

## STAND UP AND BE COUNTED



**Maggie wondered if she had too many hats to wear...**

Maggie slowly chewed her mouthful of cereal. She was deep in thought. Last night's meeting of the school's Board of Trustees had been pretty standard. Still, she had been surprised when Fiona, the Chairperson, had asked her to consider being a member of an education advocacy group.

"So what are you going to do?" asked Joe, Maggie's husband.

"About the advocacy group? Think about it, I guess," she said.

"Will you have time to fit it in, with the hours you're working at the department and then the Board of Trustees - not to mention all the running around you do for the kids?"

"I don't know. If I take it on, I'll have to be more - I don't know - sort of public. You know what I mean? I've never had to make overt political statements while I've been on the Board. Joining this group would mean advocating their position on a number of issues. They won't all fit in with current government policy, either."

"Have you got long to decide?" Joe asked.

"Not long enough, I think."