

Welcome back

Almost 2,000 return to Port Credit anniversary

By ALANA GRIFFITHS
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John Jones played hookey from his job Saturday to search out an old classmate at the 60th anniversary reunion of Port Credit Secondary School. A graduate of the class of 1946, Jones remembers a tall, outspoken brunette by the name of Joan Treble, known today as newspaper columnist Joan Sutton.

Jones spent an hour gazing at school photographs depicting enthusiastic students in smiles and saddle-shoes, then spent another hour in the foyer with eyes fixed on the front door. No Joan Sutton. "She was the same gal with the same ideas," said Jones. "I always thought she was smarter than the rest of us. I read her columns and I admire what she has accomplished for herself."

Jones took up his post by the door, surveying the afternoon crush. If he had asked one of the reunion's organizers, he would have learned Joan Sutton was not expected. She was spending a family holiday in Mexico and sent regrets.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 former students and staff streamed through Port Credit Secondary School, signing the book in the appropriate graduating decade from the '20s to the '70s. Almost

all the arrivals met old acquaintances, hugged each other senseless and exchanged updated information on other classmates. Many parties and visits were organized for after the reunion.

One woman who graduated from Port Credit in 1954 came from Kent, England, to attend.

"It's not the institutions you remember, it's the people," said Anne Ballard.

Mrs. Ballard was looking forward to the reunion dance where her brother was "threatening to 'trip the light fantastic' with me on the dance floor, after going through high school pretending he didn't know me."

Steve Knott met his wife Dorothy in 1934 at a school dance.

"Teachers were dedicated then and it wasn't this give me a dollar or I'll go on strike," said Knott. "I can remember a lot of school spirit, especially in sports where the school was so small that the same guys had to play on all the volleyball, basketball and football teams. I remember our football team getting beat by another school because they could send out fresh replacements at the half-point."



Principal Jack Zarn welcomed all — except Joan Sutton

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Things are picking up here

The city is looking for worm-pickers. This week city council agreed to tender to find a private company to harvest worms at city-owned Lakeview Golf Club.

Parks commissioner Lyle Love backs the move. He says because the worm-pickers work at night, their presence will deter vandalism at the Dixie Road club, while providing the city with extra revenue.

In 1975, the last time the city allowed worm pickers to harvest the course, the city made \$5,500.

"Worm-picking is big business," said Love. So big it invites worm-picking poachers.

But uninvited worm-pickers beware — last year the city caught two offending culprits and took them to court.

We can win here, Cassidy tells NDP

By JOHN STEWART
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Ontario New Democratic Party leader Michael Cassidy told a nominating meeting in Mississauga South Sunday that it is possible to elect Neil Davis in the next provincial election.

"Don't be depressed because this is a middle-class riding," Cassidy told NDPers. "We have a number of MPPs elected from middle class ridings, and I'm one of them."

The Ottawa Centre MPP said the NDP had only a 17 per cent vote in the election before he first won a seat in 1971. In Mississauga South the base is closer to 25 per cent so "you may be only 12 to 13 per cent away from electing Neil Davis."

The 39-year-old Davis is making his third attempt to win a provincial seat. The long-time Mississauga resident admitted he was "embarrassed" at the turnout of about 20 people to hear Cassidy.

The party leader suggested if the NDP appealed to minorities such as young people, women, trade unionists, working-class individuals, and ethnic groups, they could forge a majority for Davis.

The Conservative Party stronghold in Lorne Park and Clarkson where the NDP gets few votes is not a lost cause, claimed Cassidy. "You may not get the parents' votes, but you may get the vote of their sons and daughters, their maids and their gardeners."

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