

# Drug education in curriculum for all schools by fall



Dr. George Elliott was honored last week by Halton Hills not just for his musical contributions but also his efforts to save the town hall. Here Councillor Terry Grubbe presents Dr. Elliott with his pin and certificate.



Ted Hansen was presented with a town pin and certificate by Councillor Walter Blehn for his cultural contributions to the town.

by Alex Matheson  
A drug education program will be included in the health curriculum of every school in the region this fall.

However, it won't be until the fall of 1982 that all of the health teachers will be trained in drug education, said Jack Richardson, co-ordinator of physical and health education for the Halton Board of Education.

The program will focus on lifestyle decision-making, rather than pharmacology, he said.

In order to influence the decisions, students

will be presented with evidence on the effects of the three drugs (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana) being focussed on.

Peer pressure and media influence to use these drugs will be studied, he added.

Students will be shown the advertising techniques used by the sellers of the materials.

The program will be offered to Grades 4 through 12, he said.

A drug education program for Grades 4 to 10 was fieldtested in nine schools this year, including three each of junior

elementary, senior elementary and secondary, Richardson said. This trial will bring a revision in the program, he added.

To teach the experimental program, five three-hour seminars were given to the teachers by Dick O'Brien of the Halton Centre of the Addiction Research Foundation.

Another eight half-day or four full-day programs will be given to 15 teachers by the Addiction Research Foundation, Richardson said.

These teachers will in turn train the other 275 health teachers over the next two years, he added.

The impetus to start drug education followed an ARF survey of drug use at Oakville-Trafalgar High School. This report was made public last fall.

It indicated that 82 per cent of secondary school students had used alcohol within the past year,

while 46 per cent indulged in marijuana and 39 per cent in tobacco in the same time frame, said Marlene Swarbrick, a community consultant with ARF.

About one quarter of the people in each group are regular users, she added.

Regular users and sellers are the prime targets of the educational pro-

grams, she said.

The need for education down at least to the kindergarten level is indicated by the presence of one known nine-year-old marijuana pusher in Halton, Swarbrick added.

Drug education may have to be lowered to the kindergarten level to counter other influences to use drugs, she said.

Teaching young people how to cope with peer pressure and enabling them to develop a critical

sense will be an aim of the program, she said.

"I don't know of any other board in the province that has made such an effort in this area (drug education). I'm quite excited," Swarbrick said.



Theta Phi Sorority donated a number of baby articles to Halton's Women's Place president Peggy Balkind last week. Sorority service head Marie Gilliss, right, made the presentation. The goods are valued at about \$50.

## Town honors Elliott, Hansen

Two men who have made outstanding cultural contributions to Acton were honored last Wednesday night at Halton Hills third annual honors and recognition awards night.

Dr. George Elliott and Ted Hansen were presented with town pins and certificates at the dinner.

Dr. Elliott was praised for his efforts to save the Acton town hall as well as his work with the Citizen's Band. He has taught over 300 people to play musical instruments

and many have stayed on with the band. Dr. Elliott has been bandmaster since 1966 and is also the organist and choirmaster at Trinity United Church. In addition he put in many hours of work rebuilding the Trinity organ.

Organist and choirmaster at Knox Presbyterian Church for 38 years Hansen has also led the Acton Chorale for a decade.

In his job as principal of Acton High School for 16 years he made valuable contributions to the community and has been with the Acton Rotary Club for 33 years.

## Soil test school site

Soil testing work has been done on the site of the New St. Joseph's School on Mill St. West.

Halton Hills representative on Halton Hills Separate School Board, Irene McCauley, said equipment and work were at the site last week doing soil tests and other work in connection with planning drainage and grades for the future construction job.

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