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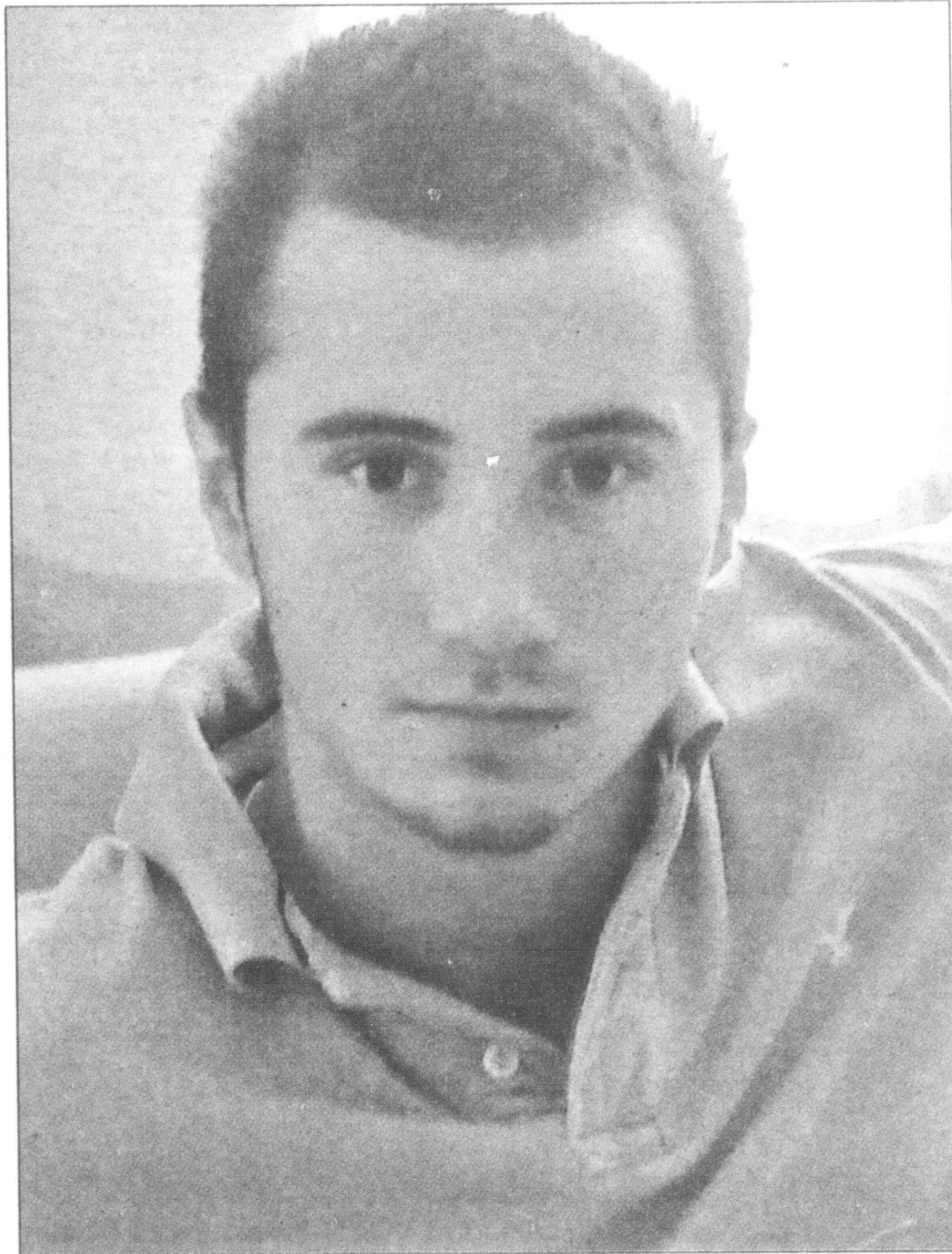
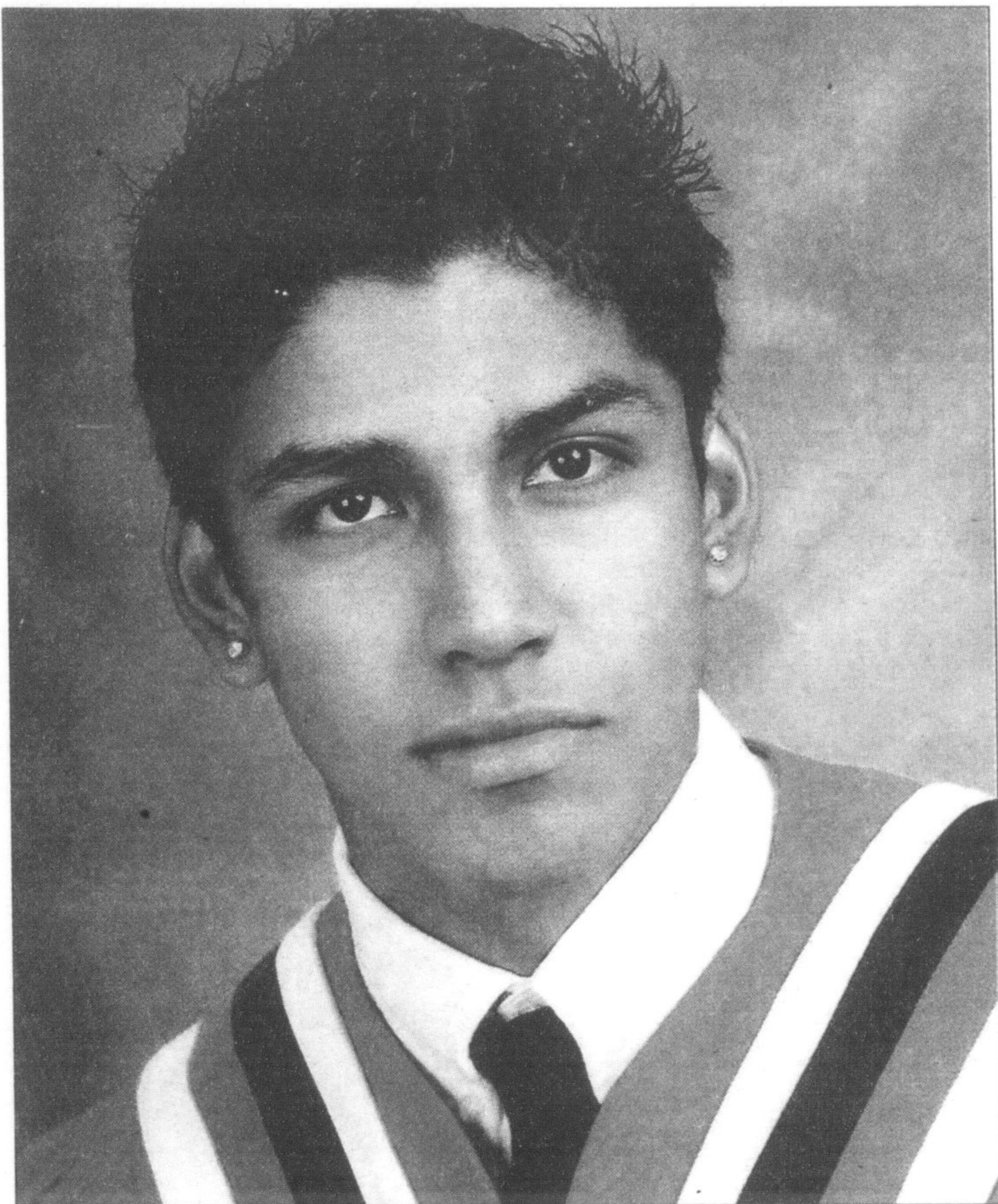
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The community will say goodbye to Mario Llanos (left) and Ilia Nourkov, both 17 and Grade 12 students at Bishop Reding Secondary School, in funeral services to be held today and tomorrow respectively.

Crash victim's name released

Police have released the identity of a young man killed in a fiery Eighth Line crash last weekend.

Mississauga resident Brian Whyte, 18, was killed Sunday at about 3 a.m.

He was the sole occupant of a 1993 Pontiac Sunfire and was travelling north on Eighth Line, south of Derry Road, when he lost control of the vehicle and it left the roadway, Halton Regional Police said.

The car went through a deep ditch before coming to rest against a hydro pole and bursting into flames.

The young driver was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene.

Det. Const. Andy Dennis of Halton Regional Police's Collision Reconstruction Unit said alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the tragedy. It's not known how fast the driver was going.

Police are continuing to investigate the crash. Anyone with information is asked to call Dennis at (905) 825-4747, ext. 2378.

Gone but not forgotten

Family, friends remember Mario, Ilia

By Stephanie Hounsell
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

His computer desk is intact, left exactly the way it was when he headed off for a night out with friends.

His coat is slung over his chair, his pet gecko is peering out from a small cage and his McMaster University acceptance letter is open.

Mario Llanos's desk might be the same, but nothing else is — a fact made painfully obvious by his mother's gut-wrenching sobs.

He was supposed to come home early the day he died in a car crash.

"I said, 'Come back early because tomorrow we're going to buy your suit for prom,'" says his mom, Maria, breaking down.

Across town in Campbellville, another family is also struggling:

Ilia Nourkov's mother and girlfriend alternate between tears and smiles as they recall some of their favourite memories of the boy they loved so much.

He used to clean the house, says his mom, Emanouela, even though he hated doing it. He was a mama's boy and proud of it, adds 16-year-old Bianca Marcelo, smiling.

But the smile quickly fades when she talks about the future the pair — who had been

dating for two years — had all planned out. He was going to attend Ryerson University for graphic communications and in a couple of years they would get a place together.

"I never thought he'd be gone so soon," Bianca says.

Two boys, two families, many broken hearts.

Both 17 years old and students at Bishop Reding (BR) Secondary School, Mario and Ilia — called Ilko — were devoted sons, brothers, boyfriends, friends, athletes and so much more.

But all that came to a screeching halt just after 5 a.m. Sunday when the car Ilko was driving went out of control on an S-curve on Tremaine Road, south of Britannia, and

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IN MEMORIAM
DOLLY (DOULTON) HAWKINS
3RD March 2000 – 4TH May 2008

It is with heavy heart that we tell readers that "Dolly" passed away very suddenly, due to an unexpected medical problem. He was a beautiful and gentle dog, and he had the sweetest ways. He is much missed by his family and his many friends, both human and four-legged.

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