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Three women race for Halton Region Chair

By FRANCES NIBLOCK The New Tanner

For the first time in its history, voters in the Regional Municipality of Halton will directly elect a person to fill the position of Regional Chair for the 2000-2003 term of Regional Council.

Despite the rigors and logistics of running a municipal election campaign in a region larger than local provincial and federal ridings, incumbent Halton Chair Joyce Savoline said a direct election is the only democratic way to pick a chair, especially when you consider that almost half of every municipal tax dollar pays for regional services.

Savoline, first elected to Burlington and Halton council in 1982, was elected as chair by her council colleagues in 1994, and acclaimed to office in the last election.

"I questioned why the highest public official at the Region wasn't being chosen by the people and in my inaugural speech three years ago asked that the Region of Halton Act be amended by the province to allow direct election of the chair," Savoline said, adding Halton is now

one of five regions in Ontario to do so.

Savoline said the concerns with adequate transportation, affordable and alternative housing and taxes are issues with voters throughout the Region's four municipalities.

Savoline is being challenged by political neophytes Lisa Cooper, a mother of two from Burlington who works at the Mohawk racetrack, and Anne Marsden, a community volunteer who co-founded a family advocacy group.

Cooper said she decided to challenge Savoline when it looked like no one would run against her.

"There are a couple of issues that concern me greatly with the way the Region is spending money and not looking at alternatives," Cooper said, pointing to a \$110-million project to replace watermains in the south of Halton as an unnecessarily expensive project.

"I wouldn't have even put my name in if I didn't think I had a realistic chance of being elected," Cooper said when asked to predict the outcome of the election.

Cooper said she expects to deliver campaign brochures in the Acton area closer to the

November 13 election date.

The third candidate for regional chair is Anne Marsden of Burlington whose biography says she has "consistently and successfully challenged the bureaucracy on the information base, particularly financial, used by (Halton) council in major decisions affecting the community"

Marsden, who said a physical disability prevents door-to-door campaigning, said she'd been in Acton recently on a motorbike ride with her husband, but hasn't distributed any campaign material in town.

Marsden said she believes she's the candidate that will fight for all of Halton's taxpayers with their diverse issues and concerns.

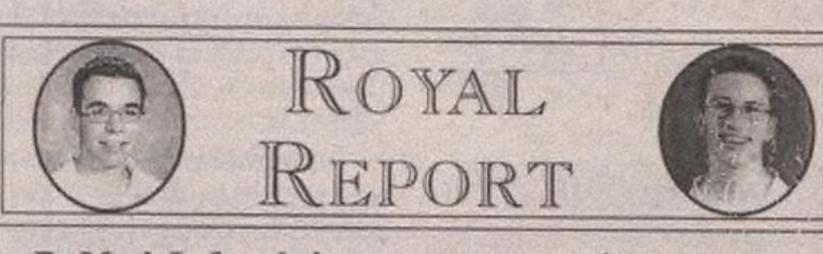
"There needs to be equity for decisions made and there needs to be accountability for decisions made and I can do it"

The Region chair's job pays \$74,734 annually, one-third of that tax-free.

Rockwood Bazaar

The Rockwood Lioness Club's 24th Annual Community BAZAAR will be held Saturday November 25th, 2000 from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rockwood Community Centre, Main St. N. Rockwood. Vendors will be on hand with many different items for sale. Plus a Bake table, Penny table, Tea tables and our Annual Quilt Draw. Free admission. Proceeds to local charities.





By Mark Laframboise and Ryan Pyne

Yet another fun-filled week has passed at Bishop Reding, and with it comes another edition of the Royal Report.

The Girls' Field Hockey team recently travelled to Loyola for their first playoff match but were unable to come away with the win. Congratulations on a successful season and good luck next year.

The Senior Girls' Basketball team captured their first win of the season 38-19 against Loyola. Meanwhile, the Senior Boys' Volleyball team also traveled to Loyola but were unable to win. Good luck in the future to both teams as their regular seasons continue.

The spookiness of Halloween is upon B.R. Over the past few days students have been able to participate in many activities which include: costumes, Halloween trivia and pumpkin carving. Thank you to student government for hosting these events.

Congratulations to Melanie Carreira and Shaina Locke who were selected to the positions of Student Administrative team. They will join Mark Antonelli, Alicia New, Andrew Pepper and Katie Patients to form the student government for 2000-2001.

Yesterday, a breakfast was held for all of last year's honour roll students. Congratulations to all who won an award.

During the next few weeks at B.R., many university liaisons and college information sessions are being held. More information can be obtained about these events in Student Services.

This coming Wednesday is "Take your Kids to Work Day" across the province. We wish the grade 9 students the best as they gain valuable information about possible future careers and have fun at the same time.

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