

CYSF wants cash for classes

By GARY SYMONS

The CYSF has adopted a novel way to fight the strike.

According to a CYSF form letter, "CYSF, on behalf of its over 15,000 student members is examining means of seeking financial restitution from the university for paid class time prevented due to the labor disputes."

Director of Finance Valance Ellies says the student federation is distributing the forms on which students can record in-class hours missed because of the strike.

"The end purpose," Ellies says, "is to get the money back from classes students have missed."

"The university isn't losing anything because they don't pay wages during strikes, the union will gain because they'll be getting a better settlement, but the students gain nothing. It's unlikely they'll just give the money back. After that we'll just have to sit down with our legal counsel."

Ellies claimed CYSF would work through the courts to gain restitution if necessary.

The CYSF also organized a student boycott of all classes on Wednesday to show their disapproval with the way negotiations have been handled by CUEW and the administration.

There was no report or response from the university administration to the boycott by press-time Wednesday. "Response isn't so important as just giving people the opportunity to do something about this situation if they want to," says CYSF president Chris Summerhayes.

"It's unfortunate we didn't act earlier," Ellies says, "but we didn't realize the strike would go on so long. When we did we decided we had to start doing something."

"This strike is a total disgrace on the part of the union and the administration. They both knew a strike would happen; they should have sat down a month ago and negotiated in earnest, not later when students are inconvenienced," Ellies says.

Summerhayes says CYSF may plan further actions if the strike continues much longer.

Students used as pawns: Found

By EDO VAN BELKOM
and GRAHAM THOMPSON

"Students are the primary victims (of the strike), and we deplore action which sees them used as pawns in a labor struggle," York's Acting President William Found said at a press conference last Friday.

The news conference was called by Found and Bill Farr, Vice President (Finance and Employee Relations), after a breakdown in mediation talks with CUEW at 3:00 a.m. Friday.

"If I were a student I wouldn't worry about it," Farr said when asked about the possibility of the students losing their academic year because of a lengthy CUEW strike.

"It's happening early enough in the year that we can deal with it," Farr said. Students will be able to make up for any lost time during the Christmas break, Reading Week, and in reading periods before exams, Farr said.

Found said the administration was offering a wage increase of five and one half percent to part-time instructors and six percent to teaching assistants when mediation talks broke down Friday morning. Found said CUEW was holding firm at 12½ percent.

CUEW's original wage demand was for a 30 percent increase for both teaching assistants and part-time faculty.

"Contract wording changes which seem to come close to CUEW's demands have been pro-

posed, and a wage offer above the Provincial guidelines and beyond that originally authorized by the Board of Governors has been made," Found said.

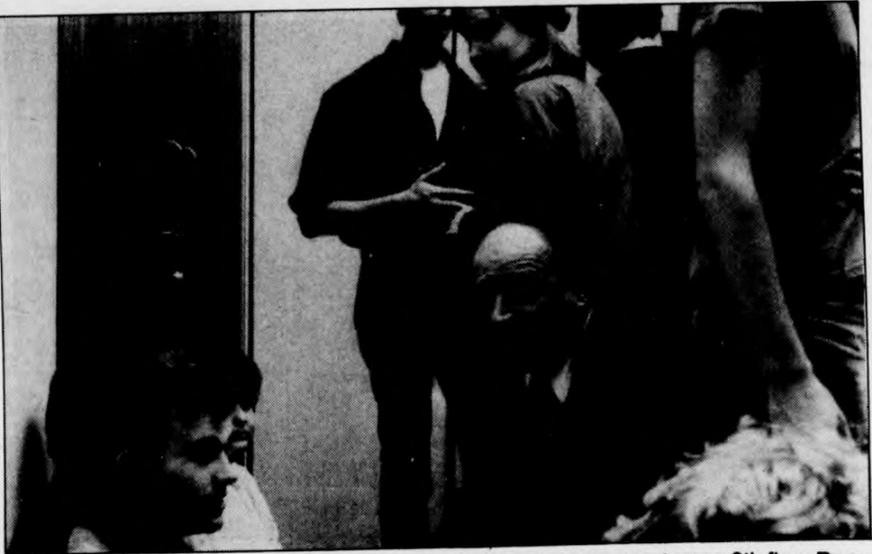
During the question period that followed Found's official statement, Farr said that although they would work toward a quick settlement, he would be surprised if the strikers were back on the job before six days had elapsed. The CUEW strike in 1981 lasted a total of six working days.

Farr also said the administration is not inflexible on its position on pay increases.

"We can come up from five and one half, there has never been any doubt about that," Farr said. At the same time Farr said CUEW will have to lower its demands of more than double the increases of the YUFA and YUSA settlements.

Part-time instructors earn \$6,225.00 per course taught and teaching assistants receive \$5,434 a year for 270 hours of work. Farr points out that this is already the highest standard rate of pay in the province. CUEW members say they work much more than 270 hours every year.

Farr was questioned about the administration's "eleventh hour" bargaining tactics and defended their position by saying, "I don't think the administration is employing eleventh hour tactics. The union broke off negotiations at 12½ percent and that's where they knew they would break it off all summer."



CORNERED: Provost Tom Meininger surrounded by student protesters on 9th floor Ross.

Student council battles for cheaper TTC fares for students

By HEIDI SILVERMAN
and GARY SYMONS

CYSF has jumped into the battle being waged between post-secondary student groups and city council over TTC fare reductions for students.

Student representatives, along with Toronto Alderman Jack Layton, are campaigning to win half-price transit fares for all post-secondary level students in the Metro area.

"We are still students, and we don't have much money. High school students probably have more money than we do and they are the ones awarded the lower fares," CYSF president Chris Summerhayes said in a recent interview.

"If students had lower fares, it would give them more mobility to see things such as the Art Museum or other historical places of interest," Summerhayes added.

Summerhayes said a recent meeting between CYSF director of Finance Valance Ellies, other Metro student representatives and Layton resulted in a committee being formed with various members of the different colleges and universities throughout Toronto.

Ellies said the coalition would include secondary students 19 years of age or over, post-secondary students, unemployed workers, and people who are permanently disabled and living on social assistance.

"My fear is that any coalition will be too broadly based to be effective," Ellies said. "Students will be fighting not only for the

interests of students, but for other groups as well."

But Layton disagreed, saying, "A coalition approach, where people join forces, may have the best impact." Local committees have been set up at post-secondary institutions to make sure that there is support on a local basis, he added.

"We have grounds for demanding a half-price pass," Ellies said, claiming the provincial government provides less funding for Metro Transit on a percentage basis than for any other city in the province. Also, he said, "Montreal's transit system is subsidized for 50 percent of their operating budget... the TTC is only funded 13 percent."

"Ultimately this means more revenue has to come through the fare box," Ellies concluded.

A half-price Metro Pass for post-secondary students and the unemployed is the goal which will hopefully be attained soon, Layton's assistant Vivian Snead said. Snead hopes that at the October 23 meeting, more delegates will be sent from each group.

"Several people on the student committee of the coalition were appointed as a research team," Snead said. This team will be concentrating on other cities that have already received a half-price pass, such as Hamilton, she said.

Layton said he believes the student Metro Pass is being delayed because of TTC claims that they don't have sufficient funding.

CUEW lowers wage demands

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Binding arbitration involves third party intervention to determine a wage for CUEW members between the minimum administration offer of six percent for TAs and five and one half percent for part-time faculty and the maximum union request of 12½ percent for both units. The arbitrator would then select a final binding settlement between the minimum and maximum, inclusive, said Abergel.

In his opening address, Meininger said that the "students are the victims of the strike" and

that the administration is "as sympathetic as possible" to the plight of students but didn't feel that a public debate about the strike was appropriate.

Though the Senate has passed the motion regarding prevention of academic penalties, Conlin said it has come to the attention of the union that individual faculty members are intimidating students by imposing penalties. He charged that there is a concentrated attempt by the Board of Governors to break the union.



Acting president Bill Found (right) discussed negotiations at press conference last Friday.

U of T threatened by CUEW strike

By LYNNE FORD

Part-time faculty and teaching assistants at the University of Toronto authorized their union executive to hold a strike vote if contract negotiations with the university administration are not resolved by November 1.

Members of Local 2 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUEW) at the university voted 93 percent in favor of the proposal last Thursday.

CUEW has met with U of T's administration six times since June 14. The last contract was due to expire August 31, 1984, but is still in effect. Robert Bradley, Division 3 CUEW representative, said no agreements have been reached on any of the union's proposals.

The major themes of CUEW's 14 proposals are quality of education and job for students. An increase in paid teaching hours, limits on class size, compulsory job description and job placement criteria are among the important issues the union is discussing with the university's negotiators.

Bradley said that the union is willing to bargain but the administration will not speak about certain issues in any "way, shape or form." Bradley says the union's proposals are not being taken seriously.

The counter proposals presented by the administration on August 30 did not address CUEW's original proposals, Bradley said. He referred to them as "rollbacks."

CUEW members voted to support colleagues on strike at York at the meeting on October 18. Some union members suggested they join the York strikers on the picket lines. When asked if the strike at York would affect negotiations at U of T, one CUEW representative said it will give their message "a little more punch."

The last CUEW strike vote at U of T was in September 1979. The night before CUEW members were set to strike, an agreement with the administration was reached in early 1980.

The next negotiating meeting will be held today.

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Crash course

By GARY SYMONS

If any of you thought there was a disabled aircraft crash landing on campus on Tuesday, don't worry, it was just Professor Daphne Schiff flying in her Cessna plane for her Natural Science course.

Schiff said of the landing, "It's nothing, really, I do it every year. It's part of my Science of Flight course. I do it so my students can become familiar with the aircraft, its design and instrumentation."

"Part of the course I teach includes aerodynamics and navigation—visual and instrument," Schiff continued. "It's show-and-tell college style."

Schiff said the university licenses the strip of grass along the Murray Ross Parkway as a landing strip for one day a year, and she flies a special flight plan at Downsview Airport.

"Two years ago they forgot, though, and they thought it was a downed aircraft," Schiff said. "They sent a helicopter so we got two for the price of one that day."

When asked if landing an aircraft on the

bumpy, puddle-strewn swamp that constitutes the York University Airport is a little dangerous, Schiff said, "No, no. My plane (a Cessna 172) has a good solid undercarriage. It is sort of bumpy though, you just kind of bounce along, take-off and land again."

Rogers rises

By ELLIOTT SHIFF

A week after handing in her resignation, Rosamond Rogers has reclaimed her presidency of the Atkinson College Student Assembly.

Following a vote by members of the Assembly to reject Rogers' resignation Rogers agreed to reassume her position as president. According to an anonymous source the Assembly voted 11-1 with one abstention to reject her resignation.

The source also said many new members of the assembly who have not yet been ratified to vote were opposed to Rogers returning to the presidency.

In a speech to the Assembly Rogers criticized the lack of cooperation on ACSA's Executive Council and said she would resume her post only if the events of the past are not repeated.