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'CONSIDERED POLITICAL OPINION'

Glen Williams Christmas flyer 'not hate literature'

BY JAMIE HARRISON
The Georgetown Gemini

Steve Edgar was more than a little surprised that he was being investigated by Halton Regional Police for distributing hate literature.

He wasn't, but a series of events led up to that accusation; events that Edgar did not find amusing.

On Dec. 18, a police brief ran in *The Gemini* indicating that Edgar was being investigated by the Intelligence Unit of Halton Regional Police Service following several complaints made through 11 Division in Georgetown. *The Gemini* obtained the story through a twice-weekly briefing with detectives from HRPS, who said the complaints had been forwarded to the Intelligence Unit for investigation.

According to Det. Sgt. Don Cousens of the Intelligence Unit, there was no such investigation because the literature does not contravene the Hate Literature section of the Criminal Code of Canada. Det. Cousens also said that detectives erred when giving the story to the media.

In a recent interview, Edgar told his side of the story.

Edgar's original complaint was that his 10-year-old son came home from school and said that there would be no Christmas concert but a 'seasonal celebration' instead, including a rendition of the popular song, *The Macarena*.

"What is *The Macarena*?" Edgar asked. "Is it suddenly a Spanish Christmas song?" Edgar said he went to the

school and talked to teachers about this and was told that this would be the school's position.

"I was really upset and said, 'What has that got to do with Christmas?'"

In response, he printed a flyer (reprinted at right), and distributed them around the community, including sending copies to local media.

He also passed around copies at the school's concert.

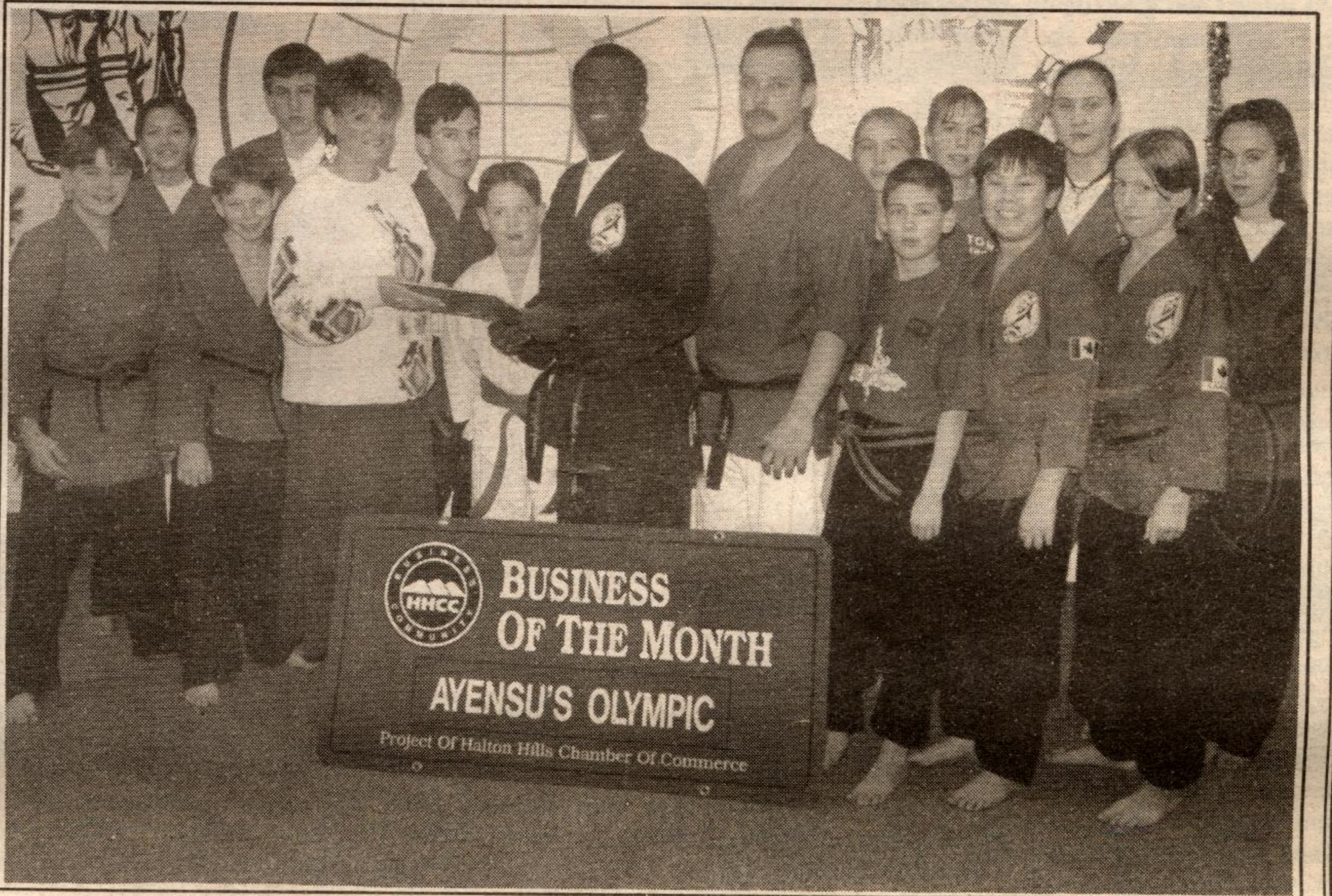
When *The Macarena* was finally performed, it was loudly applauded by some in the audience. Edgar feels the applause was in protest to his protest.

"That's fair enough. You're getting a lot of people, rightly or wrongly, who have another opinion," Edgar said. "My support in the room was much softer and subtler, with a lot of those flyers being put into pockets and purses."

The ensuing publicity hasn't hurt Edgar, either. He recently appeared on CFRB radio as a result of his protest and gave interviews to local newspapers. He has also received support in the community.

"As a result I've had at least 15 phone calls from peo-

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GOOD STANDING: Felix Ayensu of Ayensu's Olympic Tae-Kwon-Do accepts congratulations from Pat Hatch on being selected as the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Month. Back row, from left: Sumi Bonyun, Jeff MacIntyre, Nick Benson, Tara Edison, Melissa Somerville, Tracy Rees, Laura Parker. Front Row, from left: Brand Aresenault, Vince Burte, Cameron Sikora, Pat Hatch, Master Felix Ayensu, John Manes, Taylor King, Mark Lindsey, Pat Downes. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Ramautarsingh helps elect Ontario Lt. Gov. U of T Chancellor

After months of deliberations and diligent search, the University of Toronto College of Electors elected outgoing Ontario Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman as the next Chancellor of the university.

Georgetown resident Dr. Tom Ramautarsingh, a member of the College of Electors, was ecstatic with the decision, saying Jackman more than qualified for the position.

"We have been very fortunate and are elated to have the Honourable Hal Jackman as our 30th Chancellor since the university's founding in 1827," Ramautarsingh said. "He has met all the criteria that we set out by the College of Electors. He will bring to the office his talents, communicative and personal skills, prestige and devotion, sense of duty and high calibre of service."

Jackman graduated from U of T's Victoria College in 1953 and from the Faculty of Law in 1956. He also received an honorary Doctor of Law (LLD) from his alma mater.

The Chancellor is the titular head of the university and he chairs all functions, meets all dignitaries to the university and is the ambassador to more than 300,000 alumni members.

He succeeds Rose Wolfe on July 1.



GOOD COMPANY: Tom Ramautarsingh was a member of the academic board which selected outgoing Ontario Lt. Gov. Hal Jackman as the next Chancellor of the University of Toronto. (photo submitted)

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