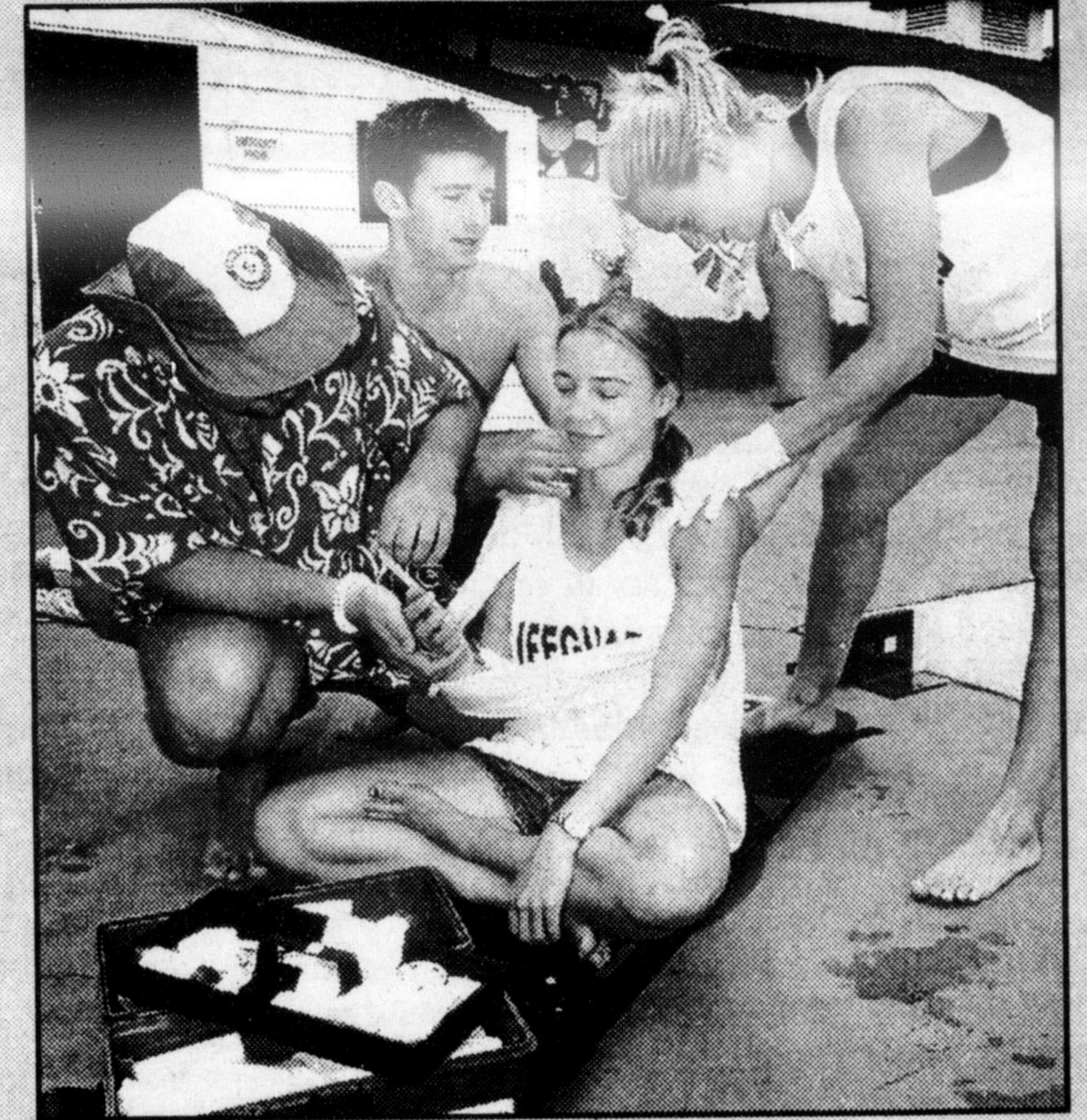# Staying sharp

The Milton Leisure Services Department Lifeguard team competed at the provincial championships in Toronto last weekend. They are (l-r) Jessica Roselle, Sheena Butler, Will Sinnott and Derek Brown. At right they are simulating first aid care on Sheena Butler.

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honest buck, he said.

"They have a better life now than sitting at home on welfare losing self-respect."

But future moves will likely elicit fresh howls of outrage from the opposition, predicted Mr. Chudleigh.

Those moves will probably include mandatory education programs for illiterate welfare recipients.

"The same thing will be said when we take welfare victims — and they are victims — that can't read or write and make them take remedial education," said Mr. Chudleigh.

Mandatory drug testing leading to compulsory drug programs for welfare recipients will also likely be on the agenda.

And the Tories are working on a way to protect the mentally ill, said Mr. Chudleigh.

"We think we can protect these people from themselves and protect them from becoming street people."

One change most Canadians can agree with is tax cuts.

The Harris government is committed to whittling down provincial taxes while lobbying for cuts on the federal level, said Mr. Chudleigh.

Slicing taxes boosts job growth, which increases the overall tax base, he said.

That formula will allow the Tories to reduce taxes while swelling spending.

"Retailers and small business owners all know this, when you decrease the price, you increase your sales. I think people in Ontario are very encouraged with the direction we're going."

But so far Ontario cuts have been swallowed up by municipal and federal governments, said Mr. Chudleigh.

"As soon as we cut taxes, Ottawa increased theirs," he said. "They nullified some of our tax cuts in the minds of the Ontario taxpayer. They didn't see it on their paycheques."