

Test autonomy Board of Health

The autonomy of the Board of Health may be tested in the near future. According to Bill 151 the Board is an autonomous body.

However Halton Regional Council has requested the opportunity of an in-depth review of the Board budget which is close to \$1,500,000 and represents approximately a 50 per cent increase.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington told council it was most unfair for the council to have to approve the budget without an in-depth review.

May cut later Harrington said he realized the province wanted an early indication of what the Board budget would be. At his suggestion council approved the budget for provincial review only, and retained the right to make cuts at a later date.

Board chairman David

Coons told reporters the resolution wasn't worth the paper it was written on and he said he had instructed the clerk to throw in the waste basket.

Coons said the bulk of the budget was in staff salaries and the increase reflected the council's decision to assume 14 nurses formerly in the employ of the Halton Board of Education.

Yule cash

Still need Christmas cash? Sell unwanted items with a Free Press classified ad and use the money for yule presents.

Lights out

Don't forget to turn off your Christmas tree lights before leaving the house or retiring. Remember even Santa can't make it through a burned-down chimney.

Pet of the week



Pauline and Fred Gordon and family will have a saddened Christmas if their pet doesn't return. Their coon Rascal and dog Scamp were the best of friends and loved to romp together. But Rascal was hit by a car a few months ago and killed.

Now Scamp has been missing since Thursday. She's a true shaggy dog, part Maltese terrier, and the family love her dearly. The Gordons live at R.R. 2, in the fourth line area. And what they want for Christmas is their dog.

Campbell attacks nude school art

Halton Renaissance has disturbed Halton Board of Education by bypassing the board and making recommendations directly to principals within the system rather than working through the board.

The latest incident concerns an art student who painted a picture of a nude person during a school art class. According to Renaissance leader Ken Campbell, his group had been informed of the incident by an art instructor who asked the group to comment.

The result was a three page condemnation of the act. In his letter Campbell was critical of educators who would encourage or allow such act.

"It is unethical and boorish, in the view of Renaissance, for educators to ridicule such parental values and exploit the immaturity of the youth by programs which break

down the restraints of culture and propriety inculcated into the children by loving parents at home.

"The responsibility of the public educational system is to strengthen such home values. Educators who consider it their place to 'liberate' youth from the 'inhibitions of the home' do so without the depth of loving commitment to the children's well being which is the attitude of the parents. Such irresponsibility in public school education is totally unacceptable to parents and taxpayers," he charged.

The matter was briefly discussed during a board meeting Thursday night. Trustee Bill Lawson suggested Campbell had earlier agreed to deal with policies through the board, rather than through each principal. He felt it should be done in that manner.

Campbell's letter was

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addressed "to high school principals of the region."

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