



Trinity rocks to "Cool" group

It was Trinity United Church's turn to rock Sunday as a packed assembly toe-tapped to "Cool in the Furnace," a contemporary religious play put on by 34 local actors and musicians.

Based on the biblical story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the musical written by Beryl Red and Grace Hawthorne, it is a lively interpretation of God's word.

Produced by Paulino and Bill Leslie, directed by Karen Millson with musical direction by Jean Beaton, the 45 minute play was a first for the group who plan to repeat the effort this Sunday at 8 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Helen Robertson played a bright, enthusiastic Daniel, the narrator, while Mark Beaton created a delightfully wicked King Nebuchadnezzar tripping over

David Leslie, the youngest cast member, playing King's advisor.

Laura Ann Leslie, Gretchen Sankey, and Sharon Bendicks, as the three heroes, danced to the strains of the title number assisted by Bill Leslie who's sweat shirt declared he was God.

Chorus members included Nancy Allen, Sandra Bendicks, Lisa Doberlein, Kathy Brewes, Kim Heaps, Helen Kocick, Heather Knapton, Laura Moore, Paul Moore, Bill McKenzie, Wendy Dedman, Leslie Kenny, Carolyn Gibson, Barb Hogenbirk, Linda Sawden, Pauline Leslie, Miriam Beaton and Chuck Beaton.

Musical accompaniment was provided by Andreas Thiel, George Elliott, Nancy Patterson, Hugh Patterson, Margaret and Paul Tamblin.



Moving up from the Theta Phi, Joyce Finley and Diane Bowers joined the Xi Epsilon Chi at the Beta Sigma Phi's international 50th anniversary celebration last Tuesday.

Trustees fix ARF classes

Halton's Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) education program received an economic fix from Halton's Board of Education Monday.

Halton trustees confirmed their commitment to the teaching of teachers about drug and alcohol addiction problems in the schools. Some \$12,500 was set aside for the ARF program.

ARF chairman Peter Marks wrote the board for clarification of Halton's intent because trustees inadvertently

voted the drug program money out of the budget.

Under the ARF staffed program some 230 Halton teachers would be trained on drug and alcohol problems in the schools.

ARF brought the Halton drug problem to the attention of the board with a detailed study of an Oakville high school last year.

The study found that drugs and alcohol were widespread in the school. ARF maintained that the study could apply to other Halton secondary schools.

Educators make consultants equal

Education consultants in Halton are no longer special. They are to be treated equal to other employees.

That's the effect of Halton Board of Education's chucking of a policy which originally appointed a person for a specific job.

Over the years the same people came to hold the same appointments.

This year seven of the eight consultants hired by the board were old faces.

"Most appointments are being renewed as a matter of course," Burlington trustee Bill Priestner commented in reference to his motion to rescind the board's policy on the special hiring of consultants for term appointments.

This week's fire calls

Acton Firefighters responded to two fires and a resuscitator call last week.

A car fire of undetermined origin caused about \$1,000 damage on Mill St. Friday afternoon, according to deputy chief Bob Hyde.

Hornby Box and Pallet on Main St. N., Thursday evening.

Last Tuesday, April 21, firefighters made a resuscitator call to a woman on Elmore Dr.

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Refugee safe - Acton wins

A letter signed by 350 Acton residents may have saved the life of Ten Days for World Development visitor Miguel Angel Albizures.

A political refugee from Guatemala, Albizures was in exile in Costa Rica at the time of his February visit to speak to Acton churches. On his return he was arrested and jailed with the threat of deportation to his native country. Guatemala has a history of executing its political opponents.

In an effort to aid Albizures a letter to the

Costa Rican government was circulated in Acton by Ten Days chairman Eldon Comfort.

Shortly after receiving the letter and a telegram, the Costa Rican government released Albizures.

"He is free to move but has some passport restrictions," Comfort explains adding "we like to think our letter had some effect—the timing was right."

Another Guatemala Ten Days visitor Ana Fuentes Mohr, also a refugee in Costa Rica, is apparently in no danger because she is married to a Costa Rican.

Halton shelves special teachers

Halton trustees fell short of hiring 20 new teachers for special education while going ahead with engaging nine other professionals Monday.

Halton Board of Education will proceed with the hiring of a registered psychologist, four psychoeducational associates, a social worker and three child

care workers.

The board motion to hire eight elementary teachers and 12 high school teachers was tabled. If hired, the board would pay the salaries, however, there would be no reduction in the pupil-teacher-ratio.

Funding for all the proposed staff additions was written into the board's 1981 budget.

Police week

Halton Region "Police Week" will officially kick off Monday, May 11 with plans for police displays, films and an open house at police headquarters in Oakville.

Special activities are also being planned by the

police department for youngsters in area schools.

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AHS bridges set standard

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The AHS Science club members designed small bridges made out of toothpicks and white glue and popsicle sticks and white glue.

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Share sale

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