Student support grows

CYSF calls a referendum on food control

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Nearly 60 York students voted last Thursday to end the two-day boycott of the Central Square cafeteria imposed by a similar rally the previous week, and to have a referendum on the food issue within the next six weeks.

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"But if we grant it," he said, "it would mean paying a quarter of a million dollars which we do not currently have in our budget. And that would mean pulling funds from some other area and using them to cover the pay increase."

Macdonald would not say what areas would be most likely to lose funds if the GAA increase is granted.

The GAA request comes several weeks after most York GA's and TA's signed individual salary agreements with the university.

Golden explained this week that "it was not until quite late in the summer that we realized that nothing was going to happen about our salaries. Our members were outraged."

The GAA has been involved in a bid for certification as a union since early this year, during which time there have been squabbles with the university over whom the GAA can and cannot represent.

"If the university administration hadn't stalled us for the last eight months, we'd be negotiating as a union with them right now," said Golden.

The wage and price curbs announced by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on Monday will presumably have no effect on the GAA request since the proposed 15 per cent increase is within the basic \$600 exemption provided for in the federal programme. The mass rally, attended by approximately 150 to 200 persons at different times, was called to decide whether student support warranted a continuance of the boycott of the cafeteria.

Student president Dale Ritch told the crowd that he did not feel there was enough student backing to maintain an effective boycott of the cafeteria. CYSF representative from Founders, Paul Kellogg proposed that the entire issue be taken to the student body in the form of a referendum, before Christmas.

The referendum would ask students to say whether they preferred the present system of food services (independent caterers competing for student money) or a non-profit university run food service, overseen by a democratically run board of students, faculty and staff.

The referendum would also ask students if they preferred York's mandatory scrip system to no scrip and if the students were in favour of a union shop of food workers on campus.

Ritch told Excalibur on Tuesday that the council will most likely take the NUS question to the students on the same referendum.

York students will be faced with the option of increasing financing of the National Union of Students from the present ten cents to \$1.00 per student.

York students approved a similar increase for the Ontario Federation of Students last year, increasing their per student allotment from 30 cents to \$1.50. If the referendum is passed, council will ask the Board of Governors for a \$2.50 tuition increase to make up for the increases.

Confident, and demonstrating an unusual control over himself and the crowd, Ritch fielded questions from spectators who huddled



According to Dale Ritch, the boycott of the Central Square cafeteria last week was a success. Sales were reduced drastically.

around the bearpit for two hours until the referendum decision was passed.

"The boycott showed that there was great sympathy for our cause among the students," Ritch later said. "But it also showed that we don't have the strength and support to kick Commercial Caterers (who run the cafeteria) off the campus."

From an informal survey of the cafeteria workers, Ritch said the boycott reduced sales by 75 or 80 per cent. Excalibur talked to several workers who said that sales had been about one quarter their normal volume.

"Overall, the boycott was a success," Ritch said on Tuesday. "It accomplished what it set out to accomplish and that was to increase student support and to bring out the issues.

"We also consider Commercial's agreement with the workers to let them form a union to be a direct result of the boycott."

Vice president of Commercial, Paul Farkas, told Excalibur last week that the boycott had no bearing on his compliance with the workers' desire to form a union.

Farkas said that a union is in operation in each of his retail establishments, and that the timing of his decision was purely coincidental.

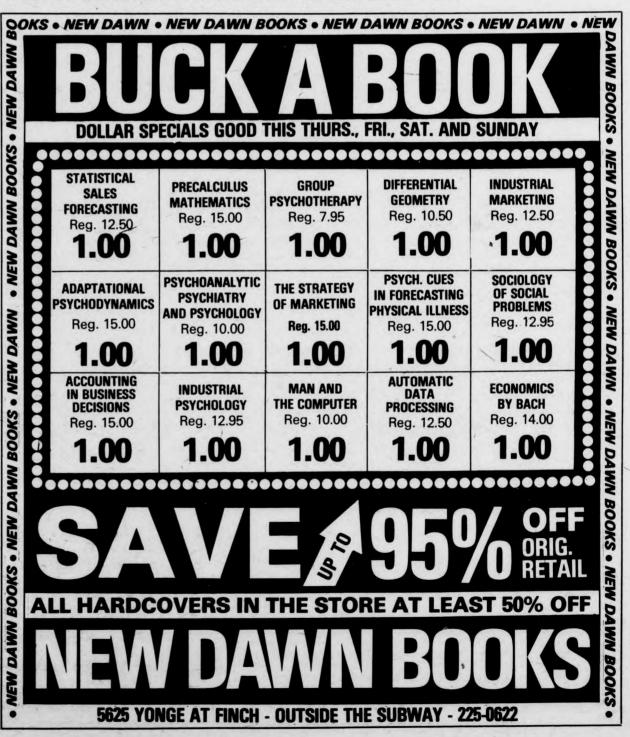
"I received the letter from the Labour Relations Board last Tuesday, and the same day I sent them a letter saying I had no objections to the formation of the union."

Tenure reversals are "amazing"

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With regard to one file, the senate committee apparently overlooked a notation that "raw data" on teaching evaluation was available from the office of the dean of Atkinson. In another case, the senate committee noted a lack of "outside evaluations" of the candidate's published articles when, the letter claims, there were five letters in the candidate's file from people outside York who had evaluated the candidate's scholarly work.

Aherne also criticised the senate committee for the length of time taken to make its recommendations. Final recommendations on 1974-75 candidates were to have been made by last June. But there are still a number of candidates whose cases have not been finally decided upon.



A selection of over 300 different handicrafts including batiks from Kenya, carvings from Ecuador, ponchos from Bolivia, rugs from Peru, plus many more, will be on sale from Oct. 20 to Oct. 24 in McLaughlin Auditorium.

Crafts sale

The sale opens each day at 12 noon and closes at 9 p.m. Sponsored by the World

Sponsored by the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and organisation composed of faculty, students and administrators, the sale is being held primarily to raise funds for WUSC projects both overseas and in Canada. The sale also provides a market for the craftsmen in developing communities and involves students in a practical form of international cooperation. In addition, WUSC hopes the sale will arouse interest in the crafts and cultures of the other countries.

The merchandise was purchased from organisations, such as cooperative and government sponsored handicrafts centres, which are devised to benefit the workers themselves.

The countries represented in the sale include Canada, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Niger, Peru, Philippines, Swaziland and Thailand. McKechinie cited complications arising from last year's changes in senate policy on tenure and promotion as the cause for the delay.

Glendon college and York's faculty of arts were among the sectors hardest hit by the senate tenure recommendations. Negative recommendations were given to 30 per cent of the candidates from Glendon and to 21 per cent of the candidates from the faculty of arts.

The faculty of science, on the other hand, received no negative recommendations.

"Our interpretation of criteria for tenure was consistent; across the board," said McKechnie. "I really don't know what the variation in recommendations between different sectors could mean."

Phil. students

At a general meeting of Philosophy students on October 2, a Philosophy Students Association was officially established by the election of a six person executive. A general meeting will be called shortly. For information, call Sharon Diceman at 481-1615, after 8 p.m.