Majority applaud candidates who won't change drinking age

By ROBIN BAKEWELL the NDP could create

Herald Staff There was a few brief seconds of silence at Georgetown District High School when Halton-Burlington Liberal candidate Don clean-up programs. Knight said he supported raising the drinking age mum ten per cent tax on

Surprisingly enough more, better health' sersome students applaud- vices, easy credit for ed the idea but the majo- small business and rity sided with the PC, NDP and Trillium Party secondary education. candidates on leaving the age the same at an the students the most all candidates meeting highly educated group at GDHS yesterday ever and said they were (Tuesday) morning.

Mr. Knight said statiage increase the illegal consumption age bracket would also increase.

He cited last year's . Independent Neil' stand.

The Trillium Party's candidate Doug Hamilt- grams. on said changes in edubetter solution.

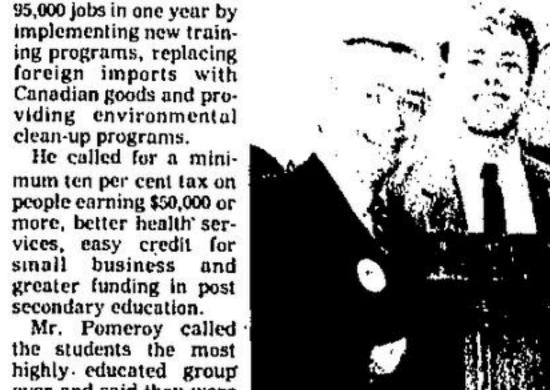
Before leaving the the electorate.' students voted on who best man for the job.

date, and GDHS student,

Neil Sivertson won the force when the question

Peter Pomeroy recei- didn't give either candi-

vote with 152 ballots, out of jobs arose.



Ontario's future. With a tight job markstics now showed those et Mr. Pomeroy said he under 19 can obtain alco- was in favor of a high hol and thought with an level in education, proper educational equipment and proper fund-

Milton tragedy, when six Sivertson asked students teenagers were killed at what the election meant a railway crossing, as an to them and said there ejxample of underage was a severe problem drinking to back his with apathy in the young

He said Trillium Party Neil Sivertson and PC concerns were separate candidate Peter Pome- school and post secondin legislation and NDP and job creation pro-

cating, and creating concerns raised with the more awareness in alco- government of the last 41 hol problems would be a years are the mismanagement of the Each candidate spoke economy, education to students for five system, environment minutes before opening and the "uncaring feelthe floor to questions. ing of the PC party for

Mr. Pomeroy and Mr. they believed to be the Knight outlined their party's programs to aid Trillium Party candi- young people in the work

The two minute

answer time structure

enough interest in stu-



Halton-Burlington riding candidates brought the issues to the students at roy called for no change ary funding, abortion an all candidates meeting held at Georgetown District High School, Tuesday. Students thought Neil Sivertson from the Trillium Party was the best man for the job and gave him 50 per cen of a vote conducted after the meeting. PC Peter Mr. Knight said Pomeroy received 106 votes, NDP Doug Hamilton 27 and Liberal Don Knight 16. A total of 302 votes were valid.

> Mr. Sivertson called for long term job creation and Mr. Hamilton said if older workers could be presented with attractive offers to retire early it would create opportunities for the young people in the work force.

> All candidates agreed with the decision to extend public funding to the Roman Catholic Separate School Board but thought there should have been discussions and debates before the decision was made.

> Mr. Pomeroy said the government must provide proper legislation and address the financial implications. Mr. Sivertson said the other separate school boards should also be considered for funding:

Mr. Sivertson said Ontario should look at the Alberta tax system

where they pay no provincial sales tax and adopt some of their poli-

Mr. Pomeroy cited Alberta's oil production in offsetting the province's taxes and said he could see no change to Ontario's tax system in the near future.

While Mr. Knight said the tax system does need a review on specific items he stated that a tax cut "across the board" would hurt the provincial

deficit.

"I believe in a lower taxation on restaurant meals and some women's products," he

Mr. Hamilton said a flat tax across the board would hurt the low income earner.

All candidates were kept busy entertaining further questions as students cornered candidates on the cafeteria's stage after the meeting had ended.

Halton Cable debate

If you can't catch them live, you can hear what the Halton-Burlington candidates have to say on Halton Cable, channel 4.

The program "Meet the Candidates" will be aired on Halton Cable Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Monday at 6 p.m.

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of a possible 302, or 50

per cent of the vote.

poll Herald staff Unemployment is seen as the most important economic priority by

Halton residents. That's according to a survey of constitutents in the Halton riding. MP Otto Jelinek polled his riding and found that 28.2 per cent feel unemployment is the most pressing problem, followed by 23.8 per cent for the government deficit.

Other economic issues listed as priorities were interest rates (11.4 per cent) inflation (18.9 per cent) a low dollar (13.3 per cent) and other (4.4 per cent).

In the poll 65.1 said 'yes' to freer trade with the United States. The question asked, "Do you think Canada would be better off it tariff and customs barriers on 'American goods were reduced and if Canadian goods were allowed into the United States under the same conditions?"

Constituents weren't as decisive when it came to continuing family al-·lowance benefits on a universal basis. A slight majority of the 'decided' (residents) surveyed (49.4 per cent) felt that universality of payments shouldn't be continued. From the other side, 39.7 per cent felt that the system should continue.

Capital punishment was an issue constituents felt strongly about. In one question 60.5 per cent said capital punishment should be one of the government's top priority issues.

When asked if capital punishment should be reinstated for first degree premeditated murders, Bl.4 per cent said

Respondents seemed to support the Progressive Conservative policy of actively seeking foreign investment. Only 14.9 disagreed that Canada should encourage foreign investment as proposed by the Tory Investment Canada program while 66.4 agreed.

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Acton chamber won't merge with Georgetown

By DAVE ROWNEY

Herald Staff Commerce won't be amalgamating with their Georgetown counterparts.

made Thursday at a meeting of Acton Chamber members.

members did decide to seek the help of the Georgetown Chamber to strengthen their organization, said secretary Sharon Archibald

The general feeling among members is that The Acton Chamber of it is best to keep their Chamber separate, but work with Georgetown on special projects.

The Chamber decided That decision was to go ahead with an Acton directory of businesses and a meeting was scheduled for However, the Acton yesterday to discuss the directory.

Members were also asked to take a bloc of names and solicit citizens interested in joining the Chamber.

A citizen of the year Chamber is even consocial events for memb-

ers, Ms. Archibald said. us the Chamber president until Steve Dawkins confirmed a meeting makes a decision about continuing in the role.

The Acton Chamber also discussed the possibitity of hiring a person to take care of Chamber business on a full time basis for a nominal fee.

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Meanwhile, a proposed banquet will be held as in all-candidates meeting other years and the was shelved when the Progressive Conservatsidering a number of ives found they had a conflict of dates.

According to Ms. Bill Cook will preside Archibald, the PC campaign office staff first date of April 25 on April 13, but when the Chamber phoned back about the format three days later, the office said the candidate would be committed to a previous engagement.

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