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## New teachers ease burden at Stouffville High

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 Staff Reporter

Up to seven extra teachers will be added to Stouffville District Secondary School's current staff of 48 to accommodate 139 new students attending the school this year.

The temporary crowding situation, which has seen as many as 60 students in one classroom sharing textbooks, has been tackled this week by education board officials and school staff, says Wayne Houston, superintendent for the Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham area.

"The operations (of the education board) has approved the hiring of six or seven new teachers," Mr. Houston says.

The local high school was asked in August to be a holding school for Markham, Markville and Milliken Mills high schools which are already overcrowded. SDSS Principal Alan Dickson said last week.

### Tip leads cops to pot plants

A tip to York Regional police has led to the recovery of 70 marijuana plants in Vandorf and the arrest of a 23-year-old Sarnia man, according to reports.

Police, stationed at Vandorf Sideroad and Kennedy Road Tuesday said they watched a man going into a field at about midnight.

Police said a man walked into a field and emerged shortly afterward with "three big marijuana plants," said Sergeant Norm Miles.

The officers returned the next day where marijuana plants, some as high as seven feet, were found "growing all through the area," Sgt. Miles said.

Some had already been harvested, but police officers destroyed the remaining crop and charged the Sarnia man with possession for the purpose of trafficking.

The new students - many of whom are new Canadian citizens with little English speaking skills - are being bused in from the Markham area to attend the Stouffville school for the 1990/91 school year.

SDSS, which usually houses about

700 students, is now teaching about 839. However, the school can "functionally operate" to a maximum of about 850, says Mr. Houston.

Classes holding as many as 60 students during the first week of school are being juggled around and split up

to keep the numbers down to a normal 24 to 30 student-per-class ratio, Mr. Houston adds.

"The teachers are being hired this week, the classes are being split and re-timetabled. Everything should be back to normal by Monday," Mr.

Houston says.

"Hopefully the classrooms will be back to regular sizes by Monday. We already have the data on which classes need to be broken down and which classes need to be added," Mr. Houston says.



### Heave-ho

Students from Claremont Public School are fully pulling their weight in the annual 'Heave-ho' competition. The students were out in full force Monday competing in a variety of fun competitions to help raise funds for the school's intramural physical education programs for the year. The competition was aimed at heightening awareness and enthusiasm for school sports. It was a house color rally day.

## Fewer accidents, more killed on York roads this year

The good news is there were fewer car accidents on York Region roads this year. The bad news: more people were killed in the crashes.

York Region police released figures recently detailing incidents that happened between January and June this year and compare them to the first six months of 1989.

By the end of June 1989, five drivers, six passengers and one pedestrian had been killed in motor vehicle accidents. This year, nine drivers, five passengers and five pedestrians were killed.

Drivers, passengers and pedestrians suffered fewer injuries this year, but injuries to cyclists involved in car collisions soared by 46.5 per cent.

Altogether, there were five per cent fewer motor vehicle collisions last year.

Citizens' demands for services fell by an average of 4.2 per cent this year compared to last year.

York Regional Police Sgt. Norm Miles said part of the reason is a false alarm warning system the York Region force started Jan. 1. If more than two false alarms are called in from a company or residence, perhaps due to a faulty alarm system, police will send the owner a warning stating that their officers will not respond to further false alarms. After two additional false alarms, the police will withdraw service for one year, or until the alarm system is fixed.

Sgt. Miles also said police experienced a drop of 1,000 parking complaints, which he attributes to the provincial government's parking enforcement program.

"Although our demands for service are down, it doesn't necessarily mean we have a lot of free time," Sgt. Miles said.

Crimes against persons saw a 14.4

per cent hike. In the first six months of 1989, there were 1,607, compared to 1,839 this year.

These are crimes from murder to harassing phone calls and include assault, intimidation and robbery.

Police handed out nearly 25 per cent more drug charges this year. Drug occurrences rose from 260 last year to 291, an 11.9 per cent hike.

Also, 13 more weapons occurrences

were dealt with this year over last year's 97.

In total, the number of criminal charges handed out climbed 2.4 per cent.

The number of adults charged dropped by 342, from 4,424 in the first six months of 1989 to 4,082 this year.

However, the number of charges laid against young offenders soared by 355, from 1,384 to 1,739 charges.

### A LOOK INSIDE



### Terry Fox Run tomorrow

Residents of all ages are invited to take part tomorrow in the annual Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research.

As in previous years, the challenge goes out to Stouffville schools, with a plaque awarded to the school fielding the greatest number of participants. Orchard Park holds the trophy for 1989. The planning committee hopes to make the Terry Fox video available to schools and has also supplied pledge sheets, T-shirts and buttons commemorating the event will be available at the Recreation Centre.

Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope on April 12, 1980, and finished on Sept. 1, when it was found cancer spread to his lungs. He ran 5,564 kilometres in 143 days. This courageous young man died on June 28, 1981, but his dream lives on, and the annual run has so far generated more than \$82 million for cancer research.

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