

Job finishes, family begins

Sue Fox has resigned her position as information assistant with Erindale Col' raise a family.

Mrs. Fox, with Erindale for 15 months, did much of the media relations work for the college, as well as some high school liaison work.

Her job will not be filled. However, a liaison position will be created to handle orientation work with the high schools in this area. Mrs. Fox expects her first child in February.



Valleys library needs 'strategy'

By JOHN STEWART
Times staff writer

The opening of the new Mississauga Valleys library is the "big strategic question" facing the library board, and the board wants city council's advice in making a decision.

In a long discussion last month, board members decided to inform local politicians of the dilemma they face regarding the new library, which is expected to be finished this summer.

If the board waits until council approves its budget — likely in March or April — there will not be enough time left to

open the library in 1979. At present, the funds needed to operate it aren't in the 1979 budget, which the board is recommending to council.

The library staff says that the minimum book collection needed to open the library is 15,000 volumes, which would take 18 months to assemble. Four staffers are needed for the new library. If council wants the library open next fall, two additional temporary

staffers will also have to be hired. The annual operating cost of the Valleys library is estimated at \$138,000.

"We're just raising a flag in front of council," explained chairman Don Tough. "If they want the library opened, they will have to commit the money right away."

"But we can't hold a gun to the head of council," argued board member Art Cummins. He said council will want to see the

board's whole budget before it deals with the Valleys out of context with the remainder of proposed expenditures. The board's recommended budget already exceeds the 6.5 per cent spending guideline suggested by the city manager.

Tough said that from the figures presented he didn't see how the library could open in 1979, even though "when you've got a library built, there's a presumption that you'll operate it."

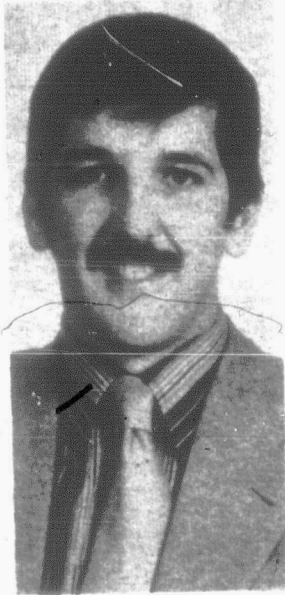
Opening the library also involves a commitment by the city to spend about \$30,000 per year on books until the full collection of about 40,000 volumes is obtained.

The library board directed Tough to meet with Mayor Hazel McCallion, who wasn't at the meeting, to inform her of the board's concern that council be made aware of the funding problems with the Valleys library as quickly as possible.

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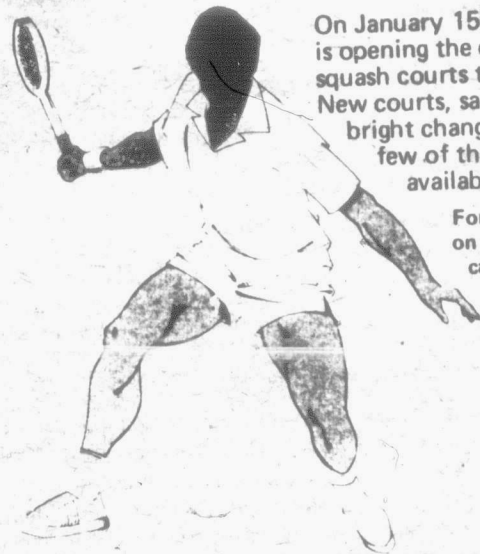
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