

Strikers get mixed reaction

By LAURA LUSH

Less than three hours into York's first full-time faculty strike, picketers reported the usual strike reactions of anger, confusion and sympathy. Beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m., every entrance to York was manned by rotating picketers of the York University Faculty Association (YUFA).

Although the first day of picketing went without serious incident, picket captains at the busier main entrances had their hands full. At the main Keele Street entrance, picket captain Gottfried Pansche yelled to his picket line to "keep moving in a circle for safety," as angry cars squealed tires. An undeterred Pansche said that "everything was going beautifully," and that he was "delighted with the turn-out."

Lorna Irwin, member of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW), said, "I don't think they (the students) understand the politics of the strike—that YUFA has a legal right to hold a strike."

Another CUEW member who did not want to give her name said she was out in the picket line today because she agreed with YUFA's issues, claiming "they had the right to strike."

A few angry students who shouted at the picketers expressed their frustration with the strike situation at York. "I thought the university was great, but this strike gets on our nerves," said one first-year student of Arts. "They have the nerve to ask for more money," said another first-year student, "when they should be lucky to have jobs." Both students said they will continue going to classes.

Picketers at the Kinsman entrance said they had written down 15 license plate numbers of cars that had tried to run them down. Mike Ornstein of the Sociology Department said despite the angry response of some people, "most people were very pleasant" and responded willingly to YUFA strike literature.

At the Ottawa Boulevard entrance, Gene Desfor, picket captain, who teaches in Environmental Studies, said, "The picket lines were strong," and that there was co-operation from both faculty members and other people crossing the picket lines. "There were a few angry people, thinking they were late for classes." Like Ornstein, it wasn't the first time in the picket lines at York. When asked what he thought of the opening ceremonies of the Lumbers Building happening at the same time

as the strike announcement, he said, "It's unfortunate—but I don't think there's a connection between it and the strike." Desfor said, "If the Administration was more reasonable the strike would be over."

Craig Heron, picket captain at the Athabasca Boulevard entrance, said things were going fine, with "one exception of a car trying to run the picket down." Heron reported that there was support of both CUEW and YUSA (York University Staff Association) on the picket lines. Emphasizing his picket sign that read "YUFA On Strike For A Better University and A Fair Contract," Heron said he was concerned about the quality of education at York. Specifically referring to the existing managerial decision on class size, he said, "If I have to look out at a sea of faces—it becomes a very different quality of education." Mavis Waters, pick-

eter and member of the YUFA Negotiating Committee, said she was "not opposed to building renovations," but "opposed to the Administration taking revenues out of YUFA's pockets." Waters said there was an increase in Administration power, and a decrease of faculty powers. "The fundamental issue here," she said, "was to maintain the liberal humanist tradition," of the University. She said the concern over class size was brought up last year in negotiation talks, but has come to a forefront this year.

Denise Thibeault, a part-time graduate student, and former York student from 1971-6 said she "came out to support the union because she wasn't sure what the situation was," although she was "totally in support of the strike." When she got off the bus, she talked to picketers, who invited her to join the line. "I saw so many students crossing lines, and not even taking the time to talk to members and take the literature." Thibeault said she was concerned about the "health of York, because of overcrowding and problems with underfunding, which show through in the form of labor disputes." She said there were not enough students "willing to look beyond their own educational demands. Students are not support faculty because they look at issues in terms of their immediate educational value," she said, adding, "most students are just worried about missing classes—and are not looking beyond that."



ROLL DOWN YOUR WINDOWS, LEND ME YOUR EARS: A YUFA picketer informs driver of union's beefs.

Clark encourages free trade

By NANCY PHILLIPS

Free trade with the United States would increase prosperity in Canada and "strengthen our sovereignty and reinforce our pride as people," according to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

Addressing the Canadian Institute of International Affairs on Friday evening, Clark said a "more open trade arrangement with the United States "would encourage both domestic and foreign investment, and would thus make Canadian industries more competitive throughout the world. Clark pointed out that "strong trade performance provides more and better jobs. That, in turn, provides the stronger economy which enhances our capacity to invest in the social and cultural institutions which buttress our Canadian identity."

Canada's cultural industries and institutions will not be compromised in trade negotiations. Clark emphasized "instruments which define the distinctive nature of Canada" like bilingualism, the Canada Council or the CBC will not be discussed in any trade negotiations. He said, "This will be a commercial negotiation between two distinct and sovereign countries." In addition, Canadian cultural industries will

be involved "directly in the process of any relevant discussions or any negotiations that might occur."

One of the major problems that must be discussed is American protectionism. Clark said that protectionism threatens "all regions of Canada and a wide range of commodities" from steel and uranium to agricultural products and asbestos. The lumber industry is the most seriously threatened. Clark said, "There are 300 separate bills now before the United States Congress that would restrict our sales of softwood lumber." The United States now buys more than half of what Canada produces in this area and "60,000 jobs depend on those exports." Clark clarified the seriousness of American protectionism when he said a ten percent reduction in Canadian exports "could throw a quarter of a million Canadians out of work."

Clark emphasized that negotiations between Canada and the United States would not necessarily result in a free trade agreement. Talks may break down if the American government is not willing to limit protectionism, or if the demands on Canada are too steep. "If we cannot strike a deal that would benefit all of Canada," he said, "we will strike no deal at all."

North York mayoral showdown offers choice between veteran Lastman and green Greene

By BEREL WETSTEIN

Many York University students will be asked to make a decision about the next mayor of North York this November. The two candidates are about as different in style, gender and background as an elector could want.

The incumbent is Mel Lastman, a flamboyant ex-appliance salesman who has been Mayor for twelve years and has seen North York move from a small northern suburb of Toronto to a mature city with little vacant land.

His challenger is Barbara Greene, a controller on North York council. She is a former school teacher, Harvard educated and a single mother by choice.

Lastman called Greene "stupid." This remark is in response to opposition by Greene over a committee. Greene says that industrial assessment has fallen: says that is has not.

About York University both agree, North York is not involved enough. Greene blames saying that he has done little for the University, and she would have made sure that the new Olympic sized swimming pool would have been at York. Greene says that the pool is an example of Lastman's lack of caring about the University as part of North York.

Lastman says that he brought the Metro Track Centre to York, but blames the bad relationship between the University and North York on the York administration. He said he has had meetings with the board but was not approached again. Lastman, however, predicts better relations after a meeting with President Harry Arthurs at the opening of the Leonard G. Lumbers building.

Lastman and Green disagree on almost every major issue and constantly insult each other. Greene says that Lastman is intimidated by people with university educations. Lastman laughs this off and says that his is not intimidated by his sons, both York graduates, and that university educated people are supporting him.

Greene believes Yonge Street development is

the main issue. Lastman says "Greene is just making an election issue. All the rate payers groups in the area have endorsed the plan."

Students who are interested in seeing Lastman and Greene debate the issues can on Roger's Channel 10 at 8:00 on October 28th.

Student organizes march to protest YUFA walk-out

By LAURA LUSH

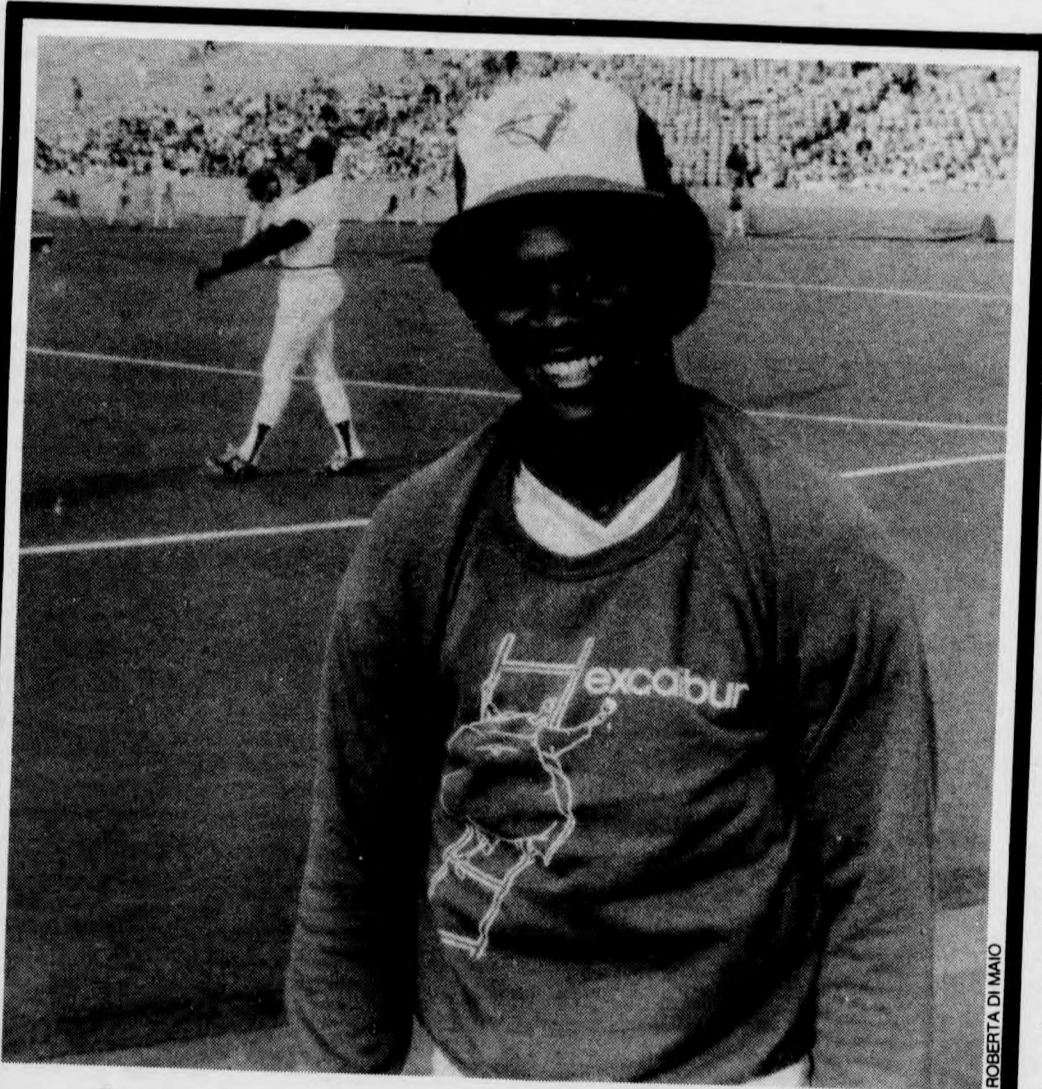
An angry first year psychology student is mobilizing a student march this Friday, in reaction to the recent York University Faculty Association (YUFA) strike.

Diane Kucharski said that after talking to both President Arthurs and picketing YUFA members Tuesday, she understood the issues but "wanted them to resolve their own problems, so that students could get on with their education."

The group, which is called Students for Students is protesting the strike. Given the issues, we don't feel we can take sides, said Kucharski, "there's too much information." Kucharski said she felt that the main issues were over allocation of funds and the question of respect on the Administration's side towards the union. But said, while picketers told her that the Administration was putting their wages second to other capital expenditures, Arthurs told her the University "didn't have the money" to give the faculty what they wanted.

Kucharski has been to all her classes, because most of her part-time faculty teachers and teacher assistants have been present.

After distributing posters throughout the campus on Wednesday and Thursday, Kucharski hopes there will be enough students to plan an effective demonstration. "We're going to march up to the Administration and then out to the picket lines."



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