

# PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



Keith Robbins and friends.

The Acton "Y" has been growing for the past few years, from an rapidly expanding organization. This has been, in part, due to the enthusiasm of chairman Keith Robbins, who was recently re-elected for a third year.

An active participant in "Y" since his days in Montreal in the early 60s, Keith didn't get into "Y" management until he stepped in as chairman by acclamation in 1978. His wife Sue had been working with the "Y" for several years when the family lived in Acton. Since last summer, the Robbins, their two children and Sue's mother, have been living on a ten acre property south of Rockwood.

### Space major factor

Space is the big problem faced by the Y currently. The Mill Street building, now owned by the Y after a complicated struggle, is also leased in part by municipal officers, the Masons, social services and a family in an apartment. The Y executive is faced with proving itself self-sufficient enough not to require the rents from other organizations.

Another problem the executive and board are coping with is lack of supervisors for programs and lack of skilled instructors.

However, they seemed to have surmounted the instructor problem this season and are offering 10 courses including boxing, la danse orientale, judo, volleyball, basketball for teens, after school disco, ladies keep fit, pre-school gym and kiddies' klub. The basketball and disco may have to be cancelled for lack of participants. All other classes are nicely filled, but have room for more.

Skilled people able to instruct are always needed in any area, Keith says. It's even better when the instructors are members of the Y board, which is the case in some courses this year. Instructors receive a negotiable part of course fees as hourly wage but some instructors donate their time.

Volunteer supervisors are needed very badly, Keith explains. He would like to see the Y become a proper drop-in centre for hang-around teens with nothing to do. If the supervisory help were there, the gym could be opened after school for basketball or games.

Keith would like to see "The Mug" coffee shop, closed now because of lack of leadership and interest, resurrected as a regular coffee shop (The Mug was only open infrequently) with chess, checkers, euchre, and other games available.

The president appeals to people on shift work or homeworkers with a few hours a week to donate, to consider assisting and strengthening the Y.

### Full board

Lack of help is a constant problem with most community organizations. Despite this, the Y board has grown from a nucleus of five or six to its full complement of 24 enthusiastic members. Time is at a premium because all members work full time.

"It's a massive job, but we need the energy and additional help a larger board can offer," Keith says, enthusiastic about board prospects.

The Acton Y boasts approximately 140 paid members, all who enjoy the advantages of a rate reduction for courses and free access to Y facilities.

"We're an open body, not a closed club," Keith comments, expressing a wish to see more members, more people with skills offer courses, and more volunteers.

An interesting note—most people registering for winter term courses have commented they didn't want Acton and Georgetown Y's to join forces, as suggested recently by Mayor Pomeroy.

"Sociologically, Actonians are glued together," says Keith. "We need co-operation between our Y's and need to delete the competition between various agencies (referring to former problems with municipal recreation programs). I don't see why our tax dollars should be spent when volunteers are available."

The Acton Y is alive and well, and although it's in fine health it could improve even more with a couple more transfusions.

## Disabled need, want transport system

The Friends-In-Deed have thrown their full support behind the proposed transportation service for the physically disabled in Halton Hills.

Marian Keelan, a member of the group of local physically handicapped people, said they want to prove there is a need for such a

transportation service in Acton.

A study committee from Halton Hills has sent questionnaires to

individuals, health agencies and services clubs in an attempt to find out if there is a need for such a transportation service.

Halton Hills council authorized the study after a similar group from Georgetown, the Helping Hands, pleaded for a system last year.

Organizations are asked if they would financially and physically support a system, while individuals are asked how often they would need transportation and how far they travel.

"Right now," said Keelan, "we rely on family and friends to get around, but it's difficult to get in a small car, and with the increased costs of licences, gasoline and insurance, people just don't drive the big cars."

There are 25 members in Friends-In-Deed but Keelan said, there are countless more handicapped people in Acton that are shut-ins.

"We are proud of our independence," Keelan stated, "but we find it frustrating when we can't get out to do our own shopping." There is a need for transportation in Acton and to other

## University course to be offered here

The University of Z, is entitled 'The Short Waterloo will be offering an English course Thursdays at the Acton Library from April 3 to June 26. The course, English 201

The lectures are three hours in length and the course can be taken for university credit.

## Bell asks Actonians if want to be in Halton-Peel book

Acton phone customers will be given the opportunity to once again tell Ma Bell if they want to be in the Halton-Peel phone directory or stay in the Waterloo-Guelph book.

A letter from Diana Mansell, Bell Study director, asks phone customers here to fill out a reply card and mail it back as soon as possible. The letters are arriving at Acton homes this week.

Ms. Mansell notes Halton Hills is split into two directories, Georgetown in the Peel-Halton book, and Acton in the Waterloo-Guelph directory.

She reports Bell is considering moving Acton to the Peel-Halton book for the 1981 directory and they want Acton resident's opinions.

In the present Waterloo-Guelph book Acton has a separate Acton section in the white pages and Acton numbers are combined with Guelph and Rockwood numbers in an Acton, Guelph and Acton yellow pages. The three exchanges are all in the same local calling area. Other listings in the Waterloo-Guelph directory are Arthur, Ayr, Baden, Breslau, Cambridge, Elmira, Elora, Fergus, Galt, Guelph, Hespeler, Kitchener-Waterloo, Linwood, New Dundee, New Hamburg, Plattsville, Preston, Rockwood, St. Clements, St. Jacobs and Wellesley.

In the proposed 1981 Halton-Peel directory Acton would be listed under a separate section headed Acton. The Acton section and the Georgetown section would be placed together under the heading Halton Hills. In the yellow pages Acton and Georgetown numbers would be combined. Acton and Georgetown are in the same local calling area.

Besides Acton and Georgetown, the 1981 Peel-Halton directory would contain Bolton, Brampton, Caledon, Caledon East, Campbellville, Castlemore, Clarkson, Cooksville, Erin, Grand Valley, Hillsburgh, Malton, Milton, Oakville, Orangeville, Palgrave, Port Credit, Shelburne, Snelgrove, Streetsville and Victoria.

The letter notes the telephone service rates won't be affected by moving Acton to the Peel-Halton directory.

Bell's letter says "we would like to remind you that you may obtain telephone directories for other areas by contacting your local business office. A directory will be given to you free of charge if some of the telephone numbers that are listed in that directory are in your local calling area."

However, that information isn't quite correct according to some Halton Hills councillors who recently complained of Bell trying to charge them \$8 for Acton directories.

Acton resident Donna Krapek told this newspaper after receiving her letter that she has contacted Bell in the past to get the Peel-Halton directory and received one free of charge, minus the yellow pages. She

noted she has had to pay \$4.75 in the past to obtain a directory containing Georgetown Yellow Pages.

Bell last surveyed Actonians on their preference of directory in

1974, but no change was made in Acton's placement in the Waterloo-Guelph Directory.

Commenting on a recent Bell application to the Canadian Radio, Television and Telecom-

munications Commission for a 50 cent a month basic service rate hike in Acton, Halton Hills councillors protested Acton and Georgetown not being together in the Halton-Peel book.

## Frozen body found

The frozen body of a 19-year-old youth was found in a field on the south side of Derry Road, between the 8th and 9th Lines, by a survey crew on Wednesday, January 30 at approximately 1 p.m.

Inspector Matt MacPherson, of the Halton Regional Police said the cause of death had not yet been determined but there was no indication of foul play at the moment. Police are waiting for blood and urine samples before they can determine the exact cause of death.

The body, identified as Robert James Wintle of Suburban Drive, Mississauga, had been reported missing to Peel Regional Police on December 23. Halton Police believe Wintle was in-

volved in a single car accident on Derry Road, on December 22, of a mile east from where the body was found.



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