

# Yule assembly 'offensive'

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On the last day of school before Christmas holidays, this year's OAC students attempted to create an assembly as good as all the others.

Unfortunately, though, they did not succeed. Instead, they managed to offend teachers and students. Although inten-

tions were good, the skits were not. The first scene was quite funny regarding the morning announcements and some subtle hints towards the way the school could change were thrown in.

On the other hand, though, the "what if" scene was in extremely poor taste.

It showed a lack of respect for something that many find

sacred. This scene showed the Virgin Mary with baby Jesus, when the three wise men arrived. These wise men were Jamaican reggae men who, instead of bringing Christ gold, frankincense and myrrh, brought him marijuana and liquor.

This carried things way too far and caused many people to get up and walk out.

# City slicker undergoes complete role reversal

By KATE GILDERDALE

When people ask us why we originally moved to Stouffville in 1976, we have to admit it was more by good luck than good judgment.

After a year of living on the 16th floor of a nondescript apartment block in Toronto, we decided high rise living was not our idea of heaven. We'd sold our house in England for a princely \$16,000 and felt it was time to look for a more permanent residence.

Our friends, who lived on a farm north of town, declared enthusiastically that they'd found just the house for us. "In Stouffville?" we inquired incredulously. "But that's out in the country, beyond the reach of civilization and the TTC."

Out of curiosity, we did a tour of the house. Before we reached the stairway, we knew this was our kind of place — we'd just have to find something similar in the city.

It wasn't long before reality was staring us in the face, on our budget it was either a 'hangman's special' on two

square feet in Toronto, or the house we loved in Stouffville.

The latter won. After all, we didn't really have to spend much time here and it would only be for a couple of years until we could afford to return to the real world.

So we moved in, treating the place as a hotel — somewhere to spend evenings and weekends — but we didn't really live here. Our life and interests all centred on the city.

That changed shortly with the arrival, in quick succession, of two children. Having a family not only concentrates the mind wonderfully, it also flings new parents into a different social whirl consisting of Moms and Tots.

There was the waiting room at the doctors' office and an endless succession of lineups to enroll the offspring into library programs, swimming lessons and nursery schools.

Inevitably we began to meet other parents. Firm friendships sprang up with people who were usually known as "Ryan's mom" or "Chris' dad." Almost without

realizing it, we were beginning to feel at home in small town Ontario.

It wasn't until I visited the great metropolis with one small child in a stroller that I discovered the role reversal was complete.

Instead of feeling at ease, I was overwhelmed by the traffic, noise, and callous disregard people show for each other.

In Stouffville, the sight of someone pushing a stroller brought a smile and a helping hand to open doors.

As we began to appreciate the gentler delights of Stouffville, the town itself was growing and changing to accommodate an expanding population. We started spending more of our free time close to home, instead of fighting city traffic.

We still love to spend time in Toronto. With attractions like the Science Centre, Ontario Place, Roy Thomson Hall and the Museum it has a tremendous amount to offer, but now we really know there really is no place like home.

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