## Teams, user-groups must pay

Town council passed a motion Monday evening establishing a fee schedule for use of town-owned, outdoor recreation facilities such as soccer fields and baseball

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With more than 200 art

lovers on hand to bid on 150

pieces of well-chosen,

international artwork, the

word "gala" turned out to be

something of an understate-

ment when applied to the

Georgelown and District

YM-YWCA's major art

Irene Fairles, chairman of

the Y's auction committee,

reported enthusiastically

Monday that although 25 of

the works remained unsold

by the end of the evening,

auction Friday.night.

\$20,000.

programmes.

Lightowlers,

It also set a limit on the amount to be charged for rental of various community centres in the municipality. The maximum rate to be

total gross sales topped

Of that amount, she said,

the Y can expect to claim

between \$2,700 and \$2,800 in

profit for its various

community projects and

Mrs. Fairles and her

Cheryl

Diane

committee (Jane Elinesky,

Anderson, Diane Deruchie.

Ann Halbleib, Mary Hughes,

Mike and Sue Harris, and

Odette Pennal started mak-

ing inquiries last October

about fund-raising auctions

Blair.

ART AUCTION NETS \$2,800

paid for the use of any of the rooms used for meetings, programs, registrations or fund-raising events will be equivalent to five hours' use, according to the new restrict-

regularly conducted by

Beaux Arts International for

non-profit organizations.

From January on, Mrs.

Fairles said, the organizing

committee held meetings on

Their efforts paid off

Friday with a well-attended

auction in the Holy Cross

Church auditorium, where

art patrons from around the

area viewed and then bid on

a staggering variety of

prints, etchings, paintings,

drawings and sculpture.

Highlights of the interna-

tional collection were featur-

an almost weekly basis.

ions added to the fee schedule established January 1.

Recreation director Tom Shepard said that meetings with tennis groups in town are still to be held, but he expects

ed works in the Collector's

Corner which included such

famous names as Dali, Miro,

Picasso, Henry Moore and

Beaux Arts auctioneer

Sharon Theobald, a gallery

proprietor from Lafayette.

Indiana, started the bidding.

on each piece in turn at a

much lower rate than

normally found in commerc-

ial galleries. Mrs. Fairles

offered several examples of

how much lower the selling

prices at the auction were

compared to estimated

Canadian watercolorist

Alice Waywell's original,

signed "Winter Sundown",

she said, sold Friday night

for \$960, compared to the

\$1,200 it was expected to command in the galleries.

Salvador Dall's "Historical

Memoires of the Bible", an

original hand-colored

etching which went for \$440.

might have brought \$700 at a

Sharing display space at

the auction were three local

artists. Georgetown's own

Gretchen Day, president of

the Halton Hills Art Council,

of which the Y is a member.

contributed two original wa-

tercolors, while Joan Mus-

tard was represented with

two oil paintings. Shirley

Deaville had an oil painting

and a lithograph in the show.

Y volunteers assisted Mrs.

Theobald conducting the

auction and completing

transactions, while others

served wine and hors-

Victor Vasarely.

gallery prices.

gallery.

similar arrangements can be worked out.

Soccer, football, rugby, cricket and baseball teams will pay \$5 per team in the minor group and \$10 per team for adults. Sports played on soccer fields under the lights will pay \$5 per game while adult ball groups playing under the lights will pay \$20 per team for the season.

Mr. Shepard said the institution of the user-pay system will affect some 250 teams who will be paying for the use of their facilities for the first time, and while there was a certain amount of resistance to the idea, the clubs seem to realize this is a trend happening in many municipalities, not just Halton Hills.

Mr. Shepard said in talking to the clubs, he pointed out that they couldn't very well expect better maintenance of the facilities when they weren't sharing in the cost of upkeep. He listened to their complaints about repairs and work needed to upgrade the facilities, he said, and told the clubs he would be prepared to do something about their complaints if the budget gives him the funds he needs.

The budget council passed gives his department an increase of almost 25 per cent, he said, and much of that was for maintenance work. He will now be returning to the clubs and asking them to priorize the work to be done.

When asked what percentage of the total maintenance costs the new rates would cover, Mr. Shepard guessed at two per cent.

He estimates the rates will raise about \$2,600, which will cover the cost of hydro and replacing things like light buibs.

Glen Williams ball park is exempt from these charges since area residents maintain it themselves and since there are no maintenance costs to the town.

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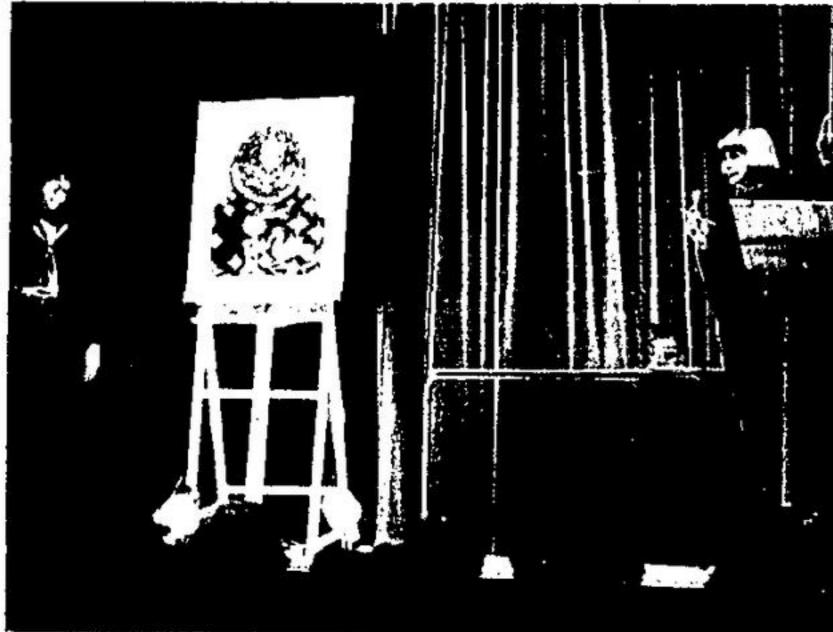
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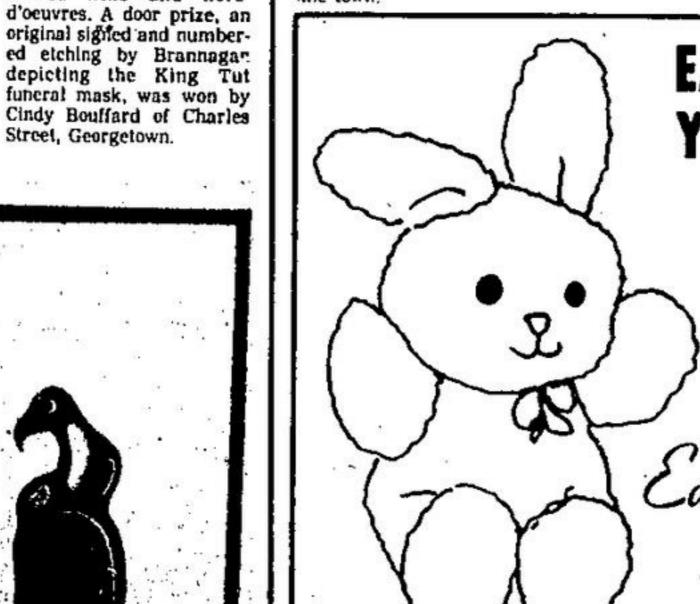
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Auctioneer Sharon Theobald (right) of Lafayette, Indiana, drew upon years of experience with Beaux Arts International Friday night to conduct the Georgetown YM-YWCA's gala art auction in Holy Cross Church auditorium in a quick, businesslike and often witty manner. A capacity crowd watched and participated with interest as some 150 paintings, drawings, lithographs, serigraphs, etchings and sculptured works went on the block. Up for bidding here is "Favourite Toy", a lithograph print by renowned Canadian figure skater Toller Cranston.

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Kakegomic, another Canadian exhibitor at the show.



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