



### MY SLAVE 'MR. LEGS'

Last Wednesday at Georgetown District High School it was about as bizarre as it's likely to get on a given day. Students were participating in Slave Day, where you could rent out a costumed person of your choice for a day. Here Rob Hagen and Greg Bairstow ham it up in the hallway. (Photo by Monique Tobin)

## GLT want to buy Stewarttown hall for a home base

The Georgetown Little Theatre put in an offer last week to buy the Stewarttown Community Centre. Town council had to pass a bylaw to approve the purchase. If all goes well for the theatre company, the purchase will be finalized Jan. 2, 1988, said Ken Richardson, Clerk Administrator for Halton Hills.

The company plans to use the centre for rehearsals, set construction and storage, said David Clifton, chairman of the GLT building committee. "The whole group has been working toward this for 25 years," Mr. Clifton said. "It will make a fantastic difference," he added. The Georgetown Little Theatre uses a classroom

### No widening

Widening Mountainview Road to six lanes of traffic won't be required in the year 2001, nor is it required now, a regional public works report says. The report says the current four lanes are sufficient for current and future traffic needs on Mountainview. However, as traffic volumes increase, the report states it may be necessary to introduce a centre left turn lanes at the major intersections to reduce delays to through traffic between Highway 7 and Summit Lane.

### Election candidates

## Sacrifice, long hours await hopefuls

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Herald Special

With the municipal elections coming up, the town council will soon feature a host of new faces. Many prominent public servants have decided to leave politics for a variety of reasons.

If you are thinking of tossing your hat into the political arena one day, you may wish to know just what you will be getting into. The Herald talked to several prominent councillors and got their opinions on what it takes to be a public servant.

Acton's retiring councillor for Ward 1, Ross Knechtel, left no room for doubt that some sacrifices had to be made. "I had to give up two things, curling and church choir," he said.

Mr. Knechtel said that a new councillor faces quite a load of reading

in order to find out about the responsibilities of the position.

"The first year is a learning experience. It takes a lot of time to learn the municipal act and the planning process...if you go into council without doing your homework you find yourself making unintelligent decisions," he said.

Mr. Knechtel had to give up some time he would normally spend with his family in order to fulfil his obligations as a councillor. "I regret some of the sacrifices I had to make...but I'm glad I was a councillor," he said.

Ward 1 town Coun. Finn Poulstrup was looking forward to a second term but eventually decided that he had spread himself too thin. Along with his position on the town council Mr. Poulstrup is also President of the Georgetown Raiders, holds a full-time job which requires that he be available 12 hours a day six days a week, and has a wife and two very active sons to keep him busy. He withdrew his candidacy for this year's elections in order to have more time in his other capacities.

"I'm completely strung out...I don't get to sit with my feet up and think for a half an hour," he said.

Like Ross Knechtel, Mr. Poulstrup found that councillors' responsibilities require between six to 10 hours a week. "I've had to be a very effective time manager," he said.

Mr. Poulstrup will now use his extra time to do something he has not been able to do for the past few years, coach a minor league hockey team.

He gives aspiring politicians some advice: Get hold of everything you can, and read it. You will only see people who are dissatisfied; you must remember that it is a public service and not take it personally, he said.

Walter Biehn was a Georgetown councillor for Ward 3 for six years. The ex-publisher of The Herald sat on the council from 1978 to 1982.

Mr. Biehn became a councillor because "I had time on my hands (he



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was only a token payment, but Mr. Biehn thought that the pay was "more than is needed."

He thought that some people did make many sacrifices in order to perform well on council but added that no one should let a council position interfere with a full-time job.

The former councillor advised any successful candidates that the job "is a little frightening at first...you have to make major decisions like planning the town."

All of the former councillors agreed that an effective public servant would be required to make sacrifices, but one common element was present that seemed to make up for missing a part of their lives, the personal satisfaction of serving the community well and the chance to meet and help a variety of interesting taxpayers.

### Close to end of long, winding road

Peter Woolgar and his group of Mountainview Road and area residents appear to be close to the end of a long road.

Monday night, the gentleman said his group was quite happy with the outcome of negotiations, with town representatives and the clerk administrator.

Council made four modifications to the text of its Official Plan Amendment No. 5 which is currently under the scrutiny of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

The modifications had to do mainly with the concept of Mountainview Road serving as the entranceway into Georgetown. Mr. Woolgar's group objected strongly to this and wanted a de-emphasizing of Ninth Line (Mountainview Road) as the main route into town.

### Children and art

"Inspirations of Modern Art - A Child Can Do It", will be presented by Gretchen Day at the Nov. 5 meeting of the Georgetown University Women's Club. The business meeting begins at 7:45 p.m., at Centennial Public School, followed by the presentation at 8:45 p.m. The general public, as well as new members to the club are welcome. For more information, please call club president, Diane Deruchie, at 877-5408.



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