

Youth candidate for school board

# She sees strengths, weaknesses in system



Jennie Bangay, former student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, has announced she will seek the position of trustee in the Nov. 10 election.

**STOUFFVILLE** — Why would a 21-year-old university student seek the position of school board trustee?

Because she sees real weaknesses in the school system and wants to do something about them, according to Jennie Bangay of 9th Line south.

Last week Miss Bangay declared that she would seek the Whitchurch Stouffville trustee position left vacant by the resignation of Colin Barrett.

In an interview with The Tribune, she expressed some of her concerns about education in York Region.

"I've been interested in the school system, all the time I was in it," she said. "So far I have been

incapable of doing very much."

She feels that the standard of education is generally good but adds that much of the difficulty stems from strained relationships between teachers and the board and the lack of communication between the schools and the public on what is going on in the schools.

"I think they should be informed," Miss Bangay said, "and shouldn't have to go out and find it (information)."

One major problem has been the lack of resources available to guidance teachers in high school. She said that information on universities and the courses they offer is often lacking.

She said that the regular newspapers, "Contact" put out by the board could better serve the students by including helpful information of this nature.

As a student (presently in a Bachelor of Commerce course at the University of Toronto) she feels that she will provide a perspective not available to the present board members.

"I know the students because I have been there with them and I know the parents because of my involvement in activities in town and I know teachers, almost to the point of knowing them personally," she said.

On budget matters she was vague, but felt

that some things were unnecessary including a proposed resource library for teachers in Aurora. She said that many teachers have said they would not use it because it is too far away.

"I'm not as interested in budget as to the inside of the system," she said.

She would like to see the guidance departments oriented more towards the world outside the schools. One member of the guidance department in each school should go to the various universities and colleges in order to advise students.

"I'm not saying the guidance staff is not good," Miss Bangay said. "They are not able to get first hand information."

should not rule with an iron hand, "students should hold certain respect for a teacher."

"I think discipline is a necessary factor," she said. "Without discipline there is a lack of security."

Although she talked mostly of her experiences at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Miss Bangay felt that it was typical of high schools in the region.

In that respect she feels she could relate easily to students, teachers and parents, because of her "recent experience" in the school

system. "I also see the good in the system," she said. "I received a good education here and I don't feel I was short-changed."

## 404 construction starts

**YORK REGION** — The first section of proposed Highway 404 is to be completed by next March.

The Ministry of Transportation and Communications has

announced this deadline for the section of the highway stretching from the north end of the Don Valley Parkway to South of Steeles Ave.

In 1976 contracts will be awarded for a three

mile portion of the highway inside York Region. This section will cover the distance between Steeles Ave. and Highway 7.

When completed the road will extend from the parkway to Newmarket.

She says that the open credit system should be modified to include core courses in mathematics and English for students in grades 9-11. In the upper two levels, she feels that students should have complete freedom in course selection.

Although the teacher

**STOUFFVILLE** — Council approved a \$15,400 update of the town's roads needs study to be carried out by McCormack, Rankin and Associates.

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## 60-day jail term for youth on two charges

**STOUFFVILLE** — A Stouffville youth who pleaded guilty to charges of willful damage and driving while disqualified, was given a 60 day jail term by Judge Ian Munro when he appeared in Newmarket Court last week.

Kenneth Blair Harman was arrested by York Regional Police after he smashed a plate glass door (at the Shea Real Estate Offices in Stouffville last April 30. He was charged with driving while disqualified

May 17 after police stopped his truck on the Bethesda Sideroad.

The court was told that the accused man had two previous convictions for impaired driving offences, and a conviction for dangerous driving also.

Harman pleaded that a jail term would jeopardize his job and put a halt to his hockey career, he also told the court that when police nabbed him on the driving charge they

allowed two passengers who were drunk to drive away in the vehicle.

"There was an open case of beer in it to," he told Judge Munro indignantly.

"You have quite a record," Judge Munro pointed out in handing down the 60 day jail term, he told the youth. "It's sometimes a better idea to walk than drive."

Crown Attorney Michael Inness called the accused man's driving record "atrocious" and said, "this man has been deliberately flouting the law, and not only once either."

## Pickering approves hike in dog tag fees

**PICKERING** — Executive committee informed, the regional animal control committee it favors licence fees of \$10 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$20 for untreated animals.

They also supported a recommendation that licence fees be refunded for the year in which an owner has his dogs spayed or neutered, and favor having low cost veterinary services for

those who can't afford having their dogs spayed.

The committee recommended imposing fees of \$10, \$15, and \$25 respectively for first, second and third offenses. Ajax council has asked \$10, \$25, and \$50.

Whitchurch Stouffville fees, by contrast, are \$6 for a male or spayed female and \$12 for a second male or spayed female. Untreated females are \$10 and \$15 for a second dog.

The Crown Attorney told the court "He's asked to go to jail, he's had the customary course and it has done no good."

Judge Munro told the Stouffville man he will be allowed to serve the 60 day jail term on weekends to allow him to continue his job. He advised Harman that he must report to jail by 1 p.m. on a Saturday until 6 a.m. on a Monday morning.

Harman was also fined \$100 for breaking the window and ordered to pay \$84 in restitution to the Shea Real Estate Company.

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