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## Danby helps youth find grants, fame

He's here July 16

By SANDY CAMPBELL  
Herald Staff

In a century-old renovated flour mill outside Guelph on the Halton Hills side, realist painter Ken Danby lives and works.

A walk around the grounds of the 11-acre property is like stepping into one of his paintings. Bridges, arches of limestone and more of the Armstrong Mill he calls home have been the subjects of his work.

Running through the property is a river which goes by the tall mill and through neatly-kept lawns. In a building the size of a large house near the mill Mr. Danby works on his art. That is if he isn't working for the Canada Council or entertaining.

Last Wednesday Friends of Halton Hills Libraries members Bettyann Wellstead, Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell and Jon Sommer visited Mr. Danby to discuss his forthcoming exhibition at the Cultural Centre in Georgetown.

Between July 16 and August 30 original lithographs and serigraphs of Mr. Danby's will be on display. Jon Sommer, owner of Georgetown's Gallery House Sol, arranged the exhibition in collaboration with the Walter Moos gallery in Toronto. Mr. Moos is Ken Danby's only dealer.

The exhibition will feature 30 of Mr. Danby's works. Some of them will be for sale.

The group was greeted by a rugged man with a dark tan, dark hair with gray at the sides.

Inside Mr. Danby's home artistic theories and facts about Mr. Danby's life and home were bounced around with his guests. The artist, dressed in a denim shirt and light green jeans, had a knack for making people feel comfortable. Before the talk began everyone was introduced to his two dogs, Turner and Monet, and some mood music was put in the

tape machine.

The host appreciated Mr. Sommer's interest in art. His own interest in art goes beyond making a living. By working for the Canada Council Mr. Danby is exercising his interest in art in a new way. After the Wednesday get-together he was off to a Canada Council meeting in Ottawa. The council provides grants for artists and artistic institutions.

The three-year council appointment without pay involves frequent trips to Ottawa and long days in conference rooms where lunch is ordered in.

"It gives me an opportunity to put my two cents in. It's a Cabinet appointment and quite a compliment to be asked," he said. Mr. Danby's views on grants are that "the new, young and fresh artists should be encouraged. So many young artists out there need to be encouraged," he said.

These new artists are reluctant to apply for grants because they are intimidated by veterans of the grant system who keep re-applying. "That's got to stop," he said.

Mr. Danby's interest in art began to be nurtured during his first days of school. "I could always cut and paste better than the other kids," he said.

He has a gift for drawing and he believes that, gift or not, everyone should be able to draw. The artistic sense in people is something which is not developed in school, he said.

"We don't teach phys-ed to creat athletes. We teach phys-ed to teach fitness," he said. School art classes often focus on teaching people how to become artists and they shouldn't. "We should be taught the science of seeing," he said.

Books on the work of Ken Danby can be purchased before his show and during his exhibit at Oxbow Books, downtown Georgetown.



The dogs' names are Turner and Monet and the man is artist Ken Danby. Mr. Danby will be coming to the Halton Hills cultural centre July 16 for the opening of his art exhibit. Tickets to the opening are \$5 and are available at Acton and Georgetown libraries. The exhibition, put on by Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries, will remain at the cultural centre gallery from July 16 to August 30. (Herald photo)

## Health care, freedom key to protest

Two doctors who spoke at a public forum last Wednesday night didn't have to worry about preaching to the converted.

Doctors Elliot Halparin and Boyd Hoddinott had plenty of questions asking why they were opposing Bill 94.

Nevertheless, the crowd of about 70 people were far from hostile and many comments from the audience supported the doctors in fighting the ban on extra-billing.

High school student Charlie Gibbs wanted to know why the doctors felt David Peterson's Liberals wouldn't win the next provincial election, citing the results of recent opinion polls.

Dr. Halparin said an opinion survey also indicated that only 37 per cent of the public approve of the way the government has handled the extra-billing issue.

A lady who identified herself as a nurse wanted to know why the doctors say the government will gain control of the health care system. Why should MDs have the main say in controlling the direction of health care, especially in areas such as geriatric care and care of the terminally ill? she said.

Doctors are not the only ones who treat people, she said. If it comes down to either a two-tier system of health care, "I'd rather have mediocre treatment for everyone than have two kinds of systems," she said.

Dr. Hoddinott replied that a one-tier system, historically, has developed into a two-tier system. For example, communist countries have a black market for health services. Even now there are tremendous delays, under the present system, Dr. Hoddinott said, citing a patient who had to wait four months for a CAT scan.

The doctors are not asking for control of health care, said Dr. Halparin. However, doctors "believe we have major things to say about the health care system," he said.

How does extra-billing improve the health system, one person asked. Opting-out is a necessity, because it is better for doctors to be at arm's length from government, said Dr. Halparin. It is easier to fight for patients' rights when not under total control of the government, he said.

In Quebec, they limit a patient's

accessibility to doctors, Dr. Hoddinott said.

One member of the audience congratulated the doctors on holding the forum and expressed disappointment their MP and MPP were not present, suggesting they hold another forum with each of them in attendance.

A woman wanted to know why doctors are stressing patient care, "but they're (patients) the very ones you're holding hostage?"

The doctors have taken the position that you have to do everything in your power to make sure it doesn't become law of the land, Dr. Halparin said.

"If you want second class mediocre medicine in the future, then that's something I need to know," he said.

Hospital administrators have threatened doctors for speaking out and the provincial government has threatened advertising companies who are willing to help the doctors, he said. "They goated us and refused to negotiate with us," he said.

"It's an absolute necessity if you want quality health care. You have to take the position we're doing something on your behalf."

"You're obligated in a democratic society to do everything in your power..." said Dr. Halparin.

An area pharmacist agreed with the doctors and said she was upset at the government strategy of taking all the power away and then saying "let's negotiate".

A woman bus driver complained that the media took the side of the parents when a school bus strike was threatening. "When government does want something, you just don't get the word out," she said. She wanted to know what the public could do to support the doctors.

Dr. Halparin said letters to the Premier, MPP Don Knight, Opposition Leader Larry Grossman, Health Minister Murray Elston would help, along with a collect call (905-1941) to Mr. Peterson's office.

He agreed with her, and said, "our message is continually distorted by the media."

Ralph Fletcher wanted to know if Bill 94 would take away a patient's right to choose who their physician is. The answer was no, but patients will end up waiting longer to see their doctor, Dr. Halparin said.

## Georgetown south

# Valley lands not for housing

By ANI FEDERIAN  
Herald Staff

Georgetown residents want to know if the greenbelt area through which Silver Creek runs in Georgetown South is going to be developed, and if so, how.

Monday night, about 60 concerned residents crowded the hot town council chambers, sitting through two other public meetings until the public meeting on the Enterac Property Corporation rezoning application came up.

The 230 acres of valley lands stretch from the Georgetown Water Pollution Control Plant in Hungry Hollow to Eighth Line.

Town planning director Ian Keith said the future of the greenbelt space will be decided in the second stage of urban development of the Georgetown South lands. He stressed the valley lands cannot be developed for residential use nor can any buildings be built on them.

Enterac consultant Toby Barwick

said the valley lands will remain open space. The only question is whether they should be left as they are, or developed into a golf course or hiking trails.

Ian Keith



The town's official plan designates the land as "open space" which allows for a golf course, and for orchard or pasture use.

"I live on that ravine space and I want the town to get a commitment that we can leave it the way it is," Barry Greenham of Flamingo Court, Georgetown, said.

"I think one of the biggest natural resources the town has is their valley lands," Peter Woolgar of Eden Place, Georgetown, said.

"Is it possible the land will be dedicated to the town for other considerations?" Pamela Saunders of Flamingo Court asked.

Mr. Keith said it's possible, and laughed, adding "if we can convince the developer to." Until Halton Region determines how much is needed for widening Mountview Road and for sewage and water pipes, the town can't touch those lands, he said.

"We're just not going to give away those 230 acres, unless there's a specific use for them," Mr. Barwick said. "It's a terrific donation."

He was asked what he wants in return for the greenbelt, to which Mr. Barwick replied he didn't know and couldn't say.

As for the possibility of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority purchasing the lands from Enterac, Town Treasurer Ray King pointed out they have limited funds.

Written comments on the Enterac

application are being received till July 18 by the town. No date has been set yet for a planning report coming back to general committee.

Last fall, the town made a lengthy 51 conditions that must be met before the Enterac development can go ahead. Altogether, Enterac intends to build 841 single family homes on Part Lot 11 and 12, Con. 9.

Roger Stopford of Irwin Crescent asked about the proposed interchange with Highway 401 at Winston Churchill Boulevard. Town Engineer Bob Austin said he'd heard varying stories about when it was to go ahead, but believed the work would be going to tender by July. He said he was consulted on an application for a wayside pit for the work recently.

As for linking Ninth Line with Highway 401, that's beyond the Ministry's 15-year planning, Mr. Austin said.

Irwin Crescent resident Roger Stopford said it would make more sense in light of this information, to focus traffic down Winston Churchill instead of Ninth Line.



Doctors Elliot Halparin (left) and Boyd Hoddinott fielded questions at a public forum last Wednesday. The doctors held the meeting so that members of the public could ask them questions about health care and Bill 94. (Herald photo)

## In the hills

### 8 Ontario scholars at Acton high

Eight students from Acton High School made the Ontario Scholar in 1986.

Helen Staley was the top student with a 92.3 per cent average, followed by Shaival Chandra and Fasad Khan.

The other Ontario Scholars are: Pierre Agnes, Greg Hiscock, Darlene Johnston, Scott Nolan and Jim Johnston.

### No buyer

There are no prospective buyers coming forward to buy the Beardmore tannery, according to Mayor Russ Miller.

The Mayor, and a special committee set up by council to deal with the tannery closure, have been meeting once a week and are working to get another company to take over the longtime business.

"There's no prospective buyer out there negotiating, but we're still working on it," Mayor Miller said. There are over 300 jobs that will be lost with the tannery closure.

### Water rescue of Acton man

A 21-year-old Acton man survived an evening dunking in Fairy Lake last week.

Jeff Fendley has two volunteers, who rescued him, and a police officer who used cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques, to thank for his life.

The young man decided to go for a canoe ride June 29 and took along a life jacket as he isn't a good swimmer, Halton Regional Police said.

When the canoe flipped over and he fell into the water, two people saw and came to his rescue. They got Mr. Fendley onto a raft, whereupon police, fire and ambulance help was called for. After a police officer used CPR to revive Mr. Fendley, he was treated and released at Georgetown District Memorial Hospital.

### Avoid balls

Doctors have a warning for you, moms and dads. If your youngster is playing with one of those small rubber balls that have a high bounce, you should be concerned about eye injuries.

"The balls are very small and they fit within the protective orbit around our eyes," Dr. Don Trant of Georgetown said.

## Halton hunt report has few supporters

By MAGGIE HANNAH  
Herald Special

Only farmers are satisfied with the proposals of Halton Region's task force on hunting to ban the discharge of firearms in regional agreement forests, except during the annual controlled deer hunt.

At a meeting to unveil the task force's recommendations Wednesday night both the pro- and anti-hunting lobbies expressed discontent with the report.

Rural Milton residents, concerned about hunters using the agreement forests, threatened to withdraw their support of the task force recommendations unless the 11-week archery hunting season for deer is dropped from the proposals.

While they are willing to stay out of the forests for a few days to permit a controlled deer hunt with shotguns, they are not prepared to give up use of the forests from mid-October to the end of the year until the archery hunting season ends.

Hunters were upset the ban would be enforced in the forests, accusing the task force of "manipulating" its members to achieve a "pre-determined" political result. John Kitching, task force member representing Halton's farmers, said crop damage by wildlife was the greatest concern for his people and allowing hunters into the forests for

the controlled hunt will do much to ease that problem.

He pointed to how big a part the agricultural concerns had played in getting the total ban on discharge of firearms in the agreement forests repealed.

The issue of denying hunting rights in agreement forests for small game and migratory bird hunters popped up repeatedly among the dozen speakers who offered comments on the task force's proposals.

They said only the hunters had given up anything in the task force's compromise. The citizens had not made any concessions.

Russell Piper, spokesman for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, said his group totally disagrees with the premise hunting is incompatible with other forest uses. He feels anti-hunters are more concerned with their disapproval of killing animals than with safety.

He disagreed with speakers who accused the politicians of being unfair.

"I have no objection to the way council has handled this. They are trying to do the best job they can with a very delicate issue," he said. "Perhaps the hunter task force representative should have been a federation member with experience in dealing with political issues."

Mr. Piper agreed with many of the

recommendations, especially those dealing with hunter identification tags, the wearing of blaze orange by hunters and the requirement for hunters to have liability insurance.

He disagreed with the ban on shotgun hunting for small game and migratory birds, saying farmers need hunters to control these animals as well.

He suggested shotgun hunting for small animals and birds and the archery season for deer should run together to Dec. 31, noting archers can also hunt small game in addition to deer, but do not go after migratory birds.

He also pointed to a lack of consideration of problems with rabies which hunting small game helps to control.

Rabies was at its highest level ever in Ontario in 1985, he said. Indications are that 1986 will be even worse.

Mr. Kitching said the rabies question was thoroughly discussed and dropped, noting skunks and raccoons are the worst carriers and no one hunts them.

Coun. Pat McLaughlin (Burlington) who chaired the meeting, took verbal strips off speakers who said the task force ignored a hunting group representative's proposal, saying 90 per cent of the suggestions in that proposal wound up in the final

recommendations.

Ministry of Natural Resources spokesman Nancy Till said she felt the fear archers will flood into Halton for the deer season because of restrictions in other parts of the Cambridge MNR district was unwarranted.

She said although the ministry operates the agreement forests for Halton, it will be up to Halton if deer seasons are extended or curtailed in those forests.

Courtesy Guelph Mercury

### Hunt applications are due August 1

Applications to hunt in controlled deer hunt areas will be available Aug. 1 from the Ministry of Natural Resources and must be returned by Aug. 29.

In Halton, if Regional Council approves the recommendations of a task force looking into hunting in the Agreement Forest, the deer season will be for five days, sometime between mid-October and December end.

To hunt antlerless deer, you must purchase a deer licence and return it to the Ministry by July 31.