

# School of Dance ready for recital

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The Acton Tanner

It's the time when Susanne Keith starts to go "ahhh."

It's four days after costume rehearsal and two days before the 10th annual Acton School of Dance recital.

"The group is working hard and getting it all down," offers Keith of her 64 dancers.

The 90-minute recital, set for Saturday at Acton High at 8 pm, will see the Acton resident's Senior girls doing a number on point dancing. As well, the recital will be comprised of ballet, jazz, character dances from different countries, modern dancing and a couple of pieces from the recent *An Evening of Original Music and Dance* presentation.

"I like to see how much they've progressed and how much they've gained through the year. A lot of the students have been with me since they were three-years-old," says Keith, whose students range in age from three to 17.

The respect for the 10-year Acton teacher is evident; it is not uncommon for the girls to hug



SUSANNE KEITH

Keith after class and sometimes discuss their problems with her. Keith, a mother of one, says it's like having 63 substitute daughters.

She says her pupils have improved significantly during their three-day-a-week classes at St. Alban's Parish Hall since September. It showed recently as 13 of them had exams in April and excelled.

"The girls really enjoyed performing in *An Evening of Original*

*Music and Dance*," Keith says of the show that coupled the talents of the Acton School of Dance with the Acton Music Studio. "A lot of their time is spent in the classroom and it's nice for them to show what they can do."

Of the 64 dancers, only one is male. Keith, who has danced she was 6, isn't surprised, but wishes more young boys would join the school.

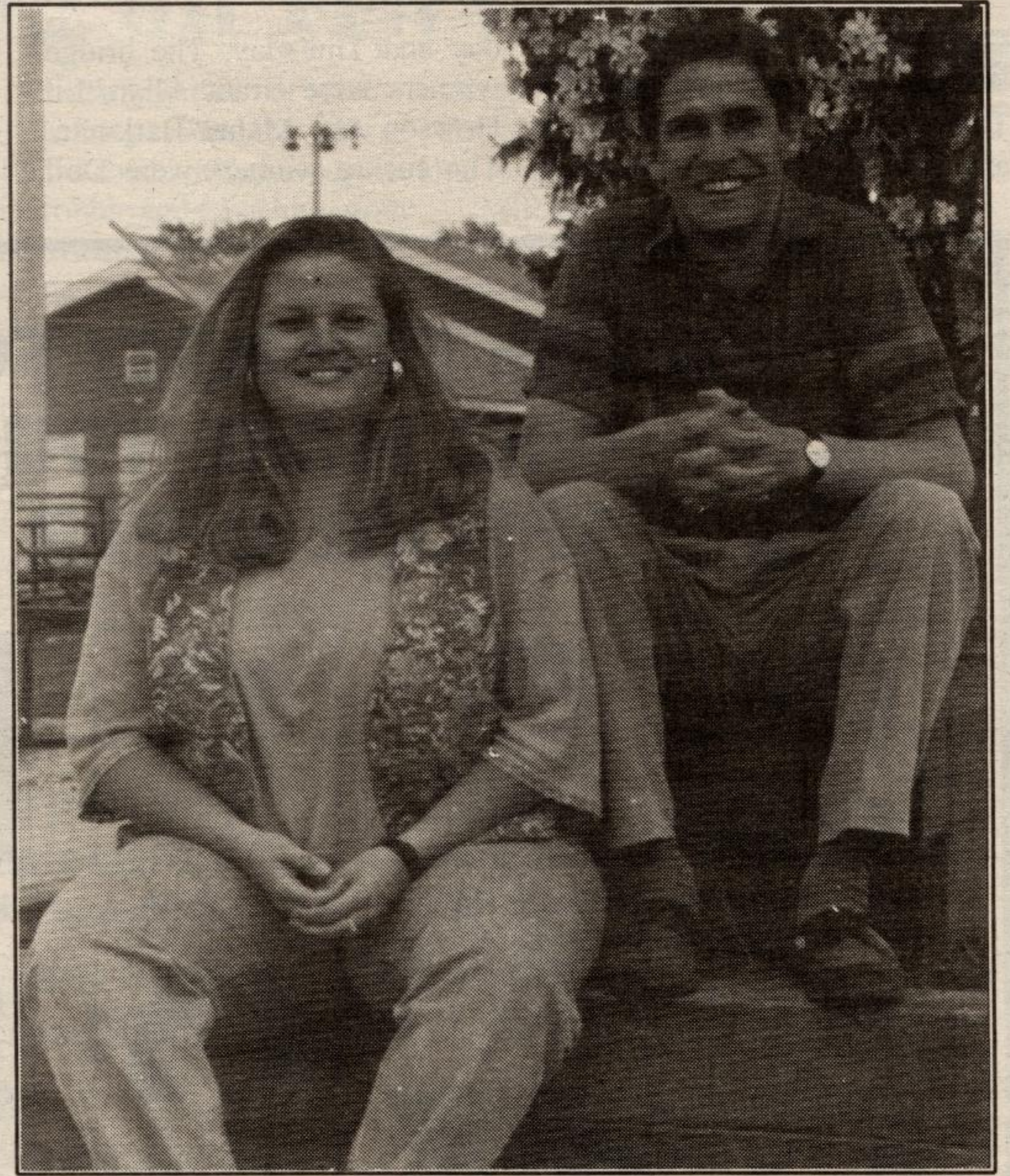
"There's a lot of prejudice against boys dancing. Fathers tend to think they should play soccer, hockey or baseball. But what they don't realize is dancing is just as athletic as sports. Plus, the girls love having boys dance in the class, she says."

This summer, Keith will teach at the Royal Academy of Dance and will soon be itching to put what she learns there to practice.

"But about now I feel the need to regroup," reveals Keith.

Miss Acton and former Acton School of Dance student Claire Langridge will open the recital and hand out awards.

For information regarding the recital, call Susanne at 853-0390.



SUMMER STUDENTS: Sarah Hobbs and Kevin Haggith will soon be familiar faces at Prospect Park as they are Acton's senior summer students for the Recreation and Parks summer program. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Pat's back, with Golden Agers news and a Trunk Sale reminder

Hello again. I have been missing for a while but my brain was in low gear and the only reason I can think of is to blame the weather.

Let's see now, what has happened since my last column.

First, the Golden Agers Bowling League finished the season with an afternoon of fun bowling and a yummy banquet at Andy's.

Prizes went to Grace Robertson and George Lee for High Average, Elma Braida and Rose Smart for High Singles, Kathleen Tulk and Fred Clark for High Triples, Marj Loutett, Betty Bousfield, Wilmer Davidson and Roy Gibson for High Singles or High Triples with a handicap. The League Win-

### Seniors Scene

With Pat Giguere



ning Team consisted of Ilio Marzo, May Hoare, Bill Thompson, Jane Hodge, Mabel Barkman and Fred Clark. Congratulations to the winners. Bowling is back Sept. 19.

Secondly, the Ontario Senior District Games have been conducted with the exception of golf, which is to be held at Acton Meadows on July 13, so come on all you

Senior golfers 55 and over — get out there and hit that ball around.

The 5-pin bowling playoffs were held for four weeks in Acton, Burlington, Goergetown and Oakville. It resulted in our own Shirley McKeown qualifying for the games in Sudbury in August.

Then we have the Trunk Sale on Saturdays and what fun they are. The sellers and buyers are great — it was fun talking to so many people.

Look for the Acton Seniors' Recreation Centre car. You'll get some great buys and will support the Centre in Acton.

Now, here are some dates to

mark on your calendar: Tuesday, June 21 is the Annual Seniors Picnic in the Park from 11 am to 3 pm. Hey, that means I can give the Town Constable a hard time again. Then on June 6 at 11 am there's the Zone 13 Seniors Picnic at Lowville. Plan to attend!

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I went to Toronto on May 25 with the Milton Seniors to see *Showboat*. It certainly is worth seeing.

A group of school kids from Brandon, Manitoba, who were on a 10-day trip, was sitting in front of us and of course, I had to talk to them.

They had seen *Napoleon* and were disappointed, were thoroughly enjoying *Showboat*, had yet to see *Miss Saigon* and *Crazy for You*. They were also going to Stratford to see the *Twelfth Night* and *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Gee, we never had opportunities to travel like that when I went to school. It was 9 to 4 with one and a half hours for lunch, but at least we got a darn good education. We did learn to spell, read and write.

Course, I guess that's not important any more as computers will do it all for you — such a shame!

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