

York and YUSA; tentative agreement

York and YUSA reach agreement. An informed source said that the YUSA settlement, which members will vote on today at 1:00 pm in Curtis I, will amount to 15% in wages and benefits. This would equal the settlement made with the Faculty Union (YUFA). Union chief and management would not make any comment on the rumoured settlement terms.

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The York University Staff Association (YUSA) and the University returned to the mediation table Tuesday after an eight-break during which YUSA received a mandate from its members to call a strike.

YUSA, which represents library, technical, clerical and secretarial staff, decided that, because only 55% of the two-thirds of their membership that

pay their dental insurance premium based on the Ontario Dental Association's fee schedule for 1981. Presently union members are covered under the 1980 schedule. YUSA is also asking that June be considered for summer hours and that the membership be paid accordingly.

If a strike is called problems with registration and the loss of library services would effect students immediately.

The union was encouraged in its bargaining by a 15% wage and benefits settlement recently reached by the York University Faculty Association (YUFA). YUFA reached this settlement in June after a one-month strike during which final grades were withheld. This was the first strike in Ontario by a Faculty union and it also marks the first time in York history that its



YUSA President Karen Harrell

would not ask members to strike.

The contract dispute centres on wages. The University is offering 12% (up from their original offer of 8%), but the union is asking for a 16% or \$2,000 pay hike, whichever is greater. The union is further demanding that the University

Faculty has had a contract prior to commencement of the academic year.

When asked why the union wanted more than the rate of inflation Karen Harrell, President of YUSA replied, "Past settlements have never been at the rate of inflation so the portion above 13% is an attempt to recover past lost wages."

Montgomery's ghost still haunts CYSF

Although the student body of York last year resoundingly kicked Malcolm Montgomery out of office, his ghost still haunts the CYSF. Montgomery's inaction after the victory of an Ontario Federation of Students' referendum has left CYSF to find that it is obliged to pay double the amount collected from students for the OFS.

On October 23, 1980, students in the CYSF, Osgoode and Atkinson voted to collect an extra \$1.50 to be put towards the newly inflated OFS fees. Bethune voted against the motion on a

tie-breaking vote by the council chairman.

It was after this vote that Montgomery was to send a letter to Vice-President Farr's office asking for the increase in student contributions. This request was not received by November 1, 1980, the cut-off date for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

The situation leaves this year's council with the unenviable task of finding an extra \$10,000 (approximately 9% of the total CYSF budget). Options open to council are: 1) Pay \$1.50 this year and the remainder next year with interest. 2) Collect an extra \$1.50 from students next year. 3) Drop out of OFS and pay approximately \$3,000 for the four months that CYSF has been a member.

This situation will probably add fuel to the argument that student activity fees should be paid as a separate amount and not as part of tuition. At the moment York students give less towards student activity than any other university student body in Ontario.



Orientation '81: Head and Tables

Elliott Lefto

Despite some streamlining of their original plan, CYSF is going ahead with Orientation '81.

"We've got two main types of orientation this year," says Lisa White, CYSF's Social and Cultural Affairs Officer. "Firstly, we reserved 14 tables in Central Square for student services and student organizations."

"Secondly, we've booked the rock group Teenage Head (a favourite of the Mober Indian Reserve) for a concert September 18 at Vanier. We feel that they're a good band that will fill the hall and provide a good time for the students."

Recently Jeff Elie, the editor of Bethune's Lexicon, wrote in an editorial that he felt CYSF was overstepping sacred college grounds by booking Teenage Head.

White is brief in her reply to the Lexicon editorial. "We have a right to bring anyone we want. They've played for three or four different groups on campus, we're just another group," says.

A York resident for over two years, White says that much of her original plan, which included traditional orientation activities such as "pyjama breakfasts and coffeehouses"

just couldn't be done on a CYSF scale."

Other early year CYSF activities include the birth of the first CYSF-Excalibur sponsored concert series, which begins Wednesday September 23 with "Joined At The Hip", a show featuring Chas "Chuck" Lawther, and Suzette "Fran" Couture. The Concert Series will be handled by Soundproof Productions, says White.

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