

# Principal to run for Prez



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H.W. Knight  
Public School principal, Ian Cooke, announced plans to run for president of the Durham District Ontario Public School

Teacher's Federation this past week.

Mr. Cooke has been at H.W. Knight for 3 1/2 years now. He had officially been transferred to Gertrude Colpus Elementary School in Oshawa before making his final decision to run. He'll be running against Joan Teague of Whitby. The election will take place on May 30 by the Ontario Public School Teacher's Federation members.

"As a principal, I had to choose a time to run when it would have the least impact on the school I was at. Since I had been in a

transition stage from one school to the other, this seemed like the best time to run," said Mr. Cooke.

Another reason why he has chosen to run this year is that the job was a part-time position up to this year making it a difficult decision financially.

His past experience has included years of working in the school system from teacher, to vice-principal, to principal. He has attended the provincial teacher's assembly and has been on the bargaining team for a collective agreement for Durham for the past

four years.

The main issue he feels should be dealt

with is the amalgamation of the men's and women's federations, (the O.P.S.T.F. and the F.W.T.A.O.).

"We are moving into the 1990's. Having two federations based on men and women is ridiculous," he said

He also feels that there is a need to deal with the pressures on teachers now.

"Education is my only business interest; and, so I'd like to expand upon that interest," he concluded.

## Snowmobiler, 16 dies in accident

An 16-year-old RR 3 Uxbridge resident was killed while snowmobiling early Saturday morning.

Shawn Barnett was killed when he drove his snowmobile into the back end of an abandoned car, just west of the intersection of Regional Road 23 and Hwy. 47.

According to the OPP, he was driving along the shoulder of the road at a high rate of speed and did not see the car.

Barnett was a student at Uxbridge Secondary School.

The accident occurred at 1:40 a.m.