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fresh tracks
by Barbara McIntosh

FACE-OFF

I just can't believe that last place is the best we can do in world hockey competition.

After all, we are supposed to have created the game. It's a major part of almost every Canadian boy's winter and it sells more beer and motor oil on prime television time than any other single sport. It's about time we stopped playing by the rules and started meeting fire with fire and a full time professional team with some of the same.

We've been handed enough excuses. Personally I don't care if they were the youngest team we've ever sent over... if they didn't get a chance to practice very often... that they were pitted against seasoned pros... or if they were gaining valuable experience for future NHL days. There's that little matter of national pride and reputation at stake.

I can see no point in competing in a half-donkey basis year after year, dragging Canadian morale deeper into the snow. With our record so far in world competition, we may not even be invited in a few years' time.

Why can't we sponsor a full time team. Choose the best of Canadian amateur talent, guarantee them a good education in return for two years' service, put them through professional-type training, and come up with a team that is truly representative of Canada.



TESTING FOR VITAMIN C CONTENT in orange juice is serious work for Dennis Bank studying industrial chemistry at Sheridan. — (Staff Photo).



MASTERING A POTTER'S WHEEL is William Lewis, a second year student with the Ontario Craft Foundation, on the Lorne Park Campus. — (Staff Photo).

Halton Peel may merge in new league, Volpe says Acton has option of joining

Acton's school athletic teams may have the option of leaving CWOSSA in favour of a new league, according to Nick Volpe, physical education co-ordinator with the Halton County Board of Education.

The Board is considering the amalgamation of the 12 high schools in Halton county with the 14 Peel Secondary schools in a new association.

Under the present system, Oakville, Burlington and Milton are members of the Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association (SOSSA) while Acton and Georgetown belong to the Central Western Ontario Secondary School Association (CWOSSA). Peel schools

compete in the giant Toronto District Interscholastic Athletic Association (TDIAA). "It's mostly a case of size," explains Mr. Volpe. "Both SOSSA and TDIAA have become too large and awkward. Combining the Halton and Peel schools should make an ideally sized association. It will mean more competition without

travelling great distances." The new association would be formed from a chunk off the west of TDIAA and a chunk of the east of SOSSA. Mr. Volpe sees it divided into possibly three zones. One would centre around Burlington and another around Oakville. Since Acton and Georgetown are closer to the Brampton area that to

Oakville or Burlington, he hopes that a third league could be formed in the north.

However, Mr. Volpe stresses that plans are tentative at this point, and nothing definite will be decided until a meeting of the parent body (OESSA in June).

Bruce Andrews, department head of Acton's physical education program expressed

concern over the proposed Halton-Peel merger.

"We're in no hurry to change because we are still a 'B' school and we don't want to be pitted against 'A' competition," he said. He argued that it really isn't any closer to schools in Brampton than schools in Guelph or Elora "I would prefer to stay in CWOSSA," he concluded.

Mr. Volpe said he felt schools would be given the option of choosing their association. "We aren't going to force anyone to change if they don't want to. Our main aim is to get the best system of competition for all concerned. If they want to stay with CWOSSA there should be no problem," he told the Free Press last week.

ACTON HIGH

By Terry Curtis

In the previous school week Acton High pedagogues were subjected to the constructive criticism of our educational inspectors.

For the teachers it reversed their roles; they became the students.

On trial they were compassionate towards the students; because of their preconceived, phony scenes. Sherry Johnston commented.

"Normally our classroom behaviour is permissive, and when the inspector was present the atmosphere became quite subtle."

On the whole the inspectors' visit will prove beneficial for the students in the future year (1970-1971). Considering this year's students, any new teaching methods introduced could be compared to a fireman trying to put out a forest fire after it has burned ten thousand acres and has three more to go.

Coming in three weeks once again will be our annual walkathon for cancer.

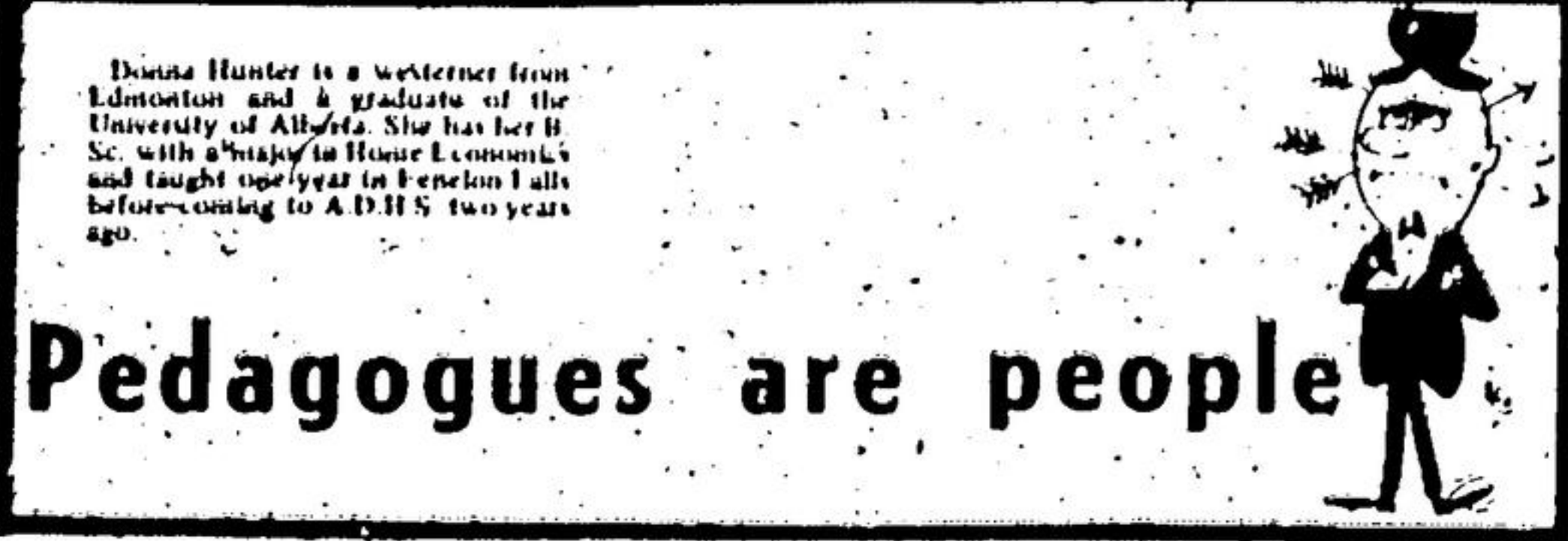
Everyone who is thinking about participating should start taking hikes to get in shape, for the challenge is going to be longer.

Arturo is our foster child in the Philippines. We, the students support him.

This week our student council is introducing a chocolate bar drive. During the long week-end, students will be in your neighborhood calling on you, so please give them your support. Thank you.

In view of activities, the dance Friday night was a complete success.

The "Shotgun", a top Toronto band provided an array of groovy entertainment. The dance floor was crowded, and everybody was doing their "spring thing".



"I get a bit annoyed when people call it 'cooking' and 'baking'," says Mrs. Hunter about her classes in Home Economics. "There's so much more to it."

For grades nine and 10 she teaches foods and nutrition in the first half of the year and clothing and textiles for the second. In addition, students are taught how to shop for quality and economy. Grade 11 features sociology-type course in family development from marriage to old age. In cooking, the girls study foreign foods. For sewing they move on to complicated creations like formal wear.

In grade 12, the final year for the course at A.D.H.S., she teaches a combination of economics, sociology and psychology. The course of study is designed to show girls the secrets of making the best use of time, money and energy in housekeeping. For added interest, Mrs. Hunter teaches a unit on world nutrition, discussing the problems of starvation and poor eating habits in various underdeveloped countries.

At present, a full program is available only to four-year students. Those on the five-year system can take two years of home economics at the most. It is compulsory in grade nine.

Although she admits several boys have expressed an interest in classes, Mrs. Hunter sees problems in admitting them into the regular girls' program, especially when it comes time for fashion fittings or becomes involved in complicated cooking or housekeeping. She feels a special course on how to sew on buttons and iron shirts would be ideal, but doesn't force it in the near future.

Naturally Mrs. Hunter enjoys cooking herself and especially likes fixing Italian dishes. She also sews most of her own clothes and has talents in knitting and petit-point. However, she admits that with school work, she doesn't have the time to spend at home as she might like.

Despite her exactness in the classroom she admits "I'm not a slave to my home." The Hunters



Sheridan Open House

Sunday afternoon at Sheridan College in Brampton was a happening in unique community college education.

Crowds of interested outsiders flocked to the college Open House to watch students do their things in everything from on-the-spot chemistry experiments, to displays in weaving and dress design. Colors were bright, exhibits lively, and students and staff eager to tell you all about themselves.

Finishing its second year, Sheridan boasts that it is "the here and now and what's happening in Peel and Halton Counties."

Two and three year diploma courses are offered in liberal and applied arts, visual and creative arts, business, technology, data processing, and design. There are 800 students currently enrolled.



ART-TO APPEAL, TO EVERY TASTE was on from the School of Design on Lorne Park Campus display at Sheridan open house Sunday, including sketches, paintings and three-dimensional design, in Clarkson. — (Staff Photo)

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