

Community Notebook

Songs in the Air: Milton Choristers, a 40-member mixed choir is entering its 21st year and has started rehearsing for the coming season. New singers in all vocal categories are invited to audition by calling Shirley Dills at 878-6061 to arrange an appointment. The group rehearses Tuesday evenings under the direction of Brainerd Blyden-Taylor. Milton Choristers plan to present four performances during the fall and spring.

Artists' Last Call: The deadline is this Saturday (Sept. 24) for entries to the sixth annual juried exhibition of wall art at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre, Georgetown. The competition is open to residents of Halton. The exhibition will run from October 4-29. For information call 873-2681.

Turkey Shoot: They don't shoot turkeys but those with the best aim could take home a trophy as a prize at Saturday's Turkey Shoot. Gueph Rod and Gun Club is holding the event at its Eden Mills location beginning at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 24. The competition is open to 12-gauge shotguns using double AA shells. Cost is \$2 a round.

Diabetes Association Moves: The Oakville and District branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association has a new location at 341 Kerr St., Suite 201, Oakville. For information on this organization call 338-0214.

Tips for Parents: The task of parenting is something most go into with little or no experience. With this in mind, Family Place is again offering S.T.E.P. (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting). The program is geared to parents of 2-10 year-olds. Sessions run Thursday evenings from September 28 to November 30. Cost is \$40 for two family members (maximum). To register, contact Hilary Lewin-Fraser at 878-0121.

Communion Breakfast: Bishop Reding School gymnasium will be the location of a Family Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. Bishop Strzycki will celebrate the eucharist at the mass to be followed by a hot, buffet-style breakfast. Attendance must be confirmed by Monday, Sept. 25 by calling 854-0269. Tickets cost \$5 each and will not be available at the door.

Christmas Comes Early: The sixth annual Christmas Craft Fair at the Ontario Agricultural Museum will be held this Saturday and Sunday, giving early-bird shoppers a jump on the season. More than 50 exhibitors will offer goods ranging from stained glass, pottery, folk art, quilts and more. The museum, located on Tremaine Road just south of Highway 401, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To find out more call 878-8151.

Organ Recital: The newly restored pipe organ at St. Paul's United Church will be played by Dr. Patricia Phillips, organist at the Metropolitan United Church Toronto, during an organ recital. This will be a second demonstration on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. of the organ's capabilities. The restoration was funded by church group activities over the past several months. There is no admission charge however donations will be accepted.

Credit is due

TEAM helps teen moms graduate

By KAREN SMITH

B EING A NEW MOTHER and attending school at the same time would be challenging for anyone, especially a teenager.

The Halton Board of Education and Milton Community and Information Services are trying to make it a little easier by offering a new program for teenage moms.

The program called Teen Education and Motherhood (TEAM) provides a chance for young moms, including expectant moms; to start planning their future in a pleasant, friendly environment by obtaining credits toward their high school diplomas.

While in class, Milton Community and Information Services supplies daycare for the students' pre-school aged children at the CHERISH Parent-Child Centre.

All courses and services are free including bus fare and mileage.

Infant care offered

The program is one-of-a-kind in Milton, which is home to the highest number of teenage mothers in Halton per population.

TEAM started as a pilot project in Burlington where it has proven to be both popular and valuable, says Kathy Mills, the program's teacher.

"There is no high school that offers infant care," adds Mrs. Mills. "It has really been tremendously successful."

Developed by the board's Continuing Education department, TEAM includes two courses.

One is a special parenting course, which addresses topics such as child development, nutrition, discipline and communication, while the other is chosen by each student individually.

Work at own pace

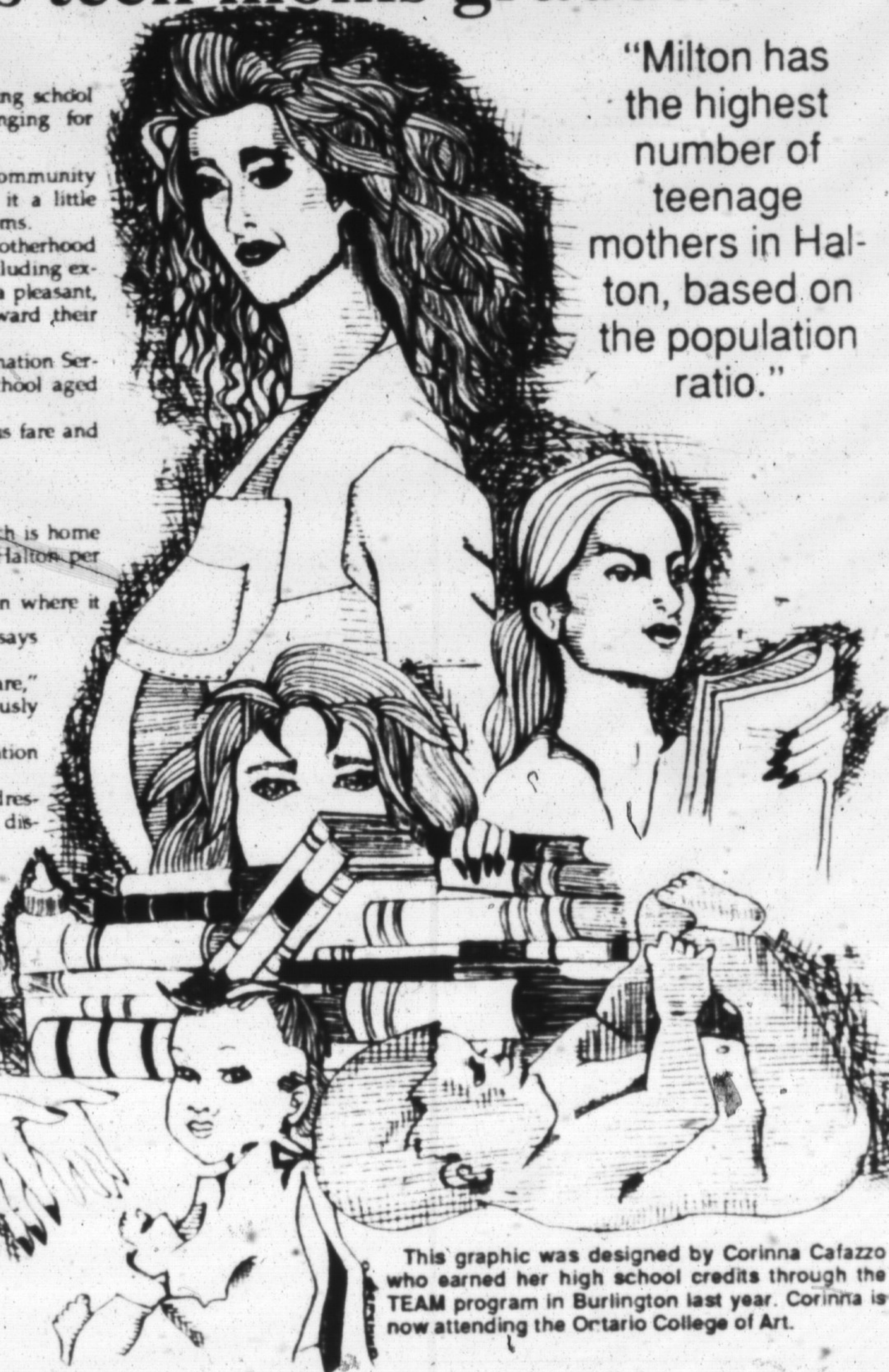
The program is set up so courses involve independent learning, allowing students to earn credits in the subjects they need while working at their own pace. A variety of high school credit courses are available.

TEAM, which also serves as a support group for the teens, gives them career and educational counselling as well as a chance to socialize and learn with other young moms.

In turn, their children are able to socialize and learn with other young tots, says Sue McCormack, co-ordinator of programs for CHERISH Parent-Child Centre.

Mrs. McCormack says she hopes the program will expand to other areas of Halton.

"We are hoping that TEAM in Milton will be a program that other areas can model." Classes are held Mondays and Thursdays



"Milton has the highest number of teenage mothers in Halton, based on the population ratio."

This graphic was designed by Corinna Cafazzo who earned her high school credits through the TEAM program in Burlington last year. Corinna is now attending the Ontario College of Art.

from 1 to 4 p.m. at the CHERISH Parent-Child Centre starting October 2. Continuous intake into the program allows young moms to begin at any time.

An open house for anyone interested in TEAM is planned to be held Monday, Sept. 25

from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Optimist Centre, 311 Commercial St.

For information about TEAM, contact Sue McCormack or Kathy Mills at CHERISH Parent-Child Centre. The telephone number is 876-1925.

Meeting to review outdoor recreation facilities

In its plans for the future, the town's leisure services department wants to improve and further develop Milton's outdoor recreation facilities.

With this in mind, the department recently sent out copies of the Outdoor Recreation Facilities Survey to more than 60 community groups that use these facilities.

The surveys, which were returned last week, provided information on problems encountered by the various groups.

In order to deal with the replies to the survey on a more personal level, these groups have been invited to a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Hugh Foster Hall.

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Hopefully, at least two representatives from each group will attend.

At that session, the attendees will identify common problems and needs, provide possible solutions, and help the department set goals for the future.

Any interested persons may attend the meeting, but they should preregister with Bonnie Ward at 878-7211, extension 181.

Fall Fitness

There's no excuse not to get fit this fall. The leisure services department is sponsoring 13 exercise classes in the morning and evening throughout the week.

Adults serious about shaping up can choose sessions that run 12-14 weeks. Classes last 45 minutes to one hour each week with one class meeting twice a week. Babysitting is available for a small fee during the morning programs.

Jan Davenport, Jan Young, Pat Erskine and Yolanda Fellows are qualified instructors who also happen to love staying fit (and what better way than to teach fitness classes?). They

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Saturday • 9:30 am - 6:00 pm