

Gabriele Paddle vs Denys Brown

YUSA candidates air opposing viewpoints

By BONNIE SANDISON

The use of the provincial Labour Relations Act for negotiations with the university appears to be the main issue in the current York University Staff Association elections.

Gabriele Paddle, one of the two candidates for president, is running on a slate which favours voluntary recognition under the protection of the Labour Relations Act.

In an interview Tuesday, Paddle said this was the way to get strength for the association in bargaining with the university.

"The association has never negotiated before," she said, "and we need the protection of the law, and the Labour Relations Act offers that protection."

Denys Brown, the opposing candidate for the presidency, favours consensual agreement to meet the current

problems of negotiations.

"Recognition under the Labour Relations Act would exclude too many YUSA members," said Brown Tuesday.

"A better understanding between the university and YUSA could be reached, without the odour of the Labour Relations Act," she said.

Brown believes as many as 200 members of YUSA could be defined as managerial and supervisory personnel, which would exclude them from the association under the arbitration act.

Brown said it would be "sad to reduce the 700 YUSA membership by

200." Her concern, she said, is for the members who have supported YUSA and for those who would advance in position and find themselves without any association support.

The number of people who would be included in this situation is questionable. When the Labour Relations Act was first discussed, only 30 people were thought to be involved.

Paddle has stated: "Decisions of the Labour Relations Board regarding eligibility of membership have been based on factory situations." She said she is prepared to argue that the positions of the university staff are within the bargaining unit.

Both candidates said they would follow the decision arrived at through the ballot which YUSA members voted on this week. The ballot gave three choices: consensual agreement, voluntary agreement, or certification.

Paddle feels the ballot is illegal because the vote at an Oct. 25 general

meeting proposed voluntary arbitration, under the assumption the Labour Relations Act would be imposed.

Paddle also said the ballot would most likely not result in a clear majority.

Brown said the motion of Oct. 25 did not mention the Labour Relations Act and that YUSA members were not informed at the time of the vote that some members might be excluded if the act were used.

Brown said she was in favour of the ballot because it gave the members a chance to express themselves.

The vote for the executive will be tabulated at a general meeting Feb. 21.

Both Paddle and Brown claim they are seeking to strengthen the position of YUSA in relation to the university. Both say they want a strong and credible executive that will work well together and inform the membership fully on all YUSA dealings.

News Briefs

No more gruel, growl students

HALIFAX (CUP) — Students at Mount St. Vincent University are circulating a petition demanding better service and higher quality food from Major Vending, owner of the food machines on campus.

According to Patricia Moore, who organized the petition, students are dissatisfied with the poor quality food and the temperamental machines.

"I don't think anything short of a walk out on Major Vending and the machines in the lunch room would do anything," she said.

Moore also stated that if the present action isn't fruitful, the students will try to have Major Vending removed from campus.

Canada against the Third World

"Canada and the U.S. Against the Third World" — a discussion of how the developed countries control the markets for staple commodities such as sugar, cocoa, coffee — will be the topic of a discussion lunch sponsored by the SCM today in Stong Master's Dining Room (#102) at noon. John Dillon of Project GATT-Fly will start the discussion. All are welcome. Bring your lunch or buy it there.

Nothing at York is safe anymore

Stealing is a way of life for some people at York. In the past month so many thefts have been reported it now seems personal possessions are not safe anywhere, not even in a desk drawer. Security strongly advises that personal possessions not be left out where they are accessible. If you think that a theft has occurred, don't be afraid to contact Security at 667-2271. Wallets are usually found a couple of hours later, but unfortunately, your money never is.

Diamonds a person's best friend

The world's largest miner and marketer of rough diamonds is sponsoring a competition to encourage new jewellery designers. Prizes include cash and college bursaries. Rules and entry forms are available from Heather A. Reid, director, Diamond Information Centre, P.O. Box 3000, Willowdale M2N 5T5 Ontario. Entries close May 31.

Chilean refugee to talk

Marc Antonio Gramegna, one of the 275 refugees to have escaped from the junta in Chile and who is now residing in Canada, will be speaking at a meeting on Wednesday, February 27.

Marc Antonio will be discussing the events in Chile that led up to and followed the coup, and will describe the lessons that can be learned by others. The question of aid to the refugees still in Chile, and those who have arrived but now need assistance to help them integrate into our society will also be discussed. The meeting is sponsored by the York Chile Committee.

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