



Andreas Thiel.

Thiel takes step towards future

Andreas Thiel marked the first day of the rest of his life last week. Acton's aspiring concert pianist has just returned from a five day audition at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor where he made plans for his promising future. A graduate of Acton High School last June, Andreas is known throughout the area for his outstanding musical talents, but more notably, his keyboard skills. He's been attending the University of Guelph since September, studying for a general bachelor of arts. But Andreas intends to return to Ann Arbor regularly in the next year or so, eventually transferring there full time in September, 1985 after he receives the necessary academic credits. He's excited about the years

to come and feels the past week was the beginning of a new life. Andreas auditioned for Theodore Lettvin, an internationally-acclaimed pianist, and instructor at the University of Michigan. He thanks his Guelph piano teacher Amyan Laurence who set up the meeting. Andreas explains he played at a piano recital before Christmas, which Ms. Laurence tape-recorded and sent to Lettvin, who requested a meeting. The music school at the University was "overwhelming" recalls Andreas as he heard the music of other students. He admits he was a little depressed, there was so much to handle. He also admits he was a little afraid, but he never doubted his own abilities.

In his five days living with and playing for Lettvin, Andreas learned an incredible amount about music and life. His mentor impressed upon him that nothing is impossible, and the Acton resident is not to say "I want to be a concert pianist" but "I am going to be a concert pianist." Lettvin also stresses one does not get an education merely from courses but learning from life. And one of the things Andreas learned from his trip to Michigan was how little he knows, mainly from talking to Lettvin, and from seeing the school. Right now, Andreas says he has to look at himself and see what he is doing with his life and why. Andreas admits he doesn't remember much about the Ann

Arbor trip. It is like a dream, he describes, and when you wake up and know you had the dream, but can only remember certain parts of that dream. Although only back a few days, Andreas already misses Ann Arbor. He feels as if he belongs there, and wants to be back there. But it will be a while before that part of his life begins. In the meantime, Andreas keeps himself busy with his (Canadian) university studies, his piano lessons, teaching music, and his work on this year's Acton High School production of Grease. Andreas' music takes a backseat to nothing, and after last week, he feels like his future is his entire life, a life which is only just beginning.

Town wants signs to Acton downtown

To help Acton in its goal to become a tourist area, Halton Hills councillors have agreed to ask the provincial government to erect signs on Highway 401 directing motorists to the community's business district.

In a notice of motion from councillor Rick Bonnette, it was pointed out the present sign at the intersection of Highway 401 and 25 only said "Acton" and did not refer to the business district as it does for other areas. Bonnette requested the Ministry of Transportation to consider erecting the necessary signs.

Councillor Mike Armstrong warned that such a sign may anger tourists who leave the highway to go to Acton, expecting it to be a mile or two up the road. By the time they reach Speyside, he said, "they are going to be turned off." He pointed out the Milton business area is only one or two miles from the highway, justifying the signs.

Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson suggested putting the number of kilometers to Acton's downtown on the signs so motorists will be aware of how far they must travel.

Bonnette defended his request saying the signs could be "a shot in the arm" of the business district. The Acton Chamber of Commerce is being revitalized, and he felt Halton Hills should have signs such as Milton.

There are currently 13 signs between Mississauga Rd. and Highway 25, revealed clerk administrator Ken Richardson. Several identify the town of Halton Hills both Georgetown and Acton, some give distances to the next cut off or to Milton, Kitchener and London.

Armstrong warned against getting the highway "junky" looking like is Georgia with all the signs.

Acton's Ross Knechtel pointed out there are many people in town who are "seriously cultivating" the community as a tourist town and that's the best reason for the signs

to be erected.

After councillors voted to approach the Ministry, Councillor Harry Levy noted that council had been through the same discussion of few years ago and the proposal failed at that time

Domed stadium matter of opinion

Where the proposed domed stadium is located, and who pays for it is a matter of opinion, according to Halton Hills councillor Mike Armstrong and a suggestion from Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion should be received and filed.

In a letter to Halton Hills council last week McCallion solicited support for a stadium to be built in Mississauga with private funds.

Her letter pointed out the province's cutbacks in grants for roads, police, hospitals, libraries, welfare etc., and what would happen if the government went ahead and spent \$200 million on the stadium plus the operating costs. She suggested council meet the MPPs, press and citizens to get together to get the message across to Queen's Park.

Household Hints

From Pauline McKeilly



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