

Toronto students defy wage and price controls

TORONTO (CUP) -- The Graduate Assistants' Association at the University of Toronto will not be changing its contract demands despite the announcement of federal wage and price controls says the newly re-elected president of the GAA.

Jay Drydyk said October 14 that he considers the economic controls to be "extremely unfair" to lower income groups including the

graduate assistants. He pointed out that Trudeau's annual pay raise of \$4600 expected in January will be twice the total wage package demanded by teaching assistants and demon-

strators at U of T. Drydyk added he could not change the contract proposals since they were approved by the GAA membership at a general meeting October eighth.

September 1975 to December 1976, and is centered around demands for a reasonable wage, job security, and a better teaching environment.

The GAA would like to see that all teaching assistants and demonstrators are paid a flat rate of \$2,000 for a ten hour weekly workload.

The ten hours are equivalent to two hours of seminars or five hours of laboratories a week, plus the ancillary duties as marking tests and preparing labs.

The contract proposals voted on by the GAA includes a demand that their pay be increased to \$2,200 a raise considerably more than the proposed federal ten percent limit.

The contract is intended to cover the 15 month period from mid

Toronto students want fifteen percent raise

TORONTO (CUP) -- York University's 600 graduate assistants and teaching assistants have requested an immediate 15 percent cost-of-living salary increase.

The October 10 request, if granted, would give the teaching assistants and tutors an increase of \$360 a year.

Most of the graduate and teaching assistants currently earn \$2,400 annually.

In a letter sent to the York president, the graduate assistants association president Mark Golden explained that there "is ample precedent for such a raise".

According to Golden, York University Faculty Association (YUFA) members who make up the rest of York's teaching staff were given an average raise of between 12.1 and 14.6 percent this fall.

The Staff Association which, like the Graduate Assistants' Association, is in the process of being certified as a union, has just accepted an interim increase on

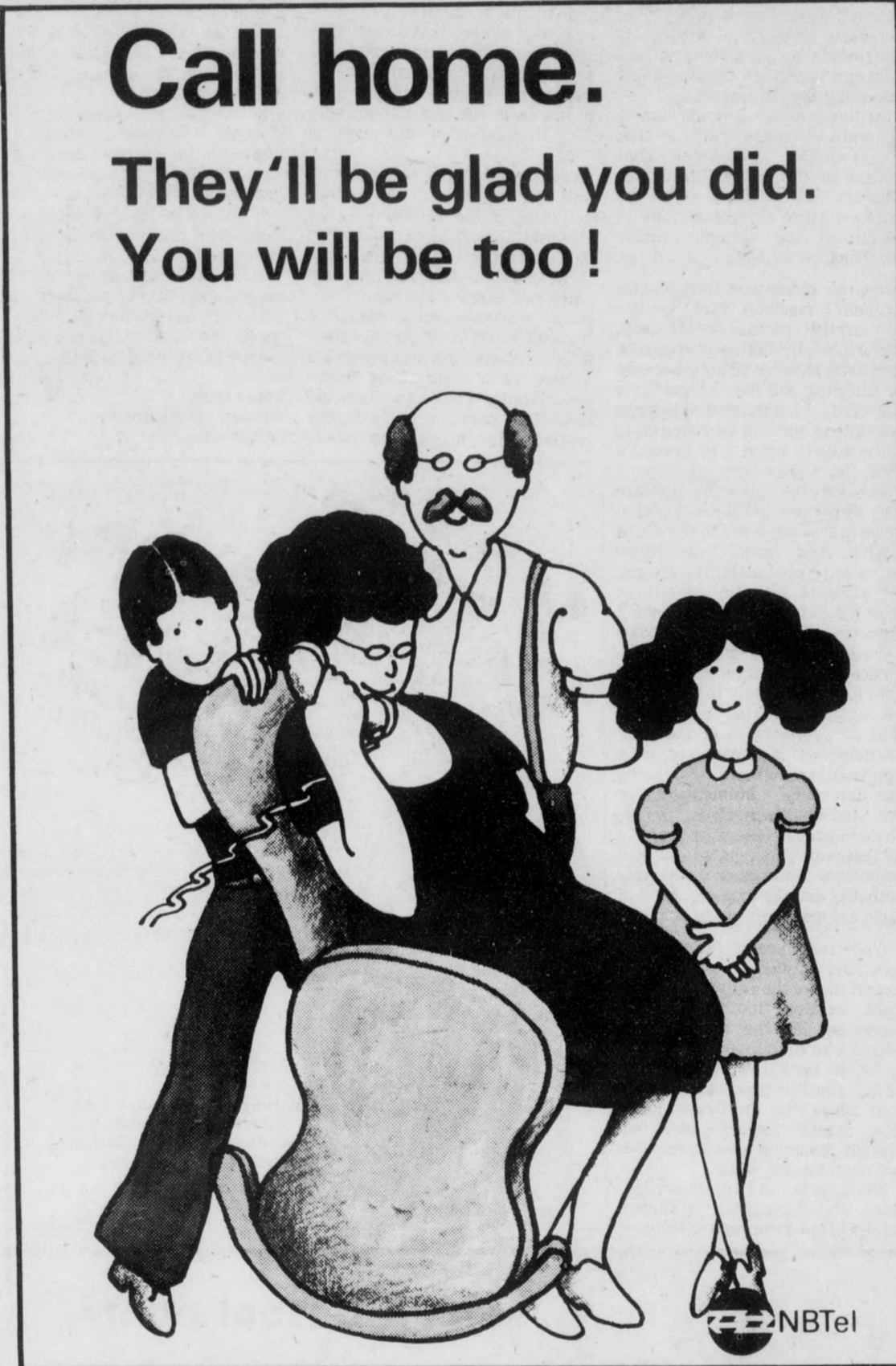
behalf of its members, he said. York President H. Ian MacDon-ald said he had made no decision on the GAA request.

"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."

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

"If the university administration had not 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 the federal government will presumably have no effect on the GAA request since the proposed 15 percent increase is within the basic \$600 exemption provided for in the program.



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Student Representative Council Minutes

NOVEMBER 12, 1975
12:27 p.m.
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McKenzie chaired the meeting.

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