

Mother of two, honors grad

By BRENDA LITTLE
STOUFFVILLE — Melody Curtis, Burkholder Street, Stouffville, practices two well-known mottoes: "You get out of something what you put into it," and "Anything worth doing is worth doing well."
 She lives by them.
 Melody, housewife and mother of two, recently completed a two-year Recreation Facility Management course at Seneca College.

While attending school, she still managed to maintain her household, attend all classes, keep up her three part-time fitness related jobs, put in 300 hours of community work and receive numerous academic awards.

On top of all this, she graduated with straight 'A's.

How did she do it?
 "I just kept reminding myself that it was vital to my future," she explains.

At school, Melody enjoyed being involved.

Soon after starting at Seneca she became a member of the organizing committee for the secondary school group gymnastics competition and was largely responsible for its success. She also began teaching dance in the Elite Athlete Program. And during lunch she taught a fitness class in Scarborough.

There's no doubt that with this type of dedication and training, she will acquire a good position in the field of recreation.

"The biggest problem is getting your foot in the door," explains Melody.

However, she's also been working on this for several years.

Melody first became involved in fitness instruction in 1977. A friend encouraged her to enroll in an eight-week training course.

"It was an invaluable experience for me," explains Melody. "I learned a great deal and it helped build my confidence."

"If I can stand in front of 60 people in my underwear and say '1-2-3,' I can do anything," she chuckles.

Later, she became a keep-fit/volleyball instructor. She also be-

gan teaching dance in Scarborough and soon became the Y.M.C.A. co-ordinator for Whitchurch-Stouffville. She maintained this post until the Town adopted its own recreation department.

Melody was also a dance director and choreographer for Music Mania.

Her involvement in this popular community production led to her appointment as choreographer for the Girl Guide's 75th

anniversary celebration at Maple Leaf Gardens. In this position of responsibility, she arranged five original dance routines involving over 500 children and adults.

With such a varied and full background, it's hard to believe that it took Melody three years to gather the courage to go back to school.

It wasn't until she fell off a stage and injured her ankle while teaching that she decided it would be wise to learn the business end

of recreation.
 "I realized then that I wouldn't be able to teach classes forever," explains Melody.

However, it was after Melody actually began school, that she realized just how many different types of positions are available in her chosen field.

It has opened many doors, she says.

Although she doesn't know exactly what she wants to do, Melody feels marketing or re-

search in the field of recreation would be interesting.

Whatever her choice, there's no doubt she'll succeed. As an honor student, class valedictorian, winner of the Seneca College Board of Governors' Award and a supportive family and community behind her, she'll have no problem.

In her own way, Melody has already achieved success. Success, she says, is enjoying what you're doing. And she's certainly enjoying.



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