

Editorials

Information-honestly, openly and freely shared-
is the hallmark of democracy

Good day for Canada

THE DIMENSIONS of the Tory victory are breathtaking. In Canada, we are not generally used to landslides on the scale of the one seen last night.

The Tories are to be congratulated for conducting a nearly flawless campaign and, for the most part, they waged a clean campaign.

That goes for Simcoe North candidate Doug Lewis, as well as for our next prime minister, Brian Mulroney.

It was particularly heartening to see Quebec province join the rest of the nation in the massive swing to the Tories.

For that we are a fortunate country on this, the day after. Not since 1968, when Mr. Trudeau swept English Canada along with his Quebec stronghold, has the country elected what is truly a national government. Mr. Mulroney may well have made all that possible, not only by being a Quebec "native son", but by his sensible approach in refusing to allow himself to be drawn into another fruitless debate with the Liberals over who hates the Parti Quebecois the hardest.

For the Liberals, the blame, rests squarely with the squandering of power that went on in the last few years of their autocratic rule in Ottawa. That includes much of the party brass that ran Mr. Turner's campaign.

That decent man deserves a round of thanks from his countrymen for waging, for the most part, an honest campaign. The Liberals would do well to live up to their oft-repeated dictum (uttered again last night by Liberal candidate Martin) that they do not stab their leaders in the back. The NDP leader Ed Broadbent, deserves the same praise. He hung on and performed admirably.

Looking to the future, we look forward to a government which truly represents all corners of our vast country.

Clinics needed

RECENT OUTBREAKS of rabies proves that the people of North Simcoe and the thousands of cottagers who come to the area in the summer need to make sure their cats and dogs are vaccinated.

Simcoe County is quite often the rabies capital of Canada. It's partly because of the large mounts of forests and so many people who crowd the region in the summer.

Only one known case of human who contracted rabies surviving has been proven by doctors. Anyone else who caught the disease has died.

The disease could be controlled to a much greater extent by free vaccination clinics. There should be clinics every weekend in this area in the summer.

The fear that is caused by a rabies outbreak is probably its worst effect. Enough animals have to be put down that people are afraid of losing their pets. People can't enjoy the sight of wild animals because of fear that they may be carriers.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is developing a vaccination that may be dropped into forests to prevent wild animals from getting rabies.

And the Ontario government is hinted to be drafting a law demanding all pets be vaccinated. But the law will do no good unless clinics are cheap, accessible and well-advertized.

A chance to shine

IN LESS than two weeks, Pope John Paul II pays an historic visit to Huronia.

Yesterday, Papal flags were placed on poles along King Street in Midland which herald the Pontiff's upcoming Saturday, Sept. 15, visit to Huronia.

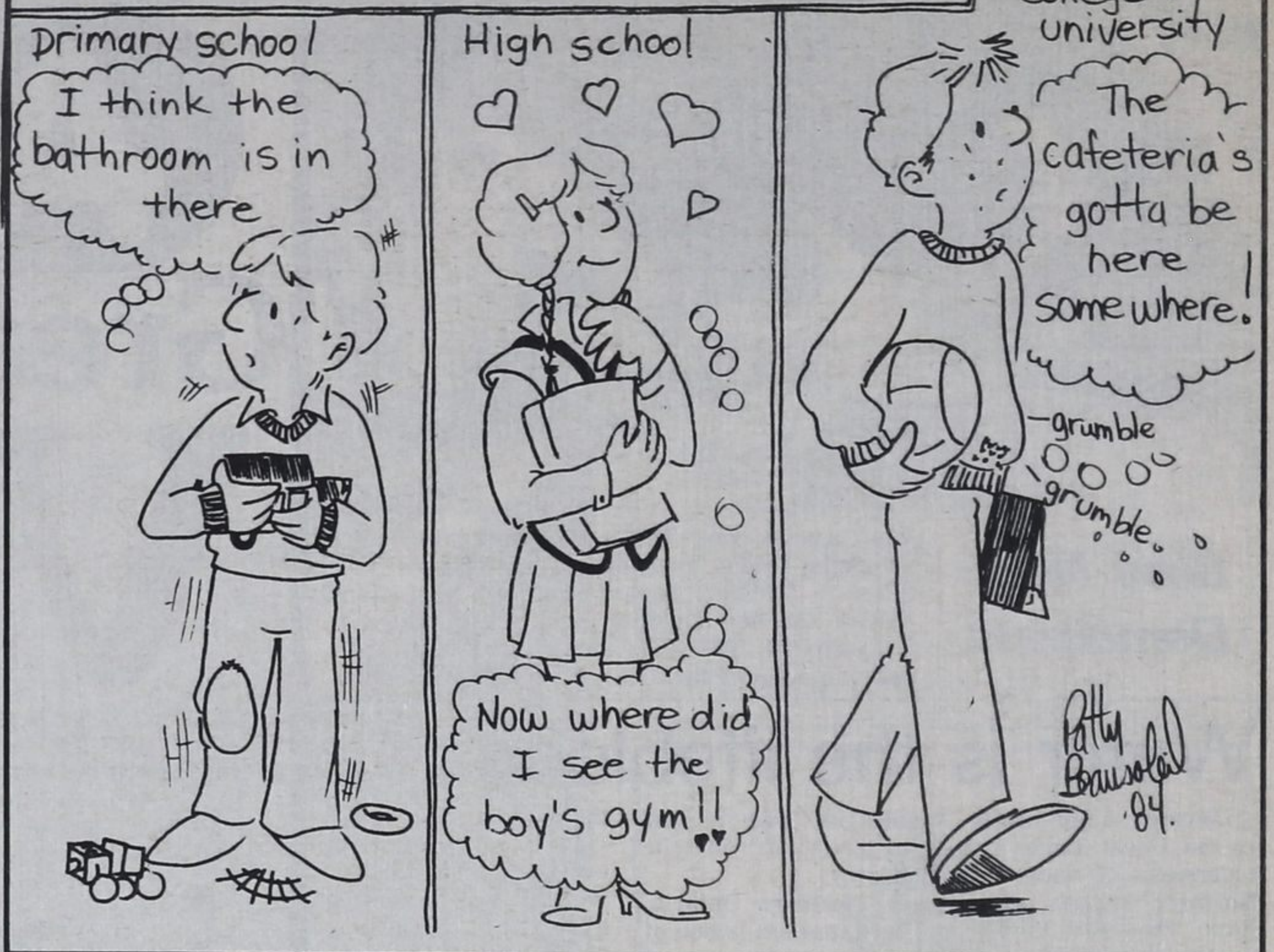
As for the Papal visit one can only hope none of us will treat it as just another day on the calendar.

When the Holy Father visits this area he'll be coming as the head of nearly one billion followers; a man venerated by millions from every faith and from every walk of life.

Every effort should be made to make Pope John Paul II and his party welcome and that goes too for the thousands upon thousands of men and women, boys and girls who plan to be in Huronia to see the Pope on that most memorable and historic day.

To be certain an event like this will never occur again (here) in our life time.

SCHOOL KIDS ARE JUST NOW GETTING ORIENTATED!



R&R give thanks!

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Penetang's R & R Sports Ladies Baseball Team we wish to thank "Nick" of the Dock Lunch, Molson's, "Chevy", Coldwater Ladies Baseball Team, Dorothy and Marge, C.K.M.P. and this paper (Randy) for their involvement in our tourney and/or season.

Special thanks to Penetang Bottling, Pen Theatre, Gignac's Muffler Shop and Driftwood Restaurant for gifts donated.

Heartfelt thanks to R & R Sports, Richard and

Bob, our coaches, Ernie and Keith, helpers Julien and Steven.

No thanks needed but always given to ALL OUR players this year for a job well done.

Needless to say it was interesting both on and off the field, Penetang has always had a team who wanted and enjoyed playing the game of baseball, so see you in '85!

Thanks again
Sandy and Ernie Dubeau

The man of the future

Dear Editor:

My name is Tracey Arden Scott and I am working at Campaign Headquarters downtown Midland.

I really like working for the Progressive Conservatives. You learn a lot by working for them.

The youth group went down to a rally at the arena in Barrie. There were close to 5,000 people who went down to meet Mr. Mulroney in person.

Next election I would like to see more young people get involved like I did. You learn a lot from it and also you meet a lot of nice people that you never met before in your life.

I met Mr. Lewis. He is a really nice person and if needed I think he would be someone you could count on in parliament.

Signed by
Tracey A. Scott

Picture of a Pope

Dear Editor:

His Worship, Warden Ross Whiteside, will at 11 a.m. formally receive a painting of the official County flower, the Columbine, commissioned by the Warden's Committee, today.

The picture was painted by artist, Juliana Hawke, and will be presented to Pope John Paul II, on behalf of the residents of Simcoe County.

The picture will be on display at the

Administration Centre from Tuesday, Sept. 4 to Thursday, Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day.

All persons are welcome to view the picture prior to its presentation to the Pope.

Yours truly,
Dianne Buffett
Deputy Clerk

Shoes for Poland is ecumenical project

An ecumenical group of churches have found a unique way to show their appreciation of the Pope's visit.

On Sunday, Sept. 16 and again on Sunday, Sept. 23, they will be collecting used childrens shoes/boots, in first class condition, to send to the Pope's homeland of Poland.

Cardinal Carter and Archbishop Lewis

Garnsworthy, of the Roman Catholic and Anglican Dioceses respectively, issued a joint statement to their clergy inviting all their congregations to take part in "this special gesture of thanks".

The formal announcement will be made during an Ecumenical Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Bloor St. E., on Sept. 14, in the presence of the Holy Father.

The need for childrens' shoes in good condition has been identified, in conjunction with the Catholic Church in Poland, as a primary need of that Church's social service network.

Over the past two years several thousand children in Poland have

received winter shoes and boots sent by the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches of Montreal.

Now the Toronto Dioceses have decided to jointly (with the involvement of other Churches) give shoes and boots, so that our Church may send a practical message of support and encouragement to a people for whom childrens'

footwear is still a priority need.

Those willing to participate in this unique undertaking are invited to bring Childrens' shoes and/or boots to either an Anglican or a Roman Catholic Parish Church on Sunday, Sept. 16 or Sunday, Sept. 23.

All those involved feel this is a very positive way to show that "We Care"!

PGH birth

Claudette Leroux of 42A Water Street, Penetanguishene announces the birth of a baby girl on August 29, weighing 6 lb. 8 1/2 oz.

Letters

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