

For students

Lots of jobs at lower pay

By LISA RUTLEDGE
The Herald

Halton Hills students looking for summer employment will have no difficulty finding jobs, however, they better expect lower pay rates, the supervisor of Georgetown's Canada Employment Centre For Students, Robin Quon said employers are placing job orders for students regularly but the pay rates average \$7 an hour and that may be below the expectations of students.

Students placement rates are successful this year, said Mr. Quon, adding that 1990 placements have surpassed last year's placements in early summer. More registrations are being made to fill the increasing numbers of job vacancies, he said.

Despite slowing economy, more job placements have come in than last year, he said. Smaller businesses still require student help, keeping the student employment field relatively healthy.

The most sought after jobs are in the landscaping industry, camp positions and especially office positions, said Mr. Quon. Office jobs go quickly because students who live in the country are attracted to professional environments and enjoy working in air-conditioned offices, Mr. Quon said.

Other jobs available are kitchen help, forestry, painting and even farm hands, he said, adding that these positions don't seem to be first choices among students.

Although it is Mr. Quon's first year as supervisor at the centre, he has noticed some students aren't as aggressive as they should be if they took summer employment hunting seriously. Students are being extremely selective in choosing a job based on pay rates, he said. There is an active market but students can't expect a job to come to them, Mr. Quon stresses.

Students have to be persistent

and come in to the centre to look over the job posting boards because there are new listings everyday, he said. Approximately 90 per cent of job listings come from the Georgetown area.

"I've seen Georgetown area students with passive attitudes," Mr. Quon said. "The students I've seen coming in everyday, I know they will get jobs," he said.

Mr. Quon suggests students bring a resume into the centre to pick up a few pointers that could make a significant difference in job hunting results.

The employment centre offers counselling on job search strategies, information on government programs and interview tips. Students are not required to submit a resume when finding a job through the centre, however, it can only improve a student's chances of getting a desired job, Mr. Quon said.

As "the best jobs require a resume," he said, it is important to perfect a resume. Resumes should be clear, one page, brief and streamlined, he said. The centre can even help polish a resume by suggesting which details are redundant and which facts should be addressed more extensively.

The main problem is that students don't seem to think that lower pay rates will be worth their while to work, said Mr. Quon. But students have to realize they are responsible for finding a job, he said, adding that it beats sitting home on the couch all summer.

During the week of June 25 to 29, the centre, located at 232 Guelph St., will be holding a Hire a Student Week to encourage employers to give students a chance to gain experience.

On June 22, the student employment centre will hold an open house to promote its job-finding services with the help of several local politicians.

In Halton

Development tough to handle

By BENDUMMETT
The Herald

The buzz word in the language of long-term municipal planning seems to be "sustainable development," but at least one planner, Halton's Commissioner of planning and development, Rosh Mohammed, is having difficulty applying the concept at the Regional level.

"It's difficult to translate the concept (of sustainable development) to the Region when it is a global issue," said Mr. Mohammed Monday. But the planner has to try to find a way to make the term relevant to Halton because it is one of several issues the public wants to be included in the Region's ongoing official plan review, he said.

Mr. Mohammed will today present to members of Halton planning and public work's committee public comments on what a new official plan should include, accumulated through a series of public hearings held in the Region during the last four months.

Sustainable development theoretically means Halton should "consume only what it can replace."

But Mr. Mohammed argued the resources available to Halton are not restricted to the Region. But at the same time the Region, not being responsible for resources outside the Region, has no control over them.

Another important issue the public wants the Region to address in changes to the plan is the desire of Halton's four municipalities to remain distinct. That means new development shouldn't be allowed so that the communities melt into one, said Mr. Mohammed.

"The public has said it doesn't want to become like Mississauga and Brampton," he added.

The public comments also urged Halton Region to develop stronger policies to protect the environment and farmland, said Mr. Mohammed.

That translates into ensuring that development is not allowed on

good agricultural land.

Halton Hills planner Ian Keith said the town can't start reviewing its official plan until it knows the Region's intentions. And so far the Region has only done a "generic"

overview of the issues that should be considered in a new plan, he said.

Mr. Mohammed predicted amendments to Halton's official plan won't happen until 1991.

Croatian centre festival gets liquor licence

The Croatian Culture and Social Centre in Norval was granted a liquor license for its Carabram Multicultural Festival this weekend by Halton Hills Council Monday, despite a councillor's claim the license should be denied because of misbehavior in the past.

The group has "harrassed" the nearby residents over the past few years and so the request should be denied as a form of punishment, said Coun. Spence.

"If I had a neighbor that hadn't behaved I'd want them punished," said the councillor.

But Coun. Anne Currie in defense of the centre and the festival said, last year's event was done inside a pavillion and there was no sign of anybody harassing anyone. It was a "beautiful" event, she added.

Carabram offers visitors Croatian specialties, and exhibits of

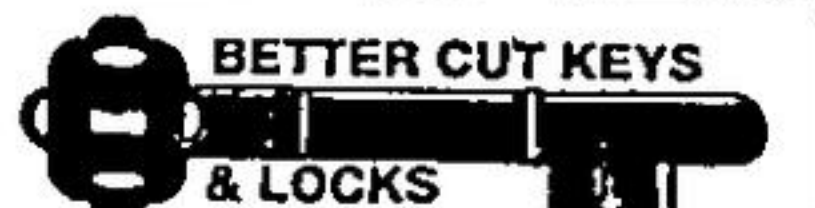
Croatian history and culture.

Acton Coun. Rick Bonnette sided with Coun. Currie and said the group hasn't had a complaint about the group in the last three years. "They've really cleaned up their act."

Coun. Bonnette also took exception to Coun. Spence's statement that the group hasn't tried to assimilate themselves into the community. "I know quite a few Croatians living in and outside Acton," said Coun. Bonnette.

No part of the festival will be allowed to happen under the newly constructed picnic shelter.

The town has laid charges against the centre under the building code for building the picnic shelter without a building permit.



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The Halton Hills Herald is pleased to welcome Lisa Rutledge to the editorial staff. Lisa replaces Alan Mackie, who has left the company.

Lisa will be covering police, education and fire beats and she will be writing feature stories weekly in the Herald.

She holds a bachelor of applied arts in journalism obtained at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Lisa has experience writing for newspapers in Brampton, Mississauga, Markham and Toronto.

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