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## "The waggle o' the kilt"

The 14th annual Georgetown Highland Games drew thousands of people to the Fairgrounds Saturday despite the threat of rain. Luck stayed with the organizers however and all the events went off without a hitch. Although the games are expected to break even, some town councillors felt an anti-town

sentiment during the day. However, the Highland Games are expected to be back for its 15th anniversary. Here, one stern highlander leads the pipes and drums during the massed bands parade. (Herald photo by Brian MacLeod)

## Thousands "fling" at Highland Games

By DONNA KELL  
Herald Staff

The piercing melodies of the Scottish bagpipes filled the air and circled around the trees in the Georgetown Fairgrounds Saturday. The Highland Games had returned for the 14th time, bringing with them a touch of heather, flashes of tartan and an ode to the Scottish Soldier.

This year's Highland Games attracted thousands of visitors and 28 bands from such faraway places as Chicago, Detroit and Ohio.

"The bagpipes just echo into the trees. It's a beautiful park," said organizer Keith Spicer. "It's a super park. Everyone who comes here says so."

But this year's gala event was marred by inconveniences. Friday, the day before the festivities, Mr. Spicer discovered there was no hydro. The Town of Halton Hills was called in on an emergency visit, climbing a hydro pole in the rain storm to provide power for the annual event.

And Saturday morning, water that was supposed to be running by 6 a.m. didn't blast into action until an hour after breakfast was cooking at the pavilions.

"When you're doing something voluntarily, you don't want to run into these problems," said Mr. Spicer. "It was either 'forgetfulness (on the part of the town) or negligence."

Councillors at Monday night's town council meeting following the weekend Highland Games said there was an anti-town attitude prevailing at the Games. Organizers were bitter that the town had failed to provide utilities on time in addition to cancelling camping privileges several weeks before the event, according to Mr. Spicer.

"There's quite a resentment towards this town council," said Coun. Norm Elliott of Acton, who confessed his own Scottish heritage to the other councillors.

And Coun. Elliott said there were rumors that this would be the last year for the Highland Games which have become a Georgetown tradition.

"It disturbs me a great deal when I hear on Saturday that people should hang onto the (Games) program because it could be the last year."

But Mr. Spicer said the tradition

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## School Board wants entrepreneurial spirit

By BEN DUMMETT  
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Fostering an entrepreneurial spirit within the Halton Board of Education's schools should be one of the board's primary goals as it approaches the 21st century, Director Bob Williams said at the June 1 board of education meeting.

Mr. Williams said the board's administration has insufficient manpower and resources to make all of the educational related decisions alone.

This is one of three interconnected strategies, Mr. Williams outlined for board trustees concerning the direction he thinks it should take if the education system is going to properly prepare students to meet environmental problems, the changing economy and advancing technologies.

Although Mr. Williams said some of the region's schools currently display significant initiative in their approach to education, others depend too much on the board for direction.

As director, Mr. Williams said it

is his and the board's job to provide schools with the resources and leadership to become more independent. But ultimately the strategy's successful implementa-



Bob Williams

tion depends on principals and teachers. Principals have to accept their enhanced role as school leaders and teachers must be open to new and advanced teaching strategies, he said.

"The report is to some degree an act of faith," Mr. Williams said of his strategy for education in Halton.

If the board and schools are able

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