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Local VIPs, sports stars applaud James' service



Fourth recipient of the Hockey Heritage awards, Bud James receives the congratulations and admirations of some rather 'famous' hockey fans. Seen here are (L to R.) Pierre Pilote, Derek Sanderson, Joe Hall, Bud James and Neil Lumsden. Mr. James himself is no stranger to hockey success: he was the manager of three consecutive OMHA Midget title teams and three consecutive OHA Intermediate A title teams. (Herald photo)

By DAVE ROWNEY
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The accolades came from every direction as Bud James stood at the podium last Tuesday night at the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council awards banquet.

Honored in Holy Cross auditorium, Mr. James was presented with letters, plaques, handshakes and his "official portrait", which will now hang with those previous award winners Jack Harrison, Roy Norton Sr. and the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 120) at Gordon Alcott arena.

Guest speakers Pierre Pilote, Neil Lumsden and Derek Sanderson also offered their praise to a man who has been involved with Georgetown hockey since 1946.

Mr. James heard Mayor Pete Pomeroy, MPP Julian Reed and MP John McDermid mix their own hockey memories with eloquent quips directed at fellow politicians and other speakers at the head table.

The honored recipient also received special recognition from the people and organizations he worked most closely with. Georgetown Raider coach Gerry Inglis was at the dinner to offer his handshake to the man who helped him win three midget championships and three provincial OHA crowns as a Raiders manager.

The Raiders organization presented Mr. James with an award, as did Branch 120, the Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group and the OHA and the Georgetown Referees' Association. An employee of Smith and Stone since World War Two, he was honored by the company for his ability to give his time to both his company and hockey.

The Georgetown District Minor Hockey Association offered congratulations and thanks, as did representatives from the Hockey Hall of Fame.

As Neil Lumsden of the Edmonton Eskimos put it in his address to the audience, he just "couldn't believe the tremendous commitment of Mr. James". Mr. Lumsden said he usually likes to work his speech around the mood in the banquet hall. At the Hockey Heritage night, he was impressed with Mr. James' resume of service to the hockey

community and compared Mr. James' dedication to that of the Eskimos.

Mr. Lumsden said the Eskimos have a championship team from the top of the organization right down to the water boys on the club. The motto in Edmonton is simply "bone", which translates two ways, he said.

Bone can mean that the team hits hard for every game, but it more importantly points out that the club is "one" and cannot be separated.

Mr. Lumsden made an amusing joke about training camp and the coaches who tried to scare the team away from alcohol. The coach put a worm in a glass of whisky and

another in a glass of water. The worm died in the whisky, but the water-fed worm swam around gleefully. The coach asked a rookie what the moral of the experiment was, and the rookie told the coach, "If you drink whisky you won't get worms."

The joke was a fine way for Derek Sanderson to approach the podium, as he quipped to the audience, "That was a nice story about the whisky, I thought it was about me."

Mr. Sanderson, who was a late addition to the guest speaker list, delivered some of the more entertaining stories of the night, talking about his offer to play in Newfoundland after news of Dave Kentner's

offer circulated around Canadian and American newspapers. Mr. Sanderson, who was known for his playboy image and apparent drinking problems, said he was making so much money, "I had to stay up 24 hours a day just to spend it."

But Mr. Sanderson came to the dinner with a lesson for the young hockey player who might want to venture forward to the pros: "Someone has to teach you how to handle (recognition and money), because you never get it back." He told the youngsters: "When you kids make that money, you can

hire me to tell you how to spend it."

Mr. Sanderson made fun of his past drinking problem, joked about the NHL 'Oldstars' team he now plays for and gave some minor hockey players hints to take home.

Mr. Sanderson said after his speech that he is now writing a book based upon the image the press built up about his character and how he found the pitfalls of "not being yourself." The full story on Derek Sanderson's latest endeavors can be read in next Wednesday's Sportsweek.



And if you ask me one more time if I'll play for the Raiders, I'll get the mayor after you! Derek Sanderson managed to diplomatically deflect questions as to the possibility of playing in Georgetown. Said the former Boston Bruin star: "I don't like wearing helmets, and if you saw me in one, you'd know why." (Herald photo)

Did Tories time their announcement?

Site F decision 'stinks' - Miller

The provincial government's sweeping and costly decision on Site "F" this week - described as political opportunism by at least one regional councillor - "stinks", as far as Halton Hills' Russ Miller is concerned.

Chairman of the region's solid waste management committee, Coun. Miller commented Thursday that the \$500,000 spent by Halton thus far in developing the 248-acre rural Milton property for use as a landfill site would have been

better spent on finding "other ways of handling our garbage".

The decision announced Monday by Ontario's ministry of environment (MOE) "puts us back to square one," he said, and jeopardizes ambitious long-range plans the region has been developing to reduce the amount of solid waste being buried at landfill sites.

In a long-awaited ruling, the MOE ordered that public hearings on the landfill proposal must be held in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Act, which requires the region to provide evidence

that alternative sites throughout Halton are unsuitable for the project. Under the terms of the Environmental Protection Act, however, the region had hoped to discuss only Site F's suitability.

Celebrating the decision, which could cost Halton taxpayers an extra \$200,000 because of the hearing's necessarily broader scope, are the town of Milton and the 500-member Tremaine-Britannia Citizens Group, which have opposed the Site F plan from the start.

Noting that the MOE decision coincided with Monday's

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Davis is coming This time for sure

Ontario Premier Bill Davis will make good on his promise to visit Georgetown this Wednesday morning. Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservatives confirmed this week that plans for an 8 a.m. breakfast with the premier at North Halton Golf and Country Club first arranged for last Tuesday, will go ahead Feb. 18. Everyone is welcome.

PC office opening

Halton-Burlington Progressive Conservatives will officially open their Georgetown campaign office tomorrow (Saturday) at 1 p.m. Candidate Fran Baines will be on hand to snip the ribbon at 222 Guelph St. (formerly the Kinney shoe store at Mountainview Road). The office will serve as the riding's main Conservative headquarters and will be staffed from Monday on; any voters requiring information can phone 877-5152, 877-5354 or 876-1077. The core of the campaign committee will meet at the office Saturday morning.

Bad start for Bill - Reed

Judging by the first ten days of the provincial election campaign, Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed is optimistic about his party's chances of holding power for the first time in 38 years after March 19.

"(Premier Bill) Davis had had ten bad days and (Liberal Leader) Stuart (Smith) has had ten good days," Mr. Reed told The Herald Thursday, adding that the electorate can expect "some surprises" after the polls close.

Mr. Reed called Premier Davis' "leadership" platform "so thin that he just can't sustain it", and blamed the Tories for presiding "over the decline of Ontario" during the last decade.

"We have so much potential, if we can just get hold of the reins," he said. "Mr. Davis has spent a longtime blaming western Canada for our problems instead of realizing that Ontario has some assets too."

Much of the province's economic woes could be cured by developing a more independent energy policy, Mr. Reed explained, pointing out that the \$7 billion which annually goes out of the province to buy oil might be better spent in developing resources at home.

Riding Liberals gather tomorrow (Saturday) at Milton's Boyne Community Centre to "pick their candidate" (Mr. Reed is expected to be unopposed) for this year's election. The meeting gets underway at 8 p.m. following a potluck supper.

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