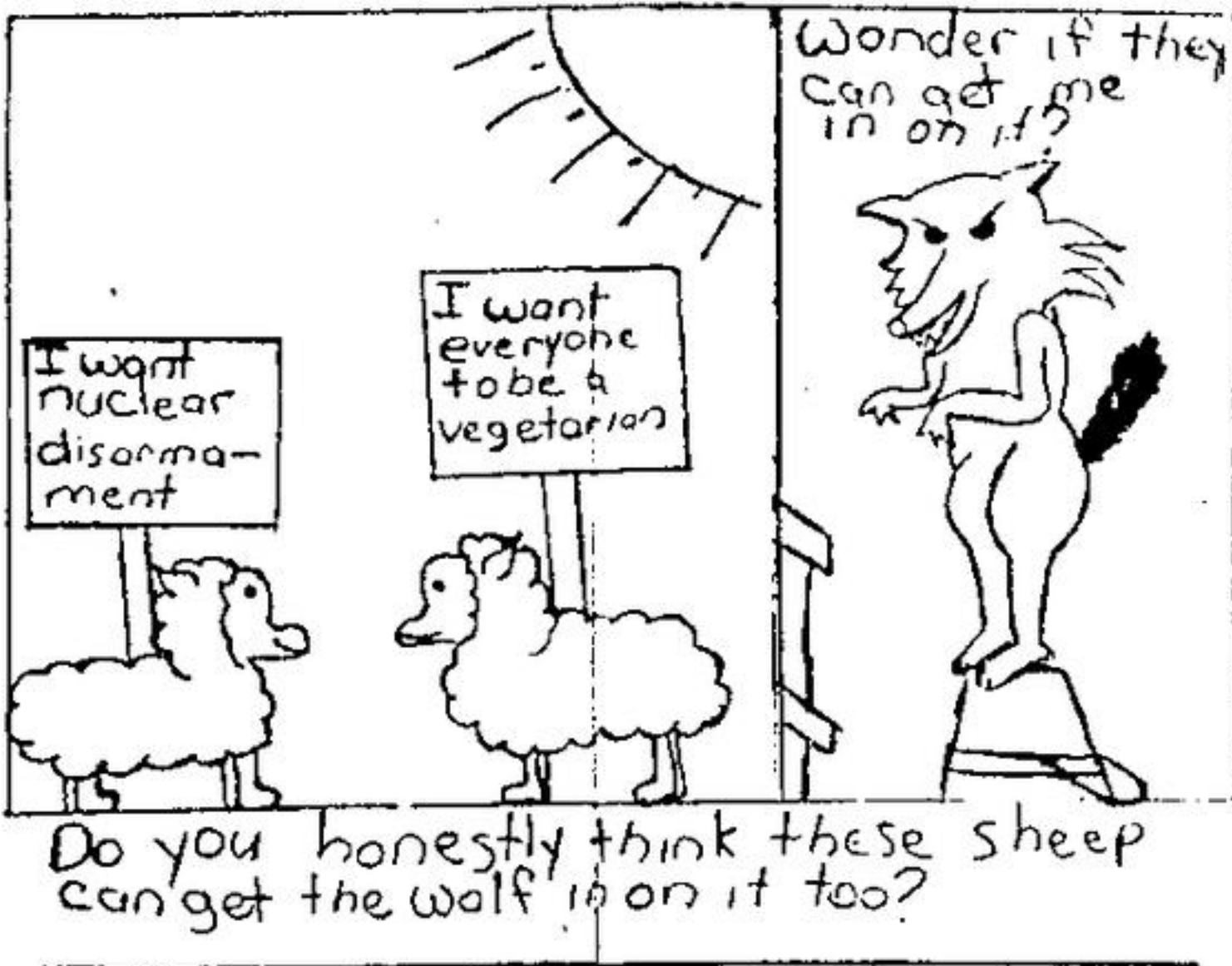


'We want facts': pupil

To the editor of The Herald:
 For a while at school, all we heard was "vote for nuclear disarmament", so one day after school I asked my dad what he was going to vote for.
 He said he was going to vote "against" nuclear disarmament because if Canada was to disarm, some other crazy country will take advantage of us. We'd be so big and harmless, they would bomb us because we couldn't fight back and they'd know it, because Canada is so honest with other countries.
 So then automatically I thought what the school had said was right, so I snapped back at him "Don't vote against it because our teacher said if our parents vote against it we'll have nuclear war and be killed in five minutes."
 My dad got very mad at what the school was making my sister do: her teacher said "You have to make a poster saying vote for nuclear disarmament and if you don't want to do

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one that way, you can't do one at all."
 A lady came in today to talk about nuclear disarmament and we were told ahead of time to ask questions. The lady couldn't give us the answers we wanted most.
 But what's made my father and I so mad is that we, the students, are practically mesmerized into thinking that if you want to live, then you HAVE to vote for nuclear disarmament, and if we don't, we will have to build bomb shelters because we're going to be bombed.
 Some of these things I don't think are bad to be told, but what gets me is that we're not getting the facts; we're not getting the whole story. We haven't been told the other side of the vote except that it's bad. And it can't be bad or we wouldn't have the vote.
 All I want and what I think most people want is both sides of the story and not just one.
 Barbara Ford, age 12, Baylor Crescent, Georgetown.

Players' parents thank soccer Falcons coach

To the editor of The Herald:
 As the soccer season comes to a close the parents of one particular group of under-publicized players who do not seem to rate more than an occasional mention would like to put on record their thanks to one extremely dedicated individual, George Baines is that individual who this year coached the Junior Falcons to a very successful season against heavy odds.
 This age group is probably the most difficult to handle due to their age, interest in other things, jobs, girl friends and generally independent spirit. However, George

has persevered throughout with an enthusiasm second to none and a great deal of time and effort.
 Quite a number of parents of these boys were often out to cheer on the

team and realize what a tremendous effort was put in but would collectively like to say "thankyou, George" on behalf of the boys and their parents. This was the last year of

Junior soccer for some, while others will be back next year, and the example they were shown by their coach was one they can remember.
 Junior Falcon Parents

Couple supports disarmament

To the editor of The Herald:
 We would like to add our written support for the "Vote Yes for Disarmament" issue which will be a matter facing all voters in Halton Hills Nov. 8.
 We feel it is sheer insanity for our world to be

spending such vast sums on nuclear arms and a total waste of human potential in the designing and building of these weapons.
 There will not ever be a nuclear war - only nuclear devastation.
 We would choose to have

a world in which our children could grow up and live. We are not interested in being told we could be killed 40 to 60 times over. Such statements illustrate the ridiculousness of the situation. And when is the rationale for our earth today having

more tons of explosive material on it than there are tons of food?
 The referendum in Halton Hills calls for global balanced nuclear disarmament as it does in communities all across the country. We must start some-

where in expressing our desire to live and asking the nations of the world to co-operate in achieving this goal.
 Yours truly,
 Nora and Rudy Lipp, Metcalfe Court, Georgetown.

AHS Program Night offers peek at school's education system

By LISA SANSON
 AHS student
 Parents' Program Night was held at Acton High School Sept. 30 and was very successful. Parents of students from all grades attended the event. The first item on the agenda was a half hour introductory session.

During this meeting: Mrs. Moore made a welcoming address and discussed some of the changes that have taken place in the school, for example, chimes instead of bells, the Scholars' Wall in the Bear Pit area and examinations in all subject areas.

curricular activities that are available to students. For example, you could see a display from the Outers Club, last year's Drama Club production of

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" on video, and a display from the Yearbook Club.
 For the remainder of the evening parents followed their children's schedules and were provided with course outlines and there were even some surprises along the way. However, the parents were lucky, instead of the usual 70 minute periods, their classes were only 20

minutes in length. Parents were given five minutes between each period and coffee was available throughout the evening.
 Even though the evening was intended for parents, some students came as well, myself included.
 Parents were given a real insight into what their children's first semester at school is all about. It was a successful night for all!

Dialing wrong number?

If you've had trouble arranging for tickets to the town's cultural centre first anniversary celebration, more than likely it's due to an incorrect telephone number. The celebration stretches from Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 and offers a formidable list of entertainers. For ticket information, the correct number is 877-5185. Ask for extension 19 50 or 67. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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—Suzi Ebeber introduced the parents to Special Education by singing "Special Ed. Is..."
 —Jan Penick was introduced as the new head of Communications.
 —Susan Burns, the head of Student Services, talked about the various career units that are offered to students during their academic career, as well as the many other services that her department has to offer.
 —Ken Ellis talked about the resource centre, what it has to offer, and the need for parent volunteers.
 —Rob Warrington, president of the Athletic Association, talked about the numerous sports activities and events that are available to students at the school.
 —Finally, Lyn McLaren, the vice-principal of the school, talked about student behavior and expectations, and dismissed the parents so

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