

Toronto needs a "good fight" says Kent Rolie

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

What Toronto needs is a good fight, said Kent Rolie, president of the Canadian Textile and Chemical Union, before a full house in Curtis lecture hall K, Thursday.

Rolie was on a panel of six labour supporters, including Mel Watkins, a Waffle economist, who were at York to discuss the three-month-old strike at the Artistic Woodwork plant on Densley Ave. near Keele and Lawrence.

"Toronto hasn't had a good fight in twenty-five years. Certain authorities have been taking on more power. This strike is taking on more significance than just a strike. Are we going to let the police tell us if we can walk on the street?"

John Lang, another panelist and a (TCU) organizer, said, "the main issues in this strike are not wages but basic rights for immigrant workers, seniority, grievance procedures, job security, union security and management rights."

"The workers in the small factories have no rights," said Lang. "Management wants to be able to fire anybody at any time. They want to smash the union."

Rolie, who was involved in the early stages of the contract negotiations, said, "we offered to use the management rights clauses from the contracts of other big Canadian companies and

Artistic wouldn't even look at them."

Another major issue in the Artistic strike is the way police have been treating the picketers. There have been injuries to the police and strikers, and 70 arrests have been made.

Rolie said: "Police charged across the street like they were involved in the charge of the Light Brigade."

Norman Endicott, a civil liberties lawyer, said, "The police are not enforcing the law fairly. The people have a right to picket and to talk to anyone entering or leaving the plant, and they are not being allowed to do so."

Mel Watkins said that the police were being used as strike breakers, and that at a small plant like Artistic they have no trouble harassing the picketers.

"At a plant like General Electric they would need the whole Toronto police force before they would dare attack a strike. This is why we need sympathizers to help man our picket line."

In a sidelight, Jack Bird, a Canadian Union of Public Employees representative and panelist, said, "York should be a model employer, but we almost had a strike last year."

"What disturbs me even more is that York students are being hired for part-time work on campus at the expense of full-time workers," he said.

The audience was generally sympathetic to the strikers' cause, indicated by the \$150 raised at the meeting.



Students and faculty watched and participated in a fire extinguishing exhibition behind the Temporary Office Building Tuesday. Rita Ma-

han shows off her newly learned fire fighting technique.

Bethune's Willis fired Master cites dissatisfaction

Controversy surrounds the recent firing of Win Willis, former assistant to the master of Bethune College, by newly-appointed Master Ian Davies. According to Willis, Davies found no

specific fault with her work. She is being supported by five Bethune fellows who have protested to the master. Davies said many students have expressed dissatisfaction with Willis.

"Why do you think I fired her?" he said. "The only reason I didn't publish a list of student, secretarial and faculty grievances was that I wanted to give her a chance to resign."

He said he felt it best to keep the matter as quiet as possible, and therefore did not call a public meeting to discuss the issue.

He claims he tried to find her another job before dismissing her. He also said her concept of how a university should be run differed radically with his ideal of a "humanitarian and democratic" approach.

Willis started work at York nine years ago as a secretary. When Bethune opened, she became assistant to the master as well as senior tutor, co-ordinating the other tutors.

As assistant to the master she negotiated with ancillary services and organized the residence, collecting rent and overseeing the office staff.

Willis said she will accept another

position at York if it is "challenging enough." She believes a committee should be formed to find someone from York, not someone brought in from "outside" to fill her position.

Results of CYSF by-election

Following are the results of the October 18 CYSF by-election:

Stong: J.J. Koornstra 61; R.W. Osmaars 55; D. Ritch 33.

Founders: M. Hennessy 30; J. Greatbatch 27; C. Inglis 21.

The Founders results are unofficial pending a final decision on the failure of Jackie Greatbatch to submit a statement of expenses.

The two top candidates in each college will serve on CYSF.

Clerical workers reject union overture

Labour's drive to organize office workers was set back when the clerical workers at the Canadian Underwriters' Association turned down a certification proposal from the Association of Commercial and Technical Employees (ACTE).

"Employees are not very responsive," Ivor Oram, ACTE spokesman, said in an interview October 16.

He attributed the failure of the CUA vote to delaying tactics of the company and a 54 per cent turnover of employees.

It took two months to sign up the workers in the organizing drive, Oram said. Because of loopholes in provincial legislation, however, it was another six and a half months before the certification vote was held.

ACTE is the special union created in January by the Canadian Labour Congress to organize clerical workers. It has a budget of almost \$500,000.

The organizing effort has centred mainly in Toronto, but there is talk of extending it to Montreal.

Local 1701 of ACTE, the CUA local, started with 122 members in May, but staff changes reduced the number to 97 by the time of the certification vote. The final vote tallied last week showed 44 in favour of the union, with 48 opposed.

Certification requires 50 per cent plus one of the votes cast.

Meanwhile, ACTE won certification among workers at the CUA - affiliated local at Underwriters Laboratories of Canada in Scarborough. Thirty-eight of the sixty workers there approved the motion.

The York University Staff Association is meeting today, and one of the topics of discussion is the formation of a legal bargaining unit.

At an informal meeting Tuesday, staff members who support unionization strongly favoured an independent union, rather than the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) or ACTE. CUPE represents cleaners, tradesmen, groundskeepers and drivers at York.

Membership in CYSF goes to vote

By MICHAEL HOLLETT

Stong College is considering a proposed referendum on whether or not to remain a member of the Council of the York Student Federation.

Stong students would be invited to submit briefs on the issue of CYSF membership until November 20, the day of the vote. The college would make all submissions available to the public, and would invite a CYSF representative, likely President Michael Mouritsen, to present a pro-council argument.

The proposal states, "It is pointless for us at Stong to justify any position with respect to CYSF. Instead let us invite CYSF to justify our membership in that body at an open referendum of Stong students."

"Let the onus be on CYSF to convince the general student membership of Stong College of the benefits that we at Stong have received and will receive from CYSF."

Mouritsen's response was, "It's a lot of crap. They have never approached us with specific complaints. I will only answer complaints: I will not defend CYSF because I don't believe that it needs defending."

The Stong proposal was presented at a general meeting Wednesday, but the results were not available at press time.

Theft kills chances of hospitalized student studying at York

By SHELLEY RABINOVITCH

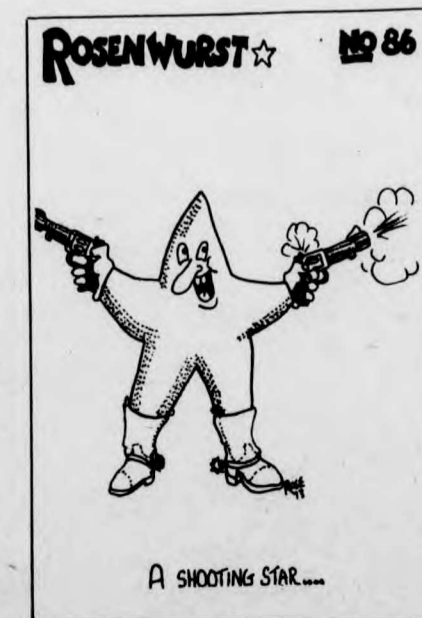
A theft which occurred Friday, October 12, will prevent a McLaughlin College student from studying at York.

The student who is hospitalized at Toronto General until the end of December, was allowed to install a "speakerphone" in Room 110, McLaughlin to participate in class discussions each Tuesday from 2-4 pm. and Thursdays from 3-4 pm.

Bell Telephone's policy is to obtain

reimbursement for stolen or maliciously damaged telephone equipment. Since, in this case, the monthly rental and installation charges were being paid by the student himself, it would be his responsibility to reimburse Bell for the \$100 value of the missing equipment.

Any member of the York community who has information regarding the whereabouts of the speakerphone is urged to contact C.G. Dunn, Director of Safety and Security Services.



News Briefs

Student housing not priority

TORONTO (CUP) A soon-to-be-released Ontario government report apparently states that the need for student housing is nominal and should be given no special priority over other social needs.

The Eyeopener, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute's student newspaper, has learned the contents of the report which will be published in a month.

Although no new residences are now needed, says the report, student housing needs should be continually re-evaluated. Residence occupancy rates are said to be low, especially in Northern Ontario. No reasons for the low rates are given.

Community colleges, which are not now allowed to build residences, are not considered in the report.

The Ontario Federation of Students, which is demanding immediate release of the report, claims it was prepared last February, when post-Christmas dropouts are at a peak.

Grants for part-time students

TORONTO (CUP) Single parents, unemployed adults and working people with low incomes will be eligible for an experimental Ontario government bursary and loan programme for part-time students beginning next fall.

The programme, which will be evaluated after one year, will cover credit courses leading to a certificate, diploma or degree.

Four universities and five colleges will take part in the experiment. The Ontario government hopes the federal government will be prompted to assist part-time students.

Under the Canada Student Loans Act, part-time students are not eligible for assistance.

Students will be able to receive a maximum of the full amount of tuition and related expenses plus a grant of up to \$150 under the new programme.