

ECD girl is top scholar

By JANE MULLER

If there is concern that the youth of today are headed on the wrong track, outstanding achievers like Natalie Peckford will put those fears aside.

The academic excellence of the 18-year-old E.C. Drury High School student earned her the general proficiency award for her accomplishments in Grade 12.

It is not surprising she also was the top scholar in French, mathematics and science at the advanced level, as she claims these are her favorite subjects.

Natalie's achievements did not stop with academics, however, she also received the music proficiency award.

How does a student reach such outstanding levels?

Natalie explains, "I do what is required and stay on top of the work."

She is not selfish with her abilities, she shares her knowledge by acting as a tutor in most subjects, a practice she will continue during this her last year of high school as a Grade 13 student.

"The only thing I haven't liked about high school is that it is so general. I sometimes feel like I am wasting my time here, but I know I need the education," she explains.

Despite the fact she will have completed Grade 13 requirements in January, Natalie will persevere, picking up two extra credits.

"I didn't have anything else to do in January," Natalie said.

She does have plans for next fall when she will begin to train as a physiotherapist at Mohawk college.

"I wanted something in the field of helping people, working one to one," the attractive brunette explained.

She admits she could have gone into nursing or become a doctor, but she was looking for something different.

For the past year she has been assisting the physiotherapist at Milton District Hospital, an



Natalie Peckford is the top pupil in the advanced level at E.C. Drury High School. She scored top marks in all areas with the exception of social science.

experience which convinced her of the field she would enter.

She opted for college rather than university, which she felt would not offer the same amount of practical clinical experience.

After three years at Mohawk, she will attend McMaster University for one year to complete the program requirements. Natalie transferred to E.C. Drury High School two years ago from John F. Ross C.V.I. at Guelph. She was just as new to Milton as the school was, but found she made friends easily and didn't give the institution's integration programs a second thought.

Natalie is a member of the school stage band and gives piano lessons after school. She is still a piano student herself and is currently working towards Grade 10 in the conservatory program.

She is the daughter of Major Harold Peckford, the chaplain at Maplehurst Correctional Centre and has three younger sisters.

Brookville ice rink planned

BY JANE MULLER

A lack of outdoor recreational facilities is something rural north Milton residents will not have to face this winter.

The Brookville-Nassagaweya Ratepayers Association requested an outdoor skating rink be

installed by the town at Brookville School to fill the recreational gap in that community. The project, approved by council Monday night, will cost \$2,000.

Director of Finance Don Lougheed suggested the municipality apply for a provincial govern-

ment community centre grant to cover 25 per cent of the rink costs.

This would trim the town's investment to \$1,500 to be taken from the park dedication fund.

Milton Parks and Recreation Department will only be responsible for the creation of the natural ice surface, to include initial flooding and the erection of boards.

Members of the ratepayers association present at Monday's council meeting assured councillors they would be responsible for the maintenance of the rink throughout the season.

The bucks did not stop at the skating rink for Brookville. Council also approved a loan to the Brookville Benefactors for repairing playground equipment at the local school.

A loan from the town's growth related fund of up to \$1,500 will be handed to the group to improve the outdoor equipment.

The community group will be required to sign an agreement with the town. The Brookville Benefactors will have to make a deposit of 15 per cent of the loan at the time the agreement is signed.

Delegations get lower priority from trustees

Hearing from the public is getting a lower spot on the agenda of the Halton Board of Education.

If a proposed bylaw change is accepted, anyone having matters before the board would have to wait until the "information" section at the tail end of the agenda, rather than at the beginning of the meeting, as it now stands.

Newly-elected Halton Hills trustee Dick Howitt voiced concern over delegations wanting to speak to an issue the board may already have dealt with earlier in the evening under the "action" portion of the agenda.

Florence Meares of the bylaw revision committee, told the trustee it is hoped delegations will speak to the board before it is time for action.

Items come to the board as information items before they are termed "action" items.

Rev. Garry Morton, also on the committee, explained that with major issues, people usually

come to the board at the information stage anyway.

He emphasized, however, that information items one week do not necessarily have to come to the board for action the very next meeting.

Mr. Howitt questioned whether the bylaw could state that the order of delegations be moved if requested. He was told that was possible.

Mrs. Meares noted the board was not trying to limit delegations by the change. One of the concerns of the committee was that sometimes the delegations speak for lengthy periods of time, in spite of a time limit.

After the trustees have already met for almost an hour in a closed meeting then listen to delegations go on for a couple of hours, by the time they are at the action items "they are so tired they can hardly discuss the matters they are voting on," she noted.

Name allowed

Permission has been granted by Regional Council for the newly formed North Halton Tourist Association to use that name. The Association was recently formed to promote tourism and business in the north area of Halton, including Milton and Halton Hills.

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Toy party

A Christmas Toy party for underprivileged children will be held in Milton if suitable accommodation for the occasion can be found. Party organizer Larry Cunningham said he is interested in offering a large Christmas party dance if sufficient people are interested.

Guests would be required to bring along an unwrapped toy (between \$5 and \$10 value). Toys would be given to the Salvation Army for distribution at Christmas and other organizations looking after needy families. Anyone interested in helping is asked to write to Mr. Cunningham at 734 Main St., Milton.

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Renaissance wins tax rights in court fight

By STEVE ARNOLD

An effort by the federal government to strip a Milton-based charity of its tax exempt status has been stopped by the Federal Court of Appeal.

After the 1980 municipal election, supporters of a defeated Toronto alderman candidate started the action, claiming that it was wrong for a religious charity to become involved in a political campaign.

The candidate, an avowed homosexual, was the target of an active opposition campaign by Rev. Ken Campbell and his Renaissance movement.

Now, two years after Rev. Campbell was informed by federal tax authorities that the charity registration was being lifted, a court has overturned the action.

In a telephone interview, Rev. Campbell said the judges hearing the case overturned the government action based on procedural concerns, rather than dealing with the merits of the case.

"The point the judges jumped right on was why they didn't call us in and discuss what was done," he said.

Renaissance officials were never told exactly why their actions in the election contravened federal rules governing religious charities.

"The court agreed with us that it was all very one sided input, an arbitrary action by a government bureaucracy, and that was awfully good to hear," he said.

"They ruled that there was a denial of natural

justice in this case," he added.

When the decision of the federal Ministry of Revenue was announced in 1980, Renaissance was given 30 days to appeal, but not to make a presentation to the officials making the decision.

"What this decision means," Rev. Campbell said, "is that an organization does not have to accept a violation of natural justice by a government bureaucracy. That was the most significant thing in my mind."

Rev. Campbell added that "the feeling is" the verdict would not be appealed, but that internal systems with the Ministry would be restructured to allow for hearings on such cases.

The chance of being compelled to go through a bureaucratic hearing on the cases, doesn't frighten Rev. Campbell.

"We would welcome... a full hearing on what is appropriate action for a religious charity," he said. "We would welcome the chance to pursue that. It's still an area of tremendous fuzziness."

"In the meantime, however, we are now what we have always been," he said.

The tax exempt status allows donors to Renaissance to deduct their donations from income tax and means the organization does not have to pay taxes.

"This was a good day for freedom. For too long Canadians have accepted the judgement of a bureaucracy that is working in a legislative vacuum and making its own rules," he said.

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