

Backstabbing fun if you're playing Office Politics

If you've ever been involved in a little office gossip, you may have helped provide the inspiration for a new board game developed by Georgetown resident Derek Todd. Office Politics has taken three

years and \$125,000 to get to the stage where the first demonstration game pieces have been made but 28-year-old Derek Todd is confident the game will be on the shelves within two months.

The game features four floors in which participants attempt to make it from a low position in a fictional company to the "top floor."

The object of the game is to acquire controlling interest by owning as many shares as possible.

"You start in the doghouse and you work your way up," Derek says.

Eventually, by the time players reach the "fourth floor," salary has little to do with income. By the

time you reach the fourth floor "you are doing less work for more money," Derek says.

Participants make their way up through the company by backstabbing, dealing with "spies" or by ganging up on each other.

You can get fired, if you land on the wrong square and players are constantly at the mercy of "gossip cards" or bonus and expense cards.

Or you can get nailed for sexual harassment.

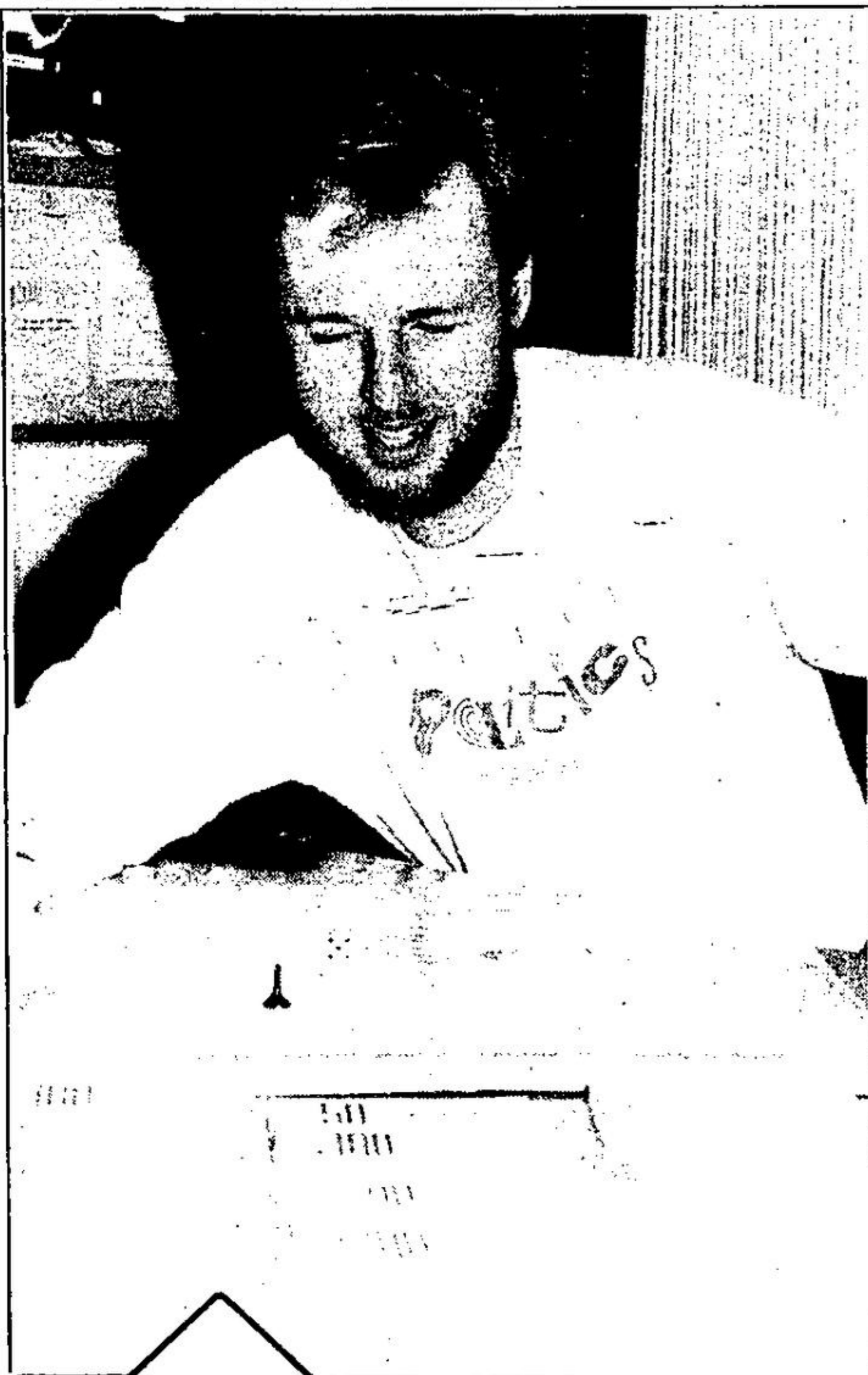
Office Politics is a game for two to four adults, Derek says. He got the idea for the game during his tenure in business including a stint at a direct mail order company in

the advertising department. "All the companies I've worked for in the past have been inundated with office politics," Derek said.

During a recent trade show at the Toronto Convention Centre, Derek got "incredible positives" from distributors.

The Canadian version of Office Politics will be offered in a square black box, while the version on American shelves will be packaged in a briefcase. "Canadians," Derek says, "are too conservative" for the briefcase idea.

He expects Office Politics to be printed in Korea, allowing a retail price of about \$25.



OFFICE POLITICS

Derek Todd studies the strategy of Office Politics, a new board game he hopes to have on the shelves soon. The Georgetown resident has been working on the project full time since last July, even consulting with the developers of the record breaking board game, Trivial Pursuit. The board game deals with the nastier side of big companies and will retail for about \$25. (Herald photo)

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