

WHAT'S UP?



At Alexander Galt

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WELCOME TO GALT

by K M Fahmy

Tuesday, September the third saw Alexander Galt Regional High School opening its doors for the twenty-third time. Friends were reunited with hugs, kisses, and hand shakes. Nervous new students took deep breaths as huge butterflies flew around in their stomachs.

There were no great changes unlike last year when we lost Red and Purple Houses and they became the Eastern Townships Technical Institute. The ETTI is now an established part of our school to which we have all grown accustomed.

One major change is that we no longer have a vice principal for Cycle One or Levels One and Two. With the retirement of Mr Garneau, Mr Ribaux has now taken over the duties of Blue/Green. Mr Smith remains at the helm of Yellow/Orange.

The school year is already off to a great start. With football, soccer, and cross-country running already going, the sports department looks great. There have already been two field trips; the senior drama classes attended a performance of "A View From The Bridge" and the EH Level Four class has taken their annual trip to Mount Megantic.

Student exchanges are also going on this year. An October trip to Switzerland soon begins and some Level Threes have a chance to go to Germany.

Our alumni are in place at their respective colleges, many at Lennoxville Campus of Champlain College. Others are at other Quebec CEGEPs, possibly at other schools in other parts of Canada. Is there somebody at a Maritime university?

Our eyes now turn to Level Ones. By now, hopefully, most are now comfortable with Galt, its hustle and bustle and all the rest. In a few years, our present Level Ones will also be moving on, able to say that they graduated from Alexander Galt. Hard to imagine, isn't it?

The entire staff here at What's Up? wishes everyone a happy and fulfilling school year.



CHARLES DAIGLE

1975 - 1991

On Thursday, September the nineteenth, at noon hour, our auditorium filled with friends, members of our staff and administration, and the parents of Charles Daigle. We gathered to celebrate the memory of his life.

A memorial booklet with Charles' picture, one of his drawings, and poems enabled all of us attending to better understand his constant concern for the happiness of others. Barb Heath and Mr. Prah are thanked for their help with the booklet.

Many close friends read special messages and poems written for Charles. Mr. Prah and Mr. Brown were helpful in choosing prayers and in organizing the memorial. Mr. Bob Daley, a pastor, spoke of his time spent with Charles and his family in the hospital. Mention was made of Charles' peace with himself and his deep spiritual beliefs prior to his death.

Mrs. Daigle, Charles' mother, spoke of her son's strength, his acceptance of death and his love for his friends.

A most significant part of the memorial was a song sung by his close friends. "Travel My Friend" was written by Kim and Melanie Hartzell with Allison Broadbent.

Here at school Charles worked quietly and selflessly. Few knew, however, the lovely quality of his artistic and poetic achievements. He was much involved in the environmental movement and had a deep love of nature. Charles' friends find it comforting that Charles is now at one with the Earth.

Charles would want us to be ever grateful for and appreciative of all the love and happiness we experience in our lives. He would want us each not to take undue advantage of the precious gift of life.

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DRAMA STUDENTS ADMIRE

THE VIEW

by K.M. Fahmy

On Wednesday, September eighteenth, the two Drama 424 classes and the Drama 524 class attended a performance of Arthur Miller's "A View From The Bridge" at the Centaur Theatre in Old Montreal. Accompanied by Mr Gonyer and Mr Goldfinch, fifty-three students participated. After dining at Burger King, everybody continued to the theatre for the play.

"A View From The Bridge" is the story of a lower middle class family living in Brooklyn. Eddie Carbone and his wife Beatrice are raising their orphaned niece Catherine, played by Laura Lee Shink. Two of their cousins from Italy have decided to enter the States illegally and stay with them. One of the cousins, Rodolpho, falls in love with Catherine which angers Eddie. As the play continues, the audience discovers that Eddie has developed an unnatural love for his niece. Angered by the relationship between his cousin and his niece, Eddie calls the immigration office to report Rodolpho and his brother, Marco.

Because of Rodolpho's engagement to Catherine, he is allowed to stay free. Marco, however, is taken to jail. The plot heats up when Marco discovers it was Eddie who called the immigration office. On the day Rodolpho and Catherine are to be married, he breaks out of jail and tracks down Eddie. In a powerful and breathtaking scene, the entire cast gathers in front of Eddie's apartment for the final confrontation.

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SWISS UPDATE
by Christina Reynolds

Eddie kills Marco. That's that; there is no resolution; no one finds out if Rodolpho and Catherine get married or what happens to Eddie.

Audience reaction was varied but the overwhelming verdict was that everybody enjoyed the play. Comments ranged from "Outstanding", "Excellent", "Unbelievable", to "Realistic".

I must agree that the part of Eddie was played well by Edouard A Seed. Mr Gonyer had a treat in seeing his former student, Christine Gagne, in the role of Beatrice.

Between scenes, the play was narrated by a lawyer, Mr Alfieri, played by George Popovich; this added an edge to the already excellent story. The cast also included several minor characters who really did not play important parts in the story but did add a feeling of realism.

Credit is due to the set builders who somehow managed to include a Brooklyn apartment, a street, a lawyer's office and a secluded street corner on the small stage of the theatre. The entire theatre was used with the action in front, above, and to the left and the right of the audience.

The Drama students are now planning a trip to see none other than "The Phantom of the Opera" after Christmas.

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BOB: THE MAN OF OUR HOURS

Our memory is one thing among many which for most of us took a little time off this summer. It is not without reason, then, that I am reminding, as well as updating you on the functions of Galt's first-ever Swiss trip.

For a year, the members of this group have worked hard on various fund-raisers to make this trip financially possible. They have corresponded with their Swiss penpals in order to establish firm contacts. They have sacrificed good parts of their summers to various jobs, in order to be able to afford all the little extras and unexpected expenses. They have, and are still, planning last-minute details, learning what they can of the Swiss language, and looking forward to the trip of their lifetime; none of which they will ever regret.

The twenty students will be leaving Montreal in the evening of Wednesday, October sixteenth, and preparing themselves for a myriad of "firsts". Whether it's a "first plane ride", "first view of the Alps", or "first taste of Swiss chocolate", each new feeling and experience will add to a trip that already seems too good to be true.

While in this fabulous country, the group will have a chance to tour several museums and factories, such as wine and cheese-making, and to visit its neighbouring countries of Germany, Austria, and Liechtenstein. They will also be taking a cable car to one of Switzerland's largest glaciers, and will have the opportunity to experience Swiss hot-springs and to ski in the Swiss Alps.

Although for some, the details of this trip still seem a little far-off, they will be returning to Galt as cesspools of Swiss facts and expressions, their bags laden with pictures and their pockets full of chocolate.

We hope too that they will have been successful ambassadors for our school and country, so that trips like this one may be repeated at Galt in years to come, in an effort to enrich the students and provide them with a broader outlook on the world we live in.

Since they can't take us all along, we're hoping for them to share with us some images and experiences when they return, so that others too will have the opportunity to learn from this trip. From all of us here at What's Up?, we wish you many safe and unforgettable hours. Good luck.

AN OPINION...

Galt is a school where there is variety. It's true that elementary schools have some activities, but not as many as at Galt. Here we have the Photo Club, the Outdoor Activity Club, and many others. There are after-school sports, such as football, soccer, and track and field. It's great, too, because at Galt students have the chance to meet many more teachers than in small elementary schools.

There is a variety of food. Each day students and staff may choose from an appealing display of different kinds of food. Snacks are available as well, at the vending machines. These machines are open all the time. A man is at hand, to sell food to the students.

Sports are more competitive at Galt than in the elementary schools. Teams have the chance to play at more schools and to miss some classes! That's what we like about the sports at Galt - they are more competitive, you miss some classes, and it's fun! But you must do your work or your teacher won't let you go on the trip!

So, Galt is a school of variety.

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Galt is a-MAZE-ing!

What's Up? reporters have roamed the halls and squeezed their way through the "caf" to bring you these results of a recent survey conducted among Level One students.

BY: Marianne Juselius
Karen Mathews
Elizabeth McDonald
Lana Paxton

1. What were your expectations of Galt? Were your expectations about right?

Thought it would be much smaller and people might be rude. It's big. People are not rude.

Would get lost in hallways and not be able to find classes. Good fun. I did get lost!

To see before me a huge and complicated place. Galt is big, but not complicated.

Fun, exciting. Teachers would be mean. Wouldn't be able to make friends. Some of my expectations were right, some not.

Galt would be big and boring. Galt is big, but not boring.

Thought it would be boring and hard. I find Galt is easy.

Would be a large school. Once inside, it doesn't seem big.

2. What is your opinion of Galt?

Galt is big and has lots of people.

Made many friends.
It's big! Lots of people.

The school is kind of old.
Galt is fun!

Galt is a big school.
Classes should be shorter.

It's big and great fun.
Galt isn't bad. I like it a lot.

3. What do you think of your teachers?

Some very nice, some nice, some different.

The teachers are O.K.
The teachers are nice.

I like some of the teachers.

Don't really like teachers but at Galt they're nice, not bad, understanding.

I like all my teachers.
They're all good, but they

give too much homework.
Most are heavy on the homework. A few are not.

4. What do you think of the food?

Food is great! Love the fries, poutines, salads and desserts.

Good food, especially the poutines and desserts.

Great food. Love the poutines, salads, fries and desserts.

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PICK OF THE MONTH

PAULA ABDUL "Spellbound"

by K M Fahmy

We waited and we waited; the hype from "Forever Your Girl" finally died down. After a while she gave us an album of remixes to tide us over but still we waited for the new album. Finally, after endless months and many delays a new album that could be summed up in two, now famous, words: Rush Rush.

The single "Rush Rush" was the first release off the "Spellbound" album. As predicted, it rushed to the top of the charts. It was Paula's first real "ballad" or the first good one after the awful "Next to Me" from her first album. The end of May brought "Rush Rush" to the top of the US charts. It stayed there for an incredible five weeks, the only single to do that in six years. It peaked the Canadian charts soon after staying at the top for three

Good food. Delicious.

Food is better than at the old school.

Food is good.

Food is quite good. The food is great.

5. How did you feel when the last bell rang on your first day at Galt?

Happy! Relieved!

Excited to get home.

Relieved to be going home to eat.

Finally, a day at the BIG school!

Glad, happy, relieved.

Happy to hear that bell, but couldn't find the bus!

Felt tired, ready to go home.

Relieved!

6. Did anything weird happen to you on the first day?

No, nothing weird.

Some people gave me strange looks.

Some old friends made fun of me.

Nothing peculiar happened.

Yes, got lost - often!

No, nothing.

Yes, I forgot the combination.

Nothing weird happened.

7. Did you get lost?

No, I didn't get lost.

I got lost often.

A few times.

A bit.

Yes, I couldn't find the music class.

No, I just followed the arrows.

Yes, 3 times, looking for art class, ecology class, and french class!

weeks. It finally slipped behind ENF's "Unbelievable" with Jesus Jones' "Right Here Right Now" at three. The video for the single was also nominated for the best female video at this year's MTV Video Music Awards. And who's that familiar face co-starring in the video? Yes, it's Keannu Reeves, star of the movie "Point Break" among others.

With "Rush Rush" a solid gold hit, it was time for a new single. "The Promise of a New Day" was chosen. Caught in the wake of a gigantic hit like "Rush Rush", "Promise" had a slow start. But it was not to be denied. With the release of the video, it steadily climbed both the US and Canadian charts. It reached #1 down south and here it did the same, replacing what is unquestionably the biggest hit of the decade, Bryan Adams' "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You". It stayed at the top of the UK charts for twelve consecutive weeks! It was the first single to do that in thirty-six years!

The album also did incredibly well. It was at #1 on the US charts for four weeks until it slipped to number three behind Van Halen and Skid Row. Here in Canada it was number three for three weeks, held back by REM's incredible "Out of Time" and Roxette's "Joyride". Still in the top twenty both here and in the States, "Spellbound" is destined for multiple platinum. The upcoming single "Vibeology" is a dance lover's dream with quirky lyrics and strange backgrounds. "Vibeology" looks like number one material. The rest of the album is very diverse. "Rock House", described by the Gazette's Mark LePage as a "floorshaker" is just that as well as one of the best songs on the album. Paula collaborated with Prince's infamous record label, Paisley Park on "U". "alright Tonight" has a different feel, almost Latin and would make a more than interesting single. Her big ballad, "Blowing Kisses on the Wind" does pretty well though Paula might have tried just a tad too hard. "Will You Marry Me?" is not a dance tune and not a ballad. It is, however, an excellent song. It's the story of a girl who finally musters the courage to ask a guy to marry him. It's the last song on the album and is a great send-off, much better than her horrendous "One or the Other" from her first album. The title cut is a full-fledged dance song. "To You" and "My Foolish Heart" are okay but hopefully will not be released as singles. On average, five songs are

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released off an album, with "Rush Rush", "The Promise of a New Day" and "Vibeology" we expect two more. "Rock House" and "Rush Rush" cut anything on her first album, except maybe her mega-hit "Straight Up" since "Rush Rush" is already out "Rock House" is a good choice. "Alright Tonight" and "Will You Marry Me?" are also good possibilities.

Paula Abdul is really a star of the new decade. She works with environmental groups and even staged a contest to name her upcoming tour. Whoever has the best idea for a tour name spent the day with Paula and received opening night tickets to her show. The tour is now officially called the "Under the Spell" tour. She will be touring with her partner on the number one hit from "Forever Your Girl" "Opposites Attract", MC Skat Cat. Only one Canadian date is planned, in Toronto.

Only a few years into her singing career, Paula has already established herself as one of the biggest pop divas of the decade. Her career is destined for even greater things.

CHOICE PICKS: "Rush Rush" "Rock House" "Alright Tonight" "Will You Marry Me?"

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Animal Facts

DOGS

BY: KATIA POULIOT

Most people think of all dogs as domestic animals that run after sticks and sleep. Actually, dogs can do more than that; for example, some help men hunt, others are bred and raised for competitions and others are raised and trained for the blind.

Right now in the world, there are over one hundred breeds. Here are some of the most popular:

Spaniels	Boxers
Pointers	Bullmastiffs
Retrievers	Collies
Setters	Dobermans
Hounds	Great Danes
Beagles	Rottweillers
Dachshunds	St. Bernards
Greyhounds	Dalmations
Terriers	Pomeranians
Poodles	German shepherds

As you can see, there are a lot. All dogs come from a specific country and have been brought to other countries in hope of starting new breeds.

Council News

Student Regional Council

I met with Tammy Coates, the president of the Student Council to find out what the Council is planning for the 1991-91 year at Galt. Tammy told me that she would like to see a lot more activities at Galt and more involvement by the students. Some of the things Council is thinking of doing are to have as many dances as possible and a great winter carnival.

The Student Council would like to do something different this year. Besides having a graduation prom, they want a prom and a separate cap and gown ceremony for the graduating students. They are taking a survey right now to see if Level V students would be interested in having both.

Another thing which Council hopes to do is to elect a Cycle I president by November. Tammy and the Council want students to know that they are there to help all students and are always anxious to hear their ideas. If a certain club needs money for an activity, the Council will try their best to help them raise it.

When I asked Tammy how they were going to raise money, she said that they were going to hold lots of bake sales and garage sales. Movies were another way to raise a lot of money. Tammy told me that last year they showed HOME ALONE which was a big success.

Another question I asked Tammy was how Council was able to do all of these things. She told me that the key was organization-- to be sure that the Council had a certain number of meetings a month and that each person who is on Council did their job.

An idea that Tammy has which sounds like a good plan, is for Council to send out a bulletin each month to keep students at Galt informed about what they are doing.

As a Level I student, I did not know much about the Student Council, but after talking to Tammy, it looks like Galt has a lot of fun and interesting activities to look forward to this year thanks to Student Council.

Stephanie Boluk
Level I

AN UNSUSPECTING VICTIM

THE FINAL CHAPTER

BY: K.M. Fahmy

It's been about two years since I first wrote my Unsuspecting Victim article. It was called the "Grim Reaper" and it discussed the drug problem here in this school. I published it under Anonymous which angered a few people. I remember that a fellow journalist on the paper staff received a telephone call wanting to know who "Anonymous" was. The line that really got to people was "Did you know that 50% of Galt students have tried or take drugs?" Understandably enough, some parents were worried. I told myself I ought to get used to it with the articles I had in mind for the rest of the year.

December 1989 brought "Nowhere to Turn", an article on abuse. Others followed articles on racism, pollution, the environment, abortion, and most recently, suicide.

Animals have been said to be man's best friend, and I believe it. For some people, dogs are essential to their lives.

Many people take dogs for granted. I think it is about time people took them seriously and did something about all the dogs without homes. Many dogs are being killed every day because of careless owners and reckless drivers. How would you feel if your dog got killed by a reckless driver?

I feel, however, the time has come to retire An Unsuspecting Victim for a while at least. I did get into a certain amount of trouble because of the content of some of the articles but that is not the reason I'm stopping. For the time being, An Unsuspecting Victim has run its course. Those of you who liked it, don't worry; it will return, maybe this year, maybe not, but eventually.

I use An Unsuspecting Victim to inform Galt about things teachers, parents and other adults prefer not to talk about. In this day and age, knowledge is becoming more precious than gold. There's much more that needs to be talked about. I plan to do so, just not right now. Don't worry; you can count on Victim to be back, believe me.

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BANTAM GIRLS SOCCER

BY: STACY HAGGERTY
SAM COLES

This year the Bantam Girls soccer team has many enthusiastic players. The coaches are Mr. Losier and Mrs. Retchless.

Galt has two other teams competing in their league, B.C.S. and Richmond Regional. They also play North Country and Salesien in exhibition games.

We interviewed Mr. Losier, our team captain, and one of our fullbacks, Carrie Ride. Here is what they have to say about the team.

"We (the team) work well together and get along," Jenny Macauley, the team captain comments. "Our season looks promising."

We also talked to star fullback Carrie Ride. She is sure the team will do really well, but both players know they'll have good competition against Salesien and North Country. Coach Losier agrees.

"The girls are very energetic," he says. "They have the desire to win and have lots of talent, but the talent needs to be developed." Coach Losier is working on positions now.

The standings after five games are 4 wins and 1 loss and more games to go!

BANTAM BOYS SOCCER

BY: JAMES BRADLEY

This year the Bantam Boys have a very good bunch of rookies, according to Coaches Ribaux and Pauw. "The boys have been playing a good season and it's promising," say the coaches. Mr. Pauw added, however, that "the team must work on their defense."

Both Mr. Ribaux and Mr. Pauw noted that "it's very unpleasant to cut the players, and it's the hardest job to do." The coaches are confident that the team can make it to the playoffs if all the players try hard.

This year all the teams in the league are challenging and very well balanced. At this time the coaches have no idea whom we will face in the playoffs. We will just have to check the standings at the end of the season. The Bantam Boys really don't have much competition in their league, only B.C.S., Richmond, and Stanstead. They will play exhibition games, though, against North Country and Salesien, to mention only two.

Here are the standings so far:

- 1 win
- 2 losses
- 1 tie

Best of luck!

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BOYS JUNIOR SOCCER

WITH BILL AND TED

We've had a rough start. We have played many games and still have many games to play. What usually happens is we play hard one half and then let go in the other half. We're correcting that though. Our goal for the rest of the season is to have all victories and no defeats!

Mr Gear is our coach. He works us really hard in practices with lots of running so that we can be better prepared for the games.

We have played five games so far. We are 0-2-1 in league games and 1-0-1 in exhibition games. Steve Walker leads the team with four goals. Ed Hanson and Evan Mooney have two each. We've dominated all of the games we've played. Our team has had lots of chances to score goals but we can't seem to get the ball in the net.

Starting players are John DeBoer as Goalie, Fullbacks Allan Camber and Steve Janidlo, Halfbacks Robert Frappied, Sean Stuart, Jonathan McKercher and Forwards Ed Hanson, Evan Mooney, Steve Walker, Wes Belanger and Joseph Gauvin.

Our first game against Stanstead started well. In the first half we were winning by two goals. In the second half, they caught up. We finished by having a tie game. Against North Country, we won with a score of 5 - 1 but this was only an exhibition game.

Our season has thirteen games of which five have been played. With our strong team, we fear no future games!

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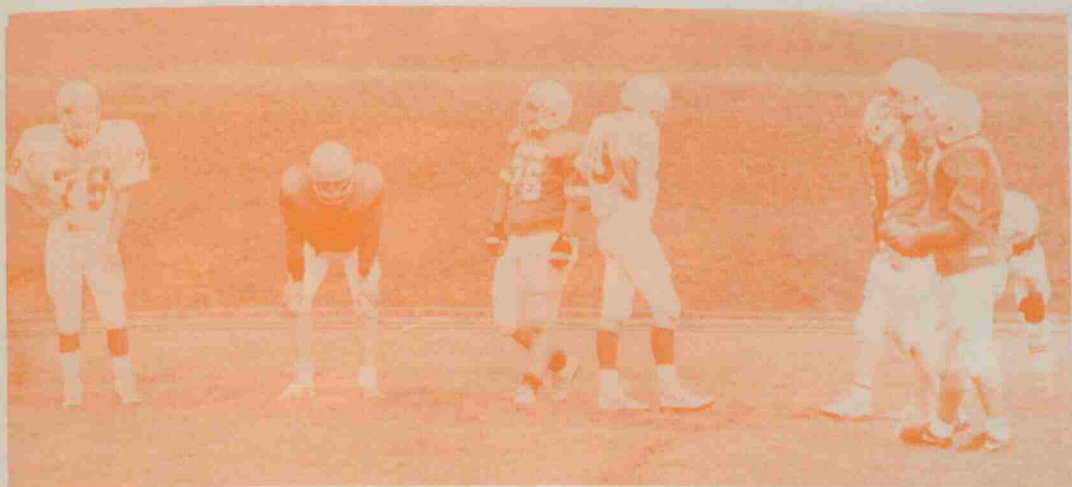
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SPORTS



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

by K M Fahmy

There have been a few changes to Galt's cross-country running team this year. Last year, sixteen runners made up the team; that number has risen this year. Unfortunately, five of last year's runners have left: Scott Herring, B J Lowe, Glen Loney - now at BCS - and Mark Beaudry and veteran Jessica Mills who are both playing soccer. We were pleased, however, to welcome several new runners into the team: Ben Britton, Sarah Heath, Rob cote, Pat Currier, Tammy Laprise, Alexander Forrest, and other additions to the team are still very possible.

Most of the old vets are also back this year. Seniors Bronwen Kyffin, Rob Marcheterre, Jonathan Younker, Julie Marquis and Christina Reynolds. The junior team welcomes back Christopher Forrest, Sean Marshall, David Sudlow, John Brodie and Kareem Fahmy. The Bantam team consists of only one member, three-year veteran Tamsin Mills.

With the retirement of Mr Garneau and with Mr Heath taking a break, it was time for a new coach. Galt graduate, Jeff Warren, comfortably filled that position. Having graduated in 1988, Jeff has helped coach five track and field teams but this is his first experience with cross-country as well as the first time he has carried the responsibilities of an entire team on his shoulders. He, however, doesn't mind; in fact, he thinks it's great. He is confident in the strength of all our runners but finds it difficult to sum up how he feels about the team in a few words.

Tamsin Mills says new coaching techniques and a lot harder work are going to help improve the team immensely.

The spirit shared by most of the team members is one of unity and eagerness. No one who hates running is on the team which makes it a lot easier for the rest of the group to focus. With one long run, hills, warm-up and cool-down exercises, and a daily set of sit-ups the team is hardly what you'd call lazy.

"I think we're really determined", says Julie Marquis, who in each of her three years with the team, has made the Provincials. Other established runners such as Bronwen Kyffin, Rob Marcheterre, Jon Younker, Chris Forrest and David Sudlow are expected to reach the Provincials once again this year. Some of the new runners are just as eager and the possibility of a large provincial team looks good.

With three meets already to their credit, the team is looking better than ever. The first meet, an annual one in Pittsburgh, New Hampshire went very well, especially for the girls who had multiple placings in the top twenty. Much of the team showed up at the Terry Fox Run on September the fifteenth with many runners taking home medals. A league meet at Seminaire Salesien went well and most recently, the annual meet at BCS went well with Bronwen Kyffin taking home the second place medal for the senior girls. Many meets are yet to come, including two here at Galt.

One weakness the team may suffer is the lack of bantams, both boys and girls. Tamsin

Mills is the solitary bantam girl and there are no boys. A new interest from the Level Ones may just turn that problem around.

We all wish this year's cross-country team a successful season and many more to come.

Senior Boys Football

BY: STEPHANIE BELANGER

From an interview with Coach Dave Shields -

Here we are, another year at Alexander Galt, and a new season for the Senior Boys Football team, the Pipers.

With a lot of new faces and skills, this year is sure to be a good one for the Pipers.

Some of the star returning players are Sean Ride, Todd Allen, Mike Lowry, and Danny Bailey.

Last year was the only losing season since 1986. They're sure to make a comeback this year.

Even though they have lost their first two games (Stanstead 12-0 and Loyola 26-13) there is no doubt they are on the right track.

There has been only one injury, but with unfortunate consequences. Charles Blanchard hurt his shoulder and is now out for the season.

Some football players have had their heads shaved by their own team members.

Good luck Pipers, we're behind you all the way!



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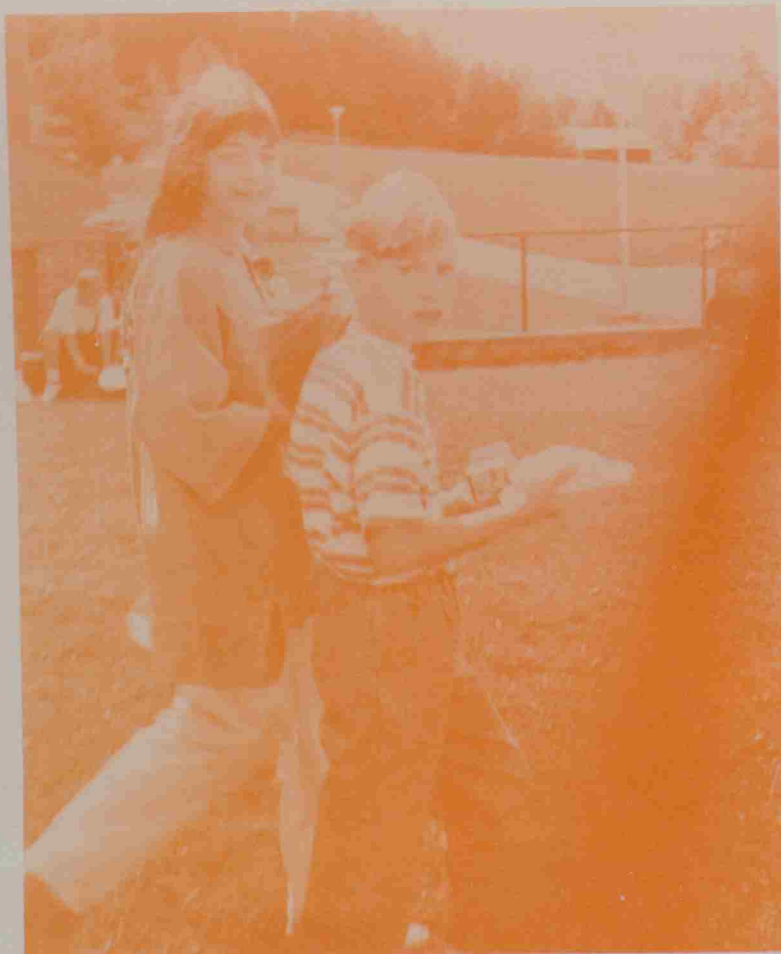
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