

## Rehearsing for King Edward VIII

Georgian College Theatre Workshop students firm Queen Mary (Bev Hanna) as Elizabeth rehearse Crown Matrimonial, a two-act play Baker of Flesherton, pleads his cause to a

(Kathy Somerville of Toronto) listens by Royce Ryton which deals with the ab- quietly. Miss Hanna, a second-year design dication of King Edward VIII. It will be arts student at the college, is a daughter of presented in the college theatre in Barrie on Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hanna of 679 Dominion January 30-31 and February 1 at 8:30 p.m. Ave., Midland. Mrs. Hanna is one of the David, King Edward VIII, played by John founding members of the Huronia Players. Georgian College photo

## "The Longest Yard" is entertaining

by Terry Dupuis Midland's Odeon Theatre last week was a most unusual film. Was it a prison melodrama, a sports spectacular, or a comedy? The answer is it was a combination of elements from all three genres of filmmaking. The result, however, is not a disjointed hodge-podge, but a successful blending of these elements into a unified well-

structured and most entertaining motion picture. In The Longest Yard, Burt Reynolds stars as an exfootball hero who is serving a

sessed with winning a The movie which played at national title for the semiprofessional football team which he has composed from his staff of prison guards. Albert persuades Reynolds to quarterback a team of the convicts so that the guards will be able to have a tune-up game against them before playing against professional team.

The idea begins nto dawn on Reynolds and his team of convicts that this tune-up football game with the warden's team may be a splendid opportunity to get even with these hulking sadistic guards who have

The clash on the gridiron between the team of jailbirds

and the team of guards is the highlight of The Longest Yard and it occupies the final 45 minutes of the film. It's a bruising, violent and vicious game, and it's likely to be one of the most memorable sequences from any movie which will come out this year.

As for the performances, Burt Reynolds does the best screen work of his career so far; and Eddie Albert, one of the best character actors in movies, delivers a skilful and most memorable performance as the powercrazed football-obsessed warden.

The Longest Yard was produced for Paramount Pictures by Albert S. Ruddy, whose biggest and most successful production so far was The Godfather three years ago. The screenplay was written by Tracy Keenan Wynn, the son of character actor Keenan

The director of The Longest Yard is Robert Aldrich, whose past films include The Dirty Dozen, Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? and Emperor of the North. It is interesting to note that one of Aldrich's best works was an underrated anti-war film called Attack, made in 1956, in which the role of a psychotic general was played by Eddie Albert, the psychotic warden of Aldrich's latest picture.

## Huronia Players to present "Night Watch"

Creating the illusion of opulence is posing a problem for the Huronia Players, as they prepare for their next production - Night Watch by Lucille Fletcher.

According to producer Val Macmenemey, the modern suspense drama takes place in the apartment of a wealthy heiress. "It's been very hard to get the set to look as if it belongs to a wealthy patron of the arts," she said.

Groups from Barrie,

Penetanguishene, Midland

and Balm Beach will

headline the 24 hour dance.

marathon at St. Theresa's

Secondary School later this

month, as the students raise

money for social and athletic

Starting at 8 p.m. on

Friday, February 21, the

annual dance-a-thon will

offer three meals, 18 hours of

live music, and six hours of

tapes and records to those

with the stamina to finish the

Area students from grade

8, and secondary schools,

will be eligible to participate

- provided they have a

minimum of \$2 per hour in

pledges from parents,

will receive prizes of \$100,

\$50 and \$25 respectively, and

The top three fund raisers

friends and relatives.

events at the school.

set, and sculpture, sailing trophies and pseudo-rare books all have been added as accoutrements to the life of the very rich.

The new setting for the plays, at Sacred Heart School, has demanded construction of new flats, and last Sunday, the Players held a "flat raising party"

The results of all the hard work will appear on One of the actresses in the February 7 and 8, and again production has obliged by on Feb. 14 and 15. A run

prizes for various dances

will be awarded as the dance

progresses. Every student

who lasts 12 hours wins \$5,

and those who struggle

through to the end will see a

The dance-a-thon is being

organized jointly by the

student and athletic councils

at St. Theresa's, and the

students have managed to

get the four bands for "good

rates". Last year, only two

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painting a "Picasso" and a through on the evening of "Matisse" to decorate the Feb. 3 will provide a special treat for Sacred Heart's grade 7 and 8 pupils, all of whom have been watching the progress of the production.

Night Watch begins when a wealthy heiress looks out her window and sees a couple of dead bodies in a building across the way. Author Lucille Fletcher also wrote "Sorry, Wrong Number", another suspenseful and highly successful play.

Helping the drama unfold in the Huronia Players' production will be Thora and Mark Badior, Emily Lloyd, Don MacNabb, Raymond

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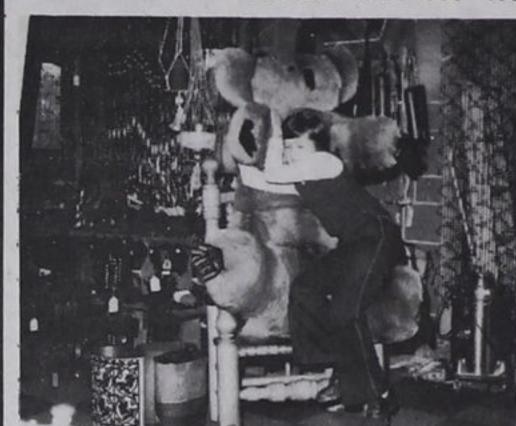
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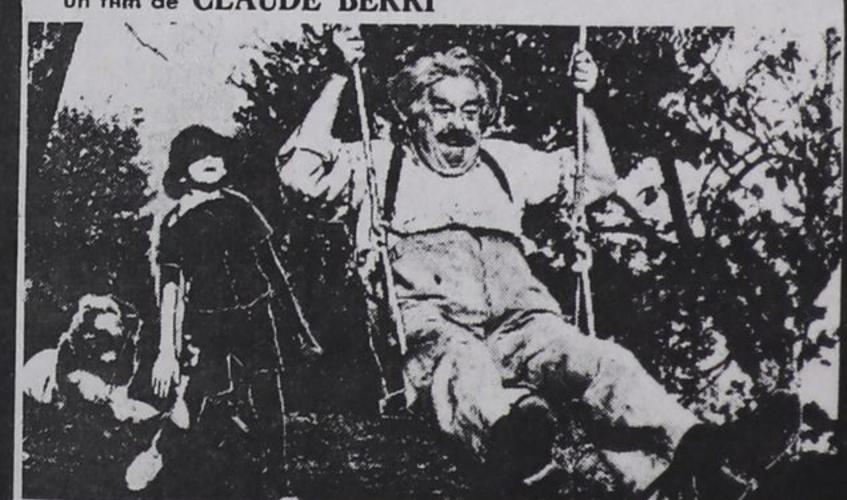
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two-year prison term. The been abusing them. warden (Eddie Albert) is a near-psychotic who is ob-

I was very disappointed with the mediocre performance that was put on at Midland Secondary School last Friday night by the wer. known Toronto group, A Foot

In Cold Water. I have seen them on two occasions previously, and I have to say that they are on their way downhill as far as the output of tasteful music

One would figure that feet - i.e. danceable music that's enjoyable to listen to. With the exception of two numbers (both from older repertoire) the songs were heavy, loud, uncreative and impossible to dance to.

The most pleasing moment

Mediocre performance ott Whittington sort of jam which featured the organist in a long solo of

joining the large group of bands which likes to leave 25 minutes before the contracted time is up. That seems to be very easy to do

in this neck of the woods. when going to a dance, he blacklisted for this sort of would hear beats and rhyth- thing, but the rock band ripms pleasing to the ear and off seems to happen around

of the evening was a jazzy

really funky B3 work. That organist, I thought, was a standout, and the guitar player threw in the odd nice

This band seems to be

Bands have been here frequently and nobody seems to want to do anything

I would have liked to have included more about A Foot in Cold Water band members, but I didn't stay until the end.

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