

Pete Sanderson leaves Stouffville

By Annegret Lamare
STOUFFVILLE — Several Stouffville teams will have to get along without the enthusiastic support and expert coaching of Pete Sanderson this year.

The energetic, sandy-haired former SDSS student has left Stouffville in order to accept a position as physical education teacher and volleyball and soccer coach at Fenlon Falls Secondary School.

Pete would have preferred a post a little closer to home but says that teaching positions are scarce. "I was fortunate to get this job," he says.

Sport has always been one of Pete's major interests. He played hockey until age 14 when, he says, "My size finally caught up with me." He did not let his short stature deter him, however. "I switched to basketball," laughed the five foot five inch athlete.

Pete also played baseball "from pee-wee right to intermediate," and was active in the swim club.

In 1972 he turned from playing to coaching baseball, and led a pee-wee team for three years. Two years ago he switched to coaching the Ken May Midget all-stars. This year he took the Midgets to a silver medal in the Ontario Summer Games, and the

team is presently engaged in the last games of the OASA semi-finals, only a few games away from the championship.

In the winter Pete acted as team statistician for the Junior "C" Clippers as well as handling all their publicity and writing up

detailed reports of their games. In between, he took the SDSS junior and senior volleyball teams under his wing.

In 1976 the senior SDSS volleyball team won the Georgian Bay Championship under his leadership, and this year both the juniors and

seniors are finalists. Pete has also worked with the Ontario Junior Men's Volleyball team, and in 1974-75 coached the Laurentian University squad while getting his degree in physical education.

"Actually I always wanted to be a doctor,"

Pete confessed, "I always wanted to work closely with people."

However, he did not gain a spot in medical school. "I did get to the final interview in med school, but they turned me down in the end," he says.

Pete feels that teaching and coaching offers many of the same opportunities to work closely with people, and he is looking forward to it. He decided on teaching teenagers rather than younger children because this is the age group he has had the most contact with through his coaching. However, he feels that physical education is most important in elementary school since this is where the groundwork is laid and attitudes and patterns are formed. In his opinion, a lot of the phys-ed programs in the public schools leave much to be desired.

"Running around the

gym does not constitute physical education," he remarked.

Pete is a very practical, down to earth person, something that becomes evident as he outlines his teaching approach.

At Fenlon Falls there have been quite a few student drownings in the town's canal, and Pete intends to teach water safety in his health classes to reduce the toll.

Instead of lecturing the students on water safety theory, however, he will show them concrete examples of youngsters in dangerous situations.

Pete set aside several weekends this summer to go to Fenlon Falls and take pictures of kids in overloaded boats, in boats without lifejackets, and kids swimming in dangerous spots.

"I feel this will have more of an impact than abstract theory," said Pete.



Student enrollment

AURORA — A few more secondary students, a few less elementary students, and the same number of trainable mentally retarded students.

That's where the York County Board of Education found itself as it examined enrollment figures at school opening time last week.

There were 16,605 secondary students enrolled as of last Monday, up from the 14,406 that were enrolled at the same time last year. There were 27,299 elementary students — down from 28,217 last year, and there were 213 retarded students — the same number as in 1976. Total enrollment Monday was 44,117.



This dog placed in a trailer while waiting for the dog races at the Uxbridge Fair, had a clear and enjoyable look at all the people passing by. The races were a real crowd pleaser although things sometimes did not go exactly as planned. One race was cancelled because the dogs started playing among themselves instead of racing.

—Keith Bolender



Cotton candy is just too irresistible, even to the older folks. The man was caught in the act of taking a hunk of the sweet stuff from his young son at last week's Uxbridge fair.

Developer says council shows bias to Dulverton

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peared as residential in the official plan because of a conflict of interest on the part of the former town planner, Max Sherman. Apparently Mr. Sherman worked for Alliance Building Corp. Ltd., a company which had a part interest in Dulverton Holdings.

Mr. Sherman has since resigned his post and the OMB is investigating conflict of interest charges brought forward by Alliance Developments.

"We would much rather work with your planner now than get involved with what is often a circus at the OMB," said Mr. Greenspan as he requested a new study of the Official Plan.

However, Mayor Gordon Ratcliff informed him that the town is quite content to have the matter in the hands of the OMB. "It should be settled at the OMB level, and that's exactly what's being done," said the mayor.

Councillor Bill Kamps was in full agreement and explained that Dulverton had been planned long before regional government had come in. "We had already committed ourselves to the developer by encouraging the acquisition of various pieces of property," Mr. Kamps pointed out that it

wouldn't have been fair to change their minds after that and added, "You'd be the first to scream if it happened to you."

Mr. King became quite annoyed after Mr. Greenspan questioned the motives of planning board. "This particular planning board has always dealt with responsibility as they saw fit," he informed Mr. Greenspan, "there is no question of integrity."

He also questioned the value of granting Alliance's request to

rezone their lands residential.

"How much closer would you actually be to building houses?" he asked Mr. Greenspan.

The lawyer replied that it would put his client on more equal timing but he did not contradict Mr. King's assertion that he would be no closer to development of the property.

When Mr. King pressed him further, he admitted that the main advantage to the company would be increased land values.

French program

AURORA — Unwilling to face possible flack from irate parents, York's school board will go directly to the minister of education for answers about its french program.

At issue are two matters.

As the York County Board of Education begins a program of conversational french for children in Grade One, trustees want to offer parents objecting to the program the alternative of doubling up courses in a later year.

The provincial ministry has advised the board that if the program is offered, it must be mandatory for all children.

In addition, the ministry requires that Grade Eight students

receive a minimum of 20 minutes french instruction per day. York — because its year is divided into two separately scheduled semesters — would like to offer the course for 40 minutes each day during five months of the year.

The ministry has turned down that request as well.

But the advice has come from a deputy minister, and board chairman Craig Cribar Monday night received trustee support in his bid to approach minister Tom Wells directly for confirmation of the ministry's position.

"I want to be able to tell parents that we're doing these things on direct orders of a ministry directive," Mr. Cribar said.

Many classes available in day and evening courses

STOUFFVILLE — Area residents will have more continuing education courses available this fall than ever before.

Courses will be offered at the high school and for the first time Richmond Hill YMCA will be offering a full range of day and evening classes for adults and children.

Only one course will be offered by Seneca College Continuing Education in town this fall. An Assertiveness Training course will be offered Oct. 4, at a cost of \$20. Babysitting will be available at extra cost.

YMCA registration will be Thursday, Sept.

29, 7-9 p.m., at the old post office.

Time to sign up for high school courses is Monday, Sept. 19 and Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 7-9 p.m. in both cases.

The SDSS will offer every subject imaginable, from oil painting to auto mechanics in courses ranging from 10 to 20 weeks.

Programs offered by the "Y" will be held at the SDSS, Orchard Park, P.S., and possible Latham Hall and the old post office. Ballantrae has also been included in the classes, and fitness, volleyball, gymnastics training will be available, along with a pre-school

program. They will be split between the Ballantrae Community Centre and the School.

Although no classes have been planned for Vandorf, Gwen Halliday, director of the "Y", says that if any group of at least eight people would like a course, the "Y" is willing to provide it. This also applies to others within the municipality who would like instruction in a certain subject.

As well as being sensitive to community programming needs, the "Y" is also interested in hiring local people to lead their courses. Anyone who would like to teach a special skill is asked to contact the "Y".

Reforestation subsidy

The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority offers a Reforestation Subsidy Program that will pay for the cost of Ministry of Natural Resources trees that have been planted by private landowners themselves on their own property. This program is only offered as long as the property is located within

the watershed and the trees have been planted in accordance with the Authority's regulation.

In addition to the Reforestation Subsidy Program, the Authority has a Conservation Planning Program which offers landowners, within the watershed, owning more than 25 acres, planning assistance in developing a property's

potential for conservation and wildlife purposes, at a low cost.

For further information about these and other conservation assistance programs, write The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, 5 Shoreham Drive, Downsview, Ontario, M3N 1S4 or phone 661-6600, ext. 250.



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