

Sports success a hallmark of MDHS

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Ontario championships including the girls' cross country, senior football, senior girls' basketball, girls' hockey, girls' slo-pitch and junior boys' rugby.

Aside from the extracurricular sports, more than 1,000 students sign up for physical education classes.

"We are trying to offer quality programs and quality coaching," said Stouffville resident Mike Feasby, head of physical education.

"We seem to win and that seems to attract the athletes." Ultimate Frisbee and flag football are the school's newest sports additions.

Jodi Gram, who plays girls basketball, flag football, girls soccer and volleyball, was chosen female athlete of the year.

The male recipient is basketball player Chris Kraus, who will be heading to a university in Boston on an athletic scholarship this fall.

Another student, Tom Hazell, is

Meet the new team

The York Region Newspaper Group has selected its summer At The Schools news team from dozens of applicants across the region. Our team of reporters, opinion writers and photographers was selected by our team of senior editors. Here's a bit about them:

- Stacey Hale, 16, attends Keswick High School and has written articles for our sister paper, The Advocate. She enjoys movies, music and sports.

- Taryn Senkiw, 16, attends Newmarket High School and as her submission wrote a strong article about character education filled with comments from teachers and students.

- Filip Sierpinski is in Grade 12 at Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Newmarket and shows real promise in his photographs, one of which captured crisp in-air action, often a difficult task.

- Michael Rajzman attends Thornhill Secondary School and is our south end photographer.

- Patrick McAlpine attends Brother Andre Catholic High School in Markham and was a co-op student with the Economist & Sun/Tribune. He hopes to pursue journalism as a career.

- Adrian Corsin attends St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School in Maple and will write news articles for the team.

Congratulations to our news team and thank you to everyone who submitted.

We will be recruiting another team in September to allow more young people to experience journalism.

going to college in Georgia on a baseball scholarship.

The current school building was completed in 1954 to accommodate rural kids in the area. Now, a few additions later, the population numbers 1,900.

Originally, a grammar school was built on this site in 1858 to provide an "advanced education for students in the town of Markham," said Ross Virgo, the York Region District School Board's spokesperson.

Fundraising is the one thing that the

school council chaired by Susan Wadsworth doesn't do. "The biggest goal was to get the parents informed about what is going on at the school," she said.

The council is also consulted by the school administration on the long-term school plans, dress code, code of behaviour and on academic areas such as the recently introduced "summatives."

With this type of testing, students taking the new curriculum are assigned work in math, for instance, which has to be completed in class — with no teacher

help or consulting with other students — over two or three days.

"It gives the kids a chance to see what they have really learned," said Mrs. Wadsworth.

A significant number of parents who come to school council meetings are there to collect more information than they are receiving from their teenagers.

The council's ultimate aim? "We look at what is happening at the school and find ways to make it better," Mrs. Wadsworth said.



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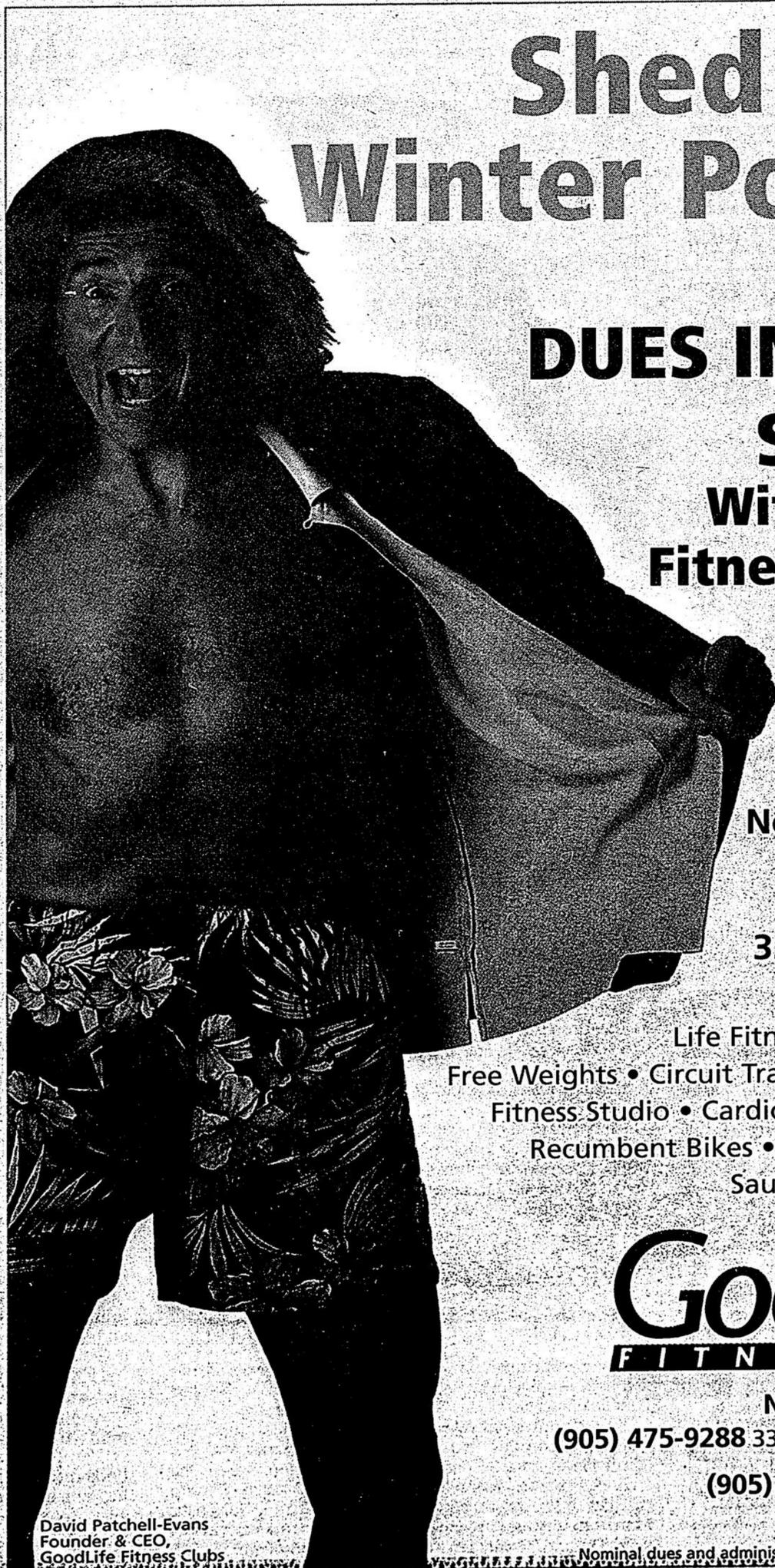
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