

WHAT'S UP?



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WELCOME! - BIENVENUE!

BY: ANGELA R. LOCKE

The halls are crowded, the classrooms are hot and the cafeteria is on full volume; showing signs that yet another school year has started at Galt. Going into its twenty first year with a booming population of over 1000, it is the first year of many in the history of Galt that the enrollment has ascended rather than descended. BRAVO!

I'd like to send out a warm welcome to all Level I students. It took a while, but now that you're here, get into the school spirit: council, clubs, committees, interhouse or interscholastic sports. Believe it or not, Galt is full of great opportunities, if you just look around and want to make your years in high school more interesting.

To the teachers, who must now wake up earlier than their summer time of noon and who must end those late nights out on the town, we greet you with oversized classrooms and windows that don't open anymore. We know you will enjoy correcting over thirty papers a night!

Finally, to the new students in Level's II and V. Welcome to this wonderful school. This, edition of What's Up? is dedicated to you, and all Level I students.

SOCCER TOURNAMENT - A BIG SUCCESS!

BY: SARAH HEATH

On September 16th, Galt hosted its annual invitational girls soccer tournament. Richmond, Seminaire Salesien, Stanstead, B.C.S., Massey Vanier, and Galt attended.

Galt's Bantam team's first game was played against Richmond. Galt won with an impressive 6-0 score. Halfback, Jennifer Scott, was the high scorer. In the second game, Galt met Stanstead and won again 3-0. When Galt entered the finals, they were faced with Seminaire Salesien. In the first half, the opposing team got a break and popped one in. Try as they could, Galt just couldn't score. Salesien came out the winners of the Bantam trophy.

In the Junior division, Galt's first game was played against Salesien. Galt won 3-2. The

BACK AT GALT

BY: CHRISTINA REYNOLDS

This year, Galt opened its doors for the 21st time to a variety of students. For the majority who had been there before, that first day was a day for renewing old friendships and catching up on all the news.

As usual there were the level ones, all eager to be starting high school in their new clothes, their innocent faces still holding looks of anticipation and fear for the upcoming days.

There is a third group we often tend to forget; the new students from the other grades. For them the adjustment is even harder. Just imagine if you had to change schools in the middle of high school and adapt to a different system, routine, and maybe even a new language.

Let's make GALT a school where new students feel welcome. It won't take a big effort on your part to make or break somebody's day. A smile, a hello and the occasional detour to help someone find their way around can go a long way in making Galt a friendly school. We all know that it's not the building, but the people inside that make the difference.

second victory was over Massey-Vanier with a score of 3-0. In the finals, the Junior girls played Salesien once again. At the end of the game the score was still 0-0. To break the tie, there were penalty kicks taken. Impressive goaler, Sarah Wark was outstanding. Finally Galt did score to win 1-0. Galt won the junior trophy, and Mona Lisa LaRouche was chosen MVP for Junior girls.

In the senior category, Galt lost their first game to Stanstead, by a goal, 1-0. They met B.C.S. in their second game. This time Galt won 1-0. In the final round Galt played an exciting game against B.C.S., this time they won

again but it took penalty kicks to decide the outcome. The seniors won their trophy also!

Mrs. Brown, organizer of the tournament, and also coach of the Senior girls said, "I was very pleased with the day. The Galt teams were all helpful and the turnout was excellent.

NEW FACES AT GALT

BY: JUSTIN

Once again school is back in session. The time has come for you to greet your friends and get to work again. Activities, clubs and groups have started. Teachers are getting back into the routine of correcting and slowly students are starting to work again. With the new school year come new students and staff.

In the welding department we have two new teachers, Mr. Richard Goldfinch and Mr. Andrew Wickett. After Mr. Turpin retired, a former counsellor returned. Mr. Dan Janidlo has his office in the Purple House Office. Chantal Hamel was here for the past year as the Social Worker but we can now re-welcome Lorraine Ethier who has taken over for her.

If you've been wondering why you haven't seen Mr. Hodge around, don't worry, Mr. Ribaux has taken over for him. Even though he's keeping busy he managed to take a break from his work so I could interview him, and here's what I found out.

Mr. Gilles Ribaux is now the vice-principal of Cycle I and Special Education. Mr. Ribaux is from the Laurentians but he's been in the Eastern Townships for fourteen years. In 1978 he graduated from Bishop's with a Bachelor of Science. In 1979 he graduated with a Diploma in Education. Since then Mr. Ribaux has been teacher, head teacher, and then Vice-Principal of Lennoxville Elementary.

He was at Lennoxville Elementary for four years before he left to be principal for Cookshire, Sawyerville, and Bury Elementary schools. When asked what he liked most about working at AGRHS, he replied, "There's good school spirit and I've enjoyed learning about the programs." He then concluded by saying, "I've enjoyed the contact with staff and students, I've always liked working with people."

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RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...
RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT

BY: KATHY NAPIER

"Young people and adults, even though they have different roles to play in society, ... are the holders of essentially the same fundamental rights and freedoms.

- from the publication "Young, Equal in Rights and Responsible"

Did you know that? Do you know that even though you may still be a minor you are entitled to be treated with the same dignity, worth and respect as any adult? To go one step further, did you know that even though the law realises that young people do need to help and protection of adults, it stipulates that this "must not serve as an excuse for denying them their rights"?

Do you know your rights?

Chances are that even if you knew the above information, you may not know all of the rights and freedoms guaranteed to you by Canadian law.

This is the first in a series of articles dealing with human rights and how they apply to you, the student. With a few additions, they're the rights you are entitled to for the rest of your life. Rights that are safeguarded by both the Quebec Charter of Human rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms, both of which are pieces of legislation passed in either the Quebec National Assembly or the House of Commons.

Yet simply because the charters are in place does not mean that all of the rights laid out within them are always respected. Have you ever had the feeling that you were being treated unfairly, or that something wasn't quite right? Chances are that most of us have had our rights violated.

But are you sure?

And what can you do about it?

Equally, have you ever violated someone else's rights?

By reading these articles, you can know. Remember, when your second grade teacher "confiscated" the Hot Wheels cars you were rolling down the desk? What about the last time someone started a rumour about you? Or when you last walked by a construction site, girls, and had to listen to offensive and annoying (and disgusting) remarks? What about being beaten? Or sexually abused? How about being discriminated against?

Are these things against your rights?

What else is?

The truth of the matter is that the last time most of us heard about 'rights' it was on a police show...

You do have the right to remain silent, but that's not all. So watch for a follow-up article in the next issue of "WHAT'S UP"

SCHOOL HOMEWORK

BY: JUSTIN

My homework lay on the table
I knew I wouldn't pass
I just wasn't able
I could hardly spell grass

Math is still my worst
Algebra numbers
And I know I've cursed
My science into slumbers

History is my best
I have it once a day
In English I'm blessed
And French, it is okay

These are the subjects I take
At Alexander Galt High School
But I would like to make
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CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING AT AGRHS

BY: SHANNON ROSS

Galt cross-country running team started the season with a top-fifteen placement in both girls' and boys' categories at an invitational meet at Pittsburg, New Hampshire on September the fifteenth.

Julie Marquis placed ninth out of sixty other girls who ran and Rob Marchetre finished eleventh out of eighty-five competitors. We congratulate Julie and Rob.

Mr Heath declared that he was very pleased with the team's performance in their first meet. He is also excited about all the new team members. This year's team has twenty-eight members in all.

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BEST BOOKS

BY: KAREEM FAHMY

BOOK: Scavenger Hunt

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Attention Galt! Or should I say Galt's avid readers be ready to be mesmerized by the best book to hit the presses in months. The story revolves around a group of high school students in their last year. Just before graduation a secret club on campus is funding a scavenger hunt for the entire senior class that is to last all day and all night until the goal is reached. Soon after the hunt has started only two groups of four remain and they are closing in. The clues become harder and harder until they come to the last clue. In the middle of the desert the five teens must now face a horror that cannot be imagined. From an underground cave to an abandoned church, one having been killed the four remaining friends must battle evil forces in a battle of modern minds and pre-historic cunning that combines for an explosive hit you won't want to miss.

FRIENDS FOREVER

BY: ANGELA R. LOCKE

The first bell of the morning rang at St. Francis High at nine o'clock on September 6, signalling the first day of school. For many it was the same old thing as last year but for Mojca Luyenduk it was the beginning of a terrific year. She had finally made it to the last year of high school. She smiled as she pulled into the school parking lot with her new white convertible Volkswagen Golf. It had been an early graduation present from her father. As she parked the car the rest of "The Gang" emerged from cars and met at their usual place by a picnic table under an old oak tree.

They had seen each other during the long summer but hadn't really got together. Now, as the rest of the school pushed and shoved into the building "The Gang" sat and reminisced about the summer.

Mojca noticed something different between Felix and Renee who seemed to be avoiding each other. It was very odd since the two had been inseparable from grade 7 on.

Arie Meldrum, basketball captain and class clown, was telling about his vacation to South Carolina. He seemed to be overdoing it just a bit as the bell rang once more and the group left the table to go to homeroom.

Mojca just had to find out what exactly was going on with Felix and Renee. Casually she walked up to Renee putting her arm around her and smiling.

"So, how was your summer?" she asked the pretty red-head.

"It was okay, Mojca. How was yours?" Renee Lutz smiled that winning smile that always made every male around her melt.

"It was fine. How are you and Felix?" she probed.

Renee had expected that much from Mojca. She tried to keep a smile on her face as she went over the events of their summer night. She shivered with fright and was afraid she'd given herself away.

"Oh," she managed to smile, "we just needed a bit of a break from each other."

Felix Pineau had been the only person in Renee's life she had ever loved, until that night. After that, it had all changed, everything, she knew it would be the worst year of her life, but she couldn't change it.

"Yo! Darren!" Felix yelled down the hall to his buddy, "Hey what's happening?"

"Whoa! What a day! Homeroom hasn't even started and I'm already beat!!" he slapped Felix on the back, "the coach has called a meeting for noon today."

"Yeah, I heard." He said as they walked into the familiar homeroom. The two were joined by other friends from the football team and were talking about the big game against The Gladiators in two weeks when Cassandra Killen ran into the room screaming.

"SOMEBODY, QUICK! It's Renee.." she ran out the door as the group followed her.

Felix stayed where he was, staring at his feet.

"Aren't you coming?" Darren glared at his friend.

"I, I can't" he turned away and looked out the window.

"When are you going to stop blaming yourself?" he looked at Felix, sighed then left the room.

Felix knew he'd never stop blaming himself. It was his fault. Even if she had wanted to, it was his fault.

Down the hall Mojca stood over Renee's limp body as a crowd gathered around.

"Someone, get water, quick," Arie yelled as he picked Renee's head up, "C'mon Renee, C'mon."

"What happened?" Greg Mardin asked.

"We were standing here, talking, a crowd of us," Mojca explained referring to the girls, "and when we started talking about the summer, she fainted."

Darren looked at Mojca, worried. No one else could find out about the summer. It would be too dangerous to Felix if anyone else found out.

"Must have been the heat," he said finally, hoping to keep the gang off track.

"Could've been," Cassandra said, unsure of what was going on.

At recess Mojca went to see Renee at the nurse's office. Cassandra who was really Renee's best friend was already there. She had been away during the summer working at a children's camp as a swimming instructor.

"Oh, hi," Mojca said, "I'll come back later."

"No, it's okay. It must have been the noise or something. You know me," she smiled and stood up, holding her head, "Let's go outside to see everyone."

Darren, Greg and Felix were walking down the hall towards the three girls as they were heading outside. Felix saw Renee was okay and felt much better but he knew there was no way she'd ever look at him again. Darren hollered for them to wait but when Renee saw Felix was with him, she ran out the doors with Cassandra on her tail after her.

"Did I scare her?" Darren said.

"No, but someone did," she glanced quickly at Felix who was looking out the doors. He turned and walked away from the small group. They couldn't see the tears in his eyes.

SCHOOL

BY: JUSTIN

I'm sitting at my desk
I don't know what to do
My body decides to yawn
I'm almost split in two

The teacher just talks on
I almost fall asleep
But if I don't listen
I'll have no credit to keep

The time is going slow
It's almost in reverse
And if I don't get out of here
I think I'm going to burst

It's so boring in here
I'm sick of hearing math
But soon I'll be able to go home
And soak in a hot bath

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YOUR SPECIAL KISS

BY: SANDI WESTMAN

As I sat along the dock that night,
I watched the sun set behind the cloud,
I felt a cold hand upon my shoulder,
And when I looked up, I saw your face.
The sparkle of your eyes,
The curve of your smile.
Reminds me why I love you so.

The pulse of my heart grew rapidly,
When you sat beside me and held my hand.
I longed to touch you and pull you close,
But as the minutes ticked on, no movement occurred.
And then, like a bolt of lightning, you tightened your grip.
And turned your head to find me waiting...
Waiting for your special kiss.

PEACE AND LOVE ARE BACK IN STYLE

BY: LOIS STROUT

The school year has started once again and new fashions are coming in. Peace, love and freedom have become popular symbols. We find this sign ☸ on many T-shirts, vests, pants, chains and earrings. Students even have them bleached into their jeans. Some say the symbol means the broken cross and others simply think it's something brought back from the 1960's and means nothing at all. Whatever each one's opinion is, we can all agree that Peace has become popular again.

Friendship bracelets are another hot item this year. The variety of colors, styles and shapes is amazing. These handmade bracelets though, are not only decorations, but to some they mean a special kind of close friendship. To others, it is just another thing to put on in the morning. Fads and fashions have a great influence on most people and these bracelets are certainly "in".

FASHION FOR BOYS

BY: KAREEM FAHMY

It's been a myth that boys don't care about fashion. That's a lie. I do and many other boys in and outside of Galt are very, and I mean very fashionable. For 1990 stripes are in for boys. Cut jeans, sport watches, and definitely low-top sneakers! High-tops are out. Get in fashion guys! 1990 IS HERE!

Everyone NEEDS to know what colors are in! The hardest hitter: Purple. Already purple is seeping its way into Galt and the other colors are creeping in as well. Mustard. A blah yellow-brown color that dominates women's clothes. Petrol green and blue. The green of '89 is back for another season along with a blue-greyish tint of blue which will most likely be a short-lived fad.

GET READY FOR 1990 GALT !!!!!

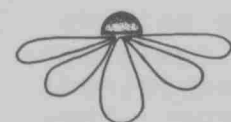
WATCH IT SWATCH!

BY: KAREEM FAHMY

Swatch better watch it. Lately people have been saying that Swatch is slowly going down the tubes. I still really like them; their faces are amazing and I love the statements they make. For instance, I've seen one with a false gold face with Roman Numerals and I think what they're trying to say is that fancy face can go on plastic bands, no problem! But now that leather and material bands are "in" Swatch may be "out"!

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JEANS, JEANS

BY: KATHY LOCKE

Styles come and go. What kind of jeans should be worn - ripped? tight? close?

I can't tell you what kind you should wear or not wear but, from where I stand, I see about a three-way tie. Levis are about the most popular jeans this year along with some no-name brands.

A lot of people wear jeans or some sort of pants. The really "col" way to wear them is a little worn out with a few holes and some colourful patches where you want them. On one of the legs, place a shoelace through a split along the seam and tie it at the end. If you're not into that, you could wear them tight. Prep styles are in and most people are wearing pants that hug around the ankles and not the hips. Other prep styles are men's dress coats rolled at the sleeves and just long enough to cover the hips. This year is an awesome one for the preps!

The Purple Machine is like Levi's jeans. The only difference is that Purple Machine carries all its own clothes from T's to sweatbands and everything in between. Purple is one of this year's colours so I guess if you have some clothes from the Purple Machine you have a head start on the rest of us so we'd better hurry and get over to the Purple Machine. If you don't know where it is, I can't help you.

GOOMIES

BY: PEACE EDGAR

The ever-so-famous jelly bracelets worn usually in mass numbers on one's wrist! In the old days, females wore bracelets and men stuck to tie pins and cufflinks. These days, men wear bracelets too, making goomies popular. It's incredible that we are willing to pay ten cents for a cheap bracelet!

Color co-ordination is not an issue when it comes to goomies. As far as young people are concerned, who cares what they look like as long as they're "in style". No matter how many goomies a person owns, it's never enough to satisfy!

DON'T FUME!

BY: TRUTH

You better read this, it concerns your life and even the lives of others.

Roger Perron started smoking at the age of 13; by the time he was 27 he had had one leg removed, why? Buerger's disease. It often occurs in men that smoke. Buerger's disease attacks the veins, arteries and nerves, causing them to inflame, slowing down the blood circulation. The result is gangrene, a deterioration of muscle and skin tissue. The limb must be removed or else it is fatal.

This is just one of the many consequences of smoking. There are also things such as: heart attacks, stroke, throat, mouth, and lung cancer, high blood pressure; the list just goes on and on.

I'm sure many of you regret ever starting smoking; it's not just the smokers' hack you have to put up with, but also the cost. Imagine how much money you could save if you didn't smoke.

Many of our smokers at Galt have become furious with the new no smoking law, but let's please understand that this is to protect not only the smokers' well being, but also for other innocent bystanders. Shouldn't this generation be concerned about the threat of our future? If we can't stop a simple and dangerous practice like smoking, how do we expect to stop a nuclear bomb?



VUARNET. THE BEGINNING OR THE END?

BY: KAREEM FAHMY

Everyone knows that lately Vuarnet shirts, T-shirts, etc. have been the latest fashion. According to many people, when asked why they like Vuarnet, most answered, "Because they're cool!" After closely interviewing a few students, I discovered that Vuarnet was "in" because the colors were attractive and the symbol was "cool". I've been keeping my eye on Vuarnet for quite a while and I kind of like them. The colors are "cool" and the new styles are really appealing. But the question is, is Vuarnet out after their long wait for their year of glory, or will it keep on longer to fight our purple machine?