

Peter Lister star for Sheridan

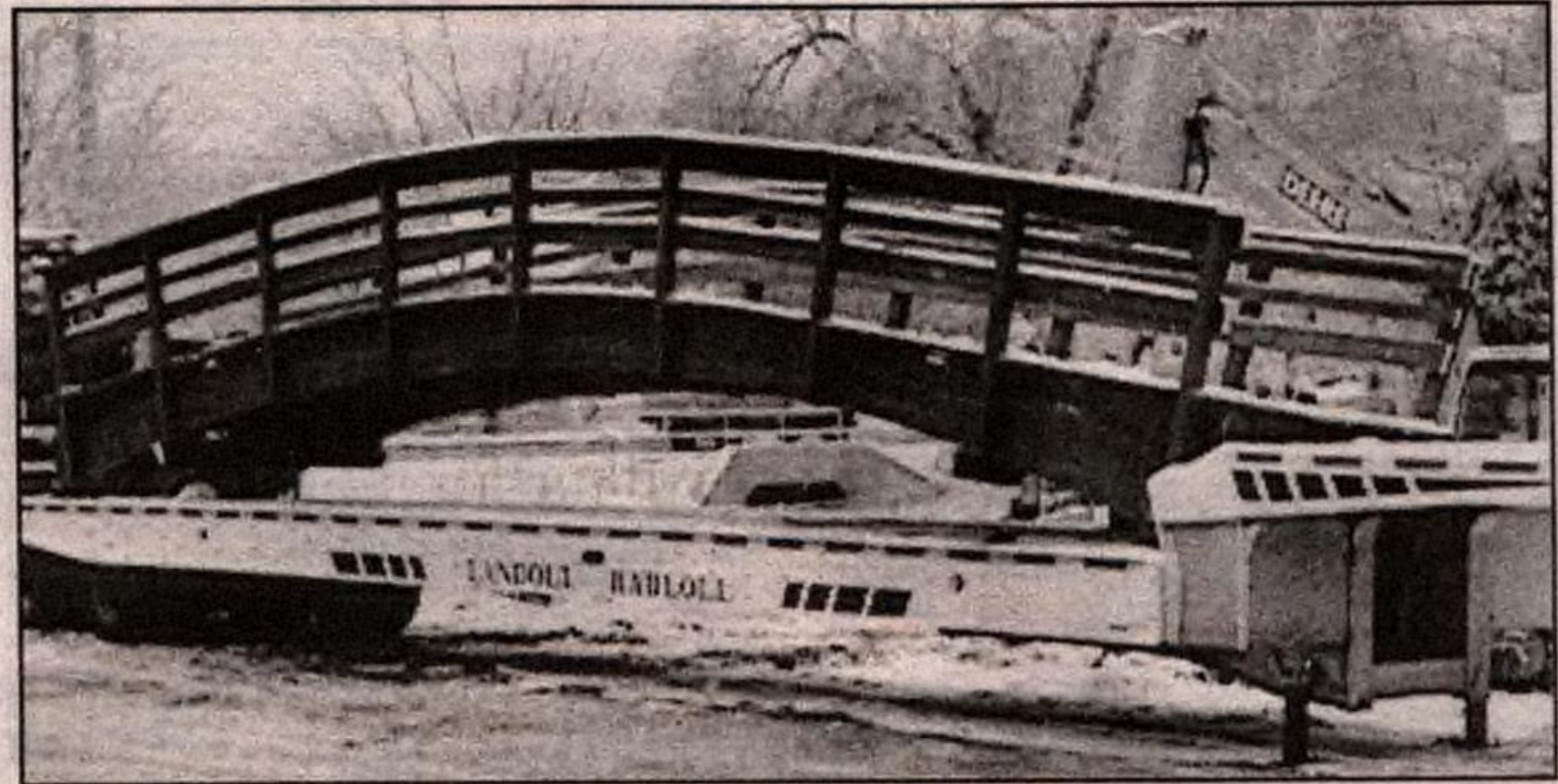
Peter Lister, a rural Acton resident, represented Sheridan College in last month's Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition. This annual competition attracts the area's biggest and brightest marketing students.

Lister and his teammate (Tyler Sparks-Austin of Milton) competed in an event known as Direct Marketing. The basic structure involved the duo getting a case study, and then being locked in a room for a half hour.

In that time a full analysis of the case was to be completed, including three alternative courses of action, with

one alternative being the recommendation of choice. Overheads, data concerning financials, external and internal analysis, creative aspects and generally an entire direct marketing plan had to be created within the half hour as well. The two were then escorted to a presentation room where they had to present their case plan and full recommendations to a panel of industry professionals.

Competing against 15 other schools, the pair placed second. This was remarkable because it was their first time attending such an event, said a Sheridan College official.



BRIDGE COSTS RISE: Rotting wooden beams drove the replacement cost of the pedestrian bridge to the library up by \$21,115 to approximately \$50,000. The replacement bridge will be a flatter metal bridge, like the one further upstream to cross to Robert Little school. - Frances Niblock photo

Safer, new library bridge soon

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
The New Tanner

The Library Board can use \$21,115 of anticipated surplus to help pay to replace the walk bridge over Henderson's Creek to the Acton library that is rotting and potentially unsafe for pedestrians.

While the original estimate

to replace the budget was \$31,590, the cost over run to approximately \$50,000 was caused by site conditions that required additional unforeseen work. The old bridge was removed early Monday.

Chief Librarian Betsy Cornwell said along with the rotting footings, there have been complaints from library

patrons and staff that the bridge's arch makes it very slippery.

"People feel very insecure crossing it. There have been complaints and concerns that the bridge is an accident waiting to happen and every winter it is an issue because it's a hard bridge to clear of snow and ice," Cornwell said.

The Library Board began the process of replacing the bridge back in the early 1990s but the project was repeatedly bumped from the Town's budget. The existing footings for the bridge were installed in 1967 and shored up several years ago as a temporary measure. While R/M Construction's low bid for a new bridge was \$31,590, a structural engineer found more extensive footing work is required to provide a stable base, given the depth to bedrock and the load bearing weight of the banks, especially on the River Street side.

The old bridge may be able to be reused by the Town in a park or on the developing trail system once the rotting ends of the beams are cut away.

"I suggested that there might well be a place in Acton - maybe Fairy Lake in Prospect Park - where they could put it, because it is sort of a fixture," Cornwell said.

The Library Board is sure it will have an anticipated budget surplus to cover the cost overrun as it has already projected savings in the staffing budget because of some vacancies they weren't able to fill.

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