

NHL teams pick pair of Spirit players

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and it was a little nerve-racking. It was a pleasure to be drafted so early Sunday," Kevin said.

He scored 43 goals and 36 assists for 79 points in 46 games last season for the Spirit.

"We tested him a couple of weeks ago and he scored very well," Don Boyd, the Jackets' director of amateur scouting said. "He is an intense young kid who can skate and we think we have some time to see how he develops."

Kevin and his parents were told to expect to be picked in the third or fourth round.

"But Columbus was a surprise," he said. "Of all the interviews, New Jersey went the best and I really thought they'd take me."

A year ago, he was just focused on his second season with the Spirit and earning a scholarship.

But it just shows you, that wherever you're playing (the NHL teams) will find you," he said.

Mike Sullivan remained at home in Stouffville, following the draft on TV and the Internet. Kings general manager Dave Taylor, coach Andy Murray and a scout called to

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welcome him to the team.

"One day you see Dave Taylor on TV and the next day he's calling you," Mike said. "That's kind of weird. That and the number of phone calls over the last few days."

The drafted duo was back at the Stouffville Arena Tuesday working out with other players under Spirit conditioning guru Randy Smith.

They'll both head to orientation camps with the NHL teams this summer. Kevin heads to Ohio for a week starting this weekend and Mike attends a two-week session in Los Angeles next month.

The friends with their eyes on the NHL tickets may have to wait a while; both players have accepted full, four-year scholarships to U.S. colleges. Kevin will attend the University of Massachusetts and Mike will go to Clarkson University.

William Lyon Mackenzie's Printing Press: Randy Mole

This is the start of the new millennium and a new age and I don't believe we can afford "business as usual". I believe it's time for all concerned citizens to make a stand for the future they believe in and want to see: lots of green space, plenty of fresh water, plenty of fresh organic foods, plenty of clean air. We need responsible government which is responsive to the people's needs not corporate greed. Man's needs for houses does not take precedence over his need for a healthy environment.

So I wish to widen the debate here and run for the position of Mayor.

First I advocate a return to the 7:00pm council meeting. The Mayor and his council have not encouraged the people to have a meaningful role in the town's governance and many citizens feel apathetic on a tragic note of hopelessness. I apologize to the staff for the inconvenience but there's just too many good people being left out here and until it becomes a full-time job with a full-time salary. I think we need as many interested people and the community involved as much as possible. We need their expertise and their knowledge, their wisdom and time and devotion when they can do that. The present afternoon meetings do not work. It alienates the people. So we will return to 7:00.

You know, I'm sure, that I also feel very passionate about the Town Hall Theatre and the restoration of it to its original function (of bringing culture to our community). It is part of our story and I don't think we should be forgetting our history for and be tempted by, as yet, untold riches to come. A small community theatre is the proper role for this building. It will serve to tell Stouffville's story to all interested people who come to our town to check out its many attractions, our sports, our culture, our heritage, our historical Town Hall Theatre, our historical Old Lawn Bowling Club etc.

The restoration of our historical buildings and the preservation of our small farm community character are mandated in our Secondary Plan. Our Sec. Plan does not give free reign to the developers. It was designed to control growth in a manner which preserves our small town character, while allowing new citizens to be assimilated into the town at a pace which preserves our identity. Slow monitored growth. This expansion is not being done in a manner which is respectful of the people of Stouffville nor do I feel the town has a mandate to conduct such an expansion. We will review the subdivision proposals as to the reality with which they achieve the Vision and the Principles of the Secondary Plan and in the light of the Oak Ridges Moraine Act. The Preservation, Maintenance and Enhancement of our Greenspace are the cornerstones of these two documents.

Ours will be an environmentally sensitive town. We shall stress alternate means of transportation, walking, wheeling, running (a soft running track) and exercise stations. Small parkettes / bicycle paths as mid-block breaks to facilitate community communication in a small town manner, personal rather than impersonal. The cleanup of our conservation area ponds, restricted use of chemicals, a more active recycling program, moderate excessive lighting, activities for the stormwater management ponds (community garden dog off-leash areas), the possibility of crosswalks downtown, the beautification of the central creek corridor by hiding the rock cages with floral designs and small bushes along side a boardwalk and benches and an overlooking gazebo. More sculptures for our sculpture walk with emphasis on small regular Art and Community displays in the centre of town (between the Park and Main) to correspond with the peak season of the Heritage Train with tours (Historical plaques) and costumed (student) Guides to entertain and inform passengers of our story and entertain them at our theatre. Let's give our visitors a reason to spend time and money in our historical downtown (no one is really interested in urban sprawl).

We will see a brightening of Stouffville. Not only in the floral arrangements but also in attitude of the people (Did you know the town's first printing press originally belonged to William Lyon Mackenzie and was rescued from the Lake where it had been thrown after the 1837 Rebellion?)

P.S. I'm a "Townie", as you all know. As such I have an extremely limited outlook. Which is why I invite you, "Country Creatures" to properly inform me of the issues that are concerning you (that goes for you "Townies" as well!) So if you please, take the time and write a line or 2 to bring me up to speed on what you need to be a happy camper in this "Country Community" of ours. Thanks and In Joy, RANDY MOLE Box 1539, Stouffville ON, L4A 8A4 (randymole@sympatico.ca) 640-6560; (www.stouffville.org) All and any donations are gracefully received!



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