

New track will be feature attraction at reunion

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Returning Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) alumni will be on hand for the grand opening of the new community track facility at the school reunion planned for the Canada Day weekend.

And if some track committee officials have their way, the students of yesterday will play a part in the official unveiling of the \$460,000 project.

"We're hoping to have a walk past of six or so of the top track and field athletes ever to attend the school as part of the opening ceremonies," said Dave Connell, SDSS physical education head and track committee member.

"And we may have our first real meet on the new track involving a few of the local elementary schools for the reunion weekend."

Connell also suggested there could be special relay races involving members of specific graduating classes throughout the years.

The outdoor athletic facility, which was begun last fall, is slated for completion in mid-June, when it is expected the rubberized coating will be applied to the running track.

The asphalt was laid on the track surface in the fall, but due to excessive rains at that time, construction officials want to wait until June before putting down the rubberized surface to be sure drying of the land is complete.

"The rubber will be the last thing to be done, except for the fencing," said Don Bigioni, who has acted as project advisor throughout construction. "We don't want to be patching the top after the rubber has been put down."

Bigioni said perimeter grading, tennis court paving and the placing

of jumping pits, etc. will resume as soon as weather allows. "We want to get the sod down on the perimeter so the field will be ready for the soccer people to use."

Track committee fundraising chairman Ged Stonehouse is hoping to interest participants at the reunion in purchasing the personalized bricks which will make up a part of the restraining wall at the north east corner of the facility.

"We're trying to get everyone who has attended the school to buy

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a brick," said Stonehouse. "We'd like to sell 200 of them, and we had applications mailed out with the 2,000 letters that went to the alumni."

Stonehouse said the committee is also encouraging entire streets, school classes and other classes,


and other groups to purchase bricks, which sell for \$150 each.

"We still need to raise around \$30,000 to finish the project off," he said. "Although we are very pleased that despite being held up for so long last fall because of wet weather, we're still going to meet our budget."

Stonehouse added there was still a need for volunteer work to be

done, and that there would probably be a few work bees organized later in the spring, with manpower and equipment such as bobcats being asked for.

"We want to have it all ready for the reunion. It's going to be a great, great opening, and we're going to have to see if we can have the Strawberry Festival Triathlon finish with a lap around the new track."



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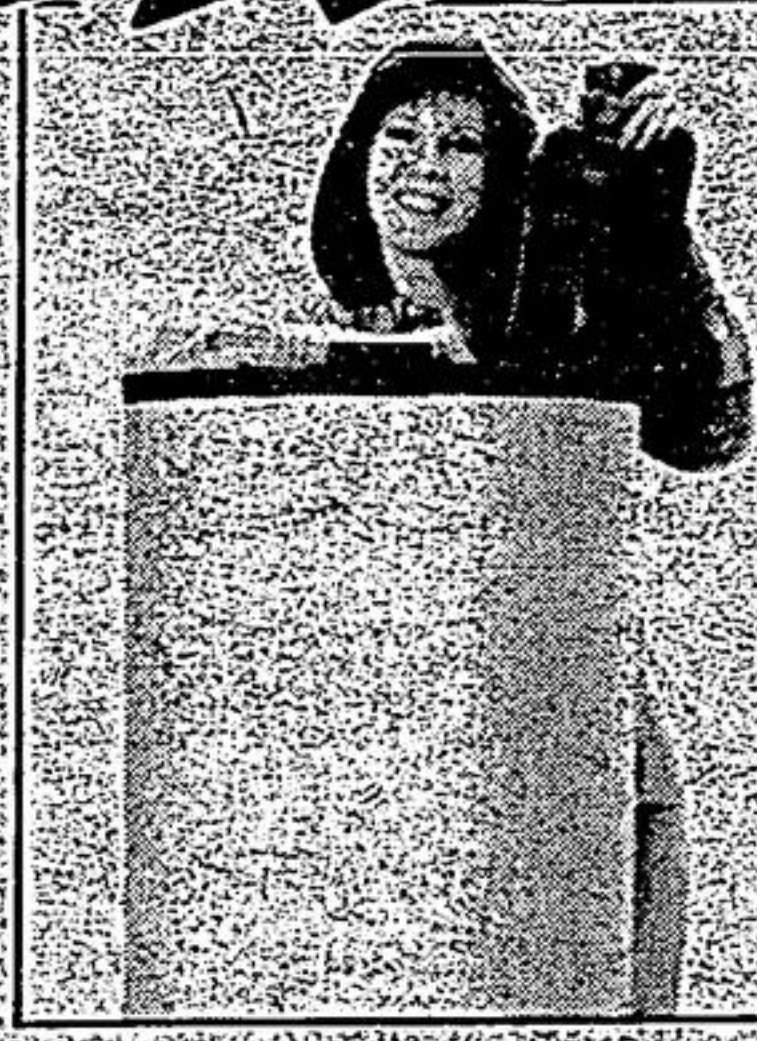
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Walter Hope sadly missed by many

Goodwood resident Walter Hope died suddenly January 25, 1991, at Lake Simcoe.


Mr. Hope is remembered as a helping man.

According to neighbor Lorne Tindall of Goodwood, Hope was always willing to help out a friend.

"He's going to be missed very much," said Tindall.

Walter Hope was well-known and respected in the community, as was evidenced by the many friends and family who paid their respects at his recent funeral.

Mr. Hope is survived by wife Lillian, brother Harry and sister Ruth Hall.



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