

Monkey Bars Removed, Again

BY TIMOTHY VON BOETTICHER

The Georgetown Gemini For the second time in two years the children's playground equipment has been removed from a condominium development at 59 Maple Ave.

The reason for the removal was an injury to one of the residents. Seven-year-old Sean Foreman, a resident with his parents at the complex, suffered a broken collarbone when he fell from a set of 'monkeybars' that had been erected in the children's playground.

Condo Association President Mal Dodge says that two separate events this year have prompted the decision.

He circulated a questionnaire on the issue of removal of the equipment. The condo owners decided to take them out of the playground.

"Majority rules and out they went", says Dodge.

Mary Lou Foreman complained when her son

ended up with a broken collarbone after falling from the bars

"He was playing up there with a Gr. 7 student and he got karate kicked off", explains Dodge. Foreman was concerned because she lives opposite the playground and has witnessed many kids falling from the steel bars onto the hard ground.

"Falls happen", concedes Foreman. "What is the recreational purpose of a seven foot high monkey bar? You fall, you're going to have a broken neck. There's a lot of toddlers and I'd be remiss if I didn't inform everyone."

"The kids are now protesting", says Dodge. "They didn't want me to take it out. They sent me a letter. 'Don't take it out, Mr. Dodge'. Kids will climb on whatever you put in"

"I don't think the kids should have a vote", says Foreman. "As an adult, I will decide what is safe and what is not."

Georgetown bagpiping champ takes it to the Scottish highlands

BY JAMIE HARRISON

The Georgetown Gemini From a little hobby that she really wasn't interested in when she started, bagpiper Judith Irwin has come a long way in a few short years.

After winning the North American solo championships in Barrie recently, Irwin left Sunday to compete in the World championships in Glasgow, Scotland this week.

Wearing the ancient MacDonald tartan, Irwin, of Irish ancestry, takes her hobby in stride.

"By getting a couple of firsts (in competition) really pushed me on, because when I first started I really wasn't that interested.

"When I started placing it gave me more of a challenge," Irwin said.

As a member of the Milton Optimist Pipe Band, Irwin, 15, first started piping three years ago at the behest of her mother, also a piper.

Becoming involved with the pipe band has afforded her the opportunity to travel throughout Ontario, the US and now overseas, including an ancient Celtic festival staged every year in Bethlehem, Penn, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

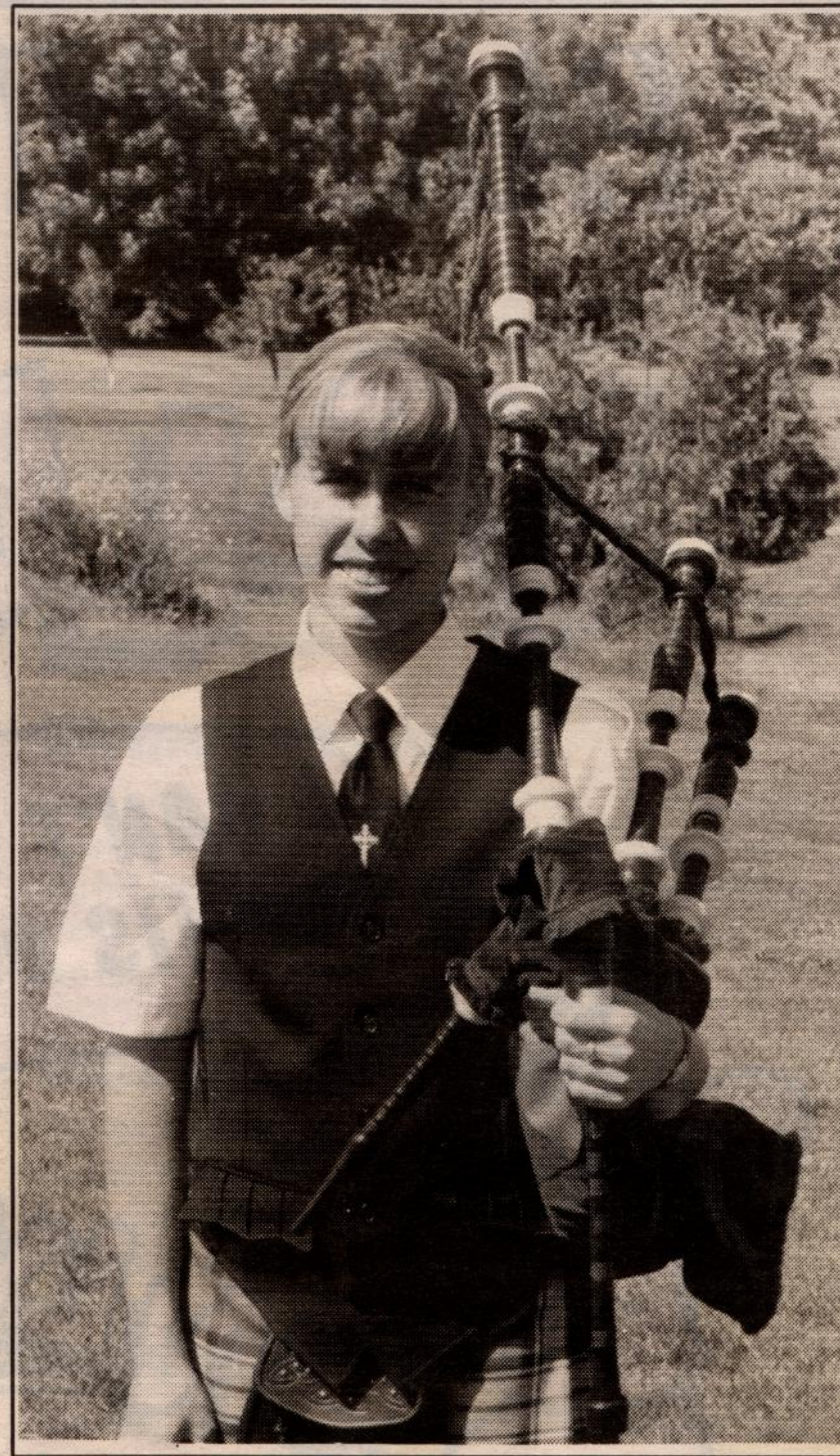
Yet, through all this, Irwin manages to keep her skill in perspective, viewing it as a hobby.

Though she has considered using it to further her education (some American universities offer scholarships to bagpipers), Irwin has decided that whatever career path she chooses, bag piping will remain just a much loved hobby.

In addition to the thrill of travel and competition, piping has also allowed her to meet others with similar interests, most notably her fellow pipers in the Milton band.

"Piping is good, socially - I've come to know a lot of people. It's something fun to do in the summer time," she said, adding,

"It's something that always keeps you going"



BLOW ME DOWN! Judith Irwin, 15, left Sunday for Glasgow, Scotland where she will be taking part in a world bagpiping competition. Judith is a Gr. 11 student at GDHS. (Jamie Harrison photo)

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