

'Wow! A woman lawyer'

By
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One of the more recent and very welcome additions to Georgetown is a very beautiful young woman. Her name is Johan R. McMillan, a lawyer with the well established and respected firm of Helson Baines, Bellegham and Steele. Johan has been with the firm for approximately a year and a half.

Miss McMillan graduated from Western University and took her bar admission exams at Osgoode Hall in Toronto.

At Western she was one of only five girls in a class of over one hundred. "I guess I never really gave it too much thought," she said. The boys in our class all accepted us as equals, and so did our professors. "I never really ran into any discrimination because I was a female if anything just the opposite was the case," she said.

Johan is one of two girls from a very close family. Her sister is a chartered accountant. Two rather unusual careers for females back eight or nine years ago. "I'd have to say it was my parents who encouraged us," she said.

"My father had his own method of doing things and would send me to my room with my books at the same time every night. He would say that he didn't care what I did in that time period, but he provided the opportunity and always assumed I was studying."

"When I was admitted to the bar, I never wanted to start a practise by myself," she said. "I felt that in joining an established firm you always have the benefit of the experience of your associates, and I consider myself fortunate to have found such a firm."

"Besides I like people too much to be by myself," she said with a very warm and sincere smile.

The kind of law that appeals most to Johan is very much what she is doing now, law as applied to the family. "I like the close contact with my clients, and I prefer working in a family court."

Although the challenge of her profession is very much a part of her life, it could never be her whole life with the exclusion of all else. "The truth is I enjoy the thought of being able to take a vacation. I love to travel and I'm looking forward to a trip to Greece next year that I've been planning for two years."

Aid to Johan from travel was also a source of enthusiasm. Johan feels she could probably "ski forever" if her conscience would allow it. After skiing comes horse back riding, and a new interest is squash. She enjoys reading and prefers murder-mysteries.

"I also love to go out to dinner, that's not to say I can't cook but I never seem to cook anything for myself," she said.

"I guess most single people are like that." Speaking about single, Johan's only complaint about Georgetown is the lack of single men. "I've really not met too many," she said with a kind of whimsical look.

Though very much her own person Johan is looking forward to marriage someday. "First somebody will have to ask me," she quipped with an infectious grin. "I'd like a small family, one or two children at the most. But I would never give up working," she said. "I enjoy it too much."

One of the loves in her life at present is named "Begum". Begum is a Siamese cat who shares a small apartment with Johan. "I love plants and when Begum is angry with me

he attacks my favourites" she said.

One thing Johan does not consider herself as a feminist. "I never really had any problems because I was female, so I can't say as I've given too much thought to it. "I've just been myself and my friends are the same way. I guess the men in my life have always been individuals who were sure of themselves, so they never had a need to dominate."

"Whenever I've met the type of male you could describe as a "male chauvinist" I've always felt sorry for them. Men that need to dominate in the way they are really very insecure and unsure of themselves," she said in an offhanded but determined manner.

Johan is a warm, sensitive, beautiful, and talented woman. She gives the appearance of having her own life very much under control. She is modern in her approach, though as she puts it "modern with taste" which typifies her personality.

She enjoys Georgetown and likes to stop and say hello to friendly faces she recognizes on the street.

She works hard at what she enjoys doing. As her father used to say "if you're going to do something, you might as well give it all you've got." Which is pretty much the way she lives her life.

She recommends law to any young woman who has the interest. "It is rewarding both emotionally and financially and many more women are considering it as a career than when I was in school."

Johan McMillan is a young woman who has a great deal going for her. She possesses a warmth, sensitivity and sincerity that comes across very strong.

A beautiful young lawyer who at 27 is definitely on her way to success in every sense of the word. An addition to the town that I'm sure Georgetown is already very proud of.



Johan McMillan

Budokan will move if there's no change

If town council refuses to budge on its decision not to give the Budokan Judo Club exclusive use of the Rose Room at the Georgetown Memorial Arena, executives of the club are prepared to move the club, lock stock and judo mats.

The judo club's conflict with the town cropped up once again Monday night as executives of the Budokan club met with town council to present what they termed "our point of view."

Their review of the history did indeed point out a few new facts in the muddled case but the councillors, who had heard basically the same story already twice before, failed to show any signs of changing their stance.

Council has requested the Budokan Club to write a letter to the town's general administration committee. "If it contains information we haven't seen before we'll look at it once again," commented Councillor Ric Morrow. "If it doesn't we'll just receive and file it."

President of the Budokan club, Eric Ludlow, fitted some new pieces into the growing jigsaw puzzle that the conflict has developed into over the past four years.

He explained that the club, when it was formed, poured approximately \$3,000 into equipping the Rose Room for use as a judo club. Because the town did not provide a lease for the club to sign—although one had been agreed upon—"for some unknown reason the club decided not to pay rent," said Mr. Ludlow. "I admit it was a mistake and one which I can't explain."

For two and one-half years the club continued to use the facilities, he continued, without paying any rent at all until last September when the town's recreation department presented them with a bill for \$1,700 for past rent.

"We met with Mr. Collison and told him that the club didn't have that kind of money. It couldn't pay the rent. However we explained that from that point on we would pay the rent and would pay the remainder over a period of time."

The next thing the club knew, he recalled, was that the town had decided that it was taking the club's mats, valued at \$1,000 in lieu of the owing rent.

The club had been incorrectly played as a profit-making private enterprise, Mr. Ludlow said. "It never has been. We've always intended to be a community club working with the community."

Replying to a question by Councillor Roy Booth Mr. Ludlow did state that he, as an instructor with the club, would be paid by the club.

The conflict between town and club, concluded Mr. Ludlow, lay basically on two problems: ownership of the mats and control of the room. "We feel we should have the rights to the mats," he said. "We also feel we should have some say as to who uses those mats."

His club, continued Mr. Ludlow, did not want total use of the facilities during the week. They would be fully willing to allow jujitsu, karate, "keep fit" or "lily to" groups to use the Rose Room just as they have been doing during the past two years.

The only stipulation he said would be that a second judo club not be allowed to use the facilities. "That would definitely add to the detriment of both clubs," he said, explaining that different philosophies of training between clubs could pose problems.

"Our club is an aggressive and competitive club," he said. Club members would be competing throughout the province and the US in a number of judo meets.

A second club that the recreation department was planning to put in the Rose Room, said Mr. Ludlow, was more involved on a local level.

Jack Smith, one of the founding members of the Budokan club, commented that he understood that the second judo club had decided to move from Cedarvale after six years because the rent at the old facilities was going to be raised to the same rate as the Rose Room. "They felt that if they could get a better facility for the same money, why not? They decided to move."

Despite the new angle to the story some councillors expressed the opinion that they had remained unchanged in their stand. "I can't change my mind as far as the club's exclusive rights of the room are concerned," said Councillor Dick Howitt.

Council, following a very heated debate two weeks ago, decided that the Budokan club would have to share the Rose Room with another judo club plus give up its mats in payment of the owing \$1,700 in past rent.

"Barring a decision by you (town council) to change your decision, we would request that the \$3,000 spent by the Budokan club in renovating the Rose Room be considered in lieu of the \$1,700."

"We would then request permission to take our mats and establish our club in another location," Mr. Ludlow said.

The general administration committee will reconsider the situation at its next meeting Monday night.



WITH LOVE FROM PARIS was the theme for the fashion show held at the St. Andrew's United Church. The show was sponsored by the St. Andrew's choir and presented by Silhouette Fashions of Burlington. Some of the lovely models were (left to right), Lois Barrager, Diane Als and Fran Richardson.



CARRIERS OF THE YEAR for the Georgetown Herald are Brenda and Mary Lynn Morrow and Laverne Gilson who received their award certificates and cash prizes in honour of National Carriers Week, marked across Canada last week. They're representative of the many young boys and girls who, week in and week out, endeavour to provide you with regular good reading in The Herald.

Town renegotiates Norval

"We are going to keep the doors open on this. We assured the Norval Community Association that we wouldn't give up on this matter," explained Councillor Roy Booth at last week's general administration committee meeting.

Mayor Tom Hill, who joined the committee for a portion of their meeting, stated that he is presently arranging another meeting to discuss the lease terms of Norval School with the Halton Board of Education.

At a special meeting held September 24, with Mayor Tom Hill, representatives from the Halton Board of Education, the Norval Community Association and the town's general administration committee present, a figure of \$1,000 per month as rental on the

property was quoted by the school board. However it was strongly believed by the town and Norval representatives that this figure was much too high.

The board based the cost on a percentage of the land's value at a commercial valuation. The property, as it now stands, is zoned as institutional and would have to be rezoned by the town to bring it up to the classification that would earn the \$1,000 asked for by the school board.

At the general administration committee meeting Mayor Hill agreed with Councillor Booth, as did the other councillors present, that the town will continue negotiations with the school board in hopes of obtaining a more reasonable rental rate.

Pumpkin rampage claims windows

During the early morning hours of last Thursday two Georgetown youths went on a pumpkin rampage using doors and windows of five area homes as targets.

Homes on Mill Street, Weber Drive, Mountainview Road, Carole Street and Valleyview Road had pumpkins thrown through their windows, doors and awnings.

The two youths were arrested and charged with wilful damage.

A car reported stolen by Georgetown Chrysler was recovered in the industrial section of town. The vehicle is being held for fingerprinting by the Criminal Identification Branch.

Police are currently investigating a case of impersonation of a public officer after men approached a Moore Park resident and stated they

were military police, narcotics division. The phony officer showed a badge and stated "We'll bust you before the night is over."

A Mountainview Road resident reports the theft of a mini-bike from the rear of his residence. Four bicycles were reported stolen last week from homes, businesses and schools.

A rural cottage has been the scene of numerous weekend parties by unknown youths using the vacant cottage without the owner's permission.

Gasoline was reported stolen from the Master Feeds truck in Stewarttown totally 65 gallons of the liquid gold. Small amounts had been noticed missing prior to the large theft.

A mini-bike was found at Cedarvale Park and is being held at the Mill Street office

Crashes injure two

Halton Regional Police, District One, have investigated 10 accidents this past week in Halton Hills.

Two accidents resulted in injuries for the parties involved. Francis Anderson, 25 of 59 Main Street with passengers Raymond Cloutier, 19, and David King also 19 of Georgetown sustained minor injuries when the car operated by Mr. Anderson swerved off 22 Sideroad. Estimated damage to the car was set at \$3,000.

The collision was caused as the driver of the vehicle attempted to avoid collision with a dog, police reported.

The three were transported to hospital by police.

Damage exceeding \$2,500 was done to the cars of Earl Nelson of Dalrymple Boulevard and Brenda Storch of River Drive. The collision occurred on Guelph Street with the drivers of the vehicles being taken to hospital by police.

The intersection of Guelph Street and Maple Avenue was the scene of an accident last Thursday when the cars of Cecil McClintock and David Tates, both of Halton Hills, collided. Damage to the cars was set at less than \$2,000. No injuries were reported.

A bicycle accident on Durham Street damaged the bike of Desmond McKenzie of Stockman Crescent in the amount of \$20. Driver of the car was Ken Richardson of Durham Street. No serious injuries were reported.

The sharp bend in Highway 7 at Norval was the scene of a minor collision that did an estimated \$500 damage to the car of Carol Throver and little damage to the car of Don Thompson of Mountainview Road South. The accident occurred Friday.

The parked car of a Brampton resident sustained slight damage when struck by a car driven by Temmie Road

resident, Robert McCandies. Damage was set at \$13.

A second parked car accident did \$600 damage to the car of John Vanderper of Market Street last Sunday. The driver of the car that struck Mr. Vanderper failed to remain at the scene.

A car stolen from Georgetown Chrysler was recovered Saturday evening after it was reported stolen from the dealer's lot.

Damage to the car was set at \$400 after it had been driven into a chain link fence at Boehmer's on Armstrong Avenue. The fence was damaged to the amount of \$100.

Damage to 80 feet of grass and a few road signs along Guelph street was done Thursday when a car driven by a Toronto resident left the roadway taking with it the signs and sections of grass.

The Toronto resident left the scene but was later identified from descriptions issued by witnesses.



ROTARY AWARDS Steve Peace, (front centre) received a \$100 cheque and a trophy from the Rotary Club of Georgetown for bringing in the most money from the Rotary's Skate-A-Thon. The Rotary gave numerous awards to skaters who brought in the most money in their classes. Winners and their cheques were, (front row, left to right) Mark Webster, \$25; Gall Eastwood, \$100; Tracey

Moore, \$50; Julie Allen, \$50 (middle row left to right) Shelley Foskett, \$25; Kelly Barber, \$25; James Kemper \$50. (Back row left to right) Hugo Dittfach \$25; John Lehman, \$50; and Linda Corbett, \$100. Left is Howard Briggs chairman of the Skate-A-Thon and right is Ron Snow representing the Georgetown Figure Skating Club.

Tickets now available for chamber meeting

The November 10 dinner meeting of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce will feature Dr. Pauline M. McGibbon, Ontario's

lieutenant governor as guest speaker. The evening is planned as a ladies night in respect to international Women's Year. Dr.

McGibbon and her husband will join members and their wives at a 6.30 social hour at the North Halton Golf and Country Club

There are a few vacancies available to the public on a first-come first-served basis by contacting the chamber office directly at 877-7119.

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MODERATOR: Diane Goodwillie, Guelph University

PANELISTS: Pam Greer, Rape Crisis Centre
Janet Freedman, Rape Crisis Centre
Dr. Boyd Hoddinott, M.D.
Johan McMillan, Lawyer
Sergeant Al McQueen, Halton Regional Police Dept.

7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 1978

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