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Toc Alpha drug program shows kids the alternatives

By SUSAN ARNOLD
 Herald Special

Anti-drug programs that are designed for teenagers are often confined to classroom lectures or to pamphlet distribution.

But many young people say textbook junkies and meaningless statistics fail to reveal the "true" hazards of drug and alcohol abuse.

Teenagers admit that scare tactics do not prevent drug abuse, but realistic alternatives will. Toc Alpha is one realistic alternative.

Toc Alpha is a provincial youth organization, whose main emphasis is to promote a lifestyle that does not revolve around alcohol or drugs. It is associated with Alcohol and Drug Concerns, Inc., but Toc Alpha is primarily organized by youth, for youth.

The members of Toc Alpha are not reformed alcoholics or drug addicts. They are a group of young people, ages 14 to 21, who are enjoying life without any chemical interference.

Rick Brown, from Clinton, says youth groups are "the in thing". He also says that organizations like Toc Alpha are capable of establishing safe and enjoyable trends for today's teenagers.

"People are becoming more concerned about drugs and youth," said Mr. Brown. "So they are looking for anything to lead the kids back into healthier trends."

For the past 25 years, Toc Alpha has hosted a major conference Dec. 27 to 30 to encourage public acceptance of their philosophy.

Last year, more than 700 Toc Alpha delegates met at Toronto's Skyline Hotel to focus on the 1981 theme - TODAY (Taking Other Directions Affecting Youth).

Various seminar groups were scheduled during the four day conference. These sessions gave the young people an opportunity to discuss issues such as cults, peer pressure, anorexia nervosa and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Special interest clinics, featuring instruction in areas like cartooning, photography and massage, were also available for anyone's curiosity.

Although the seminars concentrated on specific topics, the session leaders always emphasized the importance of individuality. They discussed ways to achieve and maintain self-confidence. And, the benefits of positive thinking were also outlined for the delegates.

Most of the delegates participated in the group discussion without any hesitation. They took full advantage of their opportunity to speak with individuals who had "actually experienced" the "evils" of a social problem.

Commenting on the seminar "Alcohol and Your Friends", Janet Eastwood, 18, from Ottawa, says she finally realizes and appreciates the problems associated with alcohol.

"Most adults think they know what's going on. They have a holy attitude that makes you feel guilty... I don't want to feel guilty, I just want to understand," says Ms. Eastwood.

The Christmas conference was not intended to be "just another week of school". Activities ranging from sing-songs to football to dancing, were also organized for everyone's enjoyment.

Toc Alpha's technique of learning while laughing is quite successful, since many of the delegates are looking forward to next year's conference.

Kevin Morrison, 19, from Melbourne, Ont., said that 1981 was his fourth conference.

"You learn a lot every time," said Mr. Morrison. "You go home knowing things that you'd never learn anywhere else."

Some of the young people at the conference were sponsored by their community church, high school or youth group. Because of public concern regarding teenagers and drugs, many churches and schools sent representatives to explore the world of Toc Alpha.

When the delegates left for home, they intended to explain the philosophy and intentions of Toc Alpha to their sponsors and communities.

Cathy Cooper, vice-president of Toc Alpha, from Havelock, explained that the aim of their organization is not to brain-wash or to convert anyone.

"We use Toc Alpha only as an example. After that it's up to each individual to take it... or leave it," said Ms. Cooper.

Woods, Water and Wildlife

A ladder for eels

By IRON REID
 Federation of Ont. Naturalists

In 1958, a curtain of concrete was created across the mighty St. Lawrence River near Cornwall, by the name of the Moses Saunders Dam. Constructed to provide electrical power, the dam created a new lake 45 kilometers long, and flooded out eight communities, over 500 homes and 225 farms. In the process, the dam also blocked the historic migration route of the American eel. Very little can be done to compensate the loss of communities and farmland to this project, but at least we have found a way to help the eels.

These eels are not the dreaded lamprey which caused so much damage to the fisheries of the Great Lakes. In fact, lampreys are not eels at all, but rather a more primitive family. American eels are actually a species of fish, with a characteristic elongated shape and undulating swimming movement. They are fished commercially in Lake Ontario as a specialty food, and their loss was considered a serious blow to the Lake Ontario fishing industry. As well, single eels feed on small crustaceans and small fish such as alewives, their role as predator in the Lake's ecosystem was disrupted.

American eels are like salmon in that they migrate, except that eels migrate in reverse. Adult eels spawn somewhere in the Sargasso Sea area of the Caribbean Atlantic, and the young eels migrate to fresh water to feed and grow as part of their life cycle. In the process, the abundance of these eels piled up below the Saunders dam and clogged the turbine hous-

ing whenever the flow was shut off, creating serious maintenance problems.

The answer was found in 1974, when a wooded eel ladder was constructed by Ontario Hydro. A series of baffles set in a herringbone fashion allow the eels to climb a trough with a steady flow of water, and to escape into the rich feeding grounds of Lake Ontario. By 1979, more than four million eels had made use of this ladder to restore their traditional migration patterns.

A new improved version of the ladder was recently installed to provide a more permanent solution to the eels' dilemma. With the help of Ontario Hydro and the Ontario government, it appears that American eels can continue to be a part of the Great Lakes fish community for a long time to come.

BIRTHS

SHARPE - Fred & Jeanette are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Cynthia Marie, weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. First granddaughter and 4th grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. Bernice Picard, 1st granddaughter and 2nd grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sharpe. 09767ban

CARDS OF THANKS

Many thanks to all my family & friends who visited and sent cards & flowers, while I was in Georgetown's Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Ford, Dr. Kennedy and all the nurses & staff of Ward B for their consideration & care. - Emma Cux 09837ct

DEATHS

ATKINSON, Clifford - On Friday, February 12, 1982 at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, Clifford Atkinson of Georgetown, in his 63rd year. Beloved husband of Bethyna and dear father of Nicholas of Ottawa and Felicity of Nova Scotia and brother of Madeline Bailey in England. Rested at the McClure-Jones Funeral Home, until noon Monday, then to Knox Presbyterian Church where funeral service was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. 09837d

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