

# Students Given Moral Guidance

Sir: The current debate about values and morality in education is an important and serious one. Our children and our students deserve the very best climate and program for moral and spiritual development. They need to be encouraged and assisted in their development of understanding, insight, responsibility and effective, rich human relationships. If best results are to be obtained, the debate must be solidly based on reality. Distortion, dishonesty, misinformation, whether intended or not, have no place in a discussion about morality or about any other aspect of education.

Throughout this controversy inaccurate information has been circulated about the Grade 12 health program in our school.

This program was developed and initiated six years ago in response to the needs of adolescents and young adults. Since then it has been previewed provincially at various conventions, continuously re-evaluated by students and staff and adjusted where improvements were possible. Thus it reflects the concerns, criticisms and expressed needs of about 1,200 students and professional educators.

AIMS  
These are the published aims and objectives of the course, which were discussed with the students at the outset of the program.

Aim: To provide the student with an understanding of behavioural patterns so that he/she may become a worthwhile citizen capable of making intelligent decisions, ready to accept responsibility and able to make a worthy contribution to society.

Objectives: 1) To enhance the development of self awareness. 2) To foster the development of a "Philosophy of Life". 3) To help establish standards of responsibility toward others and oneself. 4) To indicate some of the responsibilities associated with adulthood. 5) To provide a course which is meaningful, applicable and enjoyable to today's adolescent. 6) To develop an awareness of community resources. 7) To learn certain social, physical, emotional, mental, health problems and an understanding of such behavioural problems. 8) To provide a course in which the student has the opportunity to a) participate in group interaction b) take leadership of group c) contribute to group

discussions by asking thought provoking questions d) appreciate others views.

**TOPICS**

A variety of topics were covered to enhance the understanding of human relationships. Topics included, philosophy of life, human sexuality, family relationships, family planning, educational systems, religious values and post-graduate opportunities. We believe that the vital interest and enthusiastic participation shown by our students is a strong indication of the value and need for this program. This belief is strongly substantiated by student evaluation. The program is consistent with ministry of education guidelines and is very similar to such programmes in the other secondary schools in Halton County and many other places in Ontario.

We have had the voluntary assistance of many people from the community who bring with them their direct experience and knowledge, and help make the program vital and credible. These guest speakers included medical doctors, social workers, psychologists, psychiatrists, marriage counsellors, clergymen, parents and others. They have without exception been honest, responsible, and informative.

There are areas of controversy and areas of sensitivity. In controversy we attempted to provide a balanced range of beliefs and convictions, for understanding without bias or prejudice. In areas of sensitivity we respected individual differences. As was discussed and agreed upon at the outset of the program, all students realized that they could be absent or could leave at any time if they were uncomfortable with the topic. A mature approach to the course is expected of the students, who are all in Grade 12 unless special permission has been granted.

We welcome members of the public to visit the program, and some parents have done so. We cannot imagine such a course being taught except with constant concern and attention to the moral values required by our humanity. Nor can we see such a course being taught in our time and place without sensitivity and respect for the differences of belief and conviction that exist in our world, the world in which our students live.

J. Taggart  
L. McAdam,  
M.M. Robinson High School



**FLORAL FANTASY** (Herald Photo)

There were floral tributes for all occasions, displayed last Wednesday at the Kinetic-sponsored flower show, in Georgetown. Here, Gordon readily holds a tower creation that is suitable for a

child's observance. Gordon, with his father, Ab, provided the commentary for the show. Almost two dozen floral tributes were created during the evening.

Aluminum is the commonest of all metals, constituting nearly eight percent of the Earth's crust.

Eddie Rickenbacker, who distinguished himself as an aviator in World War I, was also a top auto racing driver.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**

## TENDERS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

SEALED TENDERS, plainly marked as to contents will be received by Mr. G. D. Pritchard, Clerk-Administrator, R.R. No. 1, Georgetown, Ontario, until 12 o'clock noon

FRIDAY APRIL 19, 1974

Specifications and Tender Documents may be obtained from the Engineering Department, 53 Maple Avenue, Georgetown for the following equipment:

- Item 1:  
2-Two 1/2 Ton Pickup Trucks.
- Item 2:  
1-One 4 Ton Dump with two (2) way sanding unit and Snowplow equipment.
- Item 3:  
1-One 6 Ton Dump complete with Snowplow equipment and a wing.

To receive consideration, tenders must be submitted on Tender Forms supplied. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Mr. G. D. Pritchard,  
Clerk-Administrator,  
Town of Halton Hills,  
R.R. No. 1 Georgetown,  
Ontario

## Regret Expressed For Rock Throwing

Sir: On behalf of the students of M. M. Robinson High School, I would like to express regret that the rock was thrown through Mr. Campbell's window.

It was a cowardly act of aggression against everyone in our community. Whoever signed the note "MMR Student", has insulted us and our school.

Many of us have been upset by the distorted criticism of our school recently, but we have exercised restraint. We have accepted the fact that Mr. Campbell has the right to express his opinions, both as a concerned parent and a taxpayer.

Lorena Zulian  
Student Council President  
M. M. Robinson High School

## Could Be Shortages If Resources Wasted

Sir: The public fully realizes that there is no shortage of oil products in Canada. There could be if we wastefully use our resources in the future.

The oil companies admit there is no shortage and they boast about their tremendous increase in profits for which they pay little or nothing to the government in taxes. So anyone in any position in government in Canada who has sided with the oil barons in their determination to still further fleece the consumers should be asked to resign their office at once. This should apply also to all those involved in the Hydro fiasco.

Rather than any increase in price of either of these commodities there should be a roll-back to 1971 prices for them.

I am surprised that the NDP with its criticisms of the high oil company profits did nothing to force a roll-back in prices. They had the chance but were too spineless. This would seem to prove that they too, are only politically minded and have no intention of forcing this issue. They would not risk their skins to do this.

We hope the NDP makes a good showing with the other invertebrates at the CNE display this year.

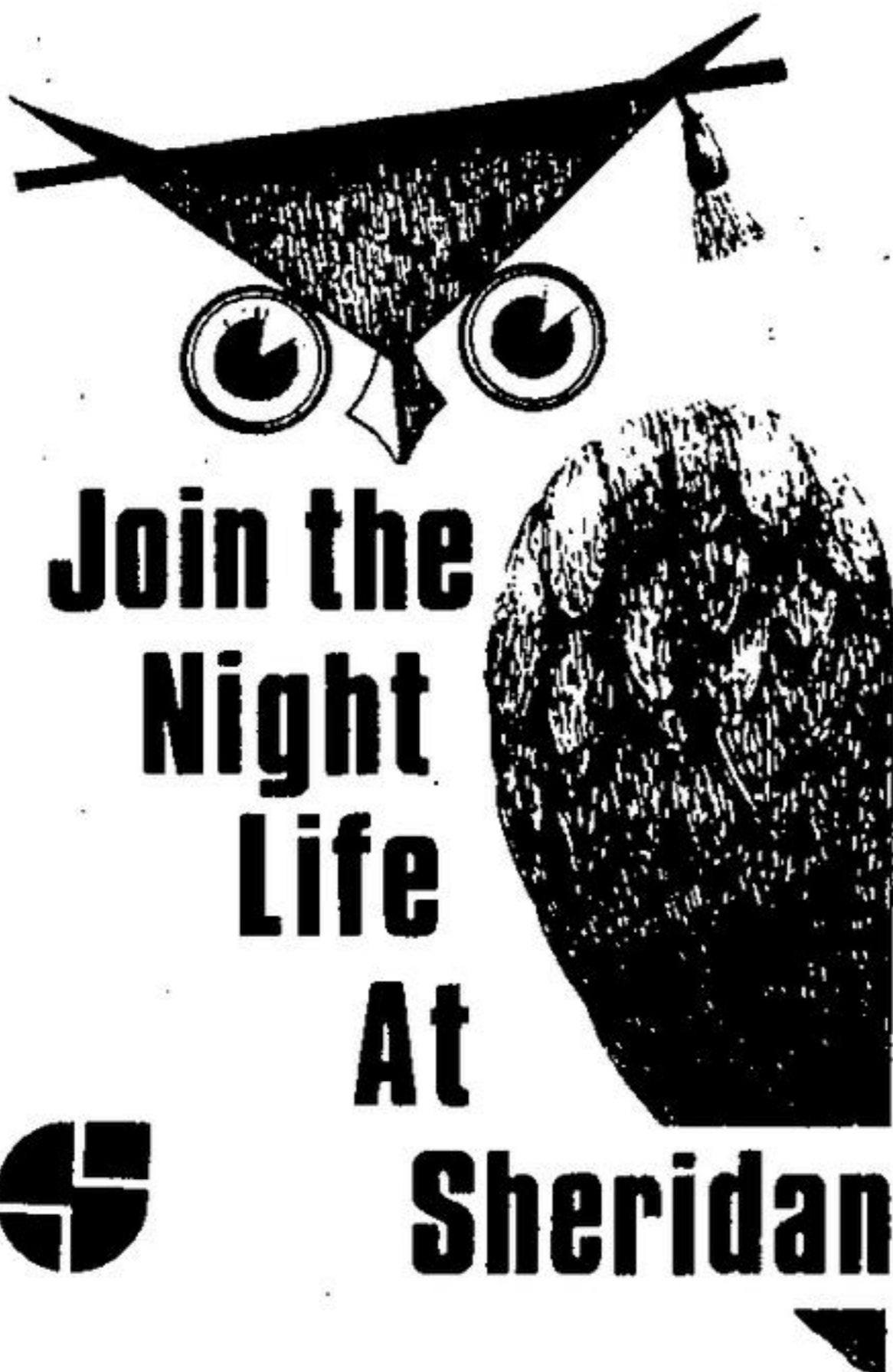
Regardless of how things go, I fully believe that it cannot go on much longer and when the end comes it will be too late for any changes to be made.

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still, and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still, and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Rev. 22:11.

Yours truly  
Ed Peters  
31 Byron St.  
Georgetown

Sir Walter Scott was the author of "Rob Roy" and "Quentin Durward".

The plough came before the invention of the wheel.



Registration now going on.  
Classes start week of April 22.  
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# NORTH HALTON CURLING NEWS

by Cynthia and Gord Partridge

The "Johnny Cornelius" Bonsel, the biggest mixed event at the club, was held all last week with the finals on Saturday night. Harold Martin skipped his rink of Bobbie Phillips, Don Nicholson and Ann Hartford to be trophy winners over the team of Ray Owen, Dot Hamilton, Gord McKeeman and Joan Mustard. Trophies and prizes were presented to both the winners and runner-ups. Second event winners were Jack Crichton with Cynthia Partridge, Don Anderson and Jet Reynolds, and runner-up in the second event were Andre Wolder with Barb Skinner, Bill Robinson and Sharon Wood. Third event was captured by Tracy Barrager with June Evans, Bill Elliott and Marie Emma Howlett, over Gord Partridge, Inez Crichton, Don Thornton and Beth Anderson. The winners of the fourth event were Ron Atherley with Gail Sparks, Paul Anderson and Audrey Ruston, and runner-up in the fourth event were Jim Evans with Marianne Leggate, Gord Nugent and Dorothy Robertson. A presentation of a portable refrigerator was made to Johnny Cornelius in appreciation of all the work he does in conjunction with the curling at North Halton. Johnny is always at the club when he is needed. He looks after all the

men's and mixed scoring. Saturday night to the team who finished in first place for the last mixed draw. Andre Wolder and his rink of Eleanor Fobert, Don McAlpine, and Jackie Holmes were the first place winners and second place went to Doug Manley with Eileen Manley and Gord and Janet McKeeman.

The mixed curling is over now for the 1973-74 season but

the men are still curling. Sunday was the first of a round robin, double knock out in all four sections and some teams are going to Orangeville this week for the Orangeville-Georgetown match. The final men's spiel is scheduled for Saturday when they will compete for the "Silver's trophy".

The fashion show for the ladies is at the club this week and the day ladies curling, continues for a few games and

then the annual ladies wine and cheese party and election of officers for next season takes place on April 17. The closing curling dinner for all men and lady members is on Saturday, April 27 and by a good attendance we can show the various committees how much we appreciate their efforts for a terrific 1973-74 curling season. Junior curling continues and they are going to have their own closing dinner on Sunday, April 28, 1974.

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Thursday, April 11, 1974

Garbage normally picked up  
Monday, April 15, 1974  
WILL BE PICKED UP  
Tuesday, April 16, 1974

Thank you,

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS  
WORKS DEPARTMENT

# "Why shouldn't the average Canadian have a car that's built to last?"

Something terrible is happening in Canada, and everywhere else for that matter: we're getting more and more cars that don't last very long. We accept it as a fact of life.

Shirts seem to rip easier. Shoes fall apart faster. There are lighters you throw away when you're finished with them. Furniture just seems to be nailed together.

Craftsmanship, it would appear, is fast becoming a corny, out-of-date idea. And it doesn't look like things are getting any better.

### "Quality keeps going down yet prices keep going up."

Take cars, for example. A car is the second most expensive purchase (after a home) that most Canadians make.

It's a big decision and it costs a lot of money. So you'd sure like to think that it's one item that would last.

Yet how many 7 or 8 year old cars do you still see driving around these days? In fact, how many 4 or 5 year old ones?

Not too many. Unless they're Rolls-Royces or Volkswagens. (There are over 200,000 Volkswagens 4 years old and older driving around in Canada.)

At thirty or forty thousand dollars, it's not unreasonable to expect a Rolls to last indefinitely. But at a mere 1/10th of the price, why Volkswagens of all the other cars in the world?

### "Some people think we're crazy."

In spite of the fact that few things in life are made the way they used to be, we still make our cars the way we used to.

With a kind of insane thoroughness. So thorough, that the editor of a famous American motoring magazine wrote, "I cannot pretend to understand the Volkswagen mentality."

Which is understandable. Since we have never understood the mentality of "planned obsolescence" as it relates to a large part of the auto industry. As phrased by a noted businessman/author, among others, it states "...maximum sales volume demands the cheapest construction for the briefest interval that the buying public will tolerate."

Incredible, isn't it? But, a reality. Just look around.

Our reality is equally unreal. But in a little more comforting way.

It starts with the way we painstakingly make a car.

From the moment its first two parts come together, it starts to be poked, eagle-eyed, tested and re-tested by a group of the most uncompromising people in the world. The 8,749 VW inspectors. As if that weren't enough, their

work in turn is inspected by over 500 inspectors who do nothing but inspect the inspectors.

When it gets done, it gets done right. One reason why we're not afraid to lavish more hand-work on the Super Beetle than exists on almost any other car in the world. Big or small.

In this throw-away society, we also throw things away. Except they're parts that can't meet our almost inhuman quality standards.

For example: Our shock absorbers are made to absorb an actual 3,000,000 shocks. (If they lose more than 10% of their "spring",



One of the most expensively built cars in the world.

the entire shipment being tested is thrown out.) And on and on it goes for every last part that goes into every last Super Beetle.

A little crazy maybe, but the only way we know to make something as close to perfect as is possible.

### "Why do they keep bringing out new cars each year? Is something wrong with last year's?"

For the last 25 years, we've done something else nobody else thought of doing. We didn't spend all our money working on looks. We've worked on the works. (Who wants to be driving a car that'll look a couple of years old in a couple of years, anyway?)

And the money that's saved by not re-tooling for frivolous new styles each year gets poured right back into the car.

So you'll find intelligent and desirable things on a Super Beetle that you won't find on many more expensive cars.

Like a sealed bottom, McPherson strut front suspension, 15" wheels for longer tire life, Negative steering roll radius. (It causes the Super Beetle to move straight ahead as you brake, when one side of the car is riding on ice or snow.)

Parts that are interchangeable from year

to year. Materials and workmanship that are the best money can buy.

### Warranties and service or "Where are they now that I need them?"

Our madness doesn't stop with the way we make the car. It extends right into the way we service it.

We call it the VW Owner's Security Blanket and again, it gives you a package unlike any other in the world.

A 12 month 20,000 mile warranty including a 24 month, 24,000 mile extended warranty for internal engine and transmission components, electronic analysis with four free check-ups, express care and a dealer repair guarantee.

If a warranty repair takes overnight, we'll even lend you a free car by appointment for as long as it takes.

The mechanics who work on our cars are something else again.

It takes at least three years to become one. They're factory trained, and when they're not working on Volkswagens, we're working on them. At even more VW Factory courses that we send them to regularly so they can even further perfect their techniques and knowledge. Totally at our expense. (When you work as hard as we do on perfecting a car, you work equally as hard at perfecting the men who work on the cars.)

"They got a lot when you bought it? Why should you get so little when you sell it?"

Strangely enough, one of the nice things about owning a Super Beetle is selling it. Since they're built to hold up, depreciation is held down. In a sense, the older it gets, the more valuable it gets. Look around and check the prices of used Super Beetles. Because they rarely look used, the prices are generally high. (Quite often a 5 year old Beetle will be worth more than some 5 year old cars that cost twice as much to begin with.)

Common sense again. When you make something that lasts, everything about it will last. Which might help to explain why more Beetles have been sold (over 1 1/2 million) than any other single car model in the history of auto manufacturing. And why more of them are still on the road.

If you're looking for a car that's proven it can actually deliver what it promises, year after year, drop into your nearest VW dealer and look very carefully at the Super Beetle.

If nothing else, it'll at least re-assure you that somebody's still around who believes making it last, comes first.

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