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Councillor Rick Bonnette, who strongly supported the phase-in approach at the previous meeting said he didn't believe even the citizens who participated on the Halton's Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Reform could support a phase-in which would result in a 1/2 per cent tax increase for each property owner in town to cover the additional cost.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson said her heart goes out to taxpayers who are facing an increase but "we have to do what is in the best interest of the people." She encouraged

taxpayers to take advantage of the monthly installment plan to pay their taxes.

In the end committee supported Koopmans' original recommendations from two weeks ago. Along with full implementation of the tax impacts, committee supported amending the pre-authorized tax payment plan for 1996 to allow payments be made in November and December if participants register in January or February and extending the payment plan to businesses.

Council has to approve the recommendations before they are official, likely at Monday's meeting,

\$200,000 goal

Halton Women's Place's fundraising goal for 1995-96 remains just over \$200,000.

This goal was set prior to the announced provincial cuts, however the management of the shelters for abused women and children has been able to cut expenses to date to stay within budget, according to its October newsletter.

Halton Women's Place is now collecting donations of non-perishable food and new toys for hampers for women and children who have been through the shelters and/or celebrating their first Christmas on their own.

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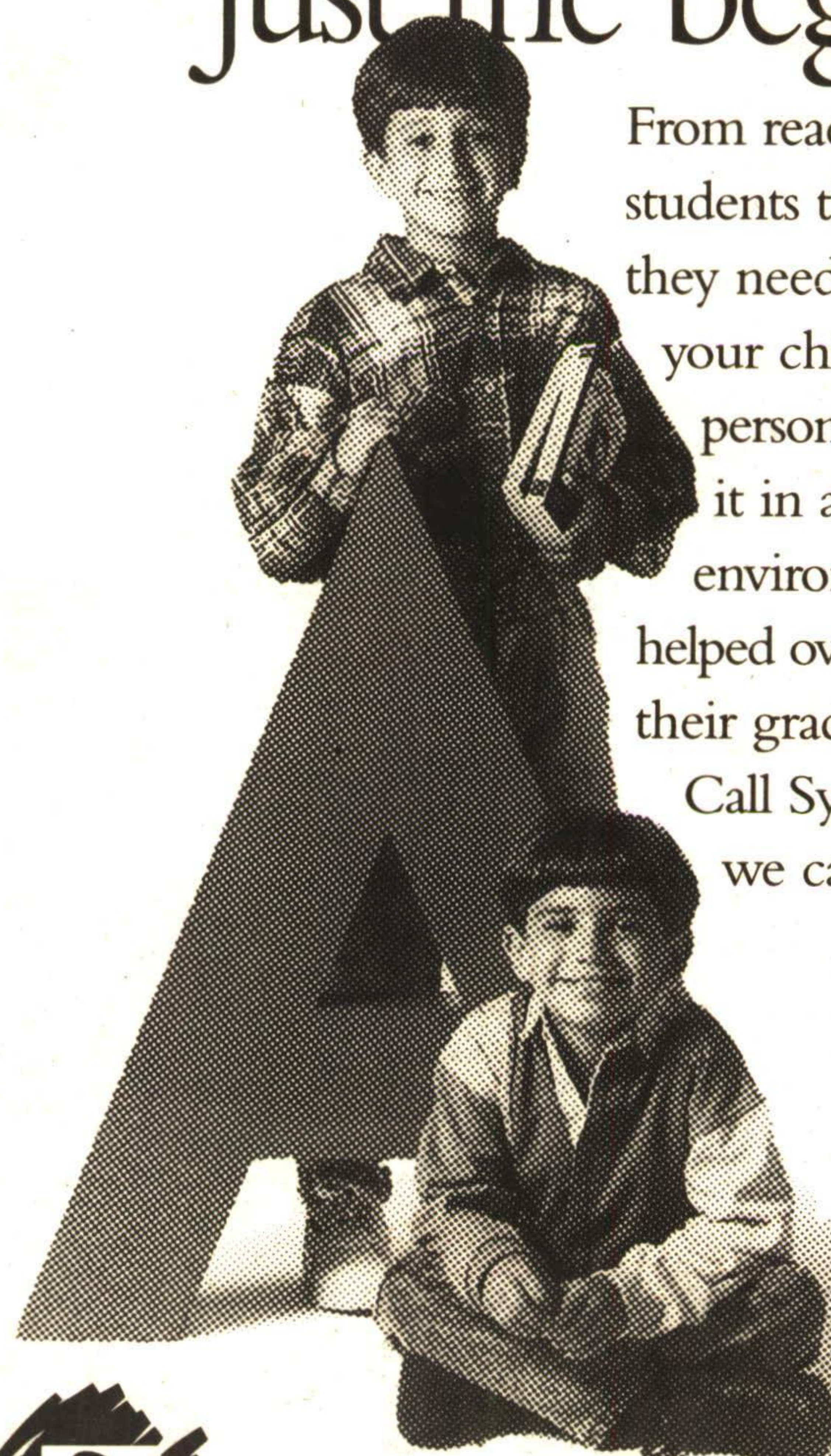
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