

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soccer with running shoes same as hockey without skates

To the editor of The Herald:
The suggestion that the youth soccer in Georgetown wear running shoes instead of soccer shoes (letter to the Editor, April 26), makes about as much sense as suggesting hockey be played without skates. Soccer shoes are an essential part of a player's equipment and contribute to the safety of the game by providing protection and traction. It is also important to distinguish between the cleats worn in football and the short studs moulded into the soles of modern soccer shoes.

Organized soccer has not been responsible for the demise of the field at Centennial school. Furthermore the Club postpones scheduled games when the ground is wet to avoid damage to the fields in town. It is unfortunate that Mr. Atkinson adopts an adversary position since it should be clear that both the soccer community and the school have a vested interest in maintaining good playing fields.
The fact that soccer fields in Georgetown are in such poor condition is the result of the heavy demands which are

made on the available facilities and the lack of maintenance. To my knowledge, the field at Centennial school has not been watered, fertilized or top dressed once in the last four years. There is a lack of top soil on the field and exposed stones make the playing surface dangerous. In responding to the need within the community for organized soccer, the Georgetown Youth Soccer Club schedules approximately 500 games each year. Despite the popularity of the sport, Council has deleted a new field from the budget in each of the past two years.
On March 14, representatives of the soccer clubs in Georgetown met with the Recreation Dept. We were told that funds were available for the upgrading of school soccer fields but the work could not proceed because the Halton Board of Education had failed to respond to the town's proposal. I wrote to the Board and suggested that if the field at Centennial school were to be improved, the work be done in the summer vacation period to minimize the disruption of school activities and that the soccer club would not use the field at all until the year after construction. The response from the Board was prompt and encouraging. The Recreation Dept. then decided that the money for upgrading the fields was, in fact, not available after all.
The school playing fields represent an asset to the community which cannot be fully utilized at the present time. A co-operative effort between

the Town of Halton Hills and the Halton Board of Education could result in upgrading the school fields, for both school and community use, at a fraction of the cost of providing a new facility.

Yours sincerely
D.G. Manning
Secretary,
Georgetown Youth Soccer Club.



OPEN HOUSE

Bruce is one of the workers at the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Hornby. He was working at stripping the old webbing of lawn chairs at the open house Thursday to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the centre. The centre produces ceramic gift items as well as lawn chairs, and also takes on subcontract work from companies in the area.

Errors contained in story

To the editor of The Herald:
Since your article on April 19 regarding the Forge (Terra Cotta), we have had several enquiries from the Community. Your article contained many errors and we are confused as to the source of this information. To set the record straight we are renting the Forge from the Town of Caledon to be used as our individual studios and showroom. As well as a monthly rental, we are renovating the building at our own expense.

Jo Watkinson
Lotte Zonnenberg
Rev de Jong
Agnes Olive

A Virtue
One way to save face is to keep the inner half shut

Common sense, divide, conquer

To the editor of The Herald:
We have been asked to do our part to "Divide and Conquer" by the Ministry of the Environment and our local municipality, and to begin sorting household garbage. It might not be incorrect to estimate that this breaks down as: 1 per cent glass, 4 per cent newspapers, 5 per cent tin, 5 per cent food scraps and other assorted human waste, and 85 per cent assorted packaging materials - mostly plastic.
I shudder to think of how many pounds of plastic food and drink containers and kniv-

es, forks and spoons are disposed of daily at the "Golden Arches" across Canada, and at hundreds of other food outlets. All supermarkets use foam plastic trays for meat and other edibles, as do egg distributors. Annually, Canadians stuff millions of plastic garment cleaning bags, grocery bags, fruit and vegetable bags and other assorted plastic bags and containers into their large garbage bags - plastic, of course.
Commonsense prevailing, I shall from now on remove the contents from the plastic bags at the time of purchase, and let the merchant dispose of the pollutants in HIS garbage!
Sincerely determined,
P. Johnston.

Reed sees dam upstream

To the editor of The Herald:
Apparently newspaper reports of my brief to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority regarding the paper mill dam, have aroused concern and appear to indicate that I advocated the reconstruction of the dam site immediately upstream from the paper mill dam.

If those who are concerned would be kind enough to obtain a copy of my brief from the C.V.C.A. they will find that I advocated no such thing and, in fact, was in favour of re-establishing one of the old sites upstream from the Village. There are a number of sites to choose from and each would have to be considered on its own merits.

The confusion may have resulted from a reporter's interpretation but the printed brief which is in the hands of the Authority should clear up any apprehension.

Sincerely
Julian Reed

Girls use soccer field

To the editor of The Herald:
With reference to Jim Atkinson's two-pence worth in your paper last week. He cleats chewing up Centennial soccer park. I would say it's the park that is chewing up the soccer boots. Cleats have never or ever will be worn by soccer players. Cleats are defined as metal projections which are worn by baseball players. Soccer boots have rubber studs and project about 3/4".

As far as I know only girls soccer is played at Centennial, and I can't imagine them hacking up your soccer park. P.S. Get off the executives back. They've been battling the council types for years trying to get decent parks for soccer and I'm sure they don't need some ill-informed gym teacher criticizing them. P.S. Again: It's not your park, I've got a piece of the action also.

And that's the name of that tune.
Yours truly,
Mr. Wm. Innes.

Cucumber Salad
Serves 8
3 cucumbers, unpeeled, scored with a fork and thinly sliced
1 cup plain yogurt
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
Romaine lettuce leaves

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