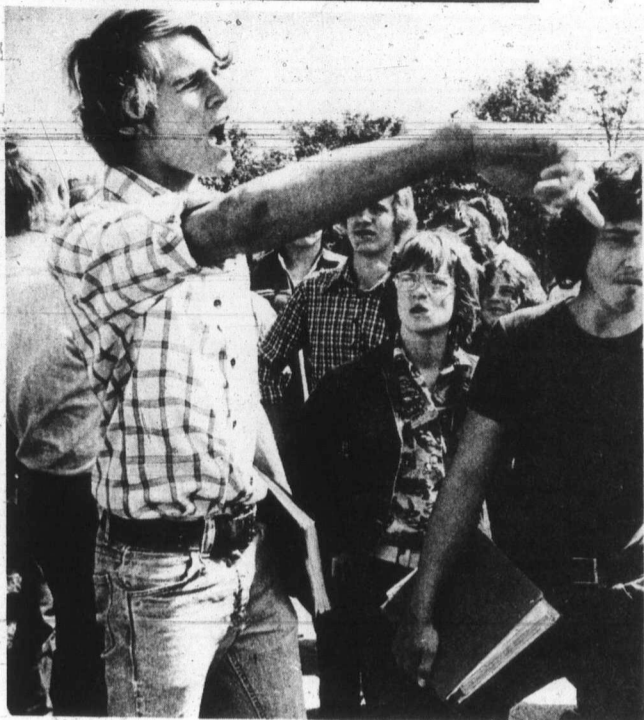


# WALKOUTS



Angry student implores his fellows to return to classes after many at Clarkson Secondary School walked out protesting teachers' plight. (Times photo by Ron Pozzer).

## Students back teachers

By SID RODAWAY

Contract negotiations for Peel's 2,000 secondary school teachers heated up this week with teachers working to rule, students walking out of classes in protest and a major teacher demonstration at school board headquarters.

Behind all the noise lies the new teacher militancy that is aiming for a "catch-up and keep-up" contract this year, and strong demands for inclusion of working conditions in the agreement.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) says the latest Peel board of education salary offer is only 6.5 per cent and all of the "extras" contained in last year's agreement have been dropped, including grievance procedures, cost-of-living allowances, extended-health-care benefits, transfer and tenure clauses and recognition of OSSTF as the teacher's full bargaining agent.

School board negotiating officials says the OSSTF executive "has been less than honest" in representing the offer to their membership. Negotiating committee chairman David Curry says the offer is in excess of 11 per cent and is the preliminary cash offer only — all other issues and benefits would be settled after a base cash settlement is reached.

An overwhelming majority of 800 teachers voted to begin work-to-rule sanctions in their schools this week. They agree to arrive at their schools 15 minutes before classes start in the morning and leave 15 minutes after classes end in the afternoon.

All extra-curricular activities, including band concerts, sports and extra help for students after class, have been cancelled.

"I can't envisage any stronger action at this time," says OSSTF District 10 president Bruce Bromwich. He predicts that the negotiations will probably be com-

pleted in the fall in view of the fact that the teachers have refused to bargain after June 15.

Hundreds of teachers demonstrated outside the board's Cooksville headquarters last Tuesday night just before the regular board meeting. It was part of their action plan adopted at their Thursday meeting.

Students walked out of classes this week at several schools, including Port Credit and Lorne Park secondary schools and several high schools in Brampton mainly in support of teachers. Applewood Heights secondary students promised to walk out en masse today and again on Friday if teachers don't start giving them the extra help for final examinations.

Clarkson secondary school students were urged not to walk out by a special committee that had conducted a panel discussion with board chairman Ted Humphreys. They reasoned that both sides were probably right and wrong and that they did not have enough knowledge of the issue to take any action.

Teacher information officer Charlie Novogrodsky says he is "proud" of the teachers' strong stand and insisted that working conditions and benefits must be negotiated before the salary issue because "to do otherwise would simply shrink the pot."

Curry was "bewildered" by what he felt was an over-reaction by the teachers to the first incomplete offer, and added he would be calling for all future negotiations to be held in open public session "to stop this kind of nonsense."

Although the teachers have made no specific salary demand, it is expected to be between 25 and 35 percent over the one-year contract. The next bargaining session is slated for this Friday.

## ... but not dress codes

"When the school starts paying for my clothes, I'll start wearing what the school wants," insisted one young woman dressed in a cool and revealing outfit after walking out Friday on classes at Britannia secondary school to protest dress regulations.

She joined about 40 other militant students who admitted they were willing to risk their year's school work to win freedom to wear anything they want to school, including halter tops, shorts and sleeveless undershirts during the hot weather.

The group walked out of the school around 9:30 a.m. and milled about on the lawn. All but two returned to classes by the end of the morning, according to vice-principal Ernie Koshan.

Many of the students said they had been told by Koshan and other teachers that they would be expelled and that they would fail their year, if they stayed out. The vice-principal said in an interview, however, that "no one is going to be suspended." He explained that Britannia was a vocational school that must have a

dress code because "the students are being trained here to go out to work in business and industry, and we have to develop proper attitudes that will allow them to do that work."

He warned that no company that he knew of would allow women to work in halter tops and shorts.

Koshan added that in many of the school's shops and classes exposed skin was a potential health hazard.

During the interview, several other students, involved in an outdoor physical education class said most of the students were behind the school-dress regulations.

"Halter-tops and shorts are indecent," said Pam Edwards. Terry Robinson insisted that the walkout was "ridiculous because a girl can always wear a light dress if she is that hot."

Koshan said this was the first year that the school had a functioning student council, but the protesters had not tried to air their grievances through the system. He has invited any student concerned about the dress rules to drop into his office to discuss the situation.



Students gather outside Britannia secondary school in protest of dress regulations. They feel halter tops and other cool apparel should be allowed in school. (Times photo by Stan Carmichael).

# Erosion takes 30 feet of lake shore

"We've lost 30 feet of open space into the bloody lake — it's washed down to the St. Lawrence by now."

That's the way angry Ward 2 councillor May Helen Spence has described her anxiety to the water management advisory board of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority over erosion problems at the west end of Jack Darling park.

"What do I have to do to get this bloody work done?" asked Mrs. Spence, who said she had spent a year pushing for the work. "Do I have to go down there and do the work myself?"

The councillor said the matter had been at the staff level for a year. She said consultation between Mississauga and CVCA staffers should have resulted in some action by now.

The city was originally going to do the work, but the matter was delayed when Mrs. Spence asked the conservation authority to do it in order to get a 50 percent subsidy from the province.

The matter is further complicated because the authority can't do the work until it gets transfer of title of the park or a 50-foot easement from Mississauga.

It would actually be quicker to transfer title of the entire park to CVCA and then have the authority immediately lease the park back to Mississauga at a minimal charge, according to general manager Harry Watson.

He told Mrs. Spence that the matter would be dealt with immediately. Director of conservation services, Gus Ribéro, said he

was still under the impression Mississauga was going to do the work.

The board passed a motion to allow consultants to be hired to design the remedial work necessary to prevent further erosion.

Mrs. Spence pointed out that consultants have already reported that if the serious erosion continues, it could have an effect on the adjacent

Rattray Marsh. "That headland protects the marsh," she said.

The councillor also complained that sewer pipes, which used to be underwater are now visible and added that Peel region had "dumped some crap" into the Lake. The region apparently dumped some kind of rubble in waters offshore from the park.

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## Howe visit Friday

Hockey great Gordie Howe will be in Mississauga Friday morning to discuss plans for his arena complex at Dixie Rd. and Highway 401.

Howe, who may bring some of his family along with him, will be at city hall at 1 City Centre Drive at 10 a.m. Friday.

Mayor Martin Dobkin told council Monday that the public is invited to meet the hockey immortal. City hall is located at Highway 10 and Burnhamthorpe Road.

Final drawings for the \$4.5 million complex, which could include a hockey school where Howe will teach, have been completed.

# Police oppose rock festival

By JOHN STEWART

Prospects for a proposed music festival at Erindale College this summer that could draw 20,000 rock fans dimmed yesterday when Peel regional police recommended against the festival.

In an informal session with councillors, the police strongly opposed the concert unless it could be held in a more controlled environment than Erindale Park, just south of the college.

Police objections are on two major grounds — traffic problems and security. Following two films on the Woodstock Festival, which was attended by a half million people, and a 1970 motorcycle race at Mosport Park which illustrated police concerns, Staff-Inspector Des Rowland said the festival "sounds innocent enough but could cause problems."

He cited the potential for drug trafficking and overdoses, drug "rip-offs" and subsequent violence and sexual immorality. He said there was a likelihood that motorcycle gangs "who have no acceptance of law or morality" could attend.

"We could police it but we could not police it effectively," commented Inspector William Snarr of the Peel force. "Even if nothing occurs with the security problems, we still have the traffic," he said.

A member of the city engineering department said there would be severe traffic problems on Dundas Street and Mississauga Road due to the anticipated 6-10,000 cars entering the area. He estimated that the narrow, steep entrance to Erindale Park would restrict cars leaving to 2-300 per hour. That would mean over 20 hours to clear the parking area.

The student union which is proposing the concert suggested shuttle buses, limited advertising and the natural barriers in the area would solve both traffic and security problems. They rejected comparison to the two film events, saying a similar sized concert in High Park had no major incidents in its five-year history.

## Go ahead for Adamson land

The Adamson Proteus Estate can be included in the Mississauga waterfront plan and expropriation procedures can go ahead, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has been told.

CVCA has learned from Queen's Park that the minister of natural resources does not have to personally approve the inclusion of the land in the waterfront scheme as was previously believed.

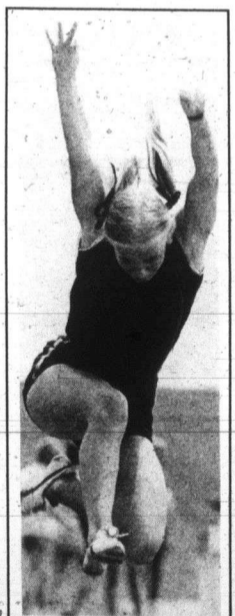
The province will be satisfied if the CVCA can show the director of the conservation authorities branch that there is valid reason to include the Adamson estate. CVCA will soon be submitting a brief to the director urging inclusion of the land on Lake Ontario just east of Port Credit — in the waterfront plan.

## Parkway increase

Additional lands have been added to the provincial parkway belt that runs along the Mississauga-Oakville boundary.

Part of 3,000 acres added to the 58,000-acre plan this week by Ontario in its announcement of the interim draft plan of the belt is designed to provide greater physical separation of the two communities and additional buffering for future highway and hydro facilities.

The province has not added the Credit River valley or lands along the city's east boundary to the plan as recommended by the city.



Airborne Nicol Watts of Port Credit Secondary School reaches for the sky. See story page 16.

# Two convicted of manslaughter

Two men — one from Mississauga — have been convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of a Hamilton man outside Oakville's De France Tavern in November, 1973.

John David Bonner, 28, and David Thomas O'Neill, 23, had pleaded not guilty to the charge, but were convicted after six hours deliberation by a Halton county court jury.

The two were charged with manslaughter and assault causing bodily harm after Albert McCormack, 46, of Hamilton was found unconscious outside the tavern on Royal Windsor Dr. He died three days later of a skull fracture at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Alan B. Sprague recalled the medical testimony of three doctors who agreed the injury which caused McCormack's death was caused by

considerable force. He said the evidence of waitress Georgette Dick, who testified she saw two men throw a third man from the top of the tavern steps, was reinforced by her immediate reaction in turning to her husband and telling him what she had seen.

Sprague said defense lawyer McKeown had shown O'Neill thought he was being helped by escorting a drunk from the tavern, and added there was no violence when McCormack was taken out.

The judge said that Bonner's lawyer, William Mackie, contended that Mrs. Dick was mistaken in what she saw.

Judge Sprague explained that under the Criminal Code specific intent is a necessary part of the offence of assault

causing bodily harm, and that the jury must decide if Bonner was so drunk he could not form that intent.

During trial, Bonner maintained that a mixture of alcohol and benzedrine sometimes gave him blackouts. He said he had such a blackout when McCormack was injured on the steps.

In his summation earlier this week, crown attorney Jim Treleven said Bonner had "a convenient, selective memory."

Bonner and O'Neill will be held in custody to await preparation of a pre-sentence report. Judge Sprague will give his sentencing decision June 16.



David Smith of Eaglewood Blvd. is rushed into Mississauga hospital after attempted rescue of six-year-old Rosa Maria Buemi. Smith suffered broken leg and fractured ribs rushing to pool where Rosa drowned. (Photo by Alex Kalnins).

# Man broke leg, ribs in attempt rescue of girl

An inquest will be held into the death of a six-year-old Mississauga girl who drowned in a neighbor's pool after climbing a four-foot fence.

The neighbor, David Smith of 219 Eaglewood Blvd., fell as he rushed to rescue Rosa Maria Buemi, 6, of 233 Eaglewood Dr. He suffered a broken leg and fractured ribs.

Smith managed, however, to dive in and pull the child to the side of the pool where another neighbor, Charles Manson, helped him lift her from the pool.

Police said the Smith family left their house Saturday for a half-hour after checking to see that the fence gate to the pool was secured. When

they returned at 2:35 p.m. Victor Smith, 11, spotted the child's body in the pool and called to his father.

Smith slipped on the porch steps as he ran out and was injured. After the girl was pulled from the pool, he attempted mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The child was pronounced dead after being rushed to Mississauga hospital by ambulance. Her mother and two younger sisters were out shopping when the mishap occurred, and her father had fallen asleep at home.

Police said the girl had apparently climbed over the fence and fallen into the pool. One officer commented that the fence fully complied with all existing safety regulations, including height.

No date has been set for the inquest.

A building permit for the pool was issued last summer, and a city inspector said the fencing met the requirements. In 1970, council passed a bylaw requiring four-foot high fencing to prevent babies and toddlers from entering pool areas.

## Changed plea, youth guilty

A Mississauga youth who grabbed a girl's breast as he was riding by on his bicycle has been convicted of indecent assault following a nine-day jury trial in Peel county court.

Scott Douglas Curtis, 17, of 1166 Conyers Cres., had pleaded guilty to the charge in provincial court on Oct. 29, then changed his plea to not guilty after a probation officer visited his parents to prepare a pre-sentence report.

A two-day preliminary hearing was held on Feb. 4 and 11, and a full jury trial held May 13 to May 22.

The victim, an 18-year-old mother with a child aged six months, came from Kitchener to attend the trial.

Defense lawyer Paul Tomlinson said that a mixup in the dates on the original charge sheet meant that police had arrested the wrong boy for the incident.

He said that Curtis had been kept in the cells at the police station and had signed a confession because "he succumbed to pressure, promises and his own fear."

During the trial, detective-sergeant Roy Crozier testified the youth had never been kept in the cells, but had passed by them on his way to the interview room. He said the confession was given voluntarily.

Assistant crown attorney Lloyd Budzinsky said Curtis had been honest with the police when he was first arrested, but "when his father found out, he changed his position."

Evidence said the youth followed the girl from Westdale Mall along Erindale Station Rd. He grabbed her within a block of Woodland secondary school, where she was attending classes.

Curtis was remanded out of custody by Judge W. A. Maedel to await sentencing.

## Some days you can't win

Some days you can't win. Eric Cormier, 17, of 55 Park St., appeared in provincial court yesterday, pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of stolen property over \$200. Judge John Ord fined him \$150 and sentenced him to one day in jail.

When he was searched prior to being placed in the cells, court officers discovered a small quantity of marijuana in his clothing.

He appeared in court minutes later this time charged with possession of marijuana.

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