

# Soccer club wants \$2,000 fee waived

TRACY KIBBLE  
Staff Reporter

The Stouffville Soccer Club can't ask last year's players to pay \$2,000 in user fees and is asking the town to waive the bill altogether, local officials heard last week.

But taxpayers will have to pick up the tab if council forgives the 1992 rental fee for use of the town's facilities, warned finance director Ed Blackburn.

Blackburn said department heads have worked their budgets out to the penny and the \$2,000 will represent a revenue loss if officials excuse the soccer club's 1992 tab.

"If you waive this fee you are writing off a loss for the town for this year," Blackburn said.

But the town asked for 1992 fees too late to collect last year and the club can't go back and ask parents to pay for a retroactive fee, said Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club president, Sal Lombardo.

Lombardo told officials the soccer club executive has no problem working the \$2,000 'field time' tab into this year's registration fees, but said it's impossible to request 1992's participants to pay this year.

Lombardo said the club received a letter after its season began last year but that no figure was discussed.

Blackburn, however, said the club was notified more than once before the May 24th season began warning the fees would be collected from the 1992 season.

Lombardo said if the club is forced to charge the \$2,000 for 1992, the "funds will be collected from the youth to pay adult user fees from last year."

Council will make a decision on the matter at its next meeting after discussions with staff.

## Police

# York officials may centralize phones

Less than half the residents living in York know the police department's phone number and it should be simplified, regional officials heard last week.

Regional councillor Carole Bell told officials a 1991 survey undertaken by York's police department shows 45 per cent of respondents knew how to quickly contact police.

"This should be of some concern to us. The number now is difficult to remember and in a crisis it's hard to remember even the simplest number," Bell said.

The councillor was referring to a Public Needs Survey by the York Region Police to help the force enhance its service to the public.

The department mailed 1,105 questionnaires in Dec. 1991, randomly selected from each of the nine area municipalities based on its population. Of the 1,105 mailed, 505 were returned, representing a 45 per cent return rate, officials said.

In a list of about 20 "major findings" in the 60-page report, one of the most prominent discoveries pointed out that less than one-half of the 505 respondents knew their local York Regional Police telephone number.

Bell said the local numbers are not simplified and are "just too awkward" to remember during a crisis.

She asked for support to have Police Chief Bryan Cousineau change the number even though the emergency 911 system will be on-line next January.

Councillor Gord Landon, a member of the 911 committee, agreed it would "be an opportune time to change" the police phone numbers to one common non-emergency number set up for the entire region.

He said he would bring the issue up at the next 911 meeting.

Here are some of the other major findings in the Public Needs Survey commissioned by York's police force:

- ✓ more than three-quarters of respondents know where their local police facility is located.

- ✓ people are greatly concerned with crime in York Region, and nearly two-thirds believe crime is on the increase in their neighborhood.

- ✓ citizens are calling the police when they become aware of a crime.

- ✓ two-thirds of respondents stated police responded appropriately when a crime was reported.

- ✓ careless driving and speeding was the overwhelming condition which posed a problem in the region.

- ✓ two-thirds of respondents are afraid to walk in their local parks at night.

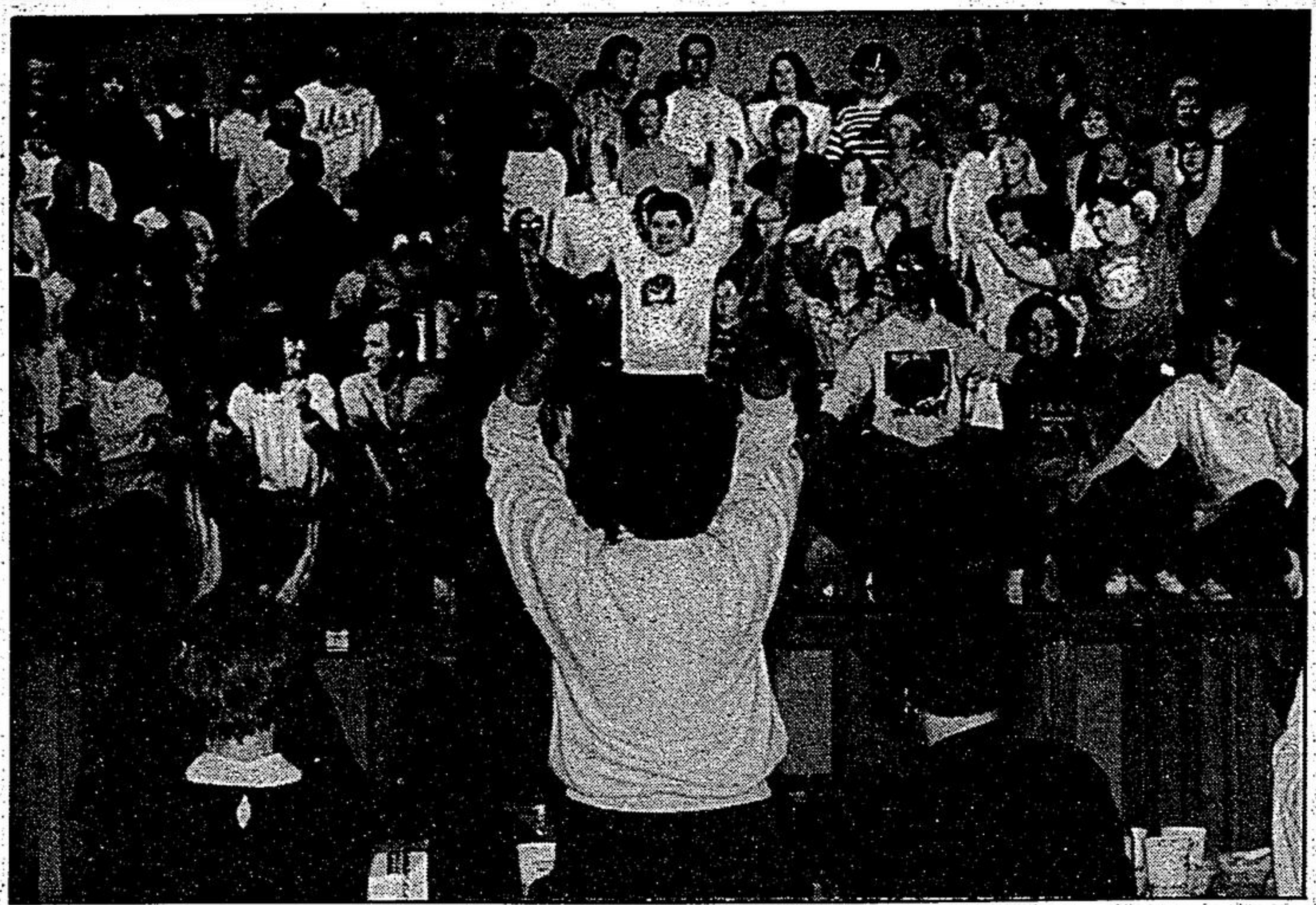
-Tracy Kibble

# Blown fuse forces town evacuation

An electrical problem at the town offices last week forced a temporary evacuation while crews replaced a blown fuse in the town's air handler system. About 40 people were asked to leave council chambers at about 7 p.m. last Tuesday after smelling a bad odor.

Deputy fire chief Murray Emmerson said repair crews were called in to repair an electrical problem in the air system.

Emmerson said the "terrible odor" and dimming lights were the result of a blown circuit fuse, which shut down part of the three-phase system. The repairs took about 30 minutes before the public was allowed back into the building.



Photo/LORI EMMERSON

## Hands up

Director Sue Myers leads the cast of Music Mania opens April 22, and final preparations are under way in a number at rehearsals on Sunday. The show way.

# Parents battle board over cuts

(From Page 1)

guidance staff means the loss of counselling time and the cutting of reading recovery and peer mediation programs that helped to combat discipline problems.

"We are disturbed by the repercussions that the proposed budget cuts will have at Bal-

lantrae," Hoeller said.

Both the principal and vice principal will be heading back to the classroom in the fall "in order to provide services to our students and keep some of the services that are in place," school association vice president Janet King said.

"You don't have to raise taxes. Just spend our money wisely," said Ballantrae parent Judy Walker.

"Leave our teachers where they are and allow them to continue to do what they know how to do best - educate our children," Hoeller said.

# Director Bob Cressman resigns

(From Page 1)

1969.

Since 1981 Cressman has

## Stouffville lowest for seat belt use

Stouffville has the lowest number of people wearing their seatbelts in the area, according to the Ministry of Transportation.

While the national rate is 87 per cent and the Ontario rate is 84 per cent only 73 per cent of Stouffvillites are buckling up.

According to reports, out of the 23 fatal accidents investigated last year, seven deaths were directly related to improper use of seatbelts.

Provincial statistics show that unbelted drivers are 15 times more likely to be killed and five times more likely to be hospitalized than belted drivers.

It is also important to secure children in the car because they are 14 times more likely to be uninjured than unsecured children.

York Region police are taking the statistics seriously. They are going to be cracking down on people who don't wear their seatbelts. Until April 18 they will be issuing warning tickets.

But on May 1 the warnings are over and violators will receive the regular \$90 tickets.



CRESSMAN

he said.

"This time it's one for me."

A press releases states that Cressman resigned Tuesday evening "from the post of director as he retires from active educational administration effective June 30, 1993."

But Cressman will remain on the board payroll for a year as an "advisor-consultant" to the new director.

Trustees delayed a budget committee meeting Tuesday

evening for nearly 90 minutes, keeping 50 parents and nearly 20 staff members waiting in the board office foyer while they deliberated in private on the resignation and discussed contract terms.

When asked by reporters what the salary of the new director will be, board chair Bill Crothers refused to release this information.

Chair of the director-search committee Karen Barker would also not divulge the number of replies received for the position or how many applicants made it to the short list.

Barker said she believes Hogarth will emphasize cooperation with the community, parents and students as the board launches its 10-year strategic plan.

**Attention Flyer Advertisers**

We can deliver your flyers for as little as 4¢ a piece. So far this year we have delivered 8,656,097 flyers door-to-door in Markham, Unionville, Milliken, Stouffville, Uxbridge, Claremont, Dickson Hill, Locust Hill, Gormley, Goodwood, Victoria Square, Brougham, Hagerman Corners, Box Grove, Cedar Grove, Buttonville, Sandford, Goodwood, Leaskdale, Greenbank, Udora, Sunderland, Zephyr, Ashburn, Cannington, and all adjacent rural route areas. We can deliver your flyers on the day you want to the area you want - any quantity from 5,000 to 46,000.

**For Advertising and Distribution inquiries call:**

Retail Advertising at 640-2100  
Classified Advertising at 640-2100  
Distribution Inquiries at 640-2100  
(From Uxbridge 649-2292)  
or Fax your inquiries to 640-5477

---

**INSERTS FOR WED. APRIL 14/93**

White Rose                      Woolco\*  
Shoppers Drug Mart          Super Wheels

---

**INSERTS FOR THURS. APRIL 15/93**

Sears\*  
\* Selected Areas Only

**KIDS  
EARN  
EXTRA  
MONEY  
BECOME A  
CARRIER  
TODAY**

Call:  
**640-2100**  
(Stouffville)