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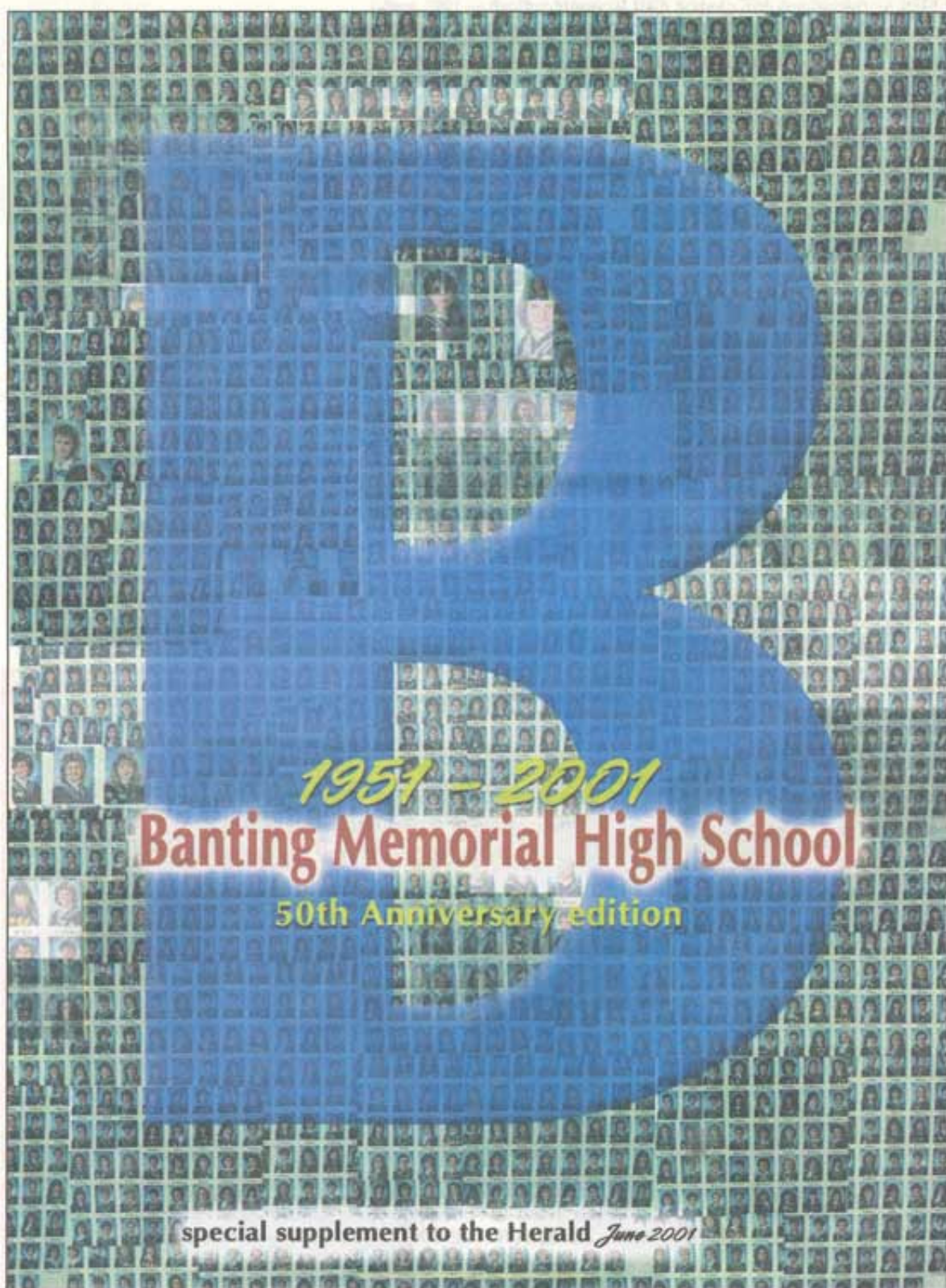
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# Reflections

"Quaecumque Optima" — Whatsoever Things are Best — is a most fitting motto when you consider the ongoing changes which have taken at Banting Memorial High School in the physical structure, the academic and co-curricular programs and in the school environment over the past 50 years.

For the first 19 years, students would move as a class throughout the day based on their subject selections. Students might have had a concentration in technology, business, languages, etc. In 1969, individualized timetables were introduced to provide optimum selections. Another significant change took place in the mid-1980s when the semester system was introduced (longer periods with three or four subjects per semester).

The Robarts Plan brought major improvements in technology courses along with a new wing for the school. This was soon followed by very significant upgrades in the business program which soon included the first large computer. An extensive agriculture and horticulture program centred around the new greenhouse and the barn.

Through the years, other innovative programs were introduced at Banting:

- the Co-op program, offering real life work experience
- in 1984/85 Willa Ireland School was closed and these Special Education students were integrated at Banting, a pilot project for the county. This has been a very positive experience for all involved.
- Recycling was introduced at Banting and influenced waste diversion in the homes. Baxter Corporation assisted extensively with this.
- In the late 1980s, the Outdoor Education Program was introduced at Camp Oba-Sa-Teeka Scouts Canada as well as English as a second language.
- Night school programs flourished for years. Ernie Fraser and I would have up to 3,000 registrations each year with extensive programs offered at five locations.

In 1972, through the efforts of former Banting principal Gord Wright, the G.A. Wright Athletic Field was purchased and has flourished. There were many other initiatives which "The Team" — the staff, students and parents — fostered and many are still in place. Banting students excelled in competitions related to academics such as technology competitions in Canada and the United States, business competitions, classics conferences (annual success), Reach for the Top, United Nations simulation games and the Grade 10 regional competitions.

Life at Banting has certainly been enriched through extra-curricular programs and events. In drama, we recall *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Oklahoma*, *Godspell*, *Romeo and Juliet* and the more recent regional winner, *The Raft*.

In sports, we remember the Red Feather Football Competition, hockey in the 1970s, track and field, wrestling, football, gymnastics, girl's field hockey, archery, badminton, rugby and soccer (Banting is hosting the Ontario finals in soccer this year).

Almost every year, Banting graduates are offered scholarships in one sport or another. This says much for the coaches and the dedicated players.

Banting has often been referred to as the "Flagship of the County." This, I believe, is due to the high calibre of its sailors; the professional, dedicated and caring staff, the tremendous, energetic and caring students and the fantastic support from the parents and the community.

Former graduates often comment that their years at Banting were the best years of their lives. I know my 31 years at Banting were the best years of my life.

Our young adults have so much potential. With the right coaching, they will excel!

**New Tecumseth Mayor  
Larry Keogh,  
Banting principal 1983 to 1994**



Circa 1967



Circa 1977



Circa 1987



Today

## From the Principal's Desk

# Marking a golden year

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Banting Memorial High School, I am pleased to see a special souvenir edition published by The Herald. Named after Sir Frederick Banting, a co-discover of insulin, the school has strived to maintain a tradition of excellence in academic and co-instructional activities over these five

decades. It continues today to play an important role within the community as it prepares the students for the challenges of the future.

I trust this special edition will bring back fond memories of the years at Banting.

**Terry Arnio,**

**BMHS principal 1999 to present**



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## History

# The birth of a high school



**Banting Memorial High School as it appeared in the 1950s**

*As reported by Mary McCague  
Grade 10, BMHS year book 1957-58*

As the haze of an evening in the early part of 1945 settled over Beeton, its faint glimmer rested on a group of men eagerly talking over their ideas. The topic of the discussion was a problem of Tottenham Continuation School which found itself too crowded for the students and thus required modern improvements.

After talking it over, they went to the department of education but the department would not recommend that any improvements be made.

After a few weeks, the group came to talk it over with Mr. D. K. Harvey. Mr. Harvey suggested that a high school district for the villages of Beeton, Tottenham and part of Tecumseth be formed.

At one of the meetings, Mr. Randall from the department of education was

present. Mr. Randall suggested that a committee should go to the County of Simcoe council and ask that a consultative committee of high schools be set up to form a high school district for Beeton and Tottenham.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. T. Wilson from Tottenham, and Mr. M. P. McDonald from Beeton, went as representatives to the Simcoe County council.

Mr. D. K. Harvey, who was at county council at the time, performed the introductions. The consultative committee was set up and consisted of Mr. D. K. Harvey, Mr. G. Ferguson and Mr. H. Piercy.

Nothing was accomplished in 1945 and in 1946 a new committee was appointed to consider high school districts for all of Simcoe County. These districts were large enough to warrant up-to-date schools offering courses in commercial

work, agriculture, home economics and shop as well as the academic subjects usually taught in high schools. In 1947 a report from the consultative committee was received and the necessary bylaw was passed to form the Alliston high school. The Warden of Simcoe County was Mr. D. K. Harvey that year.

On Jan. 1, 1948, the high school district board was appointed and took office. At the meeting Mr. D. K. Harvey was elected chairman, Mr. J. E. McCague was vice chairman, and Mr. Ernest Cumberland secretary treasurer. Mr. R. A. Arnold represented Essa, Mr. D. McCracken, Tosorontio, Mr. A. H. Bates, Alliston; Mr. C. J. Cerswell, Tecumseth; Mr. J. P. Coates, separate schools; Mr. C. Curry, West Gwillimbury, Mr. M. P. McDonald, Beeton; Mr. R. A. McKelvey,

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**Teaching staff 1951** — Back row, left to right: W. E. Stafford, H. H. Pearson, A. C. E. McKinlay, R. T. Hayes, C. Stewart. Centre row: D. F. Gardner, Mrs. M. Chopin, E. D. Jones, Miss D. M. McKay, W. K. Bunner. Front row: Secretary Mrs. J. F. Rose, Miss J. E. Selkirk, Miss M. Branbrook, Principal B. J. McCausland, Mrs. M. Coulter, Miss R. Thomas, Miss E. Davidson. Missing: Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. I. McKelvey.

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Adjala; Mr. W. P. Mitchell, Mulmur; Mr. J. C. Watson, Tottenham.

The first duties of the board were to co-ordinate the high school boards of Alliston Continuation School, Beeton, Cookstown and Tottenham schools taking over their assets and paying their liabilities. The Continuation Schools and High School of Alliston continued to function until the new school was built.

Gordon Adamson of Toronto was appointed the architect of the new school and the ground was bought from a widow. Extra land was bought later from Mr. Fletcher. The house on the lot was included but because of a request from the department of education, the home had to be sold.

The cost of the building and the contents was not to exceed \$350,000. On May 13, 1949 the plans for the building were approved and the contract was awarded to Bennett-Pratt Limited. When the building was completed the board saw fit to remove the maples at the street line and the other shrubbery on the lot. The lot was landscaped and new shrubberies were planted which cost \$3,200.



**Sidney Owens,  
second Banting Memorial  
High School principal**

The building was constructed as to allow for expansion, and additional rooms were added to accommodate the increased attendance at school. The board entered into an agreement with the National Board of Defense to accommodate the pupils from Camp Borden, an agreement

which is being dissolved at the end of the 1957-58 school year. (Borden students returned in 1996???)

The entire school district consists of the Tecumseth Township, part of the townships of Adjala, Albion, Essa, Innisfil, Mono, Mulmur, and West Gwillimbury, all of Toronto, all of the town of Alliston and all of the villages of Beeton and Tottenham.

The school contained 16 rooms, with numerous smaller rooms for offices, washrooms and store rooms. Additional rooms have been added since. The present office (in 1957-58) sells school supplies to the many needy students.

The equalized assessment for the whole high school district in 1958 was \$10,630,938.

The school was named after Sir Frederick Banting, the great doctor who discovered insulin, the name becoming Banting Memorial High School.

The first principal, and principal until the end of the 1956-57 school term, was Mr. B. McCausland. Mr. S. Owen took over this job at the beginning of the 1957-58 school term. Of the first teachers Mr.

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# QUAECUMQUE OPTIMA

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H. H. Pearson, Mr. C. A. Stewart, Miss Banbrook, Mrs. M. Coulter, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. I. McKelvey and Miss E. Davidson are still teaching at Banting Memorial High School and Mrs. Rose is still effective by serving in the office (57-58).

Typewriters, sewing machines, electric tools and many other instruments needed for education were obtained, along with qualified teachers. The motto of the school is "Quaecumque Optima" or "Whatsoever Things Are Best," which is strongly upheld by the teachers as they try to do what is best for the majority in the end. Sometimes the rules seem unjust, but they usually turn out to be quite fair.

The rooms were painted bright, appropriate colors which would best suit the intended atmosphere of each room. The cafeteria walls are canary yellow subdued by grey drapes.

Entering at the front doors you will notice a mural on the lower foyer walls painted by Wilard Pryess. Set in the wall between the main floor and the home economics room door, there is a showcase displaying the many trophies won by students of the school. All the rooms of the school are occupied by teachers, and students, striving to do the best that they are capable of. Everyone is learning something new and interesting to prepare them for the days ahead. Let all of us take our hats off to Banting Memorial High School and the fine job it is doing.

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## Down memory lane *School was a little different back in the '70s*

I was a little reluctant to write anything of my four years at Banting. Those four years of high school seem so long ago. They were a big deal at the time as any teenager would know.

I was a member of the class of 1976. We were presented with a silver dollar at graduation as a memento of the fact that we were graduates of the 25th anniversary year.

At times I would enjoy going back to a simpler time when our biggest worry was what to wear on a Friday night. There were eight classes a day that were 40 minutes long with a 40 minute lunch. No Tim Horton's in those days and we didn't have time to walk downtown and back. You were able to get your driving learner's permit one week (the old 365) and try for your licence the next week. The drinking age was 18 and you always had a classmate who could buy liquor. We did have some fun parties in those days (usually in someone's field - less mess for your folks to clean up, or we had a party while mom and dad were away).

Parents stayed married and divorce was rare. Teenage pregnancy was taboo. The only choice was to marry the father of the

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## Down memory lane

# Banting provided tools for dreams

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child or put the child up for adoption. HIV didn't exist and penicillin cured what you might get. We had a smoking area on school property that kept the smokers out of sight (not like these days).

You received three detentions for a skipped class, followed by a month of supervised study for the second offense followed by a three-day suspension for the third. (I skipped once and that was enough for me).

We always managed to dissect fish on Fridays and then had to face fried fish in the cafeteria at lunch. Computers were huge awkward things and the electric typewriter was an item. It made typing class a lot easier.

Football was a big deal and classes were shortened so the whole school got out to watch the big game. In 1976, Barrie Central painted our goal posts black and red as they were our rivals. Somehow each Halloween an outhouse always

ended up in the middle of the football field. (I think someone from a local farming community left them since he knew who still had an outhouse in those days).

Friendships were formed in those years that may have lasted until the next lunch period or a lifetime.

Seriously, Banting provided me with the tools I needed to obtain a higher education and achieve the goal of a nursing career. I thank those teachers who were at Banting in those days for all that they did for us. They taught us six to seven classes a day and still made the time and had the commitment to run extra curricular activities for us. They were a dedicated group who were there if you needed extra help as well.

In the fall of 2001, I will have two daughters at BMHS and hope that they will get as good an education as I did.

Jack Hanna summed it all up in his letter to graduates in 1976. "We hope that an atmosphere was provided at Banting

wherein you were able to develop a feeling of self worth and that you have established an attainable goal in life. We trust that our school motto will be uppermost in your mind in everything you do in life and we wish you 'whatsoever things are best' - Quaecumque Optima."

**Ann (Blanchard) Kerr,**  
Grade 12 graduate,  
Class of 1976

## BMHS principals past and present

When BMHS opened in 1950, Bruce McCausland was the school's new principal and held that position until 1957. Sidney Owens was principal from 1957 to 1969, Gordon A. Wright, 1969 until 1974, Jack Hanna, 1974 to 1981, George Fenn 1981 until 1983, Larry Keogh, 1983 to 1994, Kathryn Wallace, 1994 to 1999, and Terry Arnio, 1999 to present.

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## History

# Planting the seeds of learning

— From the May 11, 1967 Herald

No tree, surely, ever got off to a more auspicious start than the "Banting" tree planted with considerable ceremony at BMHS last Friday afternoon.

The 12-foot maple, whose planting was part of the school's centennial program, and intended to commemorate the achievements of Sir Frederick Banting, co-finder, with Dr. Charles Best, of insulin, came from the farm of Sir Frederick's nephew, Edward Banting.

Sir Frederick Banting's son, William, shovelled a few ceremonial shovel-ful of earth around the tree and the nearby plaque.

As Dr. Henrietta Banting said, "Banting was not always my name therefore I brought with me a real Banting who will throw on the soil. I hope this tree will represent to you pupils here today, and to those who follow you, a life of service as exemplified so well in the life of the man whose name is commemorated."

The wind was chilly and the sun grudging but the ceremony was able to be held out of doors, with the school orchestra ranged at one side of the platform and chairs for special guests and the entire student body lining the sidewalk across the front lawn and down the east drive and Lorne Street.

A very special guest was the Hon. E. C. Drury, now 88, who recalled how, as Premier of Ontario more than 40 years ago, he had been able to have a small part in the discovery of insulin by arranging a government grant for Dr. Banting and Dr. Best when they had come to the end of their financial resources and, as it turned out, were so near to success after their years of searching for a cure for diabetes.



**Years of growth** — A young Mary Owens, three, presented Dr. Henrietta Banting (standing) with flowers at a tree planting ceremony at Banting Memorial High School in 1967. The tree was planted to commemorate Sir Frederick Banting's accomplishments. Also present were principal Sid Owens and former Ontario Premier E. C. Drury (in wheelchair) who helped Banting and his partner Dr. Charles Best procure extra funding. The tree still stands out front of the school today.

(Submitted photo)

"One morning, I think it was in 1921 or '22," Mr. Drury reminisced, "I was sitting in my office when I was visited by two young men, Dr. Banting and Dr. Best. They explained that they were working on a cure for diabetes. I was immediately interested because my father had died of diabetes, for which at that time there was no cure. They told me that because of some petty jealousy in the medical department, they had come to the end of their rope, their resources exhausted."

"They invited me to the room where they were working on the top of the Practical Science building and when I got up there it was not too attractive an apartment. The first thing I noticed were three dogs, which had been infected. Dr. Best said that part of his work was to provide the dogs and when they needed more, he would go for a walk in the evening and always managed to find one."

"I agreed to do what I could to help them. So I went back and called in the two

leaders of the opposition parties and persuaded them to let a grant go through the House without discussion. We slipped a little item into the budget and it was passed without argument."

"The result of it was that Dr. Banting and Dr. Best — I think they both deserve equal honours and I am sorry Dr. Best could not be heard today, it would have made the occasion perfect — did succeed in perfecting the treatment of diabetes and, because of that, countless people throughout the world have been able to live useful lives even though afflicted with diabetes."

"I am delighted to be here today as you honour the achievements of these two men. My part was very small but I am glad to have had even that little part in it," Mr. Drury concluded.

Introduced by Dr. Tom Irwin, a 1945 classmate at the University of Toronto,

Dr. Henrietta Banting expressed her pleasure in being invited and her surprise to find that 16 years had passed since she had attended the opening of BMHS. Three-year-old Mary Owens, in a fetching sailor dress, solemnly presented a sheaf of red roses to Dr. Banting, saying clearly, "I would like you to have these roses."

The Rev. W. R. Symons and the Rev. J. T. Bolger assisted with the programme and Mr. George Lisk introduced the Hon. Mr. Drury; principal Sidney Owens introduced the invited guests and Burton Ford, chairman of the school's centennial committee, concluded the program with:

*Firm in the good brown earth  
Sat we our little tree.  
Clear dews will freshen it,  
Cool rain will feed it,  
Sun will warm it  
As warmth is needed,  
Winds will blow round it, free.  
Take root, good tree.*

## Down memory lane

### High School love

I am proud to say that I am a Grade 13 graduate of Banting Memorial High School. I attended Banting for grades 9, 12 and 13. I graduated in 1986.

I have wonderful memories and I still have lasting friendships from my years in high school.

The best lasting relationship I still have after all these years is my husband.

I met my husband while I was at a co-op placement with the Alliston Police. Dave was an auxiliary police officer at the time. We began dating, and you guessed it, we fell in love.

On the night of my senior prom, my husband, in his black tuxedo got down on one knee and asked me to marry him. I've kept that pink dress ever since. I certainly hadn't planned on getting married so young, and a lot of people said our marriage wouldn't last, but this year is our fourteenth anniversary!

People laugh when I tell them I met my husband at the police station and our daughter enjoys the story of how daddy asked mommy to marry him.

Banting will always hold a special place in our hearts as the beginning of our life together. We're still as much in love today as that night at my senior prom at Banting.

Connie Freeborn,  
Tottenham

### The crowning glory



Banting Memorial High School chose its Queen at the 1958 annual formal, "Evening in Paris." The Queen and her court are, left to right, Princess Rose Marie Hachey, Princess Ann Stoltz, 1957 Queen Frances Dermott, Queen Nancy Read, Princess Joan Campbell and Princess Betty Sajgalik.

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## Arts and Culture

# Arts booming at Banting

Arts, literature and culture have played a role in the lives of BMHS students since it opened in 1951. In the early days, musicians were able to play in the school band, orchestra, sing in the choir and study vocal music.

The BMHS Drama Society and Orchestra of 1964 presented Sandy Wilson's operetta *The Boyfriend*. The play actually took place in the 1920s at Madame Dubonnet's School for young girls on the French Riviera. The production was based on several girls enrolled at the school who, at about 8 p.m. each night, were struck by a sudden attack of love fever.

By 1978, productions including *The Timid Dragon* and *Music Man* hit the stage for audiences to enjoy.

Also in 1978, rumors circulated through the halls of the possibility of Banting having an audio production studio in the school.

"The idea is that students, teachers and groups will be able to produce and record radio plays, readings, music, etc. Someone in the group even voiced the opinion that the opening exercises and announcements might, in time, come from this room in high fidelity and full stereo. What an optimist!" reported The BHMS Focus newspaper in 1978.

The Herald reported in 1980 BMHS was again treated to another home-grown musical production, the first since 1978. From March 5 to 8, *Good News* was presented, featuring student actors and actresses performing in full costume with musical accompaniment.

One of the most memorable events in the history of the drama department was the attendance of Major General Lewis McKenzie at a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* set in Sarajevo by director Steve Thomas in the early 1990s.

In 1984, three BMHS teachers decided

to begin a Fine Arts Festival, giving students a chance to display their talents. Pam Maw, visual arts, Steve Winfield, music and Ed Innocenzi, drama, combined their ideas and the two-evening festival began. At that time, one night was dedicated to music and the second, drama, while art was displayed throughout the festival.

In 2000, the name of the event was changed and continues as Fine Arts Night. The exhibit is now held for one evening annually.

Current day BMHS students interested in the arts continue to have the opportunity to exhibit their work at the annual Fine Arts Night each May.

From music groups, dance presentations, art work, technology students, photography club members and those in the video club, all students are encouraged to showcase their art in the cafeteria or the courtyard for the show.



**On cue** — (Above and bottom left) A scene and a behind-the-scenes scene from the 1964 production of the operetta *The Boyfriend*. A production of *Godspell* was presented by BMHS students in 1985.



**Spanning the ages** — Terry Arnio, principal of Banting Memorial High School, left, holds the Lamp of Learning trophy for past and present students to contemplate. Bill Braden, Alliston, was a student at Banting when it first opened its doors in 1951. Jeff Ashton, Tottenham, and Heather McLean, Loretto, will graduate during BMHS' 50th anniversary.

(Herald photo by Jason Ballantyne)

## The Fox

*It was a beautiful being,  
Known as the fox,  
A creature unique;  
Who wore but one of his socks.  
he ran with courage,  
He ran with pride,  
He ran from his hunter,  
Whom he would not hide.  
He thought of his goal; his dream  
Of running the endless ground,  
And he was making it  
Then came the hunting hound.  
His hunter — it wasn't a human,  
But the dread disease,  
This beautiful being,  
Terry Fox, had been seized.  
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# The Teenager

Teenage is not an age, like old age or middle age.

It is a species, a species which presents unlimited opportunities for abstract theoretical study to anyone, qualified or otherwise, and usually otherwise, who is attracted by it.

Nebulous conclusions such as, "teenagers have abandoned morality because they fear the Bomb" are propounded as unshakeable truths. This one is fallacious on two counts; one, teenagers have not abandoned morality, and two, most teenagers are supremely unaware of the Bomb.

Sociologists are continually publishing case histories that prove conclusively that X is a teenage delinquent for this or that positively stated reason.

They ignore the fact that human behavior at its best is difficult to classify with any degree of accuracy, and at its worst has even less logical reasoning behind it. Blinder still, they ignore the fact that teenage behavior is human behavior. We "teenagers" are recognizable human beings and our minds function along human lines. We do not require our own personal friend.

We find all this anthropological interest in our tribal customs amusing, but it is becoming extremely tedious. We are not flattered by the attention of these experts in "teenology," nor do we agree with their conclusions. For they who deplore our conformity and our lack of individuality indulge in the most banal cliché of them all, "teenager."

— Elizabeth J. Shilton, 1966

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## Sports

### *Gymnastics program has always excelled*

Men's gymnastics was one of the first sports at Banting Memorial High School to spring into successful action.

It was not until the late 1960s that steady records were kept about Banting sports.

Once the records were kept, both men's and women's gymnastics appeared again and again.

Under the direction of coach Nick Yankoff Sr., BMHS took the Georgian



Girl's gymnastics team, 1967/68

Bay championship eight years in a row, starting in 1968.

Among the stars of that era was Grade 10 student David Horan who won the Ontario championship.

Also prominent was Brad Cox who brought fame to the high school in 1972 as the first inter-school competitor to swing into a handstand on the rings, a feat he repeated a few weeks later at the provincial championships.

### Top athletes honored for 33 years

Banting Memorial High School held its first athletic banquet in 1968 under the direction of Dave Moore, the head of the physical education department, and principal Gord Wright.

It is now a long-standing tradition to name a male and female athlete of the year at the school.

### Oh, how it has grown

When BMHS opened in September 1950 there was an enrollment of 428 students and 19 staff members.

On the same date in 1956, BMHS boasted 664 students and 33 staff members.

In 1986, the enrollment records show 1,791 students attended the school with 118 teachers, several custodians, six secretaries, two football teams, and one principal, along with three vice principals.

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## Sports

# Strong history of excellence in athletics



**Sixties style** — Say hello to the 1968 GBSSA All-Ontario Wrestling champions. Pictured are Dave Moore, John Thibert, Jim Lynch, Jim Exner, Bill Nosad, Bob Saunders, Ian Kay, Jack Hanna, Davie Gordon, Chris Butler, Henry Smits, Guy Zink, Doug Hillock, Frank Prothro, Richie Akeson, Wilf Anderson and Roger Kierans.

[Submitted photo]

by Jason Ballantyne  
Herald staff

As with any high school, athletics has played a huge part in Banting Memorial High School's history.

For 50 years young men and women have played on fields and in gyms.

Football, gymnastics, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, golf — all kinds of teams have seen hundreds of players take part.

Dave Moore was there to see a lot of those players. He served as a coach for various teams — football, wrestling, track and field — during his almost 18 combined years as a teacher and vice-principal at BMHS.

The memories, some he hasn't thought about in more than three decades, come flooding back when he talks about what athletics mean to a school.

"Athletics are very large, especially when you consider that a lot of school spirit comes from participation in

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As the Member of Provincial Parliament for the riding of Simcoe-Grey, it gives me great pleasure to extend my congratulations to Banting Memorial High School on its 50th Anniversary.

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Having passed through the corridors of Banting, I am extremely grateful for the exceptional level of education that I received. Like so many others, B.M.H.S. instilled in me the values of hard work and good citizenship.

Once again, congratulations on your 50th anniversary and I extend my sincere desire for five more decades of continued success. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Jim Wilson, MPP  
Simcoe-Grey

## Sports

# 1967-68 wrestling championships a highlight

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school activities. One of the major areas where you can participate is in sports," said Moore.

Banting has enjoyed a large number of athletic teams, many of which have done well at the county and provincial levels.

Those successes always did great things for the school, usually in more ways than one.

"The more success you have the more students will come out," said Moore. "Once you started to win you had more kids looking to get into sports. There are so many by-products in sport."

Moore said they teach students valuable life lessons — lessons of friendship, team building, sportsmanship.

"You learn to suffer a loss with dignity and you also learn to win with grace."

Moore reached way back for what he remembers as his greatest moment.

There are all kinds — football wins and great soccer teams — but there is

one that stands out in his mind. He recalls the excitement surrounding the boy's 1967/68 wrestling team.

"It was the first year I was there. It is so vivid in my mind. The gym would be absolutely packed. Anytime there was a pin the place would go absolutely wild."

The team had such a great following 200 to 300 students followed it to the championships held in Belleville where it ended up taking first place.

"The whole student body was behind us."



Back then Fridays were hockey night and the Alliston arena used to be packed to watch the boy's hockey team.

Many Banting athletes have gone on to participate at higher levels of competition, said Moore, and it still tickles him when he sees former athletes — male and female — at the Potato Festival. There they talk of past glories and failures as though they happened yesterday.

And although athletics are still a big part of school life at Banting Memorial High School, their role has changed quite a bit over the years, said Moore.

"Athletics have changed because society itself has changed. There are more kids today who feel they need to work to buy clothes or a car so the same degree of participation isn't there," he said.

In the 1967/68 year, the wrestling team was paraded around town after its win.

"You can't tell me that win didn't lift the spirits of every kid at Banting a little higher."



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## Sports



**The clothes are definitely up to par** — Members of the boy's golf team of 1976/77 finished sixth in the Georgian Bay championships. Left to right: Kurt Donovan, Dave Forsyth, Kelly Taylor, Mr. Hanna (coach)



**Chilly** — It was a chilly day during the 1977/78 season as Banting students huddled against the cold to watch a game from the stands.



**Girls senior basketball team, 1976-77** — Top: Heather Hubbard. Back: Daureen Downey, Anne Marie Power, Terry Brown. Middle row: Cheryl Pecore, Joedy Aiken, Sue Ramey, Cecilia McKenna, Mrs. Warner (coach). Front: Heather Bradley, Laurie Consaul (manager), Lynn Murphy.



**The cheerleading squad of 1967/68**

## Down memory lane

# *Remembering... the way they were*



Brett Cane, circa 1983



Barbara Thomas (Drury) circa 1964



Brian Gauley, circa 1964



Ken Inkster, circa 1966



S. D. Spencer, circa 1966



Rick Milne, circa 1964



Rod Abrams, circa 1964



Peter Vanderzaag, circa 1964



Jim Wilson, circa 1980

# Banting makes it to the moon

Not only has Sir Frederick G. Banting's good name been commemorated by being used as the moniker for the local high school, the co-founder of insulin's name has even made it as far as the moon.

It's a little known fact that NASA named a crater on the moon's surface after the good doctor who died in 1941 at the age of 50.

The crater known as Banting is five kilometres in diameter and was formerly known as Linné E.

It is typical of the small, raised-rim craters seen on the moon and is notable as having been once named as a subsidiary of a crater less than half its diameter, the tiny Linné.

This latter feature, a very bright, young, ray crater is only 2.4 kilometres across and lies about 120 kilometres west of Banting. It is better known for the brightness and visibility of its ray system while the crater itself is a stringent test of visual acuity for earthbound observers.

## Totem pole heralded as high school's symbol during the early years

While studying Jill Irving's suggestion to title the BMHS 1957-58 year book "The Totem Pole", BMHS students uncovered many interesting facts about totems and totem poles. They learned that all natives devoted to the same totem considered themselves brothers and that it was the common totem which bound a tribe together. They considered that any misdeed committed by a member of the group was a disgrace to every member, but that an honor won by one brother was an honor for all.

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**To the moon** — The largest crater in this photo of the moon's surface, formerly known as Linné E, was renamed Banting in honor of the Canadian doctor after his death in 1941. (NASA photo)



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That I can still recall  
I look in the mirror  
And I can't believe life has passed  
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Leaving only traces of yesterday  
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— Michelle Coombs,  
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## Technology

### Ribbons to microchips

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Industrial arts courses were also offered and as reported in the 1957-58 BMHS year book, "it gives time for experiments, construction, and the pride of a finished product. It also allows one to explore his interests and thus prepares him for the industrial world. Shop provides socially accepted attitudes toward work and appreciation of good workmanship."

The vast difference in technology from the 1950s until 2001 were not only felt worldwide but also at Banting Memorial High School.

"In '73, we thought we were lucky to have one computer that had 4K of memory," recalls BMHS information technology teacher, Tony Borysek.

"1973 were the days of the typewriter and calculator," he said.

With only one computer at BMHS in 1973, the typewriter is now extinct as the school now has between 250 to 300 state-of-the-art computers, with limitless capabilities. Calculators? Well, some students still carry their own personal pocket size calculators, but are also able to use computers to find the answers they need.

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Front Row - left to right: Jim Kidd; Irene Armstrong (Cave); Marjorie Milne (Venables); Annette Beusaert (Quist); Kim Sillar (Roxburgh); Marilyn Detsey (Kerr); April Murdy; Sharon Skelton (Varney); Betty Kleinrauber (Murray); Carolyn Owens (Lemon).

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## Technology

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The internet was introduced to BMHS classrooms in about 1995 to 1996, and now all computers on the network have Internet access.

Borysek says students continue to have a large interest in computer courses and the career opportunities for information technology students are increased through such education. Students can continue after high school to be successful in numerous technological professions including network systems engineer, programmer, internet programmer, hardware maintenance and computer engineering.

"Information technology is so all encompassing now," Borysek said.

One of the major and most noticeable differences in the technology department from 1973 to 2001 are the options available to students to personalize and prepare resumes said Borysek.

"In the mid-1970s, you would have one generic resume on a typewriter and you'd photocopy as many as you needed. Now, it's common place to customize your resume for each application," he said.

Also in the technology department, the number of females studying and even teaching in the tech wing has dramatically increased since the days it was called the industrial arts centre.

Deb Jago, current technology leader, estimates 40 per cent of technology teachers at BMHS in 2001 are women, whereas 20 years ago that number may have been one in eight and the one woman teacher was undoubtedly the cosmetology instructor.

Now, such courses include communications, hospitality, per-

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De Witt K. Harvey, familiarly known as D.K. Harvey, was a Tecumseth township native. He was born on lot 12, Conc. 11, in 1897, and died in 1988.

Although he was a successful farmer, Harvey also found time to be involved in municipal politics. In 1932, he sat on Tecumseth council and did so for eight years. He then served as deputy reeve from 1940 to 1944, then reeve in 1945. In 1947, he became warden of Simcoe County.

It was while Harvey was warden that he gave valuable assistance in the organization of Banting Memorial High School as a school area for the district. The next year, he was made chairman of the district high school board and remained in that position from 1948 to 1952.

On Jan. 1, 1948, the high school district board was appointed and took office. At the meeting Harvey was elected chairman, J. E. McCague was vice chairman, and Ernest Cumberland secretary treasurer. A. Arnold represented Essa, D. McCracken, Tosorontio, A. H. Bates, Alliston; C. J. Cerswell, Tecumseth; J. P.



**De Witt K. Harvey**

Coates, separate schools; C. Curry, West Gwillimbury, M. P. McDonald, Beeton; R. A. McKelvey, Adjala; W. P. Mitchell, Mulmur; J. C. Watson, Tottenham.

The first duties of the board were to co-ordinate the high school boards of Alliston Continuation School, Beeton, Cookstown and Tottenham schools taking over their assets and paying their liabilities. The Continuation Schools and High School of Alliston continued to function until the new school was built.

April 2, 1951, Harvey was presented with a brass commemorative key to the new school which remained in the family over the past five decades.

A veteran of the First World War, Harvey was credited with assisting to make BMHS one of the finest buildings in Ontario at the time. In 1952, he was appointed Tecumseth Township clerk-treasurer.

Three of Harvey's great-granddaughters, Jennifer and Cassandra Harvey and Krista McCracken who attend BMHS, recently presented the key to principal Terry Arnio. It will hang in the foyer.

## Community Ties

# Students are a natural resource for businesses

by Kathryn Mooij  
*Special to The Herald*

Although Clare Ludlow never attended Banting Memorial High School and didn't teach there, he has a very strong and unique connection with the school and its students.

Ludlow is the owner of the Dairy Queen in Alliston and for 41 years, he has been providing jobs for students. Since opening in 1960, there have been 311 employees at the restaurant and all but about five of them have been students at Banting.

"I guess I just like kids," said Ludlow adding he does not believe all teenagers are "trouble-makers."

After checking his meticulously kept records, Ludlow said 219 girls and 92 boys have worked for him. The first four employees were Catherine



**Banting a resource for restaurant** — For 41 years Clare Ludlow, owner of the Alliston Dairy Queen, has been hiring Banting students to serve hot eats and cool treats. Two current staff members and Banting students, Ashley McMann and Laura Flatt, look over a photo of staff from 1985.  
(Special Herald photo by Kathryn Mooij)

Williams whose mother was a teacher in town, Joanne Lewis, whose father owned the hardware store, Pat Collins, daughter of an insurance agent and Ludlow's own daughter, Lynda.

There was even some match-making and Ludlow said four or five sets of employees eventually tied the knot.

As another shift of students prepared to serve at the counter recently, Ludlow said "Banting has been our best resource and has provided us with lots of customers in the last 41 years."

Though he was a bus driver for Banting for five years from 1955-60, it is the Dairy Queen that has kept Ludlow and his family in close contact with Banting students.

"We've travelled through lots of years together," he said, offering his congratulations to the school.



One of the most outstanding covers for Banting Memorial High School's yearbook was undoubtedly this image shot for the 1984 cover imitating The Beatles Abbey Road album cover with the student body in the background.

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## Community Ties

# Three generations walk Banting halls

As Banting Memorial High School (BMHS) prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary, three generations of the Murphy family reflect on their experiences at BMHS.

Alvin Murphy attended Alliston High School before BMHS opened, and later transferred to the new school when it was built in Sept., 1950.

At that time 428 students were enrolled at the school and there were 19 staff members. By Sept., 1953, BMHS boasted 664 students and 33 staff members.

"My first view of the new school was when several students helped the custodian move the piano from the old to new school," he said.

"Music was continuously played as the half-ton truck made the short journey through Alliston."

While a BMHS student, Alvin Murphy played in the school band until he graduated in 1953.

Nearly 20 years later in 1972, Alvin Murphy's son, Mark, began his high school education at BMHS.

"Attending high school was a great experience and I made some life long friends at Banting," he said.

From 1972 to 1978 Mark Murphy was a team player on Banting Memorial High School's basketball and football teams.

"Banting had some great football teams in those years," he said.

Coached by Dave Moore and Bill Hubbard, the boys senior football team managed to capture the GBSSA championship in 1976.

"I always played offensive or defensive line and in the final game, the coaches let me play fullback for a couple of plays. I was lucky enough to plunge in from the third yard line and score a touchdown. It was great fun," Mark Murphy said.

Two of Mark Murphy's daughters, Hollis and Secord, are current BMHS students.

Hollis Murphy is in Grade 10, and Secord, Grade 9. Both are also active in sports.

Hollis has been a member of the basketball, volleyball, rugby and badminton teams, while Secord also enjoys volleyball and rugby.

"Attending Banting has been a great adventure for me," Hollis said.

While student enrolment has significantly increased to about 1,500 since Hollis' and Secord's father Mark Murphy attended BMHS, they too are enjoying life at BMHS and developing lasting friendships.



**Following in dad's footsteps** — Three generations of the Murphy family share the unique experience of all having attended the same high school. Alvin Murphy (far left), and his son Mark, (right) both graduated from BMHS, Alvin in 1953, and Mark in 1978. Mark's two daughters, Hollis and Secord are current BMHS students. Hollis is in Grade 10 and Secord, Grade 9.

(Submitted photo)

## The Wright Stuff

# Gordon Wright was a hands-on educator

by Kathryn Mooij  
*Special to The Herald*

Gordon Wright became the vice-principal at Banting Memorial High School in 1963, when he moved from the lofty position of National Director of Fitness and Amateur Sport back into the education field. Wright had not been a school teacher for 20 years and it was somewhat daunting for him to return to the classroom. However, he said the school "put new blood in my veins" and he was thrilled to be making a difference in the lives of young people. He has many fond memories of the school and some are included in a book due to be released in mid-June.

Principal Sid Owens asked Wright to take a science class and he set up a trough and encouraged students to bring in fish life from the nearby Boyne and Nottawasaga rivers. Two girls brought in live lamprey and someone brought in a snapping turtle. Watching the interaction of nature was an adventure and when Wright told students he'd never seen live lamprey and was learning along with them, they volunteered information and the whole class came alive.

When the Latin program seemed to be losing students in the higher grades, Wright suggested to teacher Ken Inkster that they put on a Roman-style meal.

"I'll put on a toga and roll around and get them laughing and maybe that will help enrollment," Gord said. Apparently it



**Gordon A. Wright,  
Banting's third principal**

worked because today Banting produces winning Latin students.

Banting was growing by leaps and bounds in the late '60s and early '70s. The school went to a shift system and staff were on duty from 7 a.m. until late in the evening. The shifts allowed students to work and attend school but it only continued for a short time while new buildings were being constructed.

One afternoon, Wright overheard workmen complaining about the amount of money being put into education and new buildings. He stopped and asked if any of them had a diabetic in the family or

among their friends. Then he told them the story of Alliston's Frederick Banting, co-discoverer of insulin.

"I said if every school could produce just one person like that our world would be changed and when they returned, having found diabetics among their social circles, they had totally different attitudes," Wright recalled.

When Owens left, Wright became principal in 1969. He is perhaps best remembered for his stick-handling and the athletic field that resulted from those abilities.

When Wright suggested the school board try to purchase Kellogg-Salada land south of the school, the board balked and said they could never afford it. Wright called some of his connections at Kellogg's head office and was able to secure a deal on the land at a purchase price of less than one-third of what the board expected to pay. In a unique agreement, the board, school and town took responsibility for the fields.

In 1984, 10 years after Wright resigned as principal, the land was re-named the G.A. Wright Athletic Field. School trustee Frank Prothero told the audience of over 1,800 students and several dignitaries, the co-operative agreement had served as a model all over Canada.

Wright is still interested in activities at the school and, at age 90, he is offering to be part of the reunion for the school which he says gave him many great years.

## Technology

# Courses have kept pace with rapidly changing times

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sonal services and technological design.

"In hospitality, you can go into the kitchen as a cook or a chef. Personal services include cosmetology, esthetics and hairdressing," Jago said.

When BHMS officially opened in 1951, technology courses were trade specific, with 12 to 15 individual courses offered. However in 1995, courses began to be grouped with broad based technology and now seven different areas of technology are taught.

In the past, such courses as household electricity and furniture-making were offered.

Today all are still available but fall under a blanket category called construction. Welding, fabrication and tool and die are now called manufacturing, and automotive is transportation.

"Transportation includes mechanics and auto body. Students could be system analysts, mechanics..." she said.

BMHS transportation technology students have the unique ability to work in the school's fully equipped autobody shop.

Now there is also a technology division referred to as 'soft technology' and includes communications, technological design, and drafting. In the past, it was

known that if one was to go to the tech wing of any high school, they could expect to get their hands dirty. While the same still holds true, there are also these soft technology courses where students can work with technology, but not necessarily get "dirty."

Technology courses are not mandatory for graduation. Rather, electives which give students the choice of whether or not they want to take classes in the tech wing. Again, in the technology department computers play an immense role in the instruction and education of students as they have become mainstream in the world of work.

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