

# Sheridan festival promotes creativity

Creativity can be something as simple as working out a crossword puzzle... a mechanical problem such as fixing your car... or something as crazy as making a chair out of newspaper. The last activity is on the agenda for a Creativity Festival to be held at Sheridan College, May 14 and 15. Sponsored by the Centre for Creative Studies at Sheridan and the Halton Board of Education, the Festival will encourage and promote creative thought and problem-solving through activities including a creative body movement workshop, a mini film festival, music and theatre workshops, and brainstorming sessions. Crazy Creative Puppets, Creative Math, Could You be a Detective, and Dungeons and Dragons are some of the other sessions. Robin King, Director of the Centre for Creative Studies, says that more than 900 students aged eight to 18 are enrolled, many from Halton and Peel, but also from as far away as Winnipeg and New York State.

"Many adults have had the creativity socialized right out of them," said King. "It's like muscular power. You either use it or lose it." Creativity can be reclaimed by adults, King stressed, but says children are easier to work with. "They aren't inhibited." He said that creativity is more important today than ever, as many familiar social structures deteriorate and are no longer useful. "Creative behavior is the source of all change in society. It's the way society evolves. And one of its most important components is showing the validity of all possible ideas... respecting diversity," said King. "There's so much emphasis on stress management these days. But if we were more creative, we'd be more effective and innovative people, and we wouldn't be under so much stress," he added.

Along with King, other primary organizers of the festival are Edna McMillan, a consultant for education of gifted children with the Halton Board, and Ted Runions, a teacher at Lord Elgin High School in Burlington. Registration fee for the festival is \$3 a day per student. Children must be supervised during the two days by a parent or teacher in a 1/15 ratio. Spots are still available in some programs. Sheridan's Centre for Creative Studies is located at the Oakville Campus, and is intended to provide resources to promote the growth of creativity and problem-solving behavior. It was opened last summer, and King says that while things are getting organized, "I'm the only resource right now."

For more information contact Creativity Festival, 2399 Mountside Drive, Burlington, Ontario, 335-1856, or contact Robin King at Sheridan College, 845-9430, ext. 291.

## Church in community panel topic

The role of the church in Campbellville will be discussed Wednesday, May 27 at 7.30 p.m. in St. David's Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Desmond Howard will act as moderator of the panel at the church which is on Guelph Line in Campbellville.

The panelists and topics are: Ernie Davidson on the relationship of the church and community; Helen Scisizzi on the church's outreach on meeting the needs of the community; Rev. Rod Lewis on the changing role of the church in the community; Mrs. Oriana Currie on how the community sees the church; and Mrs. Rosalind Fenwick on the importance of Sunday school to children.

Everyone is invited to attend and hear the discussion.

## Trustees fix ARF classes

Halton's Addiction Research Foundation (ARF) education program received an economic fix from Halton's Board of Education Monday.

Halton trustees confirmed their commitment to the teaching of teachers about drug and alcohol addiction problems in the schools. Some \$12,500 was set aside for the ARF program.

Under the ARF staffed program some 280 Halton teachers would be trained on drug and alcohol problems in the schools.

ARF brought the Halton drug problem to the attention of the board with a detailed study of an Oakville high school last year.



## A big event

Pupils at Robert Baldwin School wait anxiously to see the hatching of some brand new chicks in their own unique incubator.

## Delay deer hunt decision

(Continued from Pg. 1) port asking for the deer hunt not to be allowed to continue in 1981.

Oakville Councillor Terry Mannell, who had tried to have the decision put off during the committee meeting two weeks ago, said he thought it would be wise to have Mr. Stanley at a discussion along with residents, also a representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Mr. Mannell said he did not think the Ministry was worried so much about controlling deer as "just to have a hunt." He said "the mandate of the Ministry is to increase recreational activities in the province."

But Milton Councillor Brad Clements, a member of the Halton Agricultural Advisory Committee, said the hunt had been held almost six months ago and those opposed to another hunt

should have made their feelings known prior to the regular council meeting where the committee recommendation was being discussed.

Mr. Clements, noting the Ministry had ordered 800 deer shot last year by poachers, said one of the main reasons to have another controlled deer hunt is to stop "illegal hunting."

Fellow Milton Councillor Bill Johnson opposed this view, stating he had

been on record as opposed to a "blunderbuss type of hunt."

He said the Ministry concept is "the most inefficient way of thinning out the deer."

Mr. Johnson said the best method would be to have experienced hunters stationed "where the deer go for sustenance" such as apple orchards and streams. He said a small group of good hunters in a longer time frame could do the job.

## Smokers Anonymous project

Milton may be the site of a pilot project to help people beat the smoking habit.

A meeting will be held May 26 at the Optimist Club, 311 Commercial St. at 7.30 p.m. and will be sponsored by the Halton Lung Association.

The pilot project will be called Smokers Anonymous and the object is to provide the will power to quit smoking. It is thought weekly meetings can supply the support.

The meeting will be open to anyone wishing to attend.

In other news regarding the Halton Lung Association, the annual meeting of the group was held recently at the Tyandaga Municipal Golf Club in Burlington where the 1981 board was elected.

Among the 26-member board are the following from Milton: J.M. Ledwith, Dr. I.A. Hunter, and Halton resident Dr.

Peter Cole who is the Halton Regional Medical Officer of Health.

The association will also sponsor a smoking withdrawal clinic June 1 to 5 in the Georgetown District High School.

Admission is free and it will be held in Room 151 of the school from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. nightly.

## Two educators named

Two Milton residents were among the elected officials for the Halton Branch of the Association for Early Childhood Education.

Officials representing Milton are Marsha Beaver, conference chair and Gillian Burns,

recording secretary, Association president Velma Doran of Brampton was elected for a second term.

Other elected officials include: vice-president Willie Chartrand, treasurer Florence Reynolds, corresponding secretary,

Barbara Vollick, Board representative Karen Chan, program chair Marlene McNeven, publicity chair and public relations Karen Shermeta, newsletter chair Barbara McNaughton, professional development Barbara Frieday.

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