

Job picture brightens for Sheridan grads

The placement picture for 1983 Sheridan College graduates is more promising than last year's - but that's no reason to take anything for granted, says Sheridan College placement and career education director Rob Till.

Of 1722 post-secondary graduates, 1310 grads were looking for work. Of those, 89 per cent have found jobs, 79 per cent in fields related to their studies at Sheridan.

The positive numbers reflect an upturn in the economy, and can't help but be an improvement over the tough job market of 1982, which was "the most difficult year we've ever had for placement," said Mr. Till.

Prospects were good for graduates of programs in applied

arts, business, and technology this year. Mr. Till said one area that has suffered because it is so closely linked to the economy is computer studies.

"Employers still seem cautious about investing heavily in computerization and some of the new high-technology fields. When money's tight and they have to cut back, they tend to cut back in these areas."

The number of graduates who said they had returned to school is 225, up from 174 in 1982 statistics.

Mr. Till's cautious optimism about the job picture doesn't prevent him from being delighted at the increase in the number of job openings employers are reporting to Placement and Career Education.



Taking a shovel to snow, lawyer Bill Kort got into the act early Tuesday morning, clearing a path to Walter Sopinka's office on Mill Street. All across town, shovels were busy scraping paths for feet and wheels.

(Herald photo)



It wasn't a boring Sunday at home for these two young men. Shane Russell, 11, (left) and his buddy Peter Blencowe, 10, were out giving their skis a try at Cedarvale Park. Although they'd only been out a few minutes, Peter's nose was already turning red, something The Herald's black and white picture won't give away.

Betty Fisher declares chairman candidacy

The annual vote for a new chairman and vice-chairman comes up at the Halton board of education's meeting Thursday night, and Halton Hills trustee Betty Fisher has declared her candidacy for the chairmanship.

The Wards 3 and 4 trustee has been serving as acting chairman this past month with the resignation of elected chairman Len Auger. Mr. Auger resigned to accept a position in Ottawa.

Mrs. Fisher was elected vice-chairman last year.

So far, there have been no other trustees declaring their candi-

dacy for the chairmanship.

Mrs. Fisher said it was exhilarating to be working together with director of education Wally Beevor and trustees to provide direction for the future.

"I believe in the accountability of the board to the ratepayers and the students and the accountability of the administration to the board," Mrs. Fisher said. "This is something that's been built in, especially since Wally took over. One of my main goals is to see that accountability line carries on."

She called her style of leadership an open one,

seeking to get as many opinions as possible on decisions to make it a team decision.

Halton Hills trustees Dick Howitt and Arlene Bruce told The Herald they weren't going to be running for either position.

Mr. Howitt, a Georgetown lawyer, said he had considered running as vice-chairman, but decided against it.

"I've given it a lot of thought," he said. "My heart says yes, but my head says no."

Mr. Howitt explained that a boundary study for schools in the north is being worked on now and will probably lead to a consolidation study.

Complex opponents to ask appraiser to answer queries

ABOUT THE HILLS

Charity trees

If you want to brave the cold elements to cut a Christmas tree in the wilds, a registered charity would welcome your support.

Murray Dryden, the father of former NHL goaltenders Dave and Ken, is holding a special day where the proceeds from the \$7 trees will go to the charity called "sleeping children around the world".

The charity buys slumber kits, or beds for \$28 and distributes them to needy kids around the world.

The date is Sunday Dec. 18 from 9 a.m. until dusk at Dryden's Christmas tree farm in Caledon. For more information call 231-1841.

Fellowship meeting

Dec. 13 is the date for Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship monthly dessert and coffee meeting at St. George's Anglican Church Hall at 1:15 p.m.

Muriel Rae will share memories of Christmas in China, Cathy Sharpe will demonstrate Moulding with Chocolate and Ruth Palmer will sing and lead a few favourite Christmas carols. Cost is \$3.

Babysitting is available at the church. Call 877-4158 for reservations.

Career change seminar

There will be a special evening seminar held in Brampton Dec. 15 for professionals who are considering a career change or who are unemployed.

The Brampton Chapter of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario is sponsoring the three sessions, including one for women managers on getting hired and promoted.

For more information call Bob Watterson at 877-9269 (after 6 p.m.) or 965-9513 (9 to 4 p.m.).

By ANI FEDERIAN

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Opponents to the proposed municipal complex have questions they want answered by the real estate appraiser who worked with the administration building committee on reviewing the Stevens' site.

Monday night, Norm Elliott, chairman of the citizens committee opposing the complex, received permission from council to meet with appraiser Stephen Saxe.

"We have questions we haven't been able to answer to our own satisfaction and we'd like the opportunity to discuss them," Mr. Elliott told councillors. "It would clarify the concerns of our committee."

Mr. Saxe's report indicated that anyone from the town or authorized by the town could contact his office for further information. Councillors voted their approval for Mr. Elliott's committee to discuss its concerns with Mr. Saxe.

Mr. Elliott also asked permission for his group to meet with council and voice its concerns at the Dec. 19 council meeting.

"We feel we have identified certain areas of concern. Our committee is most anxious to clarify those areas of concern with council," Mr. Elliott said.

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