

# Catholic board readies for strike

Twenty employees at the Halton Roman Catholic School Board could go on strike on Thursday, Nov. 1.

Ready to strike are members of the Association of Professional Student Services Personnel which include child care workers, speech and language pathologists and psychometrists who move around to all 30 schools in Halton.

They've been working without a contract since Dec. 31, 1989 and have been through the conciliation process.

"The biggest (issue) is being recognized as professionals," union member Karen O'Driscoll said. "The board is reluctant to include our professional code of ethics into the contract."

As it stands now, teachers can take on tasks performed by members of the association, even if they don't have qualifications recognized by the psychometrists and speech and language pathologists.

The group also wants wage parity with teachers. An APSSP member with their masters degree earns \$44,000 to \$45,000 at the top rate, which is 15 per cent less than a teacher, O'Driscoll said.

Psychometrists test children to see if they are gifted or slow learners, so if a strike takes place, children won't be able to be appropriately placed in classes, O'Driscoll said. Some members of the union work with children with behavioral problems, so these would become disruptive to the class if a strike takes place.

Steve Balogn, the board's representative on the negotiating team,

didn't want to talk about the specifics of the negotiations while they are underway. At the time of the interview, he wasn't aware that a strike date had been set.

APSSP members are wearing orange armbands to increase awareness of their situation. Many teachers don't know about the possible strike, even though the teachers union is supportive of them, O'Driscoll said.

# Affordable housing issue at Georgetown forum

Concerned about the lack of affordable housing in Acton, Georgetown and Milton?

If so, the Halton Access to Permanent Housing Committee invites people from all three communities and district to a community forum to identify barriers to affordable housing and develop actions for change.

The forum will be held at the Cultural Centre, 9 Church St., Georgetown, this Thursday, November 1, from 8 till 10 p.m.

There'll be a panel presentation and open discussion with the top-

ics: (i) Personal experience in search of accommodation; (ii) Co-operative housing; (iii) Non-profit housing, group homes, and community attitudes.

## Citrus fruit

The Music Department at Georgetown District High School is selling delicious and nutritious navel oranges and pink grapefruit to help raise money for band trips. The Florida citrus fruit is available by calling 877-6966 and must be ordered by October 29.



Today (Saturday) and tomorrow, Georgetown High School Tech Department will be hosting the annual arts and crafts sale in the high school. Tech student, Roger Moore posed with his seeing eye dog "Buddy" with the solid oak TV and VCR cabinet he has spent the last four weeks working on. Although he is blind, Roger is very active in woodworking and acts as an assistant instructor for one of the Grade 9 classes. The \$800 cabinet will be raffled off, with a 20 inch TV at the sale, with proceeds from the raffle partly donated to a drug and alcohol abuse awareness program and the balance to offset the operating costs of the tech department. The sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

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