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Above, drummer Jenn Fish motivates the Blonde Ambition team during annual dragon boat races at Kelso Conservation Area Saturday morning. At left, Alison Ma does some exercise in preparation for competition with her New College New Dragons team. Proceeds from the day-long event will go to the Willow Foundation.

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Man sought for armed robbery

Electronic equipment stolen from apartment

By MELANIE HENNESSEY
The Champion

Police are hunting for a man who's possibly armed and should be considered dangerous after residents of a Martin Street apartment were robbed at gunpoint late Thursday night.

Brendan Gomez, 18 — who's believed to be a Peel Region resident — is wanted on counts of break and enter, robbery, use of a firearm in commission of an offence, forcible confinement and wearing a disguise.

The incident occurred around 11:40 p.m. when three young masked men walked into the apart-

ment, one of them brandishing a large silver handgun.

Halton Regional Police Det. Duncan Taylor said a group of seven males and females — believed to be in their early twenties — were having a get-together at the apartment, but only two of them actually reside at the Martin Street address.

One of the male youths approached the intruders and was pushed to the floor, sustaining a minor wrist injury, said Det. Taylor. The other six youths were then ordered to lie on the floor.

The intruders stole electronic home entertainment products, got into a "shiny black vehicle" and left. Det. Taylor said the total value of the stolen goods isn't known yet.

While the relationship between the youths and the men is still under investigation, Det. Taylor said typically in these types of situations the culprits "are aware of the individuals that are inside" the residence.

"It's not like something the average individual has to be concerned about," he said, pointing out this type of incident is rare in Milton.

Mr. Gomez is described as five-foot-six, 145 pounds with brown hair and eyes. Police are urging residents to contact them immediately if they spot him.

The second suspect is described as black, approximately 20 to 25 years old, five-foot-seven with a skinny build. He was wearing all-black clothing at the time.

The other man police are searching for is

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