



**BREAK A LEG**—Acton High School will be the first high school to perform "Preppies". The play, authorized by two New York writers, chronicles the paths of youths who must learn to deal with society. In this scene Hogsy (Kevin Quinn) laments while his arch rival Coty (Rick Sato) gets the girl Muffy (Patricia Reynolds). The play, which features an adult chorus, is directed by Acton teachers Susie Bebe and Jan Penick. "Preppies" runs May 7-9 starting at 8 p.m. nightly. (Herald photo)

## Students go Preppie May 7

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Acton High School students will go "Preppie" this weekend. Their production of the play "Preppies" will be a first.

Preppies Co-director Susie Beber says no high school theatre group has ever staged the play but Acton's will be a winner.

The play centres around the trials and tribulations of students as they reach their goals.

New York Writers David Taylor and Carlos Davis scripted Preppies with names that somewhat befit the characters.

Parker Richardson Endicott III, played by Vice-principal Keith Black, realizes he is about to die but doesn't have a son to inherit his sizeable trust fund. In order to ensure his obnoxious cousin doesn't get the trust, Endicott convinces his servants Joe and Marie Pantry to allow their son to take the name of Parker Richardson Endicott IV (Coty), played by Rick Sato.

His real identity is kept secret until he is 21-years-old when the trust passes on to him. The play follows Coty and his friends as they go through school and the social rituals of a teenager, which help make a "Pantry" into a "Preppie".

Throughout the play Hogsy (Botsworth Norvil Bogswaren III), played by Kevin Quinn attempts to thwart Coty's moves and the two compete for the affections of Angelica Livermore Atwater, alias Muffy, played by Patricia Reynolds.

The students have been rehearsing since February and now regularly after school until 6 p.m. For several

more hours on the weekends, the Acton High School Auditorium is packed with students belting out songs for the play.

Director Susie Bebe, the associate head of communications at the school, said the play was written in the early 1980's so no high school has yet to take on the task.

Co-director Jan Penick, the head of communications at Acton High School said they looked for a play the kids could relate to.

The pair have directed four high school plays together and they have begun to pick up on what the kids like to do.

"There is a special relationship in a play between the students and directors," said Mrs. Penick. "It's different from a team."

"Preppie is big these days," said Ms. Beber, pointing to fashion outfits such as Roots clothing and the popularity of Preppie department stores like Bennetton.

The play features an adult chorus comprised of staff and students, including Vice-Principal Keith Black.

Kevin Quinn, a Grade 10 student at Acton High School, helped out with last year's play on the stage crew and decided to step out into the lights this time around.

"I'm a Shakespeare fan so I guess that is what got me into (theatre)," Kevin said.

"I've got the best role in the whole play," he said of his devious character.

"I'm the J.R. Ewing of the preppie world. (Hogsy) knows what he wants and he goes out and gets it," he said.

Preppies is slated for three performances on May 7, 8 and 9 with an 8 p.m. starting time.

## In the hills

**Hiring problems**

Summer and part time employees of the town will be getting 4.5 per cent more than they did last summer.

Monday night, town council is expected to approve the wage increase which will raise the hourly salary of a first year engineering student from \$5.83 to \$6.75.

Summer staff working their first summer with the town in the public works department will start with \$6 an hour.

The recreation director and town engineer say that they have had difficulty in hiring students for summer positions and blame it on low salaries being offered. The wage increase is hoped to correct the situation.

**Office planned**

You have until May 12 to write up your comments on the proposal by M. and Gord Chapman to put up a lawyer's office at the corner of Main and Church Streets in Acton.

Monday night, a public meeting will be held into the proposal which will demolish a single family detached home on the south east corner. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the application to amend the Halton Hills Official Plan and zoning bylaw.

Councillors will be receiving a staff report on the proposal May 19. Written submissions should be handed in at the town offices on Trafalgar Road.

**Roadwork subsidy**

Reconstruction of 17th Sideroad has won \$247,000 Ministry of Transportation and Communications funding. The 1987 supplementary subsidy to the town cannot be used for other road work.

The town is also to receive road work subsidies of \$803,000 for construction and \$592,000 for maintenance.

**No more exceptions**

An attempt to get councillors to give smaller residential developments a break failed Monday night.

Georgetown developer Al Pilluti wanted councillors to allow developers a 90 days grace from payment of lot levies when it's for a 12 to 50 unit high rise.

Councillors stuck with their original intent to give the break for 24 to 50 unit buildings.

**Street dance**

There'll be a street dance and barbeque on Calvert Drive June 6.

Residents got permission from general committee Monday night to hold the family event from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight on a portion of their street.

A similar event was held last year, and there were no objections received from either the town staff or Halton Regional Police then. Calvert Drive residents will be responsible for the cleanup afterwards.

## Business input sought for garbage collection

Georgetown and Acton Chambers of Commerce and Business Improvement Areas have until June 8 to let the town know how garbage collection can be improved in Halton Hills.

The extension from April end was granted Monday night when it became clear the Georgetown Chamber had not understood council's request in its March 30 letter.

Georgetown Chamber's Murray Lawton said his group was still waiting to receive the garbage collection bylaw the town proposes, so it could comment on it.

Coun. Pam Sheldon explained the letter was seeking businessmen's input before writing up the new bylaws.

"Is the Chamber ready to make suggestions?" she asked.

"Not till we see what bylaws you've got," Mr. Lawton said.

"We're not the professionals, your town staff are. We want the bylaws to see if they're palatable to the business community and we can live with them."

Town Engineer Bob Austin pointed out areas where Chamber input is being sought: days convenient for pickup, what time is best, collection from private property or curbside.

Coun. Pam Johnston said the Georgetown BIA was happy with the

current service and had no complaints. She and Coun. John McDonald sit on that body.

However, garbage collection isn't as comprehensive in other parts of town, a problem that brought the Georgetown Chamber to town council more than six years ago. While some businesses benefit from free municipal collection, others adjacent or across the street from them, don't, and must hire a private contractor to pick up their loads.

Business people want garbage pickup to be fair across town.

### Futurist at Milton Manor

World renowned Futurist, Frank Feather, editor, publisher of "Canada Tomorrow" will present for discussion "Future Talk, what it will be and what it all means", professionally, individually, community wide.

The workshop is scheduled for May 15, 1987 at Milton Manor, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch and coffee breaks are provided.

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## Residents want a stub road

Residents on Wildwood Road want a stub road in the Meagan subdivision to serve as a temporary parkette, Coun. Pam Sheldon says.

The development in upper Glen Williams doesn't provide parkland, but pays the town cash-in-lieu of parkland. Parkland was not a condition of draft approval as the development is in the town's rural area.

Coun. Sheldon said there are numerous children in the area of the proposed development and they aren't able to walk to the parkland in lower Glen Williams. Town staff have been asked to prepare a report on the situation.

If the stub road can't be used for a temporary park, then perhaps the storm easement between two lots that goes into a ravine area can do, the councillor suggested.

"What happens when we have another subdivision in the country and they want a parkette? We're going to end up with parkettes all over the rural area," Coun. Lillian Bowman objected.

This case is different because it is isolated from park facilities, Coun. Sheldon replied.

"You could say that about any rural subdivision, that it is isolated and away from parks," Coun. Bowman said.

One of the reasons Wildwood Fitness dare

Milton has been given the "Challenge" by Halton Hills. May 27, the two towns will compete in the Crown Life Participation Challenge.

"I'm glad we're competing with the town beside us. It'll save us long distance calls," Coun. Rick Bonnette joked Monday night.

Residents who complete 15 minutes of continuous physical activity are to call the Neilson's Challenge Hotline at 873-0515 May 27 to register.

The town has proclaimed May 22 to 31 Canada's Fit Week.

Residents are asking for a parkette good enough for walking, Coun. Peter Norton commented.

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