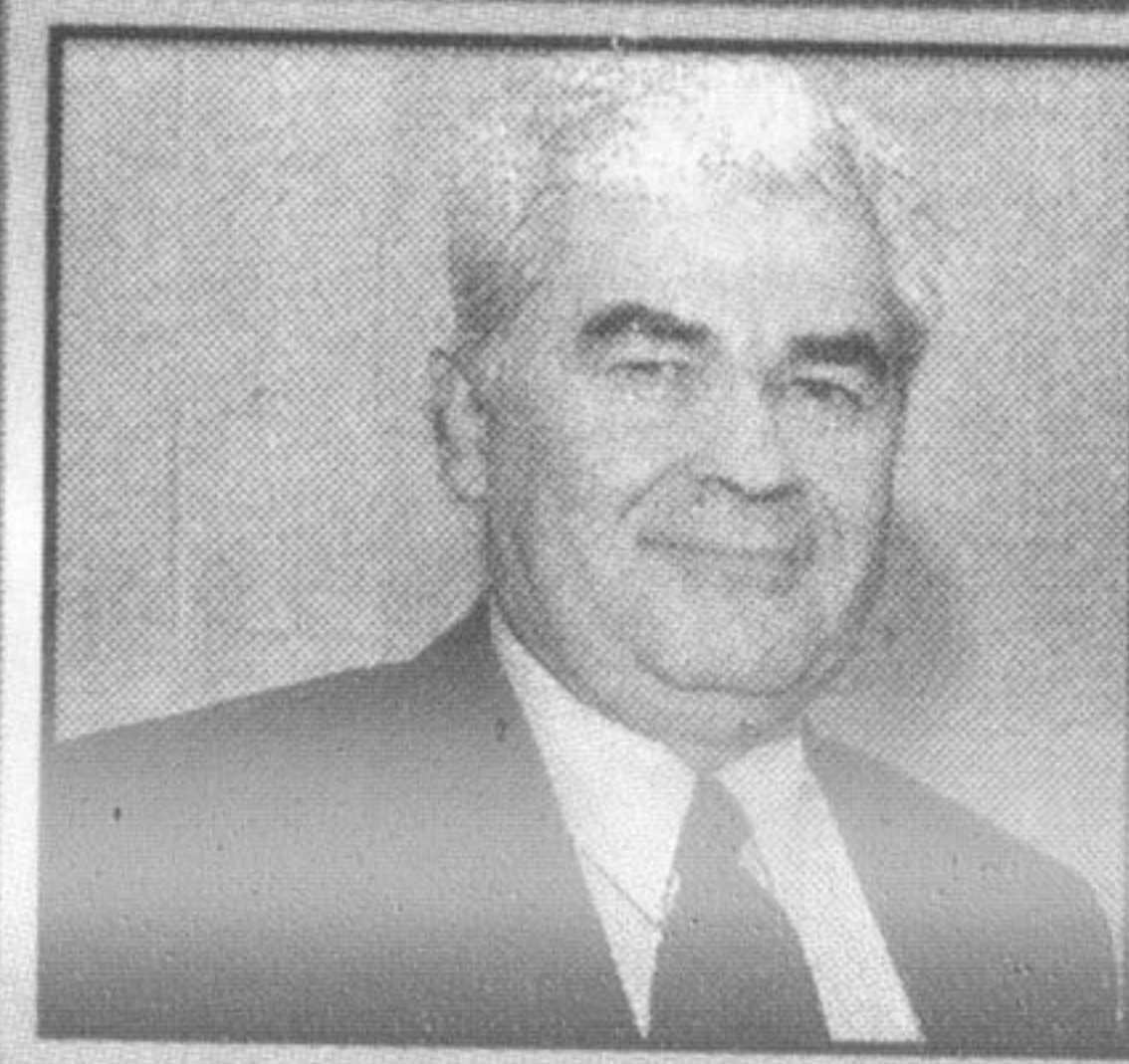


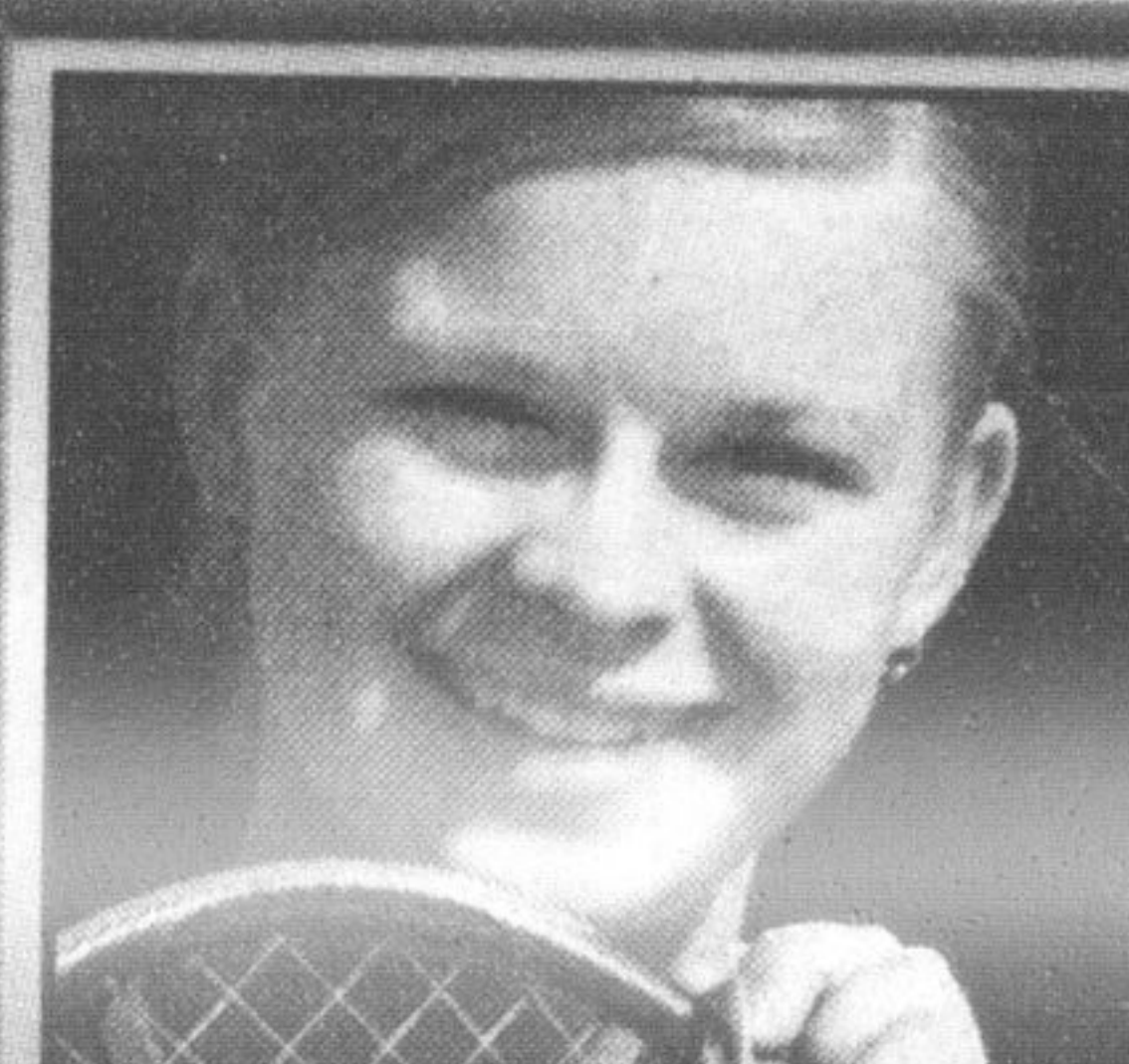
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## In training

Team Diabetes members Michael Cooper and Julie Shelton, both of Milton, are busy training for their first Ironman Canada triathlon August 24 in Penticton, B.C. The triathlon will include a 3.8-km swim, 180-km bike ride and a 42.2-km run. In the process, they're raising funds for diabetes research. So far they've collected \$20,000 in pledges. If you'd like to contribute, call 1-800-BANTING.

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## Class action lawsuit meeting packs gym

By STEPHANIE THIESSEN  
The Champion

About 120 E.C. Drury students affected by the recent E. coli outbreak and their parents showed up for last Tuesday's information meeting about the pending class action lawsuit.

The large number of attendees was so unexpected that the location had to be changed from the Milton Leisure Centre's community room to its gymnasium.

Sharon Strosberg, one of three lawyers from the Sutts Strosberg firm taking on the case, said the numbers point to the support Miltonians have for the legal proceedings.

"The response from the community has been

overwhelming," she said.

Jennifer O'Neill and her father, Bill, are listed as plaintiffs in the class action lawsuit against Mississauga's Trillium Banquet Hall, believed by many — including the Peel Region Health Department — to be the source of the E. coli contamination that sickened students after their June 25 graduation.

Ms O'Neill was one of 85 students who reported having E. coli-like symptoms after the graduation dinner. Forty-three of those cases have been confirmed by the Halton Region Health Department.

Ms Strosberg said the purpose of the hour-long meeting was to inform her clients — the O'Neills as well as the other students who became sick and their parents — of the procedures of such a lawsuit and to "discuss a potential timeline."

Bonnie Heatherington was one of the parents who attended with her daughter, 18-year-old Rachel Heatherington. At press time, Rachel was still waiting to return to one of her jobs.

Ms Heatherington and Rachel decided to join the O'Neills as plaintiffs. Although everybody who became sick will be represented, a named plaintiff has extra duties such as keeping everybody informed, attending court and testifying.

Ms Heatherington said Rachel is nervous about going to court, but they both feel it's the right thing to do. "Someone needs to take a stand, and I'm that kind of person," Ms Heatherington said.

She added that she felt extremely comfortable with the pending legal proceedings and said one reason is the experience of lead counsel Harvey

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