

Letters to the Editor

College credit courses available on local cable

To the editor of The Herald:
To: The people of Acton,

Georgetown and Milton
Wilfrid Laurier University,

Waterloo, offers courses on
Cable Television in the Kitch-

ener-Waterloo area. These courses can be taken for credit toward a degree or for interest or for professional development.

The courses are outlined in the January 23 issue of this paper. In the Kitchener-Waterloo area, the courses are offered at the times when people are at home. The courses will be offered here as well if sufficient people are interested. If you are interested in other courses, add a note to your form and, if numbers are sufficient, such courses may become available.

I have spoken to many people in the area and they have shown their interest. I know this would assist many people who drive to Waterloo or Brampton to take such courses. Now these courses can be taken in your own home, but only if we can get a sufficient number of people to send in their forms requesting the courses.

We can make ourselves happier and our community a better place by taking these courses. Get a group together and you can have stimulating discussions after each lecture. Let us take advantage of this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Ramautarsingh.

Rhinos may threaten our political system (!)

To the editor of The Herald:
The creeping, insidious menace of political Rhinocerosism is charging across the country like a ticking bomb, and yet it is hard to find a mature, responsible individual who is taking this threat seriously today.

Candidates may be of both sexes, but only one at a time, and of course will be required to submit to psychiatric testing.

Meanwhile at Rhinoceros Party Headquarters 469 Church St., Toronto, Te. 921-

9557 cunning minds are at work, night and day, churning out their bestial propaganda. How will the vital, caring young people of Georgetown face this challenge?

D.E. Llewellyn
Georgetown

Snowmobile woes

To the editor of The Herald:

This letter is addressed to all careless SNOWMOBILERS. I have never enjoyed the noise of snowmobiles, but, like many, I put up with it, even late at night when I'm trying to sleep and when I hope more than anything that it doesn't wake the kids up.

Today was the last straw. Early this morning, a careless snowmobiler left the road and crossed my front lawn. That may not sound like much, but he had to mount a curb to do it dragging grass and gravel as

he went. This is a residential area with no sidewalks and the front lawns are not large. The police informed me that it is ILLEGAL to drive snowmobiles in a residential area.

There is nothing I can do to change what happened or to stop snowmobiles, but please try to be more careful - keep to the roads if you want to break the law. We pay heavy taxes on our property and we are expected to maintain the property as well with hard-earned dollars.

K. Parsons,
Hewson Crescent.



NEW ACTON CHAMBER EXECUTIVE

Acton Chamber of Commerce elected its 1980 executive Monday evening. Front row, from the left: John Allison, second vice-president, Bert Hinton, president, Dave Whiting, first vice-president, Janet Fleming, secretary. Back row, from the

left: Elmer Dean and Gary Barton, directors, Jake Kulken, past president, Terry Grubbe, Donald Rankin and Norm Mylrea, directors.

(Herald photo)

VIEWPOINT

Joe Who, Pierre Where, and Ed When need better strategies

By GERRY LANDBOROUGH
Someone should inform all the campaign managers of Canada's various political parties that we are not a nation of simpering morons.

Unlike the halfwits who live in the world of television commercials, we can think, and indeed have outgrown our uneducated dimwitted self image.

This "so-called" election campaign they have before us could only appeal to those who have been mentally reduced to pure vegetable matter.

Past campaigns tried to foist an undesired "First Lady" on Canada with the creation of Maggie T., followed by liberated McTeer and of course good-down-home folk like Lucille Broadbent, all designed to keep our attention from issues that would change the lives of the Canadian people.

When enough was enough, Canadians stated loud and strong to dump the American "Jackie image" because none of these "sweet things" were running for Prime Minister. The whole campaign died a slow and somewhat torturous death. Of course, still crying like a voice in the wilderness was the soul of the Canadian people: what of the issues?

DAVEY-COUTTS
Now we're all on to a new game involving a so-called masterpiece by Senator Keith Davey and Jim Coutts called "Keep Trudeau on a leash for Gawd Sakes."

Now anyone with half an imagination is well aware that Trudeau is no Pekingese type. "C'mon little pebble-poo: here, P.E.T., c'mon now, up on your pillow and sit nice for the people of Canada."

Good government depends upon the consent of the people; the expression of free consent is frustrated and indeed manipulated if it is given in ignorance of facts that should be known. We must know what is true in order to judge rightly and exercise our privilege of voting in good conscience.

The present campaign is a grave insult to the Canadian people. Have we not outgrown the name-calling? The mud-raking? The image makers? Mr. Clark insists he is losing on the basis of his personal image. Is it not what we have seen that has prompted a vote of non-confidence?

The various candidates seem to have forgotten any responsibility to the people they supposedly represent and have jumped aboard a gravy train of name-calling and poor joke-telling. The biggest joke being the campaign itself.

The struggle for power between Joe Who, Pierre Where, and Ed When is perhaps the greatest farcical satire ever brought before the Canadian public. Unfortunately, the price is far too high.

Good government must rest on some foundation of policy; so far, we can't define anyone's policy. Since when does the captain of the ship consult the passengers on problems of navigation? It's supposed to be spelled out; after all, if the captain doesn't know where the ship is headed, how can you possibly expect anyone else

to? We've outgrown this type of so-called "peck-a-boo" campaigning as we have outgrown the Howdy-doo type of leadership.

MICKY MOUSE

We don't need Mickey Mouse politics in Canada. We need strong government; strong democratic government with a strong opposition. When we elect a government, it is the opposition party (whoever it may be) that makes the government work, insuring that the minority of voters will have representation and offering valid and viable alternatives.

If I had the power to wave a magic wand, I would remove from the face of politics the three major leaders and all their minions. From the lowest ranks of each party, I would choose an up-and-comer who is not yet blinded by personal ambition, who the system has not yet controlled, who does not look upon the Canadian

people as statistics of voting preference, but as a nation in need of direction.

Of course, no matter how farcical or manipulative I believe this campaign to be, I will not allow it to so chagrin my feelings that I do no exercise the privilege of the vote.

Freedom is a privilege, not a God-given right. It must be cared for and preserved and it must be nurtured in order to grow.

Marking a ballot with a "X" does not mean that the people of Canada are illiterate morons, Mr. Campaign Manager. It is a grave error in judgement to believe the world of the television commercial, for it truly exists in a land of make-believe. Canadians are not fools and I believe with all my heart that the so-called silent majority days are far behind us, even if the politicians themselves are the very last to know.

Mold Masters to get hydrants; insurance concerns resolved

The jobs of more than 100 employees at Mold Masters Ltd. in Georgetown will be secure once Halton region installs two fire hydrants the company needs to meet its insurance company's requirements, according to a company spokeswoman.

The region's works committee approved a recommendation last Wednesday calling for the installation of two additional fire hydrants adjacent to

the company's Armstrong Avenue property.

Company treasurer Walltraud Gellert told The Herald last week that the installations will enable her company to meet the mandatory regulations of the Insurers Advisory Organization (IAO) of Canada, as outlined in an August letter to her company.

The IAO and the company's insurance broker recommend-

ed more hydrants as well as a supervisory connection through Bell Canada lines between the internal alarm and sprinkler system and the local fire hall.

Mrs. Gellert outlined her company's situation in a letter to town council which was referred to the region's works department last September.

"We estimate that over 75 per cent of our premises is at least 400 feet or more from a

public hydrant, which is not within the acceptable limits of any insurance company", she said in her letter. "We have now been given 60 days time to comply with the mandatory recommendations of our insurance company for a fire hydrant."

"We, therefore, appeal to you to give this matter priority, in order that your local industry is safeguarded and that there is protection for us, our investment and the welfare of the over 100 people this company employs", she added.

After inspecting the property, staff prepared a report which noted that the two existing hydrants were 900 feet apart, which was in excess of the region's standard 300 foot spacing for industrial servicing.

The report recommended that two additional hydrants should be installed. Mrs. Gellert said that the company has already installed a hook-up between the company's alarm system and the fire department.

"Once the hydrants are installed, we will meet the requirements of our insurance company", she said.

Major changes possible for Halton Music Festival

If it is to survive, the North Halton Music Festival may become a Kiwanis Music Festival, featuring both instrumental and vocal competitions.

A meeting last week revealed that the Georgetown Kiwanis Club is definitely interested in co-operating with members of the festival committee in salvaging the 51-year old festival.

The first step in attempts to re-organize the event is a

feasibility study aimed at showing how many schools and private teachers are interested in having their pupils participate in such a festival.

Doug Magwood, principal of Acton's M.Z. Bennett Public School and a member of the festival committee, told The Herald that the festival has been discontinued for 1980 and a decision on whether it will change or be permanently discontinued must be made by the fall. In order to arrange for adjudicators for a 1981 festi-

val, the committee would have to know well in advance what people it will need.

Mr. Magwood said that without help from the Kiwanis Club, the festival would probably be finished. It is far too early to tell what results the study will produce, but at least it is fighting to survive, he commented.

Participation in the festival had fallen drastically in 1979, only eight of a possible 25 schools bothered to enter.

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