

Leftovers from 1983

School board reviews budget

By ANI FEDERIAN
Staff Writer

There's almost two million dollars left over from the 1983 Halton board of education budget.

Wrapping up the 1983 unaudited financial results Thursday night, finance committee chairman Bill Priestner said there was \$878,246 in the elementary panel and \$1,081,656 left over from the secondary panel.

Making up the over-levy are supplementary taxes which come from properties not on the assessment roll at the beginning of the year. The amount is raised for

the school board by the municipalities.

Provincial grants were higher than anticipated, primarily because 403 extra secondary school students turned up in Halton schools increasing the average daily enrolment.

LESS ENERGY
Reduced energy costs at the elementary level also saved taxpayers \$198,685.

Board overexpenditures occurred in tax write-offs, salary and fringe benefit costs at the secondary level, and the replacement of technical and vocational equipment, Mr. Priest-

ner said.

"I don't believe we had excess funds or that the finance committee is particularly concerned about having to offer \$550,000 back to the 1984 budget," Mr. Priestner said. "We aren't concerned about being 4 per cent over in the revenue."

The higher costs at the secondary level were a result of extra teaching staff hired for the unexpected 403 secondary students who showed up in Halton high schools.

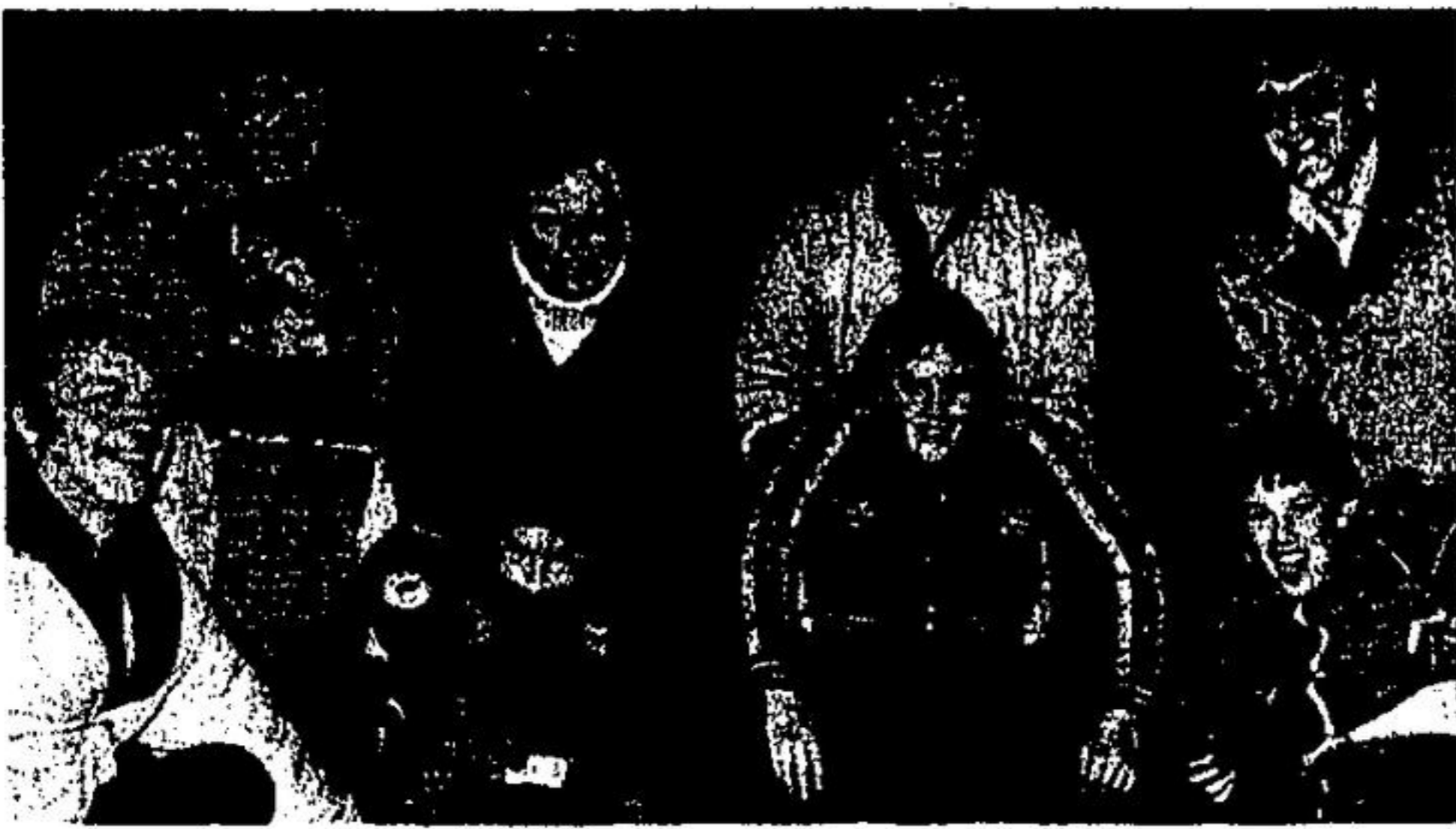
There were energy savings of \$100,000 in heat, oil and gas with energy conservation methods and conversion from oil to gas in the heating systems at several elementary schools.

There were savings in the plant operations where one supervisor and relief caretakers weren't replaced. It

meant a \$65,000 saving for the board.

Plant maintenance spells \$38,000 in sav-

ings for the board with building repairs and fencing held over for another year.



Skating can be hazardous at the best of times, but when you're trying to beat the clock at the Rotary Skate-athon the pressure sometimes calls for a helping hand. Here, a number of councillors and friends assist some of the younger folk at Gordon Alcott Arena in Georgetown: (front row, left to right) Skate-athon organizer David Page, Michael Olsen, Fraser Thom, Jason Morcy, Chris Johnson, (back row) Coun. Mike Armstrong, Coun. Pam Sheldon, Myles Gilson, Tauli Sheldon and Coun. Pete Norton.

YOU CAN'T HOLD THEM BACK

No mid-winter blahs for Australian teacher

HERALD STAFF
Australian teacher Michael Wiseman hasn't yet encountered our traditional late winter phenomenon - the February blais.

On a one-year exchange from Newcastle in New South Wales, Mr. Wiseman is teaching a grade six class at Joseph Gibbons Public School in Georgetown.

He is staying in Acton at the home of Joe Morrow, who is now teaching Mr. Wiseman's

class back in Newcastle. With his wife Lorraine and son Mark, he has been travelling around the area and trying winter sports like cross-country skiing.

"We're the type of people that like to have a go at things," he said. The climate difference will always stand out in his mind when he remembers Canada. In New South Wales, it is possible to play golf and tennis 12 months of the year, he said.

Having to adjust to

driving on the right hand side of the road hasn't been too much of a problem, except in supermarkets where there is a tendency to forget without any proper markings, he said.

IMPRESSED
Overall he is impressed with our road system in Ontario, comparing the freeways leading into Toronto as terrific compared to the over 2 hours it sometimes takes to drive into Sydney, Australia.

Ontario motorists are probably better drivers and this might result from having to be more cautious in winter conditions, he said.

As a teacher in Canada, Mr. Wiseman feels that children here are pretty much the same, although in Australia students wear uniforms and there is more regimentation.

Teaching in Australia is more structured, he said. There is a central authority that looks after such areas as curriculum and publications, he said.

In Canada there is more variation from board to board and there seems to be closer contact between the teachers and the board and the trustees, he said.

Canadian students are interested in finding out from Mr. Wiseman about the animals in Australia and what kinds of things Australian children do such as hobbies and sports.

It is interesting for Mr. Wiseman to see Canadian students having some of the same problems Australian children had with the metric system in-



MICHAEL WISEMAN
tially. In 1966 Australia changed to metric and now the children don't have any problems because they find it natural, he said. Television in Canada hasn't proved to be a surprise because American shows are readily available in Australia. However, in Newcastle residents don't have cable and can tune in to only about two channels, he said.

Acton theft

A Holmsway Drive, Acton, home had jewelry and women's clothing stolen Monday.

Travel costs up \$62,000

Transportation costs went up more than had been allotted in the Halton board of education 1983 budget by \$62,000 with additional routes and children and increased costs.

Budgeting for Hydro had been too low and it meant an additional \$59,000 extra spending by secondary schools.

"All of the commit-

ments made for the 1983 budget were pretty well looked after," Dirk Becker of the business services office said.

The cost of educating a secondary school student was \$37 cheaper than the board had budgeted for. However, the cost per elementary pupil was \$43 higher than the budget.

Charity Trivia

The Halton Children's Aid Society (CAS) and Sheridan College are co-sponsoring a unique event Saturday, April 7: Operation Trivia. The marathon session of the popular question-and-answer game Trivial Pursuit, will doubling as a fundraiser for the CAS.

More than 200 registrants are expected to gather from noon until 4 p.m. April 7 at Sheridan's Oakville Campus on Trafalgar Road, for Operation Trivia.

New Girl gang

By Mrs. John Bellhobby
Herald Correspondent
ASHGROVE - Thursday a very pleasant evening was spent in the John Elliott Theatre when the Institute members, their husbands and some friends watched the musical New Girl in Town. It takes place in 1900, on a tug-boat along the waterfront of New York City.

sashes and bonnets and with a big drum and tamborines marched around in a witty song. It was good entertainment and everyone of them are to be congratulated on their performance.

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MUSIC MAN

With three records to his name, Bob Schneider is no rookie when it comes to working up his audience into a musical good humor. Mr. Schneider entertained youngsters from Holy Cross and St. Francis of Assisi Schools last Thursday morning.

Father Otger Devent

Dedicated worker

Dear Sir,
Being a member of the parish for 58 years I would like to express my sympathy on the death of the Rev. Father Otger Devent, a man whom I admired for his role at Holy Cross

Church. He was sincerely dedicated to his mission work and highly respected by his parish and all whom he came in contact with in his 20 years of service in Georgetown.

May he be remembered for his honest endeavour to God and the Church here on earth and to his sister Bernadette who was always by his side to assist him. Yours sincerely, George Graham,

Lions say thanks

Dear Sir,
The "Citizen of the Year" committee take pleasure on behalf of the Georgetown Lions Club in thanking all who supported and attended our dinner and dance in honour of Mr. Ralph Ussel, Georgetown's Citizen for 1983.

We especially thank those who took the time to send letters and resumes for your choice of candidate. It is becoming increasingly difficult to

choose a most deserving candidate as the caliber of nominees and their accomplishments continue to grow. Should your choice not have been selected, you can be assured that all letters received are held for future consideration. To Vandenburg Florists we extend special thanks for their donation of a floral centerpiece. To the Town of Halton Hills a thank you for their per-

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More Sheridan students

Applications for Year 1 of post-secondary programs at Sheridan College increased 4.7 per cent to 13,558 as of the Feb. 15 deadline for equal consideration.

Registrar Ralph Beatty said the total tops last year's by 538, adding that a record-breaking 1,700 applications were received on one day, February 14.

Mr. Beatty attributes the last-minute wave of applications to two things: about half of Ontario's high schools are semestered; and the majority of high schools have January examinations.

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