

**We've
got
a winner!**



By Lawrence Knox
Now that the 14-day clerical and technical employee strike has ended, and York University slowly gets back to normal, Excalibur can put more emphasis on the recent success of the York Yeomen football teams.

Yeomen have won their last three consecutive games, including a 11-9 victory over Guelph Gryphons last Saturday, and are now in a second-place tie with the College Bowl defending champions, the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, in the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference West Division.

Even though York head coach Frank Cosentino and his players haven't let success go to their heads, Cosentino is pleased with the improvement of the team.

Cosentino points out that York trailed McMaster Marauders 13-0 at the half a couple of weeks ago but came back to win the game 17-16. The following week in Guelph, York trailed 7-0 at the half, but managed to pull off a 13-8 victory over the Gryphons. Last week York led 7-3 going into the second half. That, to Cosentino, represents a vast improvement.

York will probably make it to post-season play for the first time in their seven-year history. A victory against McMaster this week in Hamilton, or one of their home-and-home series games with Waterloo, would practically assure the Yeomen of a playoff berth.

But even if York misses the playoffs, no one can say they didn't play good football.



Bryon Johnson
Frank Cosentino, coach of the football Yeomen.

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It's back to work for York



Gary Hershorn, Bryon Johnson
President Ian Macdonald in the senate last week, and exhausted YUSA leaders Lauma Avens and John Lang after the staff vote which brought the ordeal to an end Tuesday night.

By Hugh Westrup

Members of the York University Staff Association voted 435 to 137 in favour of accepting the administration's offer of combined 7.2 per cent increase in wages and benefits, bringing to an end the two-week old staff strike on Tuesday night, in C.W. Jeffries Collegiate. The contract will expire August 31, 1979.

The vote followed a mammoth bargaining session from 2 pm Monday to 10:30 am Tuesday between union and administration negotiators. The union negotiating team "reluctantly" recommended that the staff accept the offer.

Both sides of the strike had presented their proposals last week, in private sessions with Vic Pathe of conciliation mediation in the Ontario Ministry of Labour. Pathe advised each side to reconsider its position over the weekend.

John Lang, member of the union negotiating committee, spoke for the union after Tuesday night's vote.

"We've definitely won," said Lang. "The university won't be the same. Macdonald's view of the university — the mandarin's vision of higher education — has been dealt a serious blow. His view was that he could budget an unchanged figure. That's a victory not only for us but for all other workers."

"The university has been defined in a new way. A new community emerged on the picket lines. The administration has become more isolated. Their views are not representative of any cross section of the university."

"We weren't clear at the start on the intransigence of Macdonald. We weren't prepared that they would fight. It seems that Macdonald is prepared to destroy York in order to get his views through."

Responding to Lang's charges, President H. Ian Macdonald said, "My contribution to higher education speaks for itself. We have a responsibility to York and its welfare. Anyone suggesting concerns other than the welfare of York is hardly worth commenting on."

Macdonald said he is delighted with the settlement. "It's very satisfying after a Herculean effort on both sides that they have confirmed the proposal."

Macdonald does not think the strike will affect York's image in the community or discourage students from coming in future years.

"The effects of the strike are painful in the short term, but things can be made up in a short time."

"I don't think it will affect long term prospects. I think we are still as attractive to people," he added.

Bill Farr, vice-president of employee and student relations, commented on the university's ability to pay for the wage increases:

"The university will have to get money out of reduced expenditures, either by rebudgeting for this year or in next year's budget. Going to the government is not an option because there isn't any money at the government."

Farr said Lang's words about the administration are "superficial but worth thinking about."

Forest involved in picket line fight

By Kim Llewellyn

Atkinson social science lecturer Jeffrey Forest has been charged with assault causing bodily harm after a scuffle on the Sentinel picket line last Friday.

One witness charged that Forest jumped on the back of Atkinson math professor Marshall Walker and "slammed" his head against the pavement. Forest, who suffered a broken finger at the time, was in custody and unavailable for comment at press time.

The incident occurred about 10:15 am, when Walker was giving out York staff strike literature to students getting off the bus at Sentinel and Murray Ross Drive, while Forest was handing out literature for the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).

"We've been ignoring Forest on the picket lines," said a staff union member. "He's been around to all of them distributing his literature and carrying the sign 'make the rich pay'". We didn't want him as part of our group.

"It was impossible to tell what happened," said eyewitness, Andy Ranachan. "There was pushing and shoving. Forest jumped Marshall from the rear and pushed him to the concrete. Marshall got up very dazed and bleeding quite heavily from the head. Forest started walking around and shouting 'you people can't stop me from distributing my literature. You are anti-

communist. I've a right to be here'".

"Then the police came and Forest was arrested," he continued. "Marshall was taken to the hospital. It all happened so fast."

After a neurologist's examination at York Finch hospital Walker was diagnosed as having



Gary Hershorn
Atkinson college lecturer, Jeffrey Forest.

a concussion and released Saturday morning.

"I have no lasting symptoms," said Walker, Monday night "but others have had to tell me what happened. Up until five pm Friday night, I had total amnesia. My memory has come back except for the period from late Thursday night until about Friday at five pm."

Walker said he was still considering whether to bring a civil suit against Forest.

While Walker went to the hospital, Forest went to jail. But at press time Excalibur could not confirm his whereabouts. The arresting policemen from Metro's 31 Division informed Excalibur he was taken to the East Detention Centre. The staff at the centre would not inform anyone but Forest's next of kin whether they were holding him.

Upon learning that Forest was in the Don Jail over the weekend, a phone call confirmed that he was still there.

But after a personal visit to the jail, a staff member said the jail's records were in error.

Forest has not been eligible for bail to date because he refused to sign a condition for his release, which may have specified that he was not to return to the picket lines.

Friday's incident was not Forest's first run-in with the law.

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