

Columnist responds to 'hazing'

A recent hazing incident (initiation) at Kent State University that almost cost the life of Tim Evans, a 19-year-old Claremont student, has hit the Ann Landers' column.

A reader, signing himself-herself as 'J.F.', wrote:

Dear Ann Landers:

You have made it clear in your column that hazing is illegal, and with good reason. Several young men have died as a result. I am enclosing a story from the Youngstown (Ohio) Vindicator, and I hope you will print it.

Michael Schwartz, president of

Kent State University, is to be commended for handling this problem in a courageous and forthright manner.

Ann Landers replies:

Thanks for sending me the article. The Kent State hockey program was cancelled for a year by the president, Michael Schwartz, after 12 members of the team were charged with violating Ohio hazing and drinking laws at an off-campus party. One player, a 19-year-old from Claremont, Ontario, Canada, had a violent reaction after drinking a mixture of rum and beer. A witness said:

"He was standing up and went face down in 30 seconds." The called an ambulance. Freshmen players were forced to drink the rum and beer mixture and then were taken to the basement of a home to have their heads shaved into Mohawk haircuts. No member of the coaching staff was present. When word of the incident reached the university's president, he immediately cancelled the year's hockey schedule. That's what I call a gutsy, no-nonsense response. Cheers from here to there for Michael Schwartz.



Photo by BRUCE STAPLEY

United Way campaign

Employees at the McNeil Pharmaceutical in Goulbourne, in-house fund drive co-ordinator, and Stouffville held a very successful United Way fundraising drive. With more than 92 per cent of workers taking part, \$15,742 was raised. Here, Pam Whitchurch-Stouffville United Way co-ordinator Norma Card.

Date set for Claremont's '89 Winter Carnival event

Claremont residents have discovered a solution to the mid-winter blahs.

It's the community's annual Winter Carnival, now in its sixth year. The dates are Feb. 1 to 5.

All geared up for five fun-filled days, (and nights), is Carnival mascot, Mr. C.W.C.

Whether or not he sees his shadow, this loveable seven-foot gopher will definitely be visible throughout the event.

Activities already planned include — a Euchre, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m., in the Seniors' Building; a Lioness-sponsored Bingo, Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m., in the Community Hall; a Snow Sculpture Contest, Feb. 2 at the Public School; a Snow Queen Pageant, Feb. 2 at 8:30 p.m., in the Community Hall; a Torch Light Parade, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m., beginning from the United Church; a Skating Party, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m., in the Park; a Teen Dance, Feb. 3 from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Community Hall.

A full day of events is planned for Feb. 4 including a Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m., in the United Church; a Snow Sculpture Contest and Judging from 9 to 9:30 a.m., at private homes; a Claremont Mile Race, 10:30 a.m., along the Brock Road; a Carnival Parade, 11 a.m., along the Brock Road; an Open House from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., at the Legion Hall; Children's Ice Events from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the Park; Dog-Sled Rides, Snowshoeing, Log-Sawing, Nail-Hammering, etc., from 1 to 3:30 p.m.; Youth vs. Over 35 Hockey at 3:30 p.m., in the Park; Trappers' Ball, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Claremont 4-Seasons Golf and Country Club.

An Old-Timers' Hockey Game will be played on Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon followed by Cross-Country Skiing and Family Tobogganing at the School. A ski reception will be held at the Masonic Lodge from 2:30 to 4 p.m., with a Winter Carnival Supper at the Baptist Church beginning at six.

Volunteers are still needed to help organize some of the many events.

The Carnival chairperson is Shelagh Mulveney, (649-3102).

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