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Getting ready for Participaction Day!

Getting well at Work That Body's wellness workshop on Saturday meant a variety of events including a fitness break, a fashionable lunch, a Tai Chi fit break and several other demonstrations. Here, practising for the Participaction Challenge between Georgetown and Guelph May 31 are several models sporting fashions from

Lazy Day Blues, Elizabeth's Fashions and Work That Body. Left to right are Jean Puckering, Valarie McDonald, Joan Shapcott, Karen Boyle, Mary Jo Solarik and Debby Winterburn. Young Shannon Reynolds also joins in while Robynne Spence tries out the bench press. (Herald photo by Brian MacLeod)

Formal complaint filed against two doctors

By BRIAN MacLEOD
Herald Staff

An Orangeville woman, who says she lay in the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital for three hours while her Fallopian tube ruptured, has asked the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons to investigate the actions of two doctors involved in the case.

Martha Meers, 28, formerly of Georgetown, says her ectopic pregnancy resulted in a ruptured Fallopian tube two hours after she checked into the Georgetown hospital's emergency ward March 17. Ms. Meers says she was transferred to Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga an hour after the tube ruptured, where a doctor removed "several hundred blood clots" from her abdomen in an emergency operation.

Ms. Meers is registered under the care of Dr. John Ng in Georgetown but she has been treated by gynecologist and obstetrician Dr. Jack Ford, whose Georgetown hospital privileges were revoked in April of 1987.

Ms. Meers recently described the events leading up to the March 17 visit to the Georgetown hospital's emergency ward and the subsequent rupture of her Fallopian tube. Weekly visits to Dr. Ford had shown she was probably pregnant with her first child. A March 14 ultra sound showed that the pregnancy could be ectopic (fertilization occurred in the Fallopian tube).

Prior to the March 14 ultra sound, Dr. Ford had left the country on holidays leaving Ms. Meers in the care of Dr. John Ng. Upon learning of the results of the ultra sound, Dr. Ng referred Ms. Meers to gynecologist and obstetrician Dr. B.K. Sennik in Brampton for an appointment two days later. Dr. Sennik conducted blood tests during the March 16 visit.

The following day, Ms. Meers telephoned Dr. Sennik to tell him she was in a lot of pain with evidence of bleeding. She was told by a receptionist that Dr. Sennik was unable to come to the telephone and that she should appear for an ultra sound treatment at Peel Memorial Hospital on Monday, March 20, at 3:20 p.m.

A second telephone call to Dr. Sennik that day yielded the same results.

On Friday night, March 17, Ms. Meers, suffering from severe pain, checked into Georgetown hospital shortly before 11 p.m. She told nurses she was pregnant and that the pregnancy was possibly ectopic and possibly in the left tube. Ms. Meers said she could not give a urine test because of the pain she was suffering.

Blood tests performed by Dr. David Cook showed she was indeed pregnant. Dr. Cook told her she needed to see a gynecologist immediately, said Ms. Meers.

Dr. Cook kept checking on her condition periodically, but Ms.

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Local businessmen want deeper spending cuts

By DONNA KELL
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A mix of Tory followers gathered in Georgetown Friday to hear local MP Garth Turner stand behind Finance Minister Michael Wilson's budget released last week.

The largely business crowd attending the \$10-a-plate breakfast urged Mr. Turner and the Progressive Conservative party to be harsher in expenditure cuts. Most said social programs should be hacked even further than they were in the budget.

Cuts in last week's budget included downsizing Canada's military bases from 14 to seven, scrapping a nuclear submarine program worth \$8 billion, reducing spending for child care by over \$5

billion and reducing funding to the National Coalition on the Status of Women.

"We have to stop buying the taxpayer's vote," said Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce President Murray Lawton.

Mr. Lawton, who owns the Guelph Street franchise of Canadian Tire Corporation said he must refuse wage hikes to his employees. The Canadian government should also learn to "say no."

"We've got to bite the bullet. We have to say no."

"I don't think the government, whatever stripe they might be, is setting an example," he told the room full of business people, Progressive Conservative supporters.

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