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## Protest fizzles in York rain

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There were pickets and fewer people at the university than usual but it will be a few days before anyone really knows what effects yesterday's day of protest had on York University.

Pickets were set up at all entrances to the university as well as in front of Osgoode Hall. The pickets were manned by students, some faculty, as well as members of the York local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). About 50 people took part in the picket which were up from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 when the picketers left to attend rallies downtown.

Besides the picket, the Osgoode Hall Faculty Council - the school's governing council, voted Tuesday to strongly recommend to the Board of Governors that no Osgoode students, staff or faculty be penalized for refusing to cross picket lines yesterday.

At 9:15 York parking lots noticeably emptier as was the Central Square cafeteria.

The York security guard in the main gatehouse said he had noticed a "slight drop off" in the number of cars entering the campus.

Commuting to York was difficult yesterday as the drivers for the York bus service participated in the protest and did not report to work. TTC buses did however come to York, apparently crossing picket lines.

The picketers were orderly and did not physically bar anyone

from entering the campus though they tried to persuade people not to.

According to Paul Kellogg, a student organizer of the picket, "The picketing was successful, it came off. It looks like a significant number of people decided not to come to York. But the people who did come seemed determined to come in. Not many people turned back when they saw the pickets".

Early reports indicated that all CUPE members did not work yesterday. The York security guards reported in as well as the engineers who run the physical plant. They are responsible for heating, lighting etc., and were bound by contract to work.

It is not yet clear how many faculty and staff members stayed away yesterday. A walkout vote of the York University Staff Association (YUSA), concluded Tuesday night, ended in a "split-vote" so the union executive recommended its members not cross picket lines on the 14.

There was mixed response by YUSA members to this recommendation. According to Dunn Dawson, associate director of physical plant, "My secretary won't be in which means I'll have to answer my own phone and I won't get any typing done today."

All York caterers reported business as usual with all their employees reporting to work yesterday. The cafeterias offered regular service.

High ranking administrative personnel, including York



Student and CUPE picketers show their opposition to wage and price controls to York staff member in car.

president H. Ian Macdonald reported to work. He, however, arrived after 9:30 when the pickets were removed but, according to his secretary, he often arrives at this time.

CYSF president Barry Edson did not report to work and will return his day's pay to the student council.

Those who were at York yesterday had mixed reasons for attending. Some felt the protest wouldn't achieve anything while others thought it would serve no purpose to close educational institutions.

Others said they came because their classes had not been cancelled and they couldn't afford to

miss them.

Said one student, "My professor's a prick and I would have been penalized if I'd missed today's class. I also had to give him an essay".

She wore a black arm band to class to show her support for the protest.

## Students want open books instead of rent rebates and fines

By IAN KELLOGG

Student groups who claim this year's residence rent increases are illegal, are still avoiding a hard line in their dealings with the administration concerning the controversy.

At a joint meeting of several student councils Tuesday night a bargaining committee was set up to seek concessions from the administration in lieu of fines or demands for rent rebates. It will consist of one representative from CYSF, each college council, each residence council, and the York University Tenant's Association (YUTA).

David Fleet, the chairman of YUTA, and Barry Edson, president of CYSF, both said of an October 6 meeting with several administrators that the university seems amenable in principle of

the hoped-for concessions, greater student participation in the student residences. For instance YUTA and CYSF were told by the residence books will be open to them, perhaps on a permanent basis, so that rent increases and management decisions can be justified to the students.

Bill Small, Vice-President (Administration) said he was "encouraged by the reasonable exchange" at the meeting. Harry Know, Assistant to the Vice-President (Business Affairs), said that some kind ongoing consultation with students would be worthwhile.

Fleet feels students would gain from more participation in terms of more informed rental office procedure, improved condition of the buildings, and faster action on such matters as insects, parking,

and security.

Edson says he wants to ensure that any hypothetical student participation will be meaningful and not just a token measure.

It has been suggested it was lack of student participation that got the administration into the legal bind; they failed to consult with a recognized student organization before filing notice of last May's rent increase as Bill 60 says they must if they are to be exempt from the rent review regulations.

However, Small says the administration still "awaits the formation of the appropriate representative groups to enable consultation to proceed". Small approached Edson in July about such groups and says he is still awaiting a reply. But the CYSF & YUTA collectively say July was too late for consultation to be sought in order to validate this year's rent increase anyway.

Even if after successful bargaining with the university, all student groups decide to discourage legal action against the university, it will remain the individual resident's right to go ahead with such action. Eastman said that such an action would have a very sound case. He felt that owing to the similarities between each resident's situation, one successful case before the Rent Review Board might compel the university to grant across the board rebates and rent reductions.



No peeking, courtesy of Roy McMurtry.

## CYSF in Brief

By AGNES KRUCHIO

A meeting of the Council of the York Students Federation (CYSF) last Thursday voted to endorse in principle the October 14 protest by labour against wage and price controls, but later failed to give financial support to the committee organized to co-ordinate activities for that day.

As part of his report to council, President Barry Edson asked it to reconsider support for the day of protest, a motion defeated by council on a previous occasion. His motion read, in part, CYSF would "recognize and support labour's right to protest through the vehicle of a National Day of Protest, the government's wage and price control programme." All eight councillors present voted in favour of the motion.

Later, however, when Paul Kellogg, an organizer of the October 14 committee asked for financial help of up to \$99 for the support committee, "prior to being considered for certification as a club", council voted against granting his request.

Arguments in support of the motion by Abie Weisfeld, (Grad representative) and Kellogg himself among others, were based on the argument that the motion was only in fact a follow-up to the original motion endorsing the protest in principle, and that many York students were participating in

the activities.

Arguments against giving money to the support committee, made by Barry Edson and Jay Bell, president of the York Liberal Club and a visitor to the meeting, among others, centered around assertions that student council's funds are limited, and if anti-controls groups got financial support, a pro-controls group would also have to get money. Bell said, "It is one thing to endorse the right of a group to strike, another to give money for political activity." The vote against the motion was five to three.

The voting did not go smoothly, however, as questions were raised by some council members about the propriety of Mary Marrone, a ULCer, and a member of the support committee, voting on the motion. Bourinot's Rules of Order were invoked to determine whether or not she could vote, and council moved into committee-of-the-whole to determine if she had any personal, pecuniary interest in the matter. It promptly moved out of the committee-of-the-whole when it found it had little to discuss, and proceeded to allow Marrone to vote on the matter.

Jay Bell, who voiced his opinion on whether or not chairperson George Manios was correct on his rulings, was asked to leave, later to be readmitted on condition that he apologize to council.