Jackie McCarthy, member of the Pine Valley Square Dance Club expresses appreciation to Mayor Russ Miller for the Council's proclamation of Sept. 10-16 as Square Dance Week. New members are invited to join by attending dances held each Wednesday at Pineview Public School, 5th Sideroad at Trafalgar Rd. Experienced dancers meet each Tuesday at George Kennedy Public School on Weber Dr., Georgetown.

Drama for Adults new night course at Georgetown District High School

What do you do in Dramatic Arts?

Come and find out a night school. So many adults have expressed a wish that the school curriculum had included drama when they were kids that Georgetown High School is planning Drama for Adults on Tuesdays for 10 weeks.

Come and meet people while learning how to become more relaxed and confident speaking in front of others. Public speaking is the number one phobia in North America and we can help you to overcome that fear. Techniques for relaxation, for confidence and for group cooperation will be taught.

Anyone who has to work with others in their job or hobby will benefit from learning how to work well with others. Students will create rather than produce someone else's script.

Judith Gooding who has been teachingdrama at the high school level for "forever" will be presenting the course and is looking forward to working with adults too.

Call the school at 877-6966.

Flatliners falls flat

Hollywood Beat

By DAVID GIAMMARCO

Obviously the growing trend in movies is the life after death theme. We've already had *Ghost, Ghost Dad*, and among a crop of new ones being released is *Flatliners*.

It stars Kiefer Sutherland as Nelson Wright, a renegade med student whose fascination with after death exploration leads him to brew up an unprecedented experiment. Gathering together fellow student deviants, Nelson presents his plan to induce clinical death and then after experiencing the hereafter for a couple minutes, resuscitating back to life. Nelson, the daring guinea pig, promises them fame and fortune if they simply help him with the experiment. They reluctantly agree, although it's Rachel Mannus (Julia Roberts) who puts up the most resistance, insisting imminent brain damage for her beloved partner. David Labraccio (Kevin Bacon), a maverick pragmatist and self-made expert in the field of death, also objects to the proceedings but soon does an about face and wholeheartedly embraces the experiment.

So after Nelson's success in regaining life, they all decide to take turns in visiting the great beyond. But soon they all start competing as to who can bravely remain 'dead' the longest and that's when things go astray. They all start experiencing the horrific consequences of tampering with immortality, resulting in their past sins being brought back to life.

Directed by Joel Schumacher, *Flatliners* comes up as a bit of a disappointment. You expect so much more once the concept is thrusted at you and you end up short-changed. The film attempts a more meaningful significance, but unfortunately gets diluted along the way. The same can be said for the individual characters, each one a shallow brushstroke of development, with even the plotline of William Baldwin's character left totally unresolved.

Despite that, *Flatliners* does work its own way. Bacon, Roberts and Sutherland form a great core, each performance dynamic and engaging. As well, the gothic and deistic statues that silently overlook the unnatural proceedings at the hidden laboratory lend for a haunting mist that envelopes this film. The stylized eeriness and superb lighting and direction make *Flatliners* a magnificant looking film. But then again, in death looks aren't everything.

Out of ten, *Flatliners* rates a six.

In brief

Arms suspect nabbed

Three members of the Halton Regional Police Tactical Rescue Unit arrested a 30-year-old Toronto man in connection with several outstanding offensive weapons warrants late Friday morning. According to police, the man was operating a backhoe at a Maple Ave. construction site when he was arrested without incident. No weapons were located in his possession or nearby.

Legion Ladies busy

The Royal Canadian Legion's Branch 120 Ladies Auxiliary in Georgetown is already busy following its first general meeting of the season Thursday and the Honors and Awards night Sept. 15. Tonight (Saturday), members travel to Milton for District Euchre. District Crib is set for next weekend. For more Auxiliary news, see Wednesday's *Independent*.

Fundraising auction

Eden Mills Fundraising Auction and Party will be held at Eden Mills Community Hall September 29. There will be a coffee hour from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for previewing and silent auction. Party to follow with a $5 buffet. All proceeds divided between the Eden Mills Mill Pond Conservation Association Inc. and Eden Mills Community Club. For more information call Vicki at 856-1194 or Susan at 856-4712.

Art Show

A country welcome combines with fine art for the Second Annual Nassagaweya Art Show September 28 and 29 atht eh Nassagaweya Community Centre on Huelph Line six kilometres north of Hwy 401 in Brookville. The show featuring the works of more than 20 artists from the surrounding area will run from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for seniors/students. Sponsored by the Ebenezer United Church Women.

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