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Complaints numerous

Library staff turnover high

By ROSEMARY McCracken
Turnover in library staff at York has reached a high of 23 per cent since May 1973. A 46 per cent turnover is predicted for the year.

Library workers are one of many groups within the university dissatisfied with budget cutbacks and the present job evaluation system.

The complaints of the library workers range from salaries to working conditions.

YORK MONOTONOUS

Raimi Adekola, a full-time book stacker, whose salary is around the \$400 per month mark, says "the pay is too low for the job." Adekola's hours run from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. with 1 1/2 hours off for breaks. He finds the work hard on the back and monotonous, with no sitting down permitted on the job. Adekola states, "If you sit down, you'll be fired."

A library check-out attendant stated

that although circulation has increased nearly 20 per cent in the past year and a half, the staff size has not increased in proportion to the workload.

The major student complaint about the library system was that half the time books can't be found because they have been charged out to York faculty or staff. Faculty members are not subject to library fines.

SALARIES LOW

Katherine Wowk, head of receipts for the Scott Library, said the university doesn't think most of library staff fulfill very important jobs.

According to Warren Holder, head of orders for Scott Library and chairman of the investigating committee of the York University Staff Association, the organization of York staff into a legal bargaining unit might be a means towards the solution of some of the

problems facing staff members.

YUSA GOALS

Holder states that the goals of the proposed legal bargaining unit would include obtaining a cost of living increase; revising the 10 level job grading system; attaining free tuition for the children of all York's staff only enjoyed by children of faculty members and senior administrative staff; and an improved pension plan.

Each year, YUSA members, who are either over 25 or earning above \$5000 per year, are obliged to contribute to the pension fund. The university is supposed to invest this money, but, according to Holder, without informing staff of the pension plan company.

PENSION PLAN

The university's pension plan locks subscribers' money in until a staff member reaches 65. If a person has worked for the university for more than 10 years, he cannot obtain the money, except by transferring it to the pension plan of another company. An individual who has worked less than 10 years from the university only receives the money deposited, plus the accumulated interest.

Holder states that Prudential, National Trust, and Imperial Life all offer better insurance plans, than the company with which the university deals.



Peter Hsu photo

A mysterious poet appeared in Central Square Monday and shared his work with 250 York students. Peter Paul van Camp was his name. His card says, "The

Performing Poet". "I'm a friend of squirrels, trees and birds," said the young man. The nature poet lives in the student ghetto at McGill, and hails from Oschocton, Ohio.

Greek coup d'etat follows resistance

A coup d'etat ousted Gen. George Papadopoulos in Greece on Sunday, Nov. 25.

The coup was apparently organized from within the original junta by Gen. Demetrios Ioannidis, chief of military police. It took place less than a week after Papadopoulos had declared martial law and a full military state of alert to put down a revolt led by students and workers which left scores dead and hundreds injured.

In the past few months, Papadopoulos had attempted to bring political figures into his military regime. While his efforts were largely unsuccessful, the new junta expressed dissatisfaction with this policy and charged Papadopoulos with letting matters get out of hand.

In Sweden, Andreas Papandreou,

leader of the Panhellenic Liberation Movement (PAK) charged the United States with initiating the coup. He said the U.S. feared that further popular resistance would bring Papadopoulos down and expose U.S. military interests to the hostility of the Greek people.

The New York Times reported that the U.S. had considerable forewarning of the coup. U.S. officials denied any involvement. Observers cite the visit of vice-Marshall Wilson, air force commander for the southern flank of NATO, to Greece two days before the coup as an indication of possible U.S. involvement.

Wilson consulted with Vice-Marshall Papanicolaou on his trip. Papanicolaou has been appointed head of the air force by the new junta.

Here in Toronto

Mme Allende asks support

By ROBIN ENDRES

Over 2,000 people rose to their feet in a foot-stomping hand-pounding ovation as Mme Hortensia Allende, widow of Salvador Allende of Chile, walked into Convocation Hall Tuesday evening.

Mme Allende began her 40 minute speech by saying that it "is my duty to report to you not only as the widow of Salvador Allende but also as a Chilean woman."

"Salvador Allende took office by the people's will," she said. He was "a true representative of the people who

supported him in spite of all the difficulties."

Unlike some other Latin American leaders, who have fled their countries with only their pyjamas, Allende always said "They'll only get me out of the place in wooden pyjamas."

"He died with a helmet on his head and a machine gun in his hand. He fell as a hero of Chile and Latin America. He was a peace-loving man whose only weapons had been his pen and his ideas. In his last act he showed the way to resistance to fascist attack."

"If Allende has died he has left us his

hopes, his dreams and his principles intact."

After a detailed analysis of events in Chile since the election of Allende in 1970 to the coup last September and its aftermath, Mme Allende called upon supporters in Canada to pressure the Canadian government to open its door to refugees.

She also asked that the people of Chile be informed of solidarity actions around the world in order to break the "barrier of silence" created by media censorship.

"We ask for a boycott of the junta, that governments not receive commercial and political commissions from Chile.

"We ask workers to go on strike when asked to load and unload cargo from Chile.

"There is still time to save thousands and thousands of lives."

Mme Allende received another 4 minute standing ovation at the end of her speech, with shouts of "Viva Chile."

Other speakers included Alderman Dan Heap, Father Roach, a Jesuit priest recently returned from Chile, David Archer, president of the Ontario Federation of Labour and Margaret Papandreou, speaking for Panhellenic Liberation.

Relating recent events in Greece to those in Chile, Mrs. Papandrou said, "A thread runs through Chile and Greece—not a thread but a rope, and the hangmen sit in Washington. The sacrifice of Salvador Allende was not in vain. The proof was in the streets in Greece last week."

Thirty-nine groups in Toronto sponsored the meeting, including the York Committee for a Democratic Chile which was active in organizing the rally.

It's that time of year

DENVER (CUP/CNS/ZNS)—WARNING: The students of medicine at Volgograd in Russia advise that danger to health increases with amount studied.

Russian medical students took electrocardiograms and pulse measurements of students who were not prepared for their tests. The students, who had crammed, had pulse rates of up to 180 beats a minute (the normal rate is 70-80). The intense nervous strain persisted throughout the exam and for a long time after.

The study's conclusion was that too much cramming for exams could shorten a person's life.

Vanier bust

First results in

By MIKE HOLLETT

The 24 people arrested in September at a Vanier house party were brought to trial last week. One of the two charged with being a "keeper" was released without a conviction. The second was found guilty but was not penalized.

Those charged with being "found-ins" at the party were judged guilty and required to pay a \$10 fine. The fine must be paid by today at Room 206 Vanier. Defence lawyer Colin Campbell will forward the money to the court. Arrest warrants will be issued December 3 for those who have not paid their fines.

Persons who were arrested as found-ins should contact either their own lawyer, Colin Campbell or CLASP, a free legal assistance organization of Osgoode students.



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