

Scantily clad TV models threat to public health?

By STEVE ARNOLD
Do scantily clad Playboy models posing on television pose a threat to public health? Regional councillor Walter Mulkeiwich (Burlington) thinks they do, but members of Halton's administration and finance committee and medical officer of health Dr. Peter Cole disagree.

Committee members voted last week to receive and file a motion from the Borough of York calling on the Canadian Radio Television Commission to revoke the licence of a pay TV company offering such programming.

The York motion demanded the operating licence of First Choice Canadian pay TV be pulled because the Playboy programming it is offering in a late night time slot "could be

unduly exploitive and degrading to women" and did not provide increased employment opportunities for Canadian performers.

When the York request for support was presented to the regional committee, along with a staff recommendation not to endorse it, Mr. Mulkeiwich spoke out.

"This is a serious motion and should be treated that way," he said. "Pornography is a matter of social concern in the community. It is a matter of public health in the broadest sense."

"This is something that in the end does come back to municipal government," he added.

After the meeting, Mr. Mulkeiwich said many of the services provided by municipal government are affected by "the social

conditions people live in and the attitudes they have."

Specifically, he said, local government is responsible for the provision of police, health and social services, all of which can be affected by pornography.

"We should take the stand that we want to encourage things that are healthy and good," he said.

Mr. Mulkeiwich's position was supported by councillors Joan Little (Burlington) and Carol Gooding (Oakville), both of whom felt pornography is a form of violence against women.

Boycott urged
"This is an affront to women and it should be boycotted right into oblivion," Mrs. Little said.

Mrs. Gooding said the effects of such violence on the public are only now being understood properly, "and the way to deal with it is to say as a public we just aren't going to buy it."

"It's time for people to march with their feet and their backs and say we just aren't going to have a part of this any more," she added.

Regional chairman Jack Raftis disagreed, however, saying the decision to watch such programs is a matter of free choice and should be left to the individual.

"It's a question of free choice, in fact people have to go out of their way to purchase this channel," he said, adding "I think the CRTS is better qualified to make a judgement about programming than Walter

Mulkeiwich is."

Dr. Cole, however, said there is no reliable research to support Mr. Mulkeiwich's contention that pornography increases the demand for government services.

"There is no good documentation showing that pornography does anything other than reflect some people's fantasies," he said in an interview after the meeting.

Dr. Cole did say portrayals of violence and humiliation in some films and other forms of media may have a negative effect on some viewers "but scenes of nudity and sexual activity are by far the least important elements."

"Sexual activity does have some fallout," he added, "but that's not the fault of pornography, it's our fault."



newsmakers

Georgetown/Acton, Wednesday, May 11, 1983



The Lorne Scots Cadets were drawn up on the ball diamond at night. Parade commander is Cadet Capt. D. Murphy. Inspecting Fairgrounds Park for the tenth annual inspection last Wednesday officer was Col. A. Kemp D.C.



A mock rescue of a victim, application of first aid and carryoff by stretcher was part of the inspection exercise.



Best First Year Cadet award went to Cadet Edwards and was presented by Col. Haesler.



Top sharpshooter in Senior Cadets was Sgt. Harnois, who was presented with her award by Col. Kemp.



Trophy for the most initiative in the Lorne Scots Cadets went to Cpl. Emmerson, who appeared in his last parade.



Skills in martial arts, under instructor D. Bell was also part of the Cadet Corps inspection Wednesday.



A skill at arms display was part of exercises at the Lorne Scots Cadets inspection last Wednesday night at Fairgrounds Park.



A skill at arms display was part of exercises at the Lorne Scots Cadets inspection last Wednesday night at Fairgrounds Park.

Hon. Colonel reviews cadets

The tenth annual inspection of the Lorne Scots Army Cadet Corps took place last Wednesday evening at Fairgrounds Park, Georgetown, adjacent to the armouries.

Inspecting officer for the event was Col. A. Kemp C.D., now an honorary colonel of the Lorne Scots Regiment. Col. Kemp joined the regiment in 1940 as a private, progressing through the ranks. In 1924 he received his commission and in 1957 was promoted to Lt.-Col., at which time he assumed command of the Lorne Scots.

Col. Kemp took the salute and reviewed the cadets prior to a march past and displays in first aid, skill at arms, martial arts, rappelling and the presentation of awards for activities during the year. The Lorne Scots pipe band under Pipe Major D.N. MacEachern headed the parade and provided selections during the displays.

Presented with awards were:

- Best first year cadet—Cadet Edwards, presented by Col. Haesler of the regiment.
- Best second year cadet—Cpl. Shaver, presented by Norm Ward of Branch 197 Royal Canadian Legion.
- Best third year cadet—Cpl. Salomomchuk, presented by Col. John R. Barber.
- Best senior cadet—Sgt. Harnois, presented by Col. Kemp.
- Most improved cadet—Sgt. Albert, presented by Mr. V. Thraves.
- The trophy for the cadet for the most initiative went to Cpl. Emmerson and the award was presented by the commanding officer Capt. J.M. Hodskins who explained it was Cpl. Emmerson's last parade as a cadet since he was 19 years of age.
- Shooting awards for skill with the .303 and .762 weapons were presented by John Horning of the sponsoring Georgetown Optimists to:
 - Best shot first year—Cadet Edwards.
 - Best shot second year—Cpl. Shavers.
- Best shot third year—Cpl. Salomomchuk.
- Senior shot—Cpl. Carroll.

In a few well chosen remarks, inspecting officer Col. Kemp said how pleased he was to see the inspection all take place outdoors. He congratulated the officers, non coms and cadets for their enthusiasm and interest.

Personnel of the cadets includes:

- Commanding Officer—Capt. J.M. Hodskins.
- Administration—Mrs. E. Hodskins, 2 Lt. G. Phillips.
- Training Officer—Lt. A. Ross.
- Supply Officer—2 Lt. F. Phillips.
- Training—Sgt. G. Ewing, C.I. D. Bell.
- Parade Commander—Cdt. Capt. D. Murphy.
- Platoon Commanders—Cdt. Sgt. P. Harnois, Cdt. Sgt. D. Cillis.
- Color Party Commander—Cdt. Cpl. T. Ruggle.
- Sponsors—Lorne Scot Reg't Assn., Georgetown Optimist Club.

Celebrate decade of Halton Region?

By STEVE ARNOLD
Are 10 years of regional government something to celebrate?

Members of Halton's administration and finance committee decided yes last week, but only if it can be done at no cost.

Jan. 1, 1984, marks the end of Halton's first 10 years, although the first meetings of the new level of government were held in October 1973.

In his report to committee members, chief administrative officer Dennis Perlin said none of the other regions formed at the same time have given any consideration to noting the end of their first decade.

He also noted there is no money in the 1983 budget for such a celebration.

Committee members split on the value of noting the "milestone" in the history of local government, or simply allowing it to pass quietly by.

"This occasion deserves some attention because residents in the region have a right to know what we have accomplished in the last 10 years," commented Councillor Carol Gooding (Oakville).

"It's not a question of spending a lot of money," she added. "It's a question of putting across what we have accomplished in a positive vein."

Other councillors, however, felt it would be wrong for the region to spend

Hike with the Batemans grand prize for five families

Those attending the first day-long Crawford Lake Heritage Festival on May 29 will not only enjoy an educational program—five families will win a nature hike and studio tour to be conducted by Bob and Birgit Bateman.

The Batemans are co-chairmen of the Crawford Lake Fund Raising Committee's Education Sub-committee. The \$3 per adult admission ticket (children 12 and under will be admitted free) to the Heritage Festival will also serve as a lottery ticket for a number of prizes. Five people will win a chance to take part in a nature hike with the Bate-

Just first period over in aggregate battle says Reed

Only the first period is finished in the ongoing political game between north Halton landowners and the powerful sand and gravel industry.

Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed said this week there are still two more periods to play before a final decision will be made on the controversial topic.

North Halton residents have been concerned for several months about the effect of a proposed amendment to the regional official plan which will freeze up to 14,000 acres of land for the exclusive future use of the aggregate industry.

The amendment has been shelved and regional planning director Rash Mohammed has promised a major rewrite of its terms giving existing and proposed homeowners preference over the demands of the quarry industry.

"I'm concerned if anybody thinks this war is over," Mr. Reed said in an interview. "It's really just starting."

"Whatever is done with aggregates," he said, "it has to be in line with how the local municipality sees its planning future."

Revive plans for 137 course homes

A proposal, originally submitted more than five years ago, to build 137 homes on Georgetown Golf Club and adjacent land has been revived.

The plan put forward by Georgetown Golf Estates Limited, would see 137 residential lots; some on the golf course on the Tenth Line, and some on land across 17 Sideroad.

The owners are seeking an amendment to the Official Plan to allow 42 one acre lots, and 95 half-acre lots.

The land now designated open space and rural would be changed to estate residential and golf course.

CAS votes to stay as is

The Halton Children's Aid Society voted overwhelmingly in favour of rejecting regional integration at a special meeting recently.

The decision was made after reviewing the pros and cons of possible integration models presented by Bob Lush, Chairman of a joint HCAS and regional task force.

The task force was established last July, to study the feasibility of service integration to improve the Society's efficiency and fund-raising efforts.

Under the Child Welfare Act, the CAS's primary responsibility is to secure and make safe children who are at risk. The HCAS Board decided that this level of service is better handled by a separate and independent agency.

"Services to children at risk would not have the same priority within the Region's social services department as they do now being the chief task of the HCAS," said HCAS President, David LaCombe. "Also, two voices are better than one in winning support for additional funding," he said.

"If the HCAS Board disappeared, children in Halton would have only one voice speaking on their behalf—Regional Council," he commented.

The HCAS Board agreed to place a five year moratorium on further discussion of Regional integration.