut my research short. I think it's quite apparent though that students all over the world share the same philosophy - to have fun. Except maybe those in Alaska. I leave you with a travel tip: don't worry about jewels or valuables in Alaska - just bring a padlock for your toilet tissue. .

Pamela Silvester

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## GUITARS

WORD OF 8 LETTERS:  
NON-AMPLIFIED

BACKS	MUSIC
BAND	
BRIDGE	NECK
	NOTE
CASE	NYLON STRINGS
CATGUT	
CHET ATKINS	PICKING
CHORDS	PIECE
COUNTRY	PLUCK
ELECTRIC	RIBS
	RICKENBACKER
FLAMENCO	ROCK
GIBSON	SEGOVIA (Andres)
GUILD	SIGMA
	SKILL
INSTRUMENT	SOUND
	SPANISH
KEYS	TUNE
	TWANG
LES PAUL	TWELVE-STRING
MONTOYA (Carlos)	WOOD

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R	C	G	N	I	R	T	S	E	V	L	E	W	T

## THE STORY OF MIDAS

TWO WORDS OF 13 LETTERS:  
WASHED THE CURSE AWAY

ANTS	NATURE
CHARIOT	OLYMPUS
CYBELE	
	PIPES
DONKEY'S EARS	SCHOOLMASTER
DRUNKEN MAN	SECRET
	SIMPLE LIFE
GODS	
GOLDEN TOUCH	TURBAN
GREEDY	
GREEKS	UNABLE TO EAT
HELIOS	WAGON
	WASH
KING	WATER
KNOT	WISH GRANTED
	WOODS
LOYAL FRIEND	WORSHIPER OF
LYRE	PAN
MUSIC	ZEUS

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