

# PCs attract youth with new answers: Crombie

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The federal Progressive Conservative Party has to "bring the old

together with the new and fill the ranks with the new brigades," says David Crombie. A shadow cabinet

member in the Brian Mulroney-led PCs spoke last Wednesday to the Brampton-Georgetown PC riding association

annual general meeting. He said the Conservative Party is undergoing a renewal with more people joining the party,

especially those in the 18-29 age group. Principles the Conservatives stand for are now popular again, he

said, listing individual freedom, economic opportunity and a sense of community as three examples.

Campaign manager for the riding, Phil Upshaw, asked for help for canvassers to cover "the third largest riding in Canada"



Former PC leadership candidate David Crombie spoke to the Brampton-Georgetown Progressive Conservative riding association last Wednesday night. At left is Graeme Goebelle, the president of the association and a Georgetown accountant.

## Laser disc at library for trial

By ANI PEDERIAN  
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You can drop it, spill coffee on it, scratch it, and it will still play beautiful music. Shaped like a record album, the laser videodisc is made of aluminum with a heavy coating of vinyl. Silvery colored, it flashes rainbow shades, like gasoline on the pavement on a rainy day.

The laser videodisc is the latest purchase of the Halton Hills public library. Worth about \$60 a piece, the new discs are twice the price of video tapes. The library has bought 30 of them along with two laser videodisc players as a \$4,000 pilot project.

"People have asked us why we haven't gone in for video tapes," audio visual technician Jeannette Thompson said. "We feel this system is the future, and for the library, less hassle."

**LESS WORK**  
The Japanese-made system means less work for the library's audio visual services department. Video tapes are vulnerable to damage and require special care in splicing, a time-consuming job, Mrs. Thompson said.

The new audio visual system was introduced to Canada last fall by Pioneer Video Incorporated. It can be hooked into a stereo system or a television.

"We've been looking for a couple of years at

the whole video thing, and what are they going to do next and what's becoming obsolete," Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell said.

If the library had gone into video tapes, it would have had to have a duplicate system for Beta and VHS owners, doubling library costs. It wouldn't have been fair to have one system without the other, Mrs. Cornwell said.

The video tapes are easy to erase, damage and copy, problems which the laser system doesn't have, she said.

**TWO-WAY**  
A more expensive system, the videodiscs allow for two-way communication between the viewer and the TV screen.

"We think it's a natural for the educational system. You can stop anywhere and work on a program over and over without damaging the disc," Mrs. Cornwell said.

With the videodisc player, which looks much like a stereo turntable, you can scan forward or reverse, and with the freeze-frame button, stop the picture or step it back and forth one frame at a time.

The system allows for "interactive television" and Hocus Pocus, History Disc Quiz and Mystery Disc 1 are three such discs now in the library's collection.

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