

News bad for teachers

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to do that," said Mr. Tanner.

Dusty Papke, the director of the Halton board, said there seems to be genuine cause to be concerned about the impact from having fewer staff members in high schools.

"That means fewer people to share the load in co-curricular activities, like drama, athletics, those types of things. If you have fewer people, there's a real possibility staff won't offer everything they have in the past."

The secondary school teacher layoffs follow last month's announced layoffs of 57 elementary school teachers at the Halton public board. Also, 273 of the board's instructional assistants face the chop.

Mr. Tanner said the changes brought by the Tory government seems to point to a growth in private schools at the expense of public education.

"When you look at the ads in the local paper, you see a lot of advertising for the private schools, the opportunity for smaller classes, individual help, and all the things public education has in the past been able to offer," said Mr. Tanner.

"It makes you think that is exactly where the government is headed all along," he said, "which is different classes of education, based on whether you have money or not. It's quite scary to think what might be in store for students in a few years."

Singer is coming to raise funds

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love and talent for music early and helped nurture it by attending St. Michael's Choir School in Toronto.

When not performing Gregorian chants as a child he could be found singing pop music on the CBC.

That variety has remained Mr. Burgess hallmark. Today he has theatre, musical theatre, television and film credits to his name.

Those lucky enough to snap up a \$25 ticket for one of his Milton shows will likely hear a new side of Mr. Burgess. His latest recording, *A Place In The Sun*, is a departure for the singer. It offers a variety of pop songs, a few old favourites and five new originals penned specifically for the tenor.

Tickets cost \$25 and go on sale May 22. Tickets are available at Delacourts, 227 Main St. E. (878-0050), Peggy's at the Milton Mall (878-1414) and at the Milton District Hospital switchboard, gift shop and Foundation office (878-2393).

Call is for musicians

Auditions for the Halton Youth Symphony and the younger Halton Chamber Orchestra will take place in Oakville later this month.

The groups will hold auditions May 21 and May 28 at Loyola High School, 1550 Nottinghill Gate Rd., at 6:30 p.m.

For more information and audition times, call (416) 410-2319.



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Flowery treat

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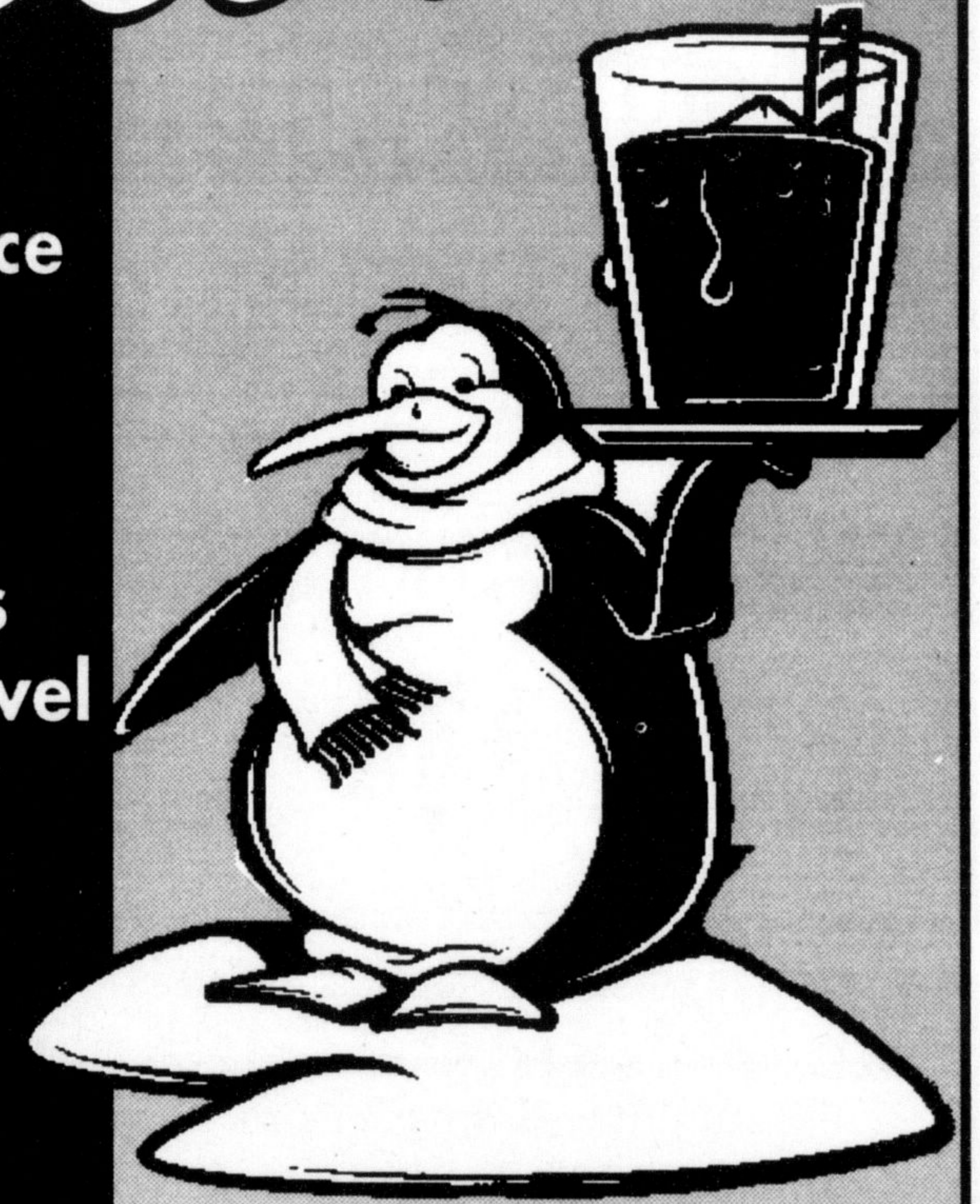


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