

# Free Press

# YOUTH PAGE

## fresh tracks

by Barbara McIntosh

Everybody talks about the generation gap these days. They define it as a lack of communications between those over 30 and those under. It's a strange inexplicable atmosphere of suspicion and hostility that can often result in unfair generalizations and unfounded judgments.

Recently an editorial appeared in the Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin. It wasn't a spectacular story, but it stands as a prime example of what can happen when people allow pre-conceived ideas to rule their decisions.

Steven Lebo, a young Canadian who likes books and happens to wear a beard, tried to establish a boutique in Collingwood. Pressure from a reactionary town establishment stopped him.

According to the editorial, Stephen is a young man who appears well-read, honest, and experienced with life in spite of his lack of formal education. But it is easy to understand the fear that he could instill in the heart of a straight-faced Chamber of Commerce member over 30.

He has an interesting but unorthodox life story. Worst of all, he is an idealist and he is determined to be himself in a world that demands conformity.

His parents are Jewish Canadians but he was born in Cuba. Although he undoubtedly could have been a first class student, Stephen became bored with school and dropped out. He left to work his way around the world and ended up farming on a kibbutz in Israel for two years. Here he became caught up in the idea of buying a farm in South America and setting it up on the kibbutz principle for homeless children.

Stephen returned to Canada, and early this year he got a job at Wasaga Beach. Then he began working on a farm near Collingwood.

At the first of the summer, he got the idea of starting a small book and record boutique on the Collingwood main street. A month-to-month lease was arranged in a vacant shop, and Stephen ordered his stock. Then without warning or reason, he was told that the lease would not be renewed after the end of August. He could not afford to set up shop for two months.

I suspect that the situation developed through misunderstanding. Apparently Stephen didn't announce publicly that he had a bank account, a credit rating, and an uncle who was backing him as legal trustee. He didn't tell the town that he intended to shave before he opened.

The established business powers presumably assumed that Stephen was the beginning of some type of hippie cult in Collingwood. They were afraid of a record and book boutique called "Bag End" because it was different, and they were afraid of Stephen because he was different.

The editorial sums up with the statement: "We must never condemn impulsively. We must remember every person, regardless of outward appearances, deserves the opportunity to take a chance."

Amen.

### Post says vote at 18

Now that Canada has a prime minister who identifies with and has generated enthusiasm for politics in young people, Toronto's Financial Post has come out in favour of lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

In a recent article, they expressed the hope that the question would be examined when the long-promised revision of the Elections Act comes up in the new Parliament.

They argue that persons in the armed forces, even if under 21, are entitled to vote. If an 18-year-old in the armed forces has the necessary intelligence, why not the rest of his contemporaries in civilian life?

### Drop-outs succeed at Sheridan college

Last May, President J. M. Porter announced that Sheridan College would set up a program to encourage high school drop-outs to get back into the educational stream. As a result, of newspaper announcements and advertisements a class of 24 students, mostly from the Peel-Halton area, began an intensive upgrading course in Mathematics, Science and English in June. Some students had been out of school as long as five years.

On August 9, 22 of these students completed the course and will be entering regular programs at Sheridan College in September. Those who are entering will be entering regular programs at Sheridan College in September. Those who are entering technology programs will continue on for another four weeks of Mathematics and Science.

## Time being a total experience

Time Being has transformed the automotive building at the CNE into a total experience in the lights and colours of youth.

It vibrates with the sounds and rhythm of continuous live performances that run the full spectrum from pop to rock to folk to soul.

It glows in mad, mod colours, fluorescent posters, and psychedelic lighting.

To enter, everyone passes through a conditioning room with metallic walls, floor and ceiling, and strobelighting that distorts perception and movement and simulates a psychedelic trip.

The main floor is devoted to displays of everything that appeals to youth. For the girls there are make-up and hair-dressing demonstrations by the top manufacturers. Each offers special Exhibition packaged bargains to make you beautiful and in. For the boys, there are souped-up bikes and cars, and a full range of drums, guitars and amplifiers.

You can find out about a trip to Europe from the Youth Hostel

booth, buy a book on Yoga, see an expert work out on a trampoline or watch Brian Skinner broadcast from the CHUM trailer station.

The mezzanine has become a miniature village with shops, boutiques, outdoor cafes and unusual movie theatres. You can have flowers painted on your body, pick up an Indian shirt for 60 dollars, stand around sniffing incense, or buy a pop record at a discount.

A special row of shops have been devoted to young artists who will sketch your portrait or make you a paper flower while you wait. One girl paints wild designs on old-wooden furniture. Another paints on silk.

If you're lucky you can catch one of the two daily fashion shows by Miss Chatelaine. The models dance on stage to the beat of a live group. Strobelighting turns them into mechanical dolls. The cloths are fantastic.

Time Being is the best thing to happen to the Ex this year. It's a must for anyone who wants to know where it's at and be a part of it.



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## Saskatchewan's Camp Rayner first provincial 4-H camp

Canada's first provincial 4-H Camp, located on the banks of Diefenbaker Lake in Birsay, Saskatchewan, was officially opened on June 30 in a special commemorative dedication ceremony.

Mrs. J. G. Rayner, assisted by two local 4-H Club members, officially cut the ribbon to open the site which is named after her late husband, Professor John G. Rayner, a former director of the University of Saskatchewan and Past President of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs. Professor Rayner spent most of his life in dedicated service to the rural young people of his province.

persons were on hand to witness the ceremonies and tour the modern facilities of the Camp. It consists of ten dormitory buildings housing eight per cabin and a central administration building which contains dining facilities, meeting rooms, library and assembly hall.

R. E. Cudmore, Oakville, Ontario, President of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs, extended greetings from the National Council and congratulated the Saskatchewan 4-H Foundation for the leading role it has taken in establishing a sound program. He cited Camp Rayner as a tribute to the development of the program.

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Best black and white photographs, suitable for publication, with credit, on the Editorial Page of The Acton Free Press.

**PICTURE SUBJECT** - A Scene, Children, Animals; Buildings, Flowers, Etc. of General Interest, taken within ten miles of Acton.

Identification and Technical Information (type of camera and film) to accompany each entry.

THREE ENTRIES PER PERSON PERMITTED (Children's Entries Welcome)

Negatives and Prints to be submitted to The Free Press by Friday, September 6, so judging may be completed and large prints made for display at the Fall Fair.

First Prize \$5; three Honorable Mentions at \$2.50 each  
Up to 10 Awards of \$1 each