

More space needed for adult education

By BEN DUMMETT
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The Adult and Continuing Education program in Halton needs more space if it is going to meet the growing demand for existing and new programs, its principal, Don Baker, says.

Elementary and secondary enrolments are decreasing but the demand is rising for courses offered by Adult and Continuing Education, Mr. Baker said. Although he didn't have specific figures, Mr. Baker said overall enrolment has increased by 2,000 during the past couple of years.

Mr. Baker asked Halton Board of Education trustees to update the adult and continuing policy to recognize the increasing demand at last week's meeting.

Under the current 20-year-old policy, space in schools only become available to the continuing education program after the board meets the needs of the school and local business. The board leases out extra space to businesses, Mr. Baker said.

If the new policy is passed the board will have to include adult and continuing education programs in its budget. The board will be required to recognize the need

for facilities and administrative and teaching staff for continuing education, the board's director Bob Williams said.

The costs of Adult and Continuing Education programs are met by grants from different government agencies and fees paid by the students. The only exception is facility and custodial costs, Mr. Baker said.

The board now provides driving education instruction and facilities for night school courses that are financially self-supporting.

But it isn't difficult to get space for these courses. Most of the driver's education course is done

in a car and the school is used infrequently during the evening, Mr. Baker said.

The policy fails to recognize the scope of the courses offered and that many of them are offered during the day, he said.

Classroom space is now booked yearly so classes are moved around a lot. For example, the English as a Second Language course in Burlington has moved four times in four years, Mr. Baker said. The lack of permanency is demoralizing for students and teachers because they feel unimportant, he explained.

Through adult and continuing education programs, Halton residents can finish their high school diploma, upgrade their skills or learn another language.

Most board members appeared to favor the new policy last week.

Mr. Williams said enrolment has been growing for the past few years and there appears to be "an unlimited need for the programs being offered."

Halton Hills Trustee Arlene Bruce stressed the board must update its policy to reflect changes in the Region's educational needs.

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United Way looking for \$156,000 this year

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When the United Way comes knocking on your door this fall, think of it as one knock for 18 different agencies across town.

United Way of Halton Hills president Arlene Bruce says by having one representative agency, "we're condensing all that door-knocking into one major door-knock."

This year's Halton Hills goal is \$156,000. Last year's goal of

call 877-7119 or 877-8335.

Canvassers in Acton and Georgetown will hold their "blitz night" Oct. 10, the day after Thanksgiving.

"When a canvasser knocks at your door, please give generously," the United Way asks.

The United Way of Halton Hills slogan for 1989 is the "United Way Belongs to You." The 18 agencies funded by the United Way serve three out of five people in town, according to local agency representatives.

"In every family, statistics show that someone is going to be using a United Way service throughout the year," Mrs. Bruce said. "It covers the spectrum of so many parts of our day-to-day life."

Mrs. Bruce said local agencies funded by the United Way give Halton Hills people the services they need right here at home.

"We don't have to go to Burlington, we don't have to go to Oakville or Toronto."

Mrs. Bruce is part of this year's United Way executive, and she is joined by vice-president Steve Williamson, second vice-president Suzanne Brown, campaign chairman Jim Lindsay, secretary John Wickens, treasurer Bob Young and executive director of the United Way of Halton Hills, Betty Fisher.

The United Way will hold a Fantasy Raffle which includes a trip to New York's Maxim's restaurant for two. Second and third prizes are a windsurfer board and a ladies 12-speed bicycle.

There are 6,200 tickets available at \$2 each. They can be purchased at the United Way of Halton Hills in Cedarvale Park or by calling 877-8335, 853-1267 or 853-3880.

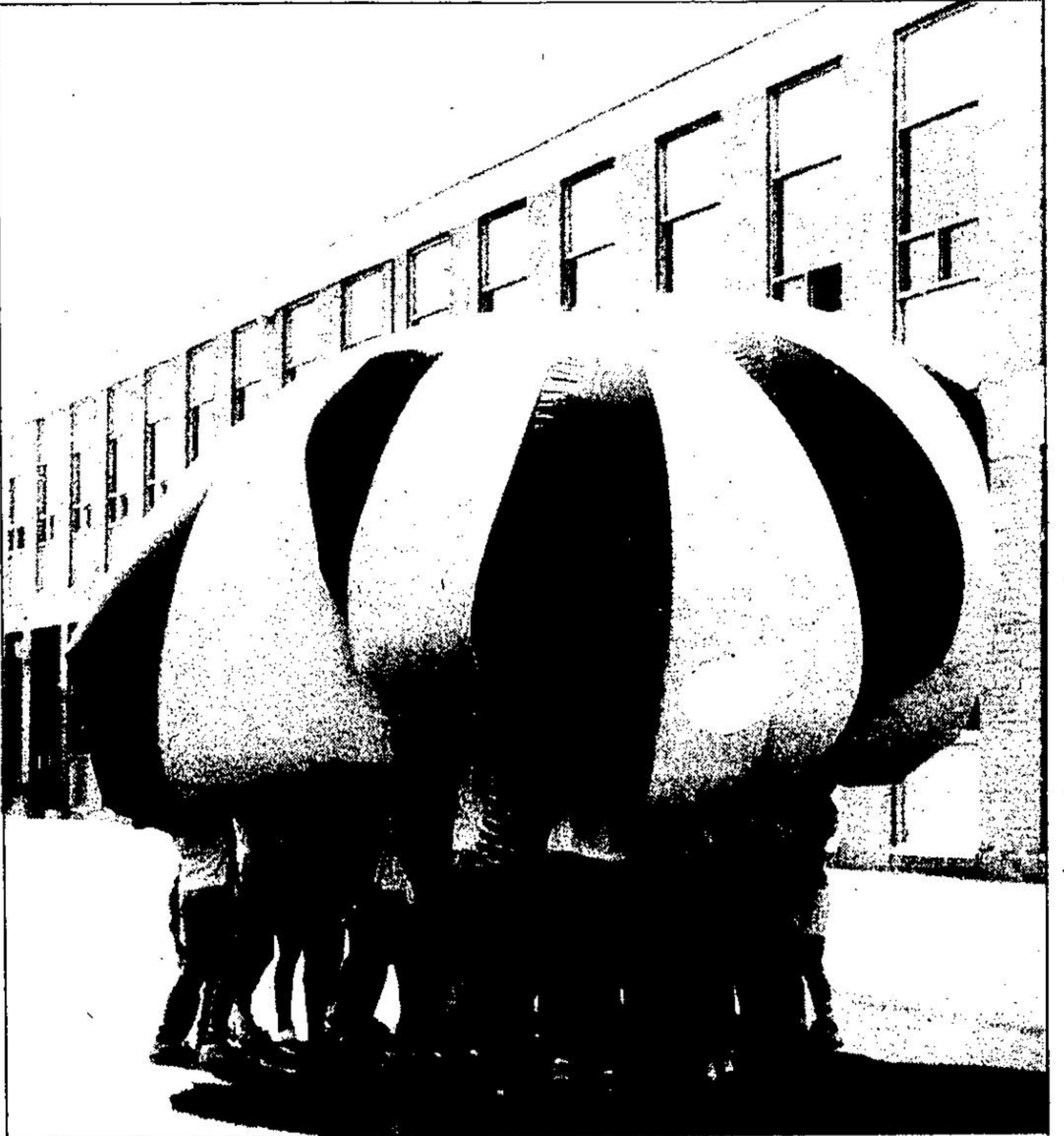


\$130,000 was successfully met. And Mrs. Bruce says she is confident that the people of Halton Hills will give generously, especially after the success of last week's Terry Fox runs in Acton and Georgetown.

"We're really excited about the campaign coming up. This community has a big heart."

"Everything that we can put into the United Way will come into this community." The United Way funds services like the teen mothers program, the tots' program, the Victorian Order of Nurses, and the Red Cross.

The United Way will kick off its 1989 campaign at a luncheon at Jack Tanner's Table (the Olde Hide House) Sept. 27 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15, with all proceeds from the lunch going to the United Way of Halton Hills. For tickets



"It's one for all..."

No, it's not a multi-foot, one-headed monster from the planet Pluto. They are a group of Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 students from George Kennedy Public School letting loose at the "parachute station," one of 15 stations making up the school's fall play day, held

Wednesday. The school's students were divided into groups and moved from station to station participating in events that stressed participation and co-operation. The day was designed to build school spirit, teachers said. (Herald photo)

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