



Rehearsals for the Acton High School's production of Superman are going on schedule. The musical is slated for performances on the nights of April 8, 9 and 10. The play's title role goes to Andreas Thiel, shown above in a rehearsal with Adela Rodriguez. She has the part of Lois Lane. The musical has roles for some Superluxe Girls and one of them, Denise Dlibey, watches Superman and Lois rehearse.

This week thru the lens

Photos by Lynda Hill



Cheryl Lindsay, who has the part of Sydney, and Chris Rosenquist who shoulders the role of Clark Kent team up in one of the Superman play rehearsals.



Play director Suzi Beber talks over parts of the script with Chris Rosenquist. He has the role of Clark Kent.



Adela Rodriguez tries getting over a bout of stage fright by fingering some tissue during rehearsals for the Acton High School's production of Superman.



Superman play director Suzi Beber reviews the script with Norm Bourassa during rehearsal.

Board adds \$18,000 to budget for books

Halton Board of Education trustees passed a record \$115,774,551 budget Thursday at Burlington—after adding \$18,000 for text books.

Esqueing trustee Betty Walker proposed adding \$3 per student in grades seven and eight for text books. The board expanded that to include all grades six, seven and eight. That added \$18,000.

"I've had telephone calls from several parents with respect to Stewarttown school complaining there are not enough text or resource books in the library," said Walker.

Acton trustee Arlene Bruce said, in reference to McKenzie-Smith Middle School: "I think we are selling them a little short."

Other attempts to cut the budget at the last minute failed, as did a bid to add \$100,000 for lunch room supervision.

Former board chairman Bill Herd tried to drop about \$2½-million. "It seems to me, in education, the time has long passed when we can come and ask taxpayers to contribute mightily when about half of them don't have children in the system," said Herd.

The Oakville trustee said he did not want to delete what he termed "add-ons" such as expansion of core French, special education, energy conservation, mini-computers or other items. He wanted to cut the budget by the "value of the add-ons."

There was some discussion within the budget committee. One member Bill Priestner told Herd "There's no place in that budget where we could find the \$2½-million."

Another committee member, Len Crozier, challenged the administration to find the money. "I'm sure they can find two per cent amongst the various items," Crozier also indicated he has no lack of confidence in the finance committee.

Board deputy chairman Elaine Rhlem described Herd's amendment to the budget as "well intended but mischievous".

Herd denied Rhlem's accusation that his amendment is a vote of non-confidence in the budget committee. Herd said taxpayers don't expect increases in cost in program in a system with a declining enrolment.

AHS pair safe location not revealed

Two Acton High School students who disappeared recently were seen by police somewhere in western Canada late last week and are "safe and sound".

Police are not divulging where Blaire Smith, Rosemary Rd., and Ross Rennie, Churchill Rd. North, were spotted.

The pair, who are engaged, were last seen on March 12. On March 14 a car they had been driving, belonging to Blaire's parents, was found at Rockwood Conservation Area. A team of Guelph OPP officers, with Halton Regional Police on the scene, combed the park as well as checking the iced-in water areas for some sign of the pair. Ms Smith is 18 and Rennie is 19.

Care of dying and families group plans April meeting

The North Halton Palliative Care Interest Group which was organized to study the needs and concerns of the dying and their families is holding its second meeting April 2, 8 p.m. at the Milton hospital.

The speaker for the April 2 meeting will be the Reverend Clinton Rohr, a former member of the Halton District Health Council presently a grief counsellor and chaplain at West Park Hospital Toronto. Rev. Rohr will speak on grief and bereavement.

The overwhelming interest shown at its first meeting in January at Glen Williams encouraged the co-ordinators to arrange this follow-up meeting. Plans are also being made for a meeting May 21 in Acton and a June meeting in Georgetown.

The concept of total care for the dying and their families is known as Palliative or Hospice Care.

It differs from traditional care in several aspects:

1. The physical care of the patient and symptom control are the prime concern but once this is done, psychological, social and spiritual needs are of central importance.
2. The patient and family, not just the patient alone, are the unit of care.
3. Bereavement follow up is always a sequel.
4. Where a patient has to be hospitalized, institutionalized, depersonalized is watched for and minimized and so there is a relaxation of regulations i.e. concerning visitors, food, etc.
5. The focus is not on dying but on the quality of the remaining life. There always exists the potential for personal growth, reconciliations and fulfillment.
6. There are mechanisms of support for the stresses experienced by the patient, family and care givers.
7. A blurring of traditional professional roles is accepted necessitating patience, skilled listening and contributions from different disciplines to a team approach to care giving.

The group co-organizers, Karen Ferguson and Eva Sansom feel a strong commitment to creating a community focus on this approach to care. The aims of the organizers are:

1. To stimulate people to investigate their personal feelings about death.
2. Invite people to consider the special needs of persons with life threatening illness and their family.
3. Introduce the available services which are designed to meet those needs.
4. Encourage people's confidence and comfort in recognizing these needs and offering the necessary supports to their patients, friends or family.

There has been some confusion because advertisements are also being sold in the directory this year, but the listings are free.

Directory listings free

Anyone who runs a business, even one in their home, and wants to be listed free of charge in the Acton Chamber of Commerce 1981 directory should contact Charlie Auger at IGA, Janet Fleming or Murray Kiltner at Acton High School.

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