

# Teammates advised to see their doctors

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McDougall's teammates were contacted and advised to see their doctors in Acton or Guelph. They were also given sheets outlining the symptoms of meningitis.

"There are no secondary cases as a result and I think it's well in the past. There's no risk now."

"I feel bad, it always worries you," says Acton house league president John Toebes, who took water bottles away from teams last year because of their potential danger to a player's health. "But I feel better after the public health department's handling of the recent isolated cases in two Brampton high schools. I hope the players learn something from this."

Toebes praised the actions of McDougall's parents, John and Beryl, who went immediately to the doctor rather than wait for a couple of days.

Lewis strongly suggests that Acton hockey coaches emphasize to their players the dangers of sharing the same water bottles.

"I've been told that the players suck the rubber straw instead of letting the water drop from it into their mouth," Lewis explained. "That's the main problem with water bottles now."

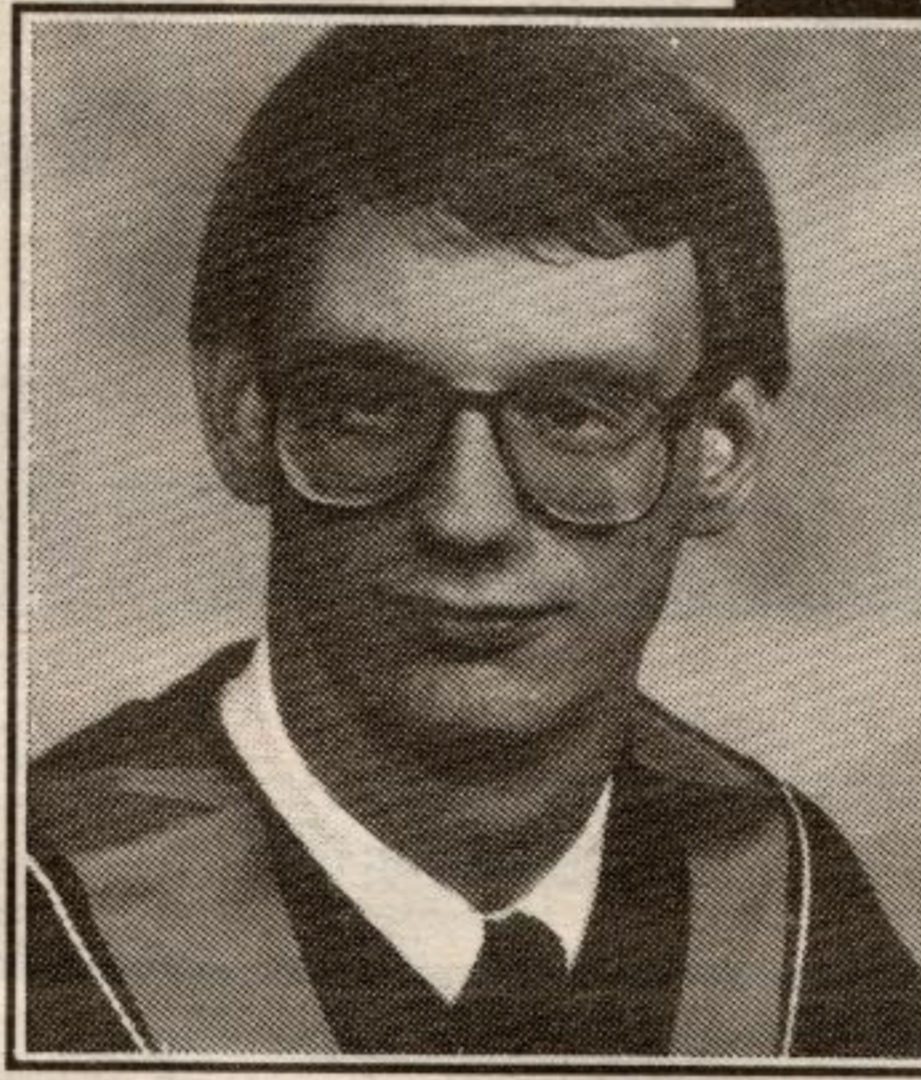
Midget-Juvenile coach Bert Jacobs said on Friday that no water bottles were on his team's bench for the Nov. 6 practice. He did say there were some a week prior, but the health unit wasn't concerned with that time period.

Lewis said it is very hard to catch the disease, adding the con-

tracting process is mainly saliva to saliva contact.

"Twenty-five per cent of us carry it (meningitis potential) in our throats at any one time. That's why there are isolated cases, but we get the panic because it is such a scary disease," Lewis said. "It moves very quickly and the health unit moves quickly, too."

McDougall was diagnosed about 11:30 am on Nov. 10 and the health unit was instructing and giving out Rifampin pills by 2:30 pm to approximately 180 students.



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## Campbell dedicated, caring

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will assume his duties as head of Halton Police on Jan. 1, replacing Chief James Harding, who retires Dec. 31.

Many Acton residents will recognize Campbell as an O.P.P. officer who served in this community in the late 1960s.

"Peter is a very dedicated individual," commented Acton resident Bruce McArthur on Monday. McArthur, now retired, worked with Campbell on the O.P.P. force in this community.

"Peter is very caring and he was a studious officer. I think he'll be a real asset to the Halton force."

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