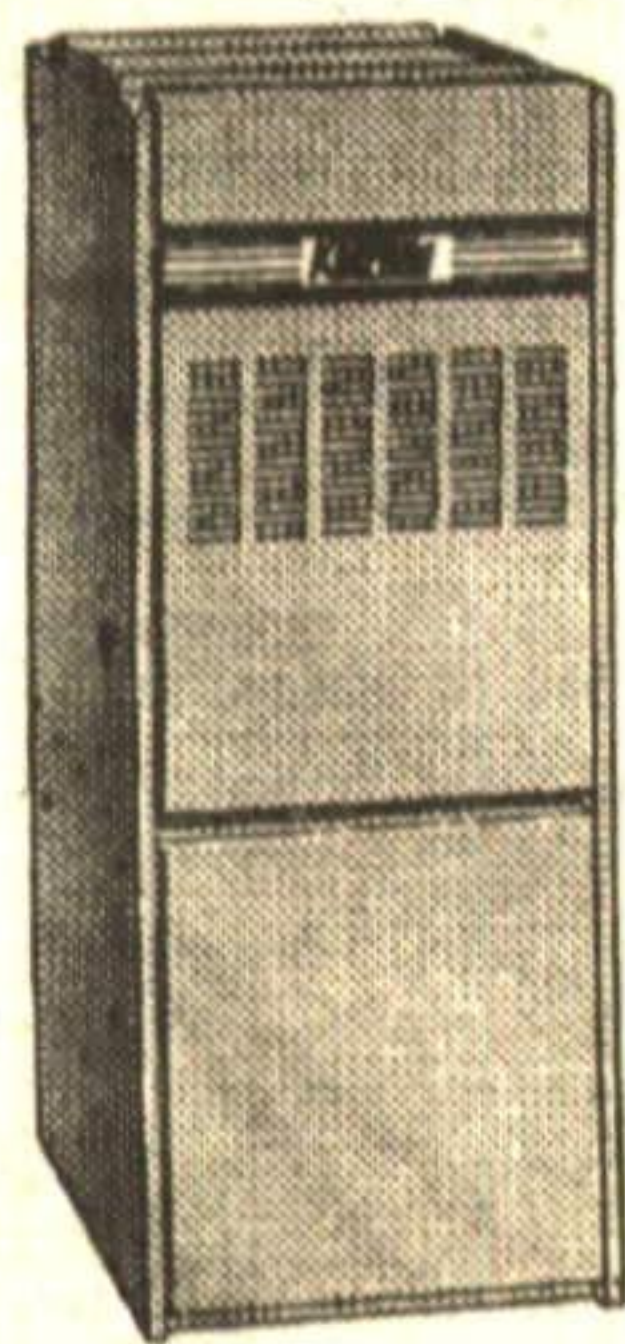
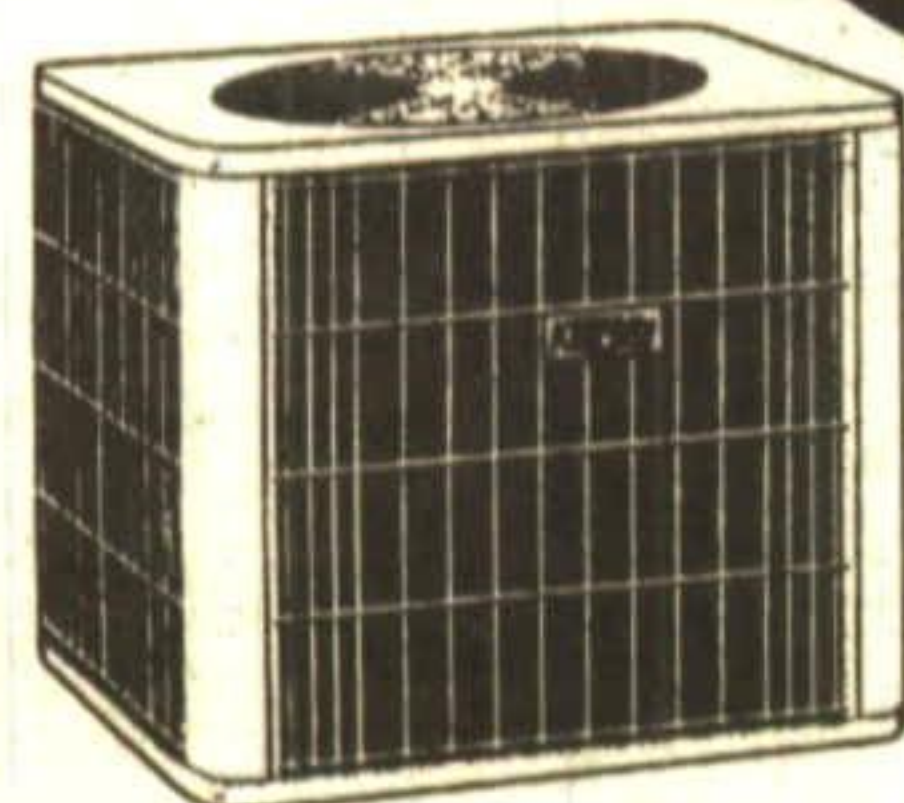


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# Wastewise marks its fifth birthday

By **DIANE van de VALK**

Special to The Independent/Free Press

After five years of operation, Wastewise is right on target! Education and waste diversion goals are being met without government subsidy.

During 1995, revenue from sales increased 29 per cent and tonnes diverted from disposal increased 7 per cent. Since opening in April 1991, more than 15,000 volunteer hours have helped to divert more than 1,000 tonnes from disposal.

Many customers think that Wastewise is run by the town and/or the region. In fact, there is no connection at all. The centre is completely autonomous and a registered charity.

During the 1995, revenue came from the following: sale of used goods (45 per cent), in-kind donations (donated goods and services including

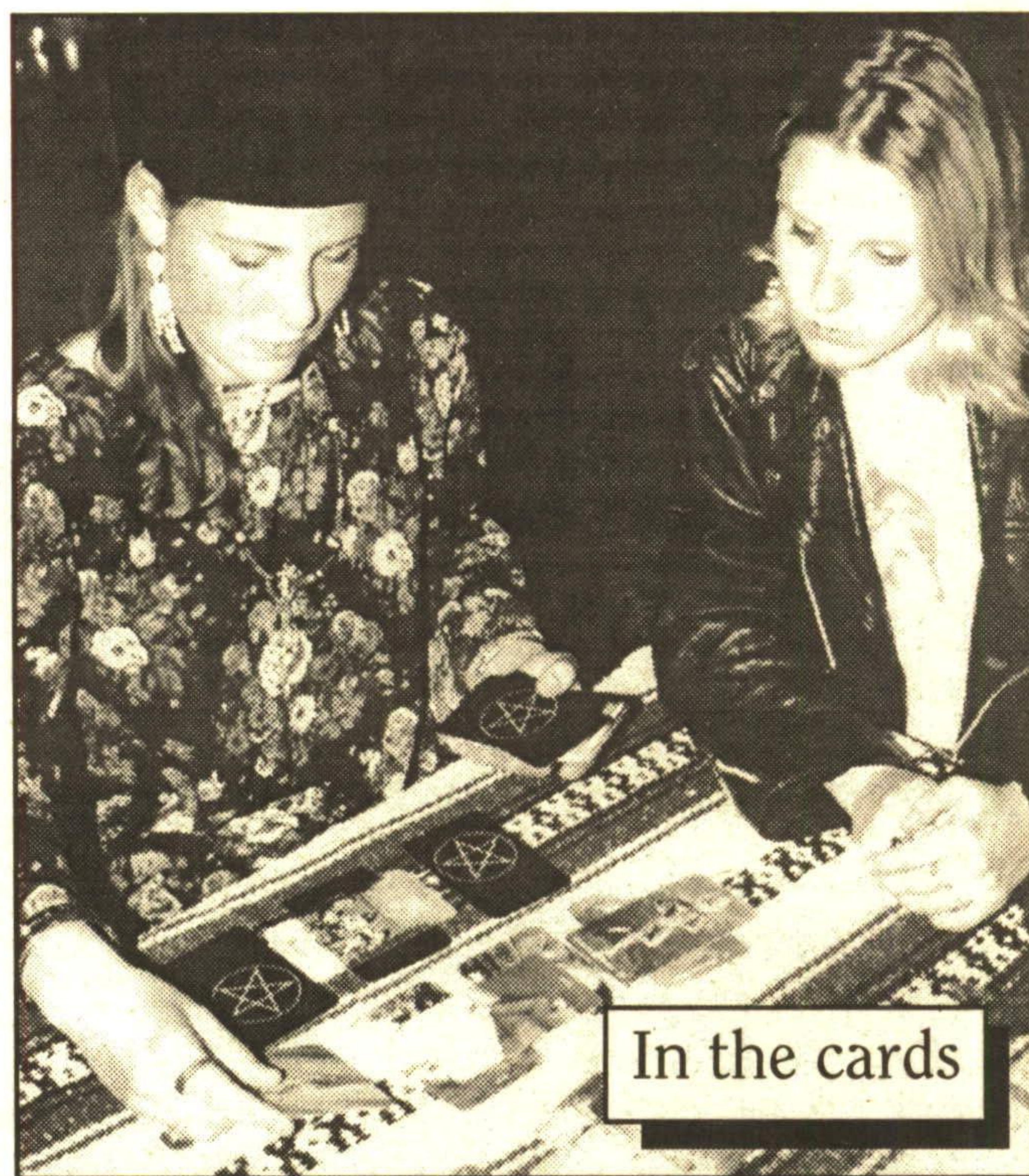
volunteers-34 per cent), sale of recyclables (7 per cent) and donations (7 per cent). The balance is made up by memberships, user fees and fundraising.

Donations of used goods are important. With cuts in government funding to non-profit organizations, more are turning to used goods as a source of income.

Value Village provides these charities with a ready option. This for-profit American chain of used goods stores partners with local charities. Charities call residents for donations and in turn receive a price per pound for each pound collected.

Although by selling used goods itself Wastewise maximizes the value of donations, the centre does not pick up.

Wastewise will be celebrating its fifth birthday on June 29 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and extends an invitation to all.



In the cards

Sandra Gilraine gets a tarot card reading from Janette Jensen at Acton High School as part of the French carnival. The activities began as an independent study project for Grade 11 students. About 100 of the school's French students set up a variety of activities, including a fashion show, to help promote French in school and students and parents were invited to take part.

# Congratulations

## 1996 Graduates



**MONICA BIFFIS**

Congratulations Monica Biffis on completing your course in marketing at the University of Guelph and graduating with honours.

May success follow in your future career. We are all very proud of you.

Love Mom, Dad, Brothers & Sisters.



**LISA BRADBURY**

Lisa Bradbury graduated from Wilfrid Laurier on June 1, 1996 with a degree in Psychology (B.A. Honors). Lisa will be continuing her studies in Criminology (Law) in Ottawa.

Love from your family & friends.

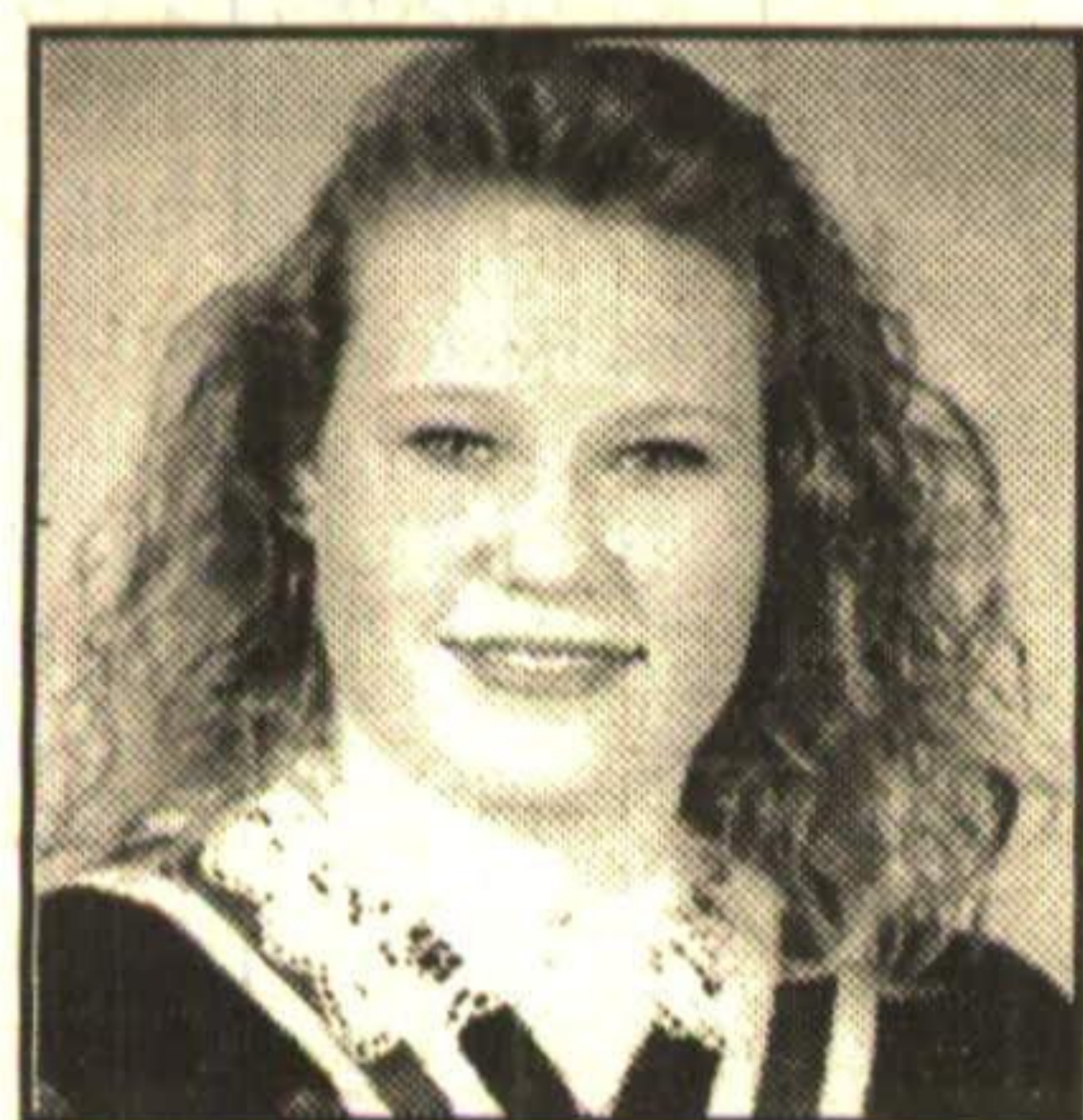
Lisa, we're so proud of you!



**PAUL LALONDE**

Congratulations to Paul upon his graduation from McMaster University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He has accepted a position with Quantum Information Resources in New Jersey.

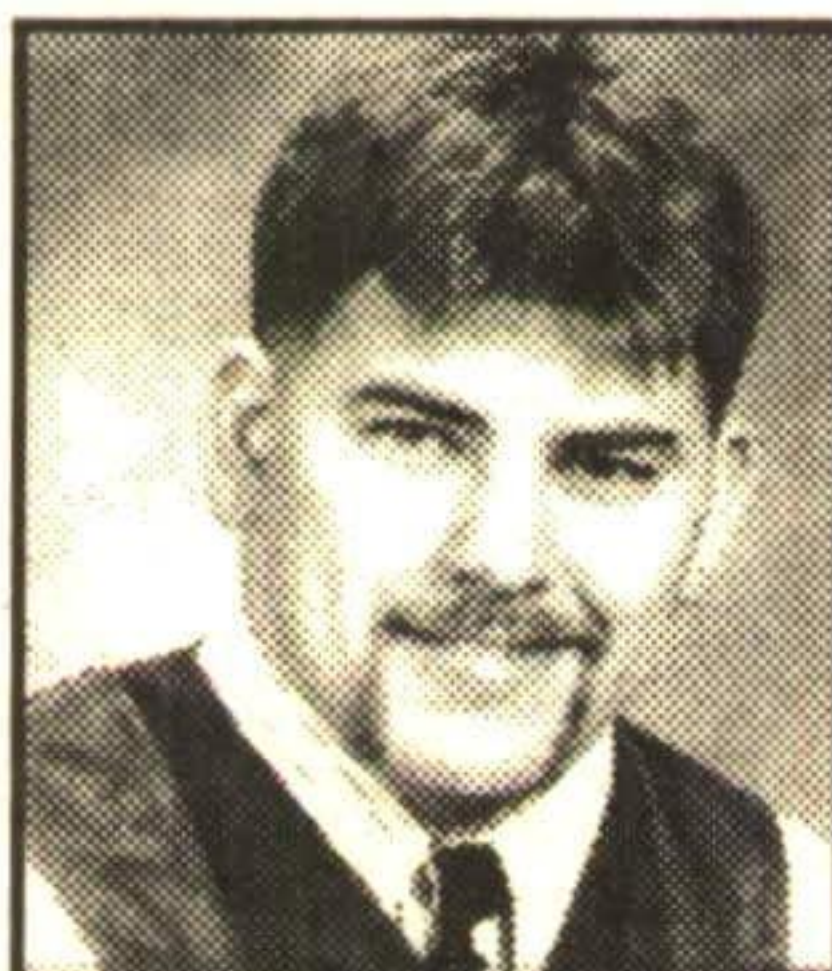
Love Mom, Dad, Grandma  
Jill & Quincy



**REBECCA CARNEY**

Michael & Mary Carney are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Rebecca from the Early Childhood Education at Humber College. Rebecca is currently employed by Tiny Tim Developmental Centre in Brampton.

Congratulations Becca!



**SCOTT VAN DE VALK**  
H.B.S.W.

Congratulations Scott on your graduation from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

Scott has received his Honors Bachelor of Social Work degree and we are all very proud of his accomplishments.

Love & Best Wishes  
Mom, Dad & Kerri



**SARAH SHIELDS**

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Shields are honoured to announce the graduation of their daughter, Sarah Kimberley Anne from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Environmental Studies majoring in Geography. She is presently pursuing her career in Ottawa.

Congratulations. We are very proud of you.