

# Bannan leads team to gold

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

*Special to The Champion*

Matt Bannan will enjoy many big moments throughout the balance of his hockey career, but few will hold the sheer excitement of Sunday's gold rush.

"It was huge," was about the best description the 16-year-old Milton Merchant defenceman could give when recalling his Team Ontario's double overtime triumph against the Czech Republic.

He had just come off the ice when hero Taylor Pyatt drove the net and scored his second of the night to complete a 3-2 gold medal rally at the Under-17 International Hockey Challenge.

Bannan logged plenty of ice time and was instrumental in the comeback, holding the Czechs scoreless for more than three periods at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

The championship win was a reversal of fortunes of sorts for Team Ontario, who had squandered a two-goal lead against the Czechs in the round-robin and settled for a 2-2 draw.

Said Bannan, "We fired 50 shots at them in the round-robin but just couldn't capitalize. We dominated overtime in the finals and it was just a matter of time before we scored."

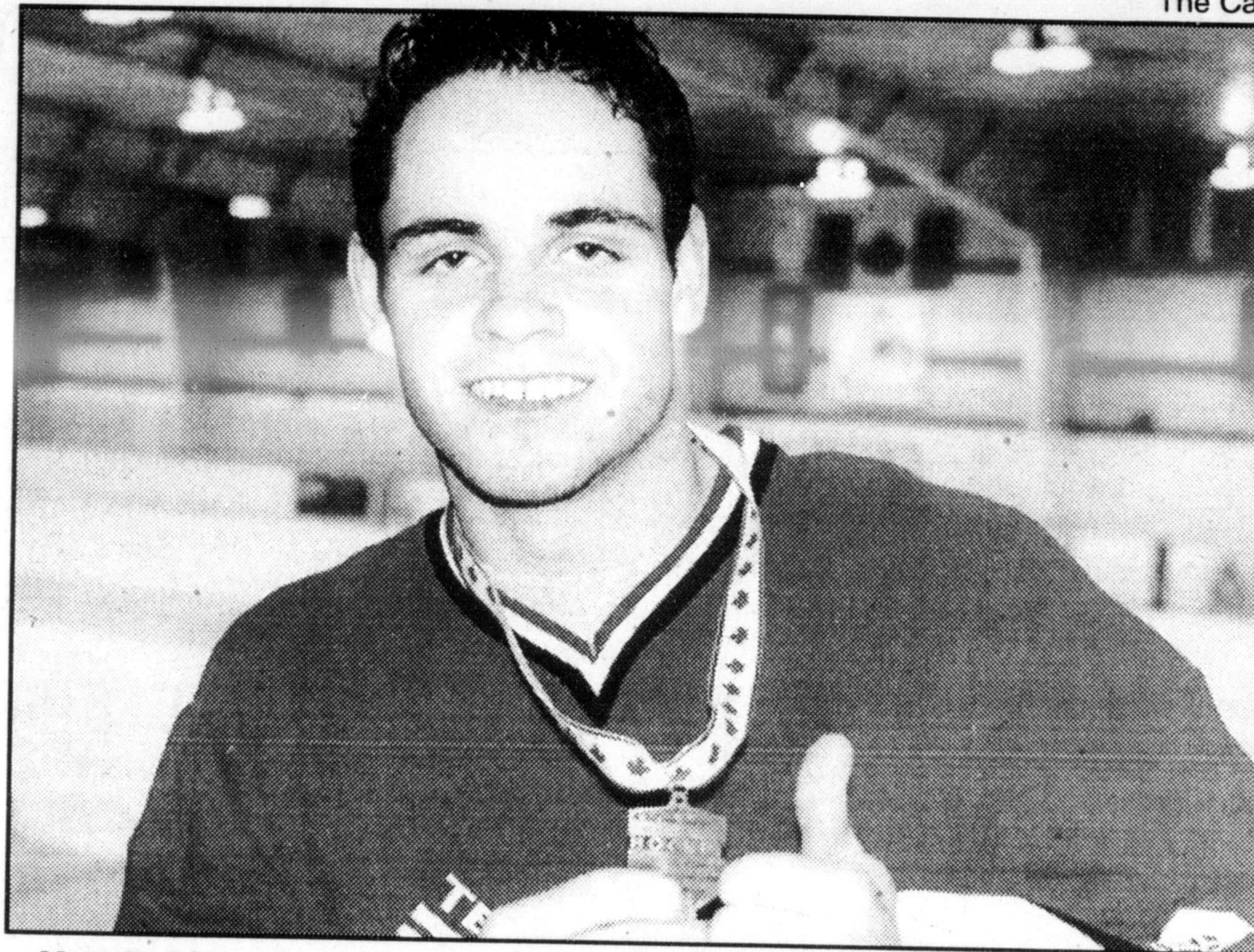
His defensive prowess also shone through in the semis when Ontario squeezed by Quebec with a 4-3 overtime victory.

Earning the confidence of coach Brian Hayton (of the Kitchener Rangers) from the tournament's onset, Bannan was just one of four defencemen used through overtime play Saturday and Sunday.

He saw a regular shift through the round-robin — partnering with Sean Dixon of Erie and Belleville's Michael Jacobsen — and was a solid contributor on special-teams play.

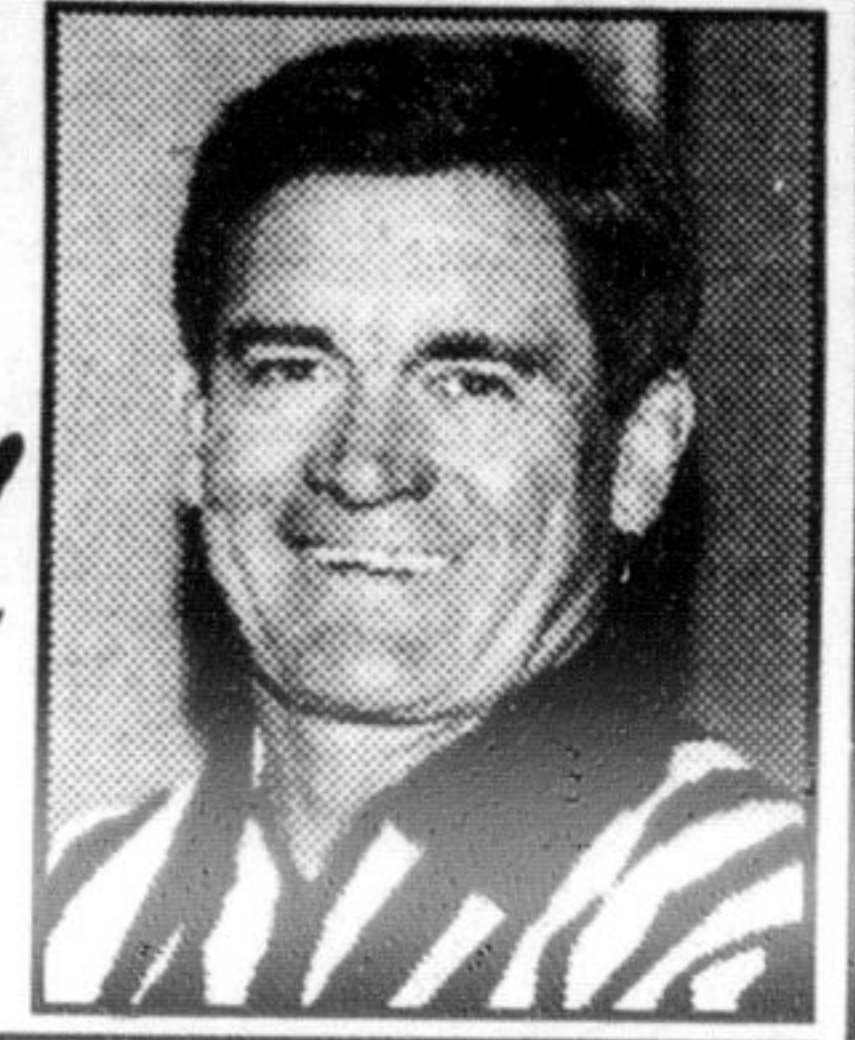
Bannan tied with Pyatt for most Team Ontario assists. He drew a total of four including two against Sweden. "I made some key passes and rushed the puck well throughout the week," he explained. "My best efforts were in the semis and finals. I just played smart hockey."

Team Ontario finished the tournament with a 2.6 goals-against average — roughly the same average Bannan's Merchants, currently sport in the Provincial Jr. A League.



Matt Bannan returned to the Merchant ranks this week complete with gold medal from the Under-17 International Hockey Challenge.

**Travel**  
with  
*Bruce Hood*



## SEAT SALES/\$\$ SURCHARGES!

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO TRAVEL then it's time to get your reservation booked! Whether it's for a vacation or a visit to family or friends far-off, you should make your booking plans now. The reason - first, CANADIAN AIRLINES has a 'SEAT SALE' offering in place which expires soon; and second, after a certain date this month, there will be a 'CURRENCY SURCHARGE' added by the TOUR COMPANIES to the already published cost of vacation bookings to most southern destinations.

THE AIRLINE SEAT SALE is for up to 30% off for travel between March 1 and May 14 to destinations in CANADA, the U.S., LATIN AMERICA, and the SOUTH PACIFIC. The offering is available through JANUARY 13th, and is subject to the usual restrictions. Both Canadian air carriers have it available - so see your professional travel agency for your best arrangement.

\$\$\$

THE CURRENCY 'ADD-ON' varies with suppliers - some go into effect immediately, and vary from one destination to another, - example Barbados \$35.; Orlando \$20.; a Cruise \$40.; and generally are for packages or land only bookings. There are destinations which are not effected by the extra charge - again, see your TRAVEL PROFESSIONAL for all the latest details.

IT'S TIME TO GO SKIING! And you don't even have to leave Canada to go to the #1 Best Overall Ski Resort/Ski Area - CHATEAU WHISTLER - Whistler-Blackcombe in BRITISH COLUMBIA, (actually they are tied with SPRING CREEK in JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING) as voted by readers of CONDE NAST TRAVELER, one of the top travel magazines published anywhere. For accommodation the CHATEAU FRONTENAC (one of our favourites of all time) in QUEBEC CITY is rated right at the top by the voters! There are good ski packages available for booking through your travel agent. FOR A LOCAL SKI JUNKET - call CORRINE at 905 825-5056 to book a 'WEEKEND AT HOLIDAY VALLEY', ELLICOTVILLE. The date is February 20-22 and is available to families too.



TRAVEL TIP OF THE WEEK: Booking an 'all-inclusive' vacation (paid in advance with Canadian \$\$!) is 'The Way To Go' more than ever these days to get best value, due to the current 'low rating' of our Canadian bucks.



The way to go!  
**Bruce Hood**  
**Travel**

Professional Travel  
& Cruise Officials

**878-2886**

16 Martin St.  
(downtown)

Also in Acton & Oakville  
www.brucehood.com

Bringing The World To You Since 1961

# Janjevich adjusts to NCAA grind

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

*Special to The Champion*

Earning a place in the Ivy League should have been his toughest challenge of 1997.

However, Doug Janjevich has been saddled with an even stiffer task since setting foot on Brown University campus — cracking the Rhode Island school's hockey lineup.

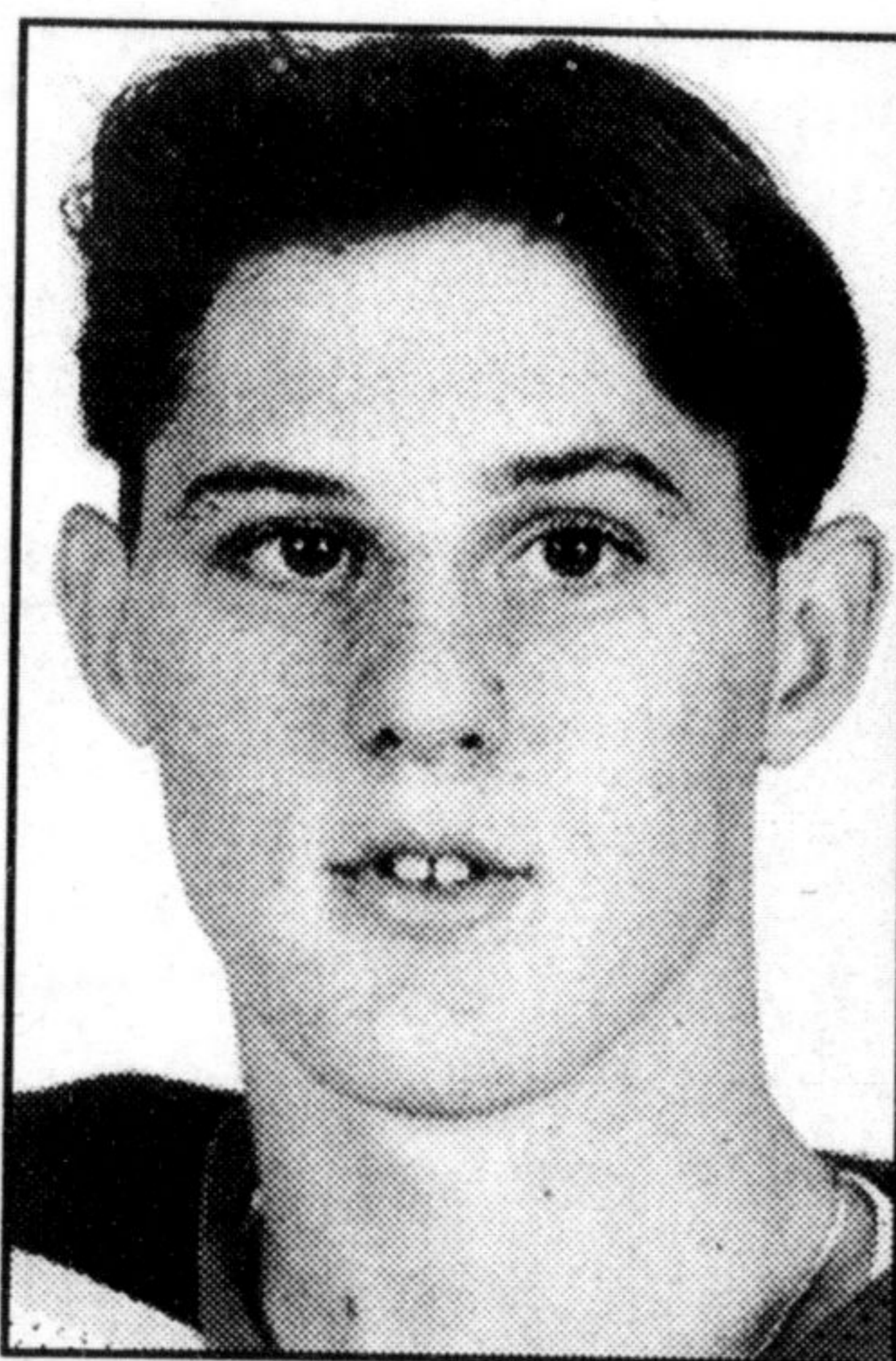
The 19-year-old Milton native has enjoyed some degree of success in this venture, but not as much as he'd initially have liked.

"There's a hierarchy on the team. Rookies seem to get penalized for their mistakes more than juniors or seniors," explained Janjevich, a left winger with the Division I Bears. "I didn't dress for our first five games, but since then I've played in four straight. A couple of the other rookies haven't played at all yet."

A former Merchant sniper, Janjevich said there's a much faster pace to NCAA hockey compared to Tier 2 Jr. A which often results in a lengthy period of adjustment for first-year players.

"Suspensions are longer than in junior so there's a lot less rough stuff after the play as well," he added.

Janjevich has toiled on the second, third and fourth lines



Doug Janjevich

over his recent four-game stretch.

He drew an assist on his very first shift against Boston College in late November, which he said helped "break the ice" early in his NCAA debut.

Unfortunately his Bears squandered a two-goal lead and fell 5-3 to the number five ranked team.

Brown has surrendered several other leads this season. They currently sit at 2-8 in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC).

Janjevich enjoyed a very brief Christmas break, from December 19 to 23, before rejoining the team for a holiday tournament in Minnesota.



Derek Presse  
Law Office

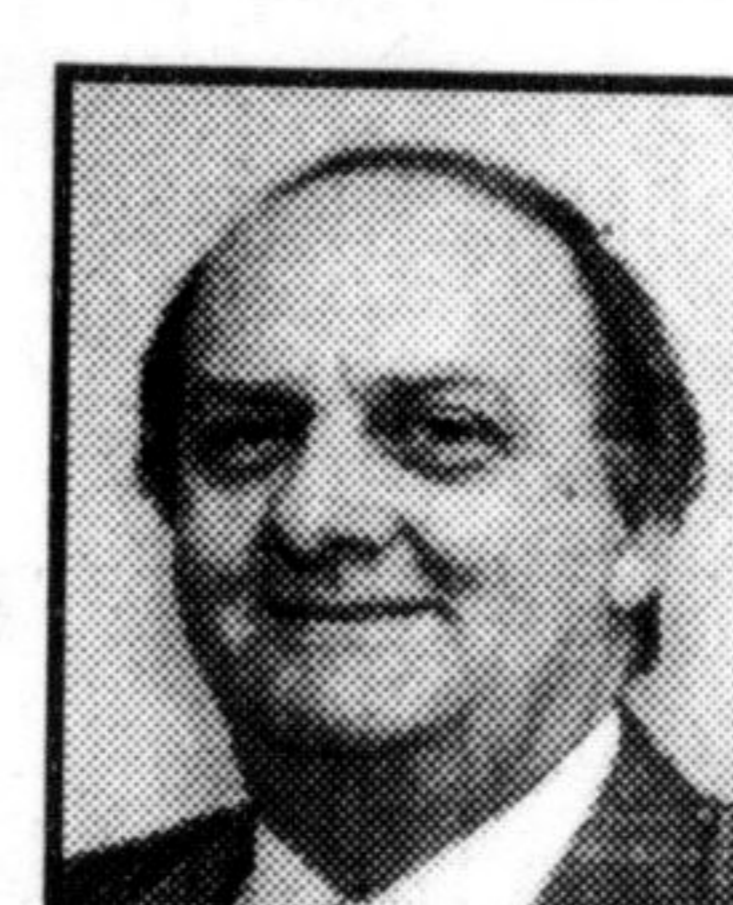
## ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

Wednesday, January 14, 1998

7:00 pm

Hugh Foster Hall

(Next door to Town Hall,  
Victoria Park Square)



Bill Mercer  
Mercer, Hildebrand & Zehr  
Certified General  
Accountants

Your opportunity to have those important questions answered regarding

- Wills
- Executors, estate trustees
- Probate fees
- Income taxes, capital gains

**CALL 876-1144 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT  
SPACE IS LIMITED**

# HELLO ADVERTISERS

## Don't Put Your Business on Hold!

**Buy your advertisement in the  
1998  
Champion Phone Book**

Serving Milton and Campbellville  
11,000 Home Circulation

Call Kathy McLean at 878-2341  
for your advertisement today!

Coming  
this  
February

Deadline  
Jan. 23,  
1998

Janjevich has toiled on the second, third and fourth lines