



B.I.G. beach party

Getting plastered at the Sign Shop on Sinclair Avenue Monday were the members of the decorating committee for the B.I.G. Chill beach party. The group were getting their hands into everything while creating birds for the annual event between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. June 2. The members of the decorating committee are Bonnie Malenfant, Laurie Inglis, Mol-

ly Moore, Susan LeFévre, Debbie Knoepfl and Penny Butterworth. Tickets cost \$10 and are available through Georgetown Minor Hockey, Georgetown Raiders, Ladies Flag Football, Georgetown Minor Ball, Men's Flag Football, Ladies Powderpuff Ball and the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. (Herald photo)

Schools may go smoke-free

By ALAN MACKIE
the Herald

Students and staff at Halton's schools may have to butt out in September if the Halton Board of Education agrees with a request made by the Halton Council on Smoking and Health (HCSH).

The HCSH is asking approximately 800 organizations and workplaces that cater to Halton's youths to develop a non-smoking policy.

A non-smoking brief has been sent to the organizations and workplaces about a week before the board is set to review a non-smoking policy.

Peter Gnish, the board of director's executive assistant, said the policy originally came before the board in late 1988. A survey at that time showed 29 per cent of the students were smoking and almost 15 per cent of the teachers were smoking, Mr. Gnish said. The updated figures are expected to be out in a couple of weeks, he added.

Bryn Davies, principal of Georgetown District High School, said he has had a number of students talk to him about the policy. While he acknowledges the school has had some problems in the past with a similar policy, he believes the situation is not the same. This time both staff and students are affected and the students will have had fair warning, he said.

Three years ago, GDHS students protested with a sit-in on Highway 7 after their smoking area was taken away. The smoking area was later re-established.

Mr. Davies also noted, "it's becoming more and more socially unacceptable to smoke."

As a parent of two children, 8 and 12 years old, Mr. Davies said he is glad they will not be able to learn how to smoke from other students at the school.

Mr. Davies started smoking when he was 14 for three reasons: it was an adult thing to do, peer pressure and it felt good. "Once I started the original reasons

dissipated" but the addiction had "kicked in," he said.

He stopped smoking seven years later.

Walt Elliot, MPP for Halton North, supports the idea of smoke-free schools. "We have to start with the youths by giving them the proper facts," he said.

Mr. Elliot said the "medical evidence is overpowering in this area." This was one of the two reasons he quit smoking near the time he finished university. His other reason for quitting was the economic cost of buying three packs a day.

The brief prepared by the HCSH for businesses was endorsed by the Canadian Cancer Society, the Halton Board of Education, the Halton Roman Catholic Board of Education, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and 11 other people and organizations.

According to the brief tobacco

products are the leading preventable cause of poor health in Halton. It also states 90 per cent of adult smokers begin smoking during or before their teen years, long before they can legally be given or sold tobacco.

The brief also notes, "By the age of 12, at least half of Halton school children have experimented with cigarettes."

The Halton Roman Catholic School Board adopted a non-smoking policy in September 1989.

The mortality rate for people who started smoking when they were 15 years old is 50 per cent higher than people who started smoking in their twenties, the brief states.

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Town gives \$1,000 to Block Parents

Town council agreed Monday night to give the Ontario Block Parent Association \$1,000 to help finance the 1991 Ontario Block Parent Conference in Burlington.

The association's chairman Pat Lower told councillors in supporting the group they are "supporting the protection of our most valuable citizens - the children."

The block parent program has been a part of Halton Hills since 1976 and a part of Halton Region for the last 25 years, she said.

The money will go towards

holding the conference's civic banquet which is estimated to cost \$10,000 said Ms. Lower. About 5,000 people are expected to attend the conference including several police officers. The officers will conduct workshops on preventing crime, said the chairman.

The Region of Halton has already agreed to contribute \$2,500, the Town of Milton will give \$500 and the Town of Oakville will donate \$2,000. Ms. Lower will be asking Burlington to make a contribution this fall.

IODE holds bridge night

A pleasant evening of bridge was held at St. George's Hall, Thursday evening, March 29. The occasion was the grand finale for the round robin bridge, sponsored by the Countess of Strathmore Chapter, IODE.

Mrs. Freddie Burton, regent of the chapter, presented prizes to the following:

Top scores for the evening of bridge: First, Helen McKay and Marg Gage; second, Muriel Gregory and Ruth Forgrave.

Couples' group: First, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Noble; second, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yestads; third, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Richardson.

Afternoon ladies' group: First, Elsie Whitam and Norma Maynard; second, Helen Hyde and Marilyn Humberstone; third, Marion Richardson and Ruth Forgrave.

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The ticket price is unchanged at \$120. (for all 12 monthly draws) or if you prefer by 12 instalments of \$10. each. If you pay by instalments please supply 12 post-dated cheques of \$10. each starting April 1st, 1990, then one on the first day of each month with a final dated March 1st, 1991. All 12 cheques must be provided prior to the first draw on April 10th, 1990.

All tickets paid in full by April 10th, 1990 will be eligible for a special draw on that day of one prize of \$500. in cash.

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