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## Rehill lands at Calgary station

Mike Rehill landed his dream job as morning man on a Calgary radio station.

He hosts the Mike Richards show on The Fan 960 AM from 6 to 9 a.m., talking sports and working in impressions of well-known sports and entertainment personalities such as Foster Hewitt, Sylvester Stallone and Jack Nicholson.

The show can be heard on the internet from 8 to 11 a.m. local time.

Mike Rehill hosted The Richards Report for another Calgary station about a year before joining The Fan.

"He feels very welcomed and appreciated by the people in Calgary," his dad, Jim Rehill, said.

Before moving to Calgary, he was heard on stations such as The Fan 590, Team 1050, CISS-FM and Y95 in Hamilton as a sports specialist with expertise in CFL football.

Mr. Rehill has also done commercials, voice-overs and instructional films for corporations.

The Stouffville District Secondary School graduate and Hamilton Tiger-Cats fan studied broadcasting at Ryerson University in Toronto.

"He was always the class clown," his mother, Shirley Rehill,

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recalled.

One of his elementary school teachers must have foreseen his talent when she wrote on his report, "Mike is not working up to his potential. He is too busy entertaining the class."

### Writing, directing in Hollywood

Since moving to Los Angeles about 15 months ago, former Stouffville resident Stephen Wallis has written more than five films, including his most recent, *To Kill a Mockumentary*, which will be released in February 2005.

Mr. Wallis is also the film's producer. It was shot in Los Angeles in April.

The film "is a parody of the whole mockumentary madness that's permeated Hollywood for the past five or six years," he said. The story is in the same vein as hit films *A Mighty Wind*, *This is Spinal Tap* and *Best in Show*.

In the movie, Hank Summers, a neurotic mockumentary film

maker, creates his first studio picture with a crazy cast of actors. Many of the actors such as Mickey Rooney, Shanna Waldron, Andrew Keegan and Scott Grimes, have appeared in Mr. Wallis' other movies. He likens working with actors such as Mr. Rooney to collaborating with Renoir or Mozart in their prime.

Late last year, Mr. Wallis, along with Matthew Perry (from the Friends TV show) and John Bennett Perry, directed *The Whole Banana*, a play by Deb Norton. It will likely be released as a film in early 2005.


His company will be shooting a film called *Defining Moments* in England this fall.

"I would be happy to shoot in Canada if the opportunity ever arose," he said. "Truth is, I found it a lot easier to get started by moving to the United States and doing it here. Strangely enough, I probably have to get a U.S. studio picture here before I can come back home to shoot."

Mr. Wallis was in the theatre arts program at Markham District High School, where his inspiration was teacher Ron Hindle.

His parents, Harold and Dorothy Wallis, have lived in Stouffville for nine years.

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