

Fern's one fantasy is Hollywood stardom

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Her number one fantasy is to be spotted by a famous Hollywood producer and drafted into a successful acting career.

Fern Slawson loves acting.

The Georgetown woman is a familiar face to local theatre-goers.

Fond of the stage, she's starred in several Georgetown Little Theatre productions, including "Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii."

"I loved that character (Nurse Jane), and I felt she was won-



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derful and sad and sweet," Fern said warmly.

She was told by one of her audience she reminded him of Lucille Ball. With her thick, kinky orange hair and matching freckles, it's easy to see the resemblance.

Fern's first acting role in Georgetown was as Kate in "Bedroom Farce". Two little old ladies in the front row fell head over heels for the character and tried to reassure Kate when she was sad on stage.

"It was wonderful, because I became that character to those women and brightened someone's life," Fern said, blue eyes alight.

The 31-year old Montreal born woman started acting in Grade 4 in "Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves".

"I played one of the thieves and wanted to be a dancing girl," Fern laughed.

Although she loves acting with a passion, Fern considers it only a hobby.

"I've found my niche in counselling," she laughed.

Her BA in psychology is being put to good use counselling the unemployed in Brampton.

As well, Fern's in the process of starting up her own business of giving employment counselling, not only to the unemployed, but also to people in jobs they don't particularly like.

Many people don't want to go to an office for employment help, mainly because of pride, Fern said.

She'll be teaching creative job searching at local libraries, where these people will turn up.

Legal aid clinic adds new lawyer

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If you think you're being strung a line by your landlord, Jack Fleming's the guy to see.

The new lawyer at the Halton Hills Legal Aid Clinic is specializing in landlord and tenant law.

"It's amazing how many cases there are of people who don't know the law and are being told cock and bull stories by their landlord," Mr. Fleming, 30, said. "They don't know what's true."

Working at the clinic since February, Mr. Fleming becomes the second lawyer on the clinic staff, joining David Craig.

Mr. Craig specializes in unemployment insurance and workmens compensation problems while community legal worker Karen Thompson-Harry works with welfare and family benefit cases.

The University of Toronto graduate was called to the bar in 1984.

From Toronto, Mr. Fleming has worked at a number of clinics including the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly in Toronto, and the Parkdale Community Legal Services Clinic.

"I've been hanging around clinics for a while," he laughed.

Last year, Mr. Fleming was chairperson

of the Ontario Association of Legal Clinics. As the Halton Hills Legal Aid representative, he is now on the Association's board of directors.

One of the main reasons Mr. Fleming took on the job with the Halton Hills clinic was that he had wanted to move out of Toronto.

"I much prefer this to being crammed with 100 other people on the subway. Now I drive on country roads and it takes me less time than it used to to get to work," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and their eight month old baby live in Brampton. Although they were interested in moving to Halton Hills, they found a shortage of accommodation for rent here.

The Halton Hills Legal Aid Clinic has offices in Georgetown and Milton. They're starting to extend their services into the Burlington area as well now.

If you're having trouble with your landlord or tenant, Mr. Fleming welcomes your call.

"We'd love to hear from people out there. Give us a call and if we can't help, we can at least give you advice," he said.

The clinic is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff are willing to make appointments at other times as well. Call them at 877-5256.

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