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Stephanie Hutchison Town teen dances towards diploma at Ballet School

By JIM THOMAS
She tip-toes across the floor on legs straight as pogo-sticks. Her arms arc over her head, then down to her sides like willow branches waving in a March wind.
Seventeen-year-old Stephanie Hutchison, Church Street North, Stouffville, is every would-be ballet dancer's dream, and so it was with Stephanie at the tender age of eight. Now, that dream approaches reality. She's in her graduating year at The National Ballet School, Maitland Street, Toronto.
Looking back, Stephanie says she was not unlike many five and six year olds who wished to take ballet. She was a pupil attending Summitview School at the time.
It was her father who saw in Stephanie, professional possibilities. But she was too young at the time. At age 10, she auditioned and, from all across Canada, she was one of six selected.

She's personally met Canada's prima donna of ballet professionals, Karen Kain.
Stephanie says rules and regulations within the school and residence are quite strict. On occasions, she and her friends take in a Friday night movie. She's president of the 1988 Students' Council.
She enjoys photography, (as does her mother), and downhill skiing. Last summer she served as a lifeguard with the Metro Central Y.M.C.A.
In Stouffville, she's retained her association with the Youth Group at the Pentecostal Church.
While ballet is Stephanie's life, she continually talks in glowing terms of her parents, her brother and sister.
"For who I am, I owe everything to my mother and father," she says. Acceptance by staff and her peers was and is important too, especially at the

tender age of ten.
"I'll never forget that first day when 12 other little girls screamed 'Hi'", she smiles.
Stephanie's looking forward to a family holiday trip to Florida at Christmas.
What lies ahead?
Stephanie hopes to return to school following graduation and audition with the National Ballet of Canada. Her talents could also take her to the United States and Europe.

Whatever the future, a fairytale dream moves ever closer to reality. And this fairy-like teen must sometimes wonder if it's true.
It is. But no one waved a magic wand. It's the result of dedication, hard work and parental support.
For 17-year-old Stephanie Hutchison, the end of the rainbow is in sight.

Charge dismissal lifts dark cloud

Dear Editor:
We've been overwhelmed by the expressions of concern from kind friends related to our son Tim and his unfortunate experience at Kent State University.
Someone said, "out of something bad, something good will result." Hopefully, more are now aware of the word "hazing" and the terrible consequences that can result.
We appreciate everyone's concerns and prayers. Through your newspaper, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks. The support has been sincerely appreciated during this stressful time.

As with Debbie (Surman), our thoughts and prayers were with her and her family. I firmly believe support and consoling words from friends help a great deal.
The incident concluded with the hazers pleading guilty and the charges against their victims being dropped.
Life is a precious gift. It will go on without a year of hockey, but thankfully, for us, it will go on.

Sincerely,
Dean and Carolyn Evans,
Claremont

Excellent concert

I wish to compliment your newspaper for coverage provided the Band Concert hosted by Stouffville District Secondary School at the Markham Theatre, Dec. 1.
It was a most enjoyable event. The entire program was excellently organized and the skill of the participants outstanding.
I especially appreciated the numbers presented by the Jazz

Choir. I wanted it to go on and on.
If Winter Concert '88 is an example of the Music Program offered at SDSS, then the course of study is in good hands.
Through The Tribune, I extend my thanks to staff members and students for "a marvellous night out".
(Mrs.) Doris Blackwood,
R.R. 3, Stouffville

Fraulein from Germany

'It's been great' says MCC volunteer

By JIM THOMAS
Irene Walde had no qualms about coming to Canada.
The 23-year-old MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) volunteer from Espelkamp, West Germany, was looking forward to the trip.
"My friends told me how good it was," she said.
She now claims it's been better than good; "it's been great."
A graduate registered nurse back in Espelkamp, Irene claims she was looking for a change. Living in Stouffville and working at The Care and Share Shoppe has provided that change.

Irene was one of 107 volunteers to arrive at MCC headquarters in Pennsylvania last summer. Seven were selected to come to Ontario.
Irene had to look Stouffville up on the map to find out exactly where she'd been posted.
She'll remain here until August, then work at an MCC restaurant in Winnipeg.
Irene expects to return to the hospital where she worked prior to leaving Germany. However, there's a strong possibility she may come back to Canada. For those who look on Irene as a

friend, that couldn't happen too soon.
A young lady with deep Mennonite roots, Irene claims her year of volunteer service had her mother's blessing. Still, there were some concerns a week before she left.
Irene says she's never been homesick. "No time for that," she explains, "things are too exciting."
Still, she keeps in touch with family members back home, both by mail and by phone.
"I had to write first," she explains, "no one knew where I was."
Irene's enjoying her new congregational 'home' at the Missionary Church in Markham. She sings in the choir and will participate in an upcoming Christmas cantata, Dec. 17 and 18.
Canada's not entirely new to Irene. She was here eight years ago, visiting family relatives in St. Catharines, Calgary and Winnipeg.
"I love travelling," she says.
Irene's grasp of English is amazing. She attributes this to the education system in Germany where English is a part of the course of study.
Should Irene return to Canada as a full-time registered nurse, she'll be welcomed with the same warmth she herself has generated.
"I've met only nice people here," she concludes.



Irene Walde, a registered nurse from Espelkamp, West Germany, is a volunteer with the Mennonite Central Committee and working at The Care and Share Shoppe, Main Street West, Stouffville. —Jim Thomas

Carol sheets

Carol sheets are available free of charge at Marie Adams' Christian Supplies, 79 Main Street East, Stouffville.
So as not to be disappointed, churches, clubs and organizations should reserve whatever they require in advance. The number to call is 640-1314.

Sr. skate

The Stouffville Adult Skating Club is hosting a Christmas party at the Town Rec. Centre, Tues., Dec. 20.
Skating begins at 7:30 p.m., and continues through until nine. Refreshments will follow.
Admission for Club members is \$2; non-members \$3.

Principal respected

Dear Editor:
The 'Pie-In-Your-Eye' assault enjoyed by Claremont Public School students, (pictured in your newspaper), as a prize for raising over \$12,000 in magazine subscriptions, prompted me to write this short note.
I noticed that Principal Gail Elliott was the recipient of one of five pies.
Only she would agree to such a thing.
In my opinion, Miss Elliott is the best thing to happen to our Claremont School in a long time. She's firm, but respected. The school is her 'life'. She's extremely dedicated. Everyone tells me this, even the kids.
Through your paper, I wish to commend her for the job she's doing. She's appreciated by more than just the children.
Sincerely,
A Claremont Parent
(Name Withheld Upon Request)



Historian honored by Fair

John Lunau, noted Markham historian, was recently honored by the Markham Fair Board for long service with that organization. He was presented with an engraved certificate by Board president Alma Walker. John has never missed a year at the Fair since birth.
—Jim Thomas

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