

Letters to the editor

Criticism of school wasn't warranted

Dear editor,

I am responding to the letter to the editor from Michael Xanthios printed in the September 4 edition of *The Independent and Free Press*.

First of all, I did not find the letter at all "entertaining". I am a student attending Christ the King and one of those "streams of uniforms filing out of yellow buses".

It was a personal decision to attend this high school. I had the choice to attend Georgetown High; I chose to go to Christ the King. I have best friends attending Georgetown High and I believe that Mr. Xanthios is simply attempting to incite bigotry and rivalry that need not exist.

Students attending Christ the King certainly do not believe they are better than students attending Georgetown High, or that the Catholic religion makes us better than anyone

else. We simply choose to be educated in the Catholic system.

Uniforms introduce structure and if it is your desire to attend Christ the King, then wearing a uniform is a prerequisite. I repeat, it is a choice, and it need not be criticized.

I do not believe that Christ the King or any Catholic high school is attempting to "display a gleaming white cross at the peak of its crown". As Catholics we are Christians in faith and our actions should reflect who we are. When we cheer for our school teams, like any school, we cheer for our teams, not our God.

I do not believe Mr. Xanthios' letter is the true reflection of the warm community of Georgetown that I have been proud to live in for the past nine years.

Meaghan Hawkins, Grade 11
Christ the King Catholic
Secondary High School

Camp support makes entrepreneur 'hometown proud'

Dear editor,

Hometown proud is a familiar sentiment to the residents of Halton Hills and I want to share how local businesses have put this sentiment into action.

I recently opened my Discovery Toys business, which coincided, with my Discovery Toys' team charity toy drive for children attending Camp Oochigeas in Muskoka. This is a residential camp for children living with cancer to experience an active outdoor lifestyle.

The purpose of our toy drive was to provide toys, games, books and puzzles to the camp which would help enrich the camping experience for children receiving active treatment and who are unable to participate in the outdoor activities during their stay at Camp Oochigeas.

I gave Camp Oochigeas \$400 in donations from my family, friends and local businesses. I would like to thank Mr. M. Manes, Mr. VanDam (Acton Garden Market IGA), Mr. Dawe, Ms. Scotland, Ms. Whiting (ReMax Blue Spring Realty) and Dr. Beier (Stewarttown Dental Clinic) for making generous donations. My team is giving more than \$30,000 of Discovery Toys, games, books and puzzles to the camp. As well, we will be personally sponsoring a child to attend Camp Oochigeas next year!

Everyone's support has profoundly touched my heart because I recently lost my dear mother to cancer. Hometown proud, is a sentiment that I personally cherish. Thank you.

Jennifer Gadzala, Acton

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The role of the Committee is to provide advice on consultation, to facilitate workshops and focus group meetings, to provide advice on Official Plan directions, and to comment on new policies. The Committee will meet every three weeks for the initial stages of its work, and will continue to meet until Regional Council has considered all proposed amendments to the Regional Official Plan in 2003.

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- On Halton Region's Official Plan web page: www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan

All applications must be received by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4th, 2002.

Applicants will be contacted on October 4th to schedule an interview on October 7th, 2002.

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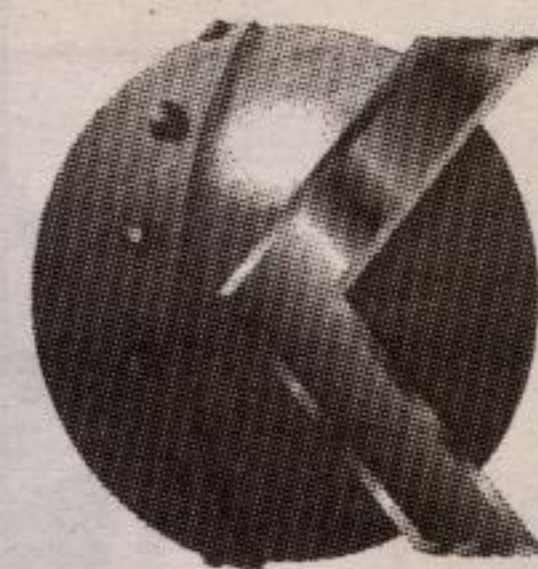
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