

# Nobody looks ready to budge in strike

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or pepper sprayed. However, attitudes are great on the lines now. There are a lot of solid individuals out there, they're not tiring and they're not going to break," Ms Coker stressed.

The 10-day old strike has also caused some concern for store owners at Milton Mall — where a boycott by local OPSEU strikers may already be in affect.

This was sparked last Tuesday, when mall manager Marion Shannon refused to let picketers at E.C. Drury High School and Trillium School use the mall's parking facilities.

Bruce Lee, president of OPSEU local 223 — which includes the Trillium School employees — said the union was "not asking for a great amount of spaces" and that local strikers are unhappy with the refusal.

"We'd only need about a dozen spaces at any one time, and Allendale employees were using it when they went on strike. I don't feel that good about it," he said.

As a result, local union presidents sent a letter to all mall tenants Friday informing them of Ms Shannon's decision and that, "Fourteen hundred OPSEU workers and their families who live and work in Milton and would purchase goods from your store will be shopping elsewhere."

Ms Shannon said store owners have expressed concern over the letter, but not with her decision. "We only have 900 parking spaces and with 300 employees alone, we need every available space we've got.

"We have to refuse people on bus tours and car dealerships all the time. I can't say no to one group and yes to another, I'm not taking sides one way

or the other. They've threatened to picket us as well and boycott the mall, but I don't take kindly to threats," added Ms Shannon, who noted picketers are welcome to use the mall's washroom facilities.

She said so far any kind of shopping boycott has not been overly apparent.

And while court cases are still being delayed and parents still finding it difficult to drop off and pick up their children, it seems problems on the picket lines are slowly diminishing — at least at E.C. Drury High School, where cases of both picketer and public violence were reported last week.

"We've had some violent situations, but they were mostly during the first week. Things seem to be okay now that everyone is a little more educated as to what's happening," said picket captain Howard Wilson.

## Dateline

Dateline is a free listing of coming events only. The column is available to local community groups to assist in promoting their future events. Notices for Dateline should be written and handed in at the office of The Champion, 191 Main St. E., mailed to us at P.O. Box 248, Milton, Ont., L9T 4N9, or faxed to (905)878-4943.

### Wednesday Mar. 6

The Halton District Health Council meets at Milton District Hospital on Derry Road from 6 to 10 p.m.

### Thursday Mar. 7

The Canadian Federation of University Women — Milton and District — invites university women graduates to an evening of travel adventures at Hugh Foster Hall. Call 319-6680 for more information.

The Living with Cancer Group meets to provide emotional support and practical guidance to patients, family and friends. The discussion group is sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society and led by nurses. It's held at St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St., from 7:30-9 p.m. For information, call Eleanor at 878-1876 or the North Halton Cancer Society at 877-1124.

The Victorian Order of Nurses holds a foot care clinic at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Dr., from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15. For information or an appointment, call 875-1681. Foot care clinics are by appointment only.

### Friday Mar. 8

Celebrating Women and Our Gifts takes place at Hugh Foster Hall in celebration of International Women's Day. Admission to the event, which runs from 7:30-9:30 p.m., is by donation. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 878-4952.

Milton District High School progress reports are distributed.

### Saturday Mar. 9

St. John Ambulance presents "What Every Babysitter Should Know Certificate Babysitting Course" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration costs \$25, which includes a handbook. Call 878-4330 for registration and more information.

### Saturday Mar. 9-10

The Canadian Red Cross Society offers a first aid and CPR course in Milton. To register or for more information, call Susan Lynch at 875-1459.

### Sunday Mar. 10

The Milton Choristers presents Joy and Sorrow, a musical of Vivaldi and Monteverdi, featuring two guest soloists and string quartet, oboe, trumpet, piano and organ. The concert takes place at Holy Rosary Church at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$10, or \$8 for seniors and students. Children aged 12 years and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at Peggy's, Delacourt's, Coulter Music, at the door, or by calling 876-1759, ext. 123.

### Monday Mar. 11

A Cappella Showcase and quartet Ovation hold an open house at the Optimist Club, 311 Commercial St., at 7:30 p.m. Women in the community who love to sing are invited to attend for information, light refreshments and song. For more information, call Lori at 878-1905.

The Milton Springers Gymnastic Club March Break Camp begins. The camp, which offers a half-day program of girls aged 3-5 years and a full-day program for girls aged 5-12 years, runs until March 15. For more information, call 878-5030.

Milton Individuals Networking Together (MINT) meets in the lower level of Graham Hall at St. Paul's United

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